



REFERENCE: 19/4/3/BC5/S6/36

ENQUIRIES: Peter Harmse

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RE: THE ALLEGED AIR POLLUTION (OFFENSIVE ODOUR) AS THE RESULT OF THE OPERATIONS AT THE HOUT BAY HARBOUR, IN HOUT BAY, CAPE TOWN.

Your electronic correspondence, received by the Directorate: Air Quality Management concerning air pollution (offensive odours) as a result of activities from the Hout Bay Harbour area, refers.

Your attention is drawn to section 36(1) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004), which states:

" Metropolitan and district municipalities are charged with implementing the atmospheric emission licensing system referred to in section 22, and must for this purpose perform the functions of licensing authority as set out in this Chapter and other provisions of this Act..."

As such, the City of Cape Town is the licensing authority in respect of the facility associated with the complaint(s), and to whom the matter has been referred to be addressed accordingly. It is my understanding that the City of Cape Town's Specialised Environmental Health unit has undertaken independent inspections in the area and have been in communication with the facility regarding your complaint(s).

In light of the complaint(s) received by this Department, however, air quality officials from the Directorate Air Quality Management independently undertook surveillance operations in the Hout Bay area, inclusive of the harbour area. At the time of the surveillance operations, a characteristic fish processing odour was observed. The recorded observations have been reported to the City of Cape Town, inclusive of recommendations towards addressing the above-mentioned matter. Having said the above, the Directorate Air Quality Management commits to working closely with the City of Cape Town's Specialised Environmental Health unit to achieve a common goal towards effectively managing air quality in Hout Bay, and the greater City of Cape Town Metropolitan area.

Your contact details have been forwarded to the City of Cape Town: Specialised Environmental Health, Mr. Ian Gildenhuys on telephone number (021) 590 5200 and/or by email: Ian.Gildenhuys@capetown.gov.za.

I would like to thank you for bringing the matter to the attention of the Department.

Yours faithfully,

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Director: Air Quality Management

Date: 17/03/16

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