

GMSA recycling workshop links small business, government

The reduce-reuse-recycle mantra is good business practice, not only in terms of minimising the environmental impact of large manufacturing operations, but also for the opportunities it presents for small business growth, job creation and community upliftment.



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In an effort to empower small recycling enterprises, GMSA recently held a workshop to facilitate information-sharing and contact between government officials and the recyclers who buy the company's waste products.

GMSA plant engineer Angus Clark said the two-day workshop aimed to improve understanding of the needs of the recycling sector, share information on legislation, and identify opportunities for the recyclers to grow their businesses.

Department of Environmental Affairs deputy director of licensing, Zingisa Phohlo, welcomed GMSA's initiative, saying the workshop enabled the department to share information on updates to legislation which could benefit and create opportunities for small recyclers.

"Our aim is to balance considerations of environmental management, waste management and economic opportunities," Phohlo said.

The Waste Trade Company marketing manager Vicky du Toit said the workshop was also an opportunity to learn from GMSA's cradle-to-grave approach to waste management and reducing their carbon footprint.

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