

MINUTES OF MEETING:

A meeting with representatives of NBL and the Proponent took place at the Proponent's Offices on 16 March 2026 where NBL's objections / concerns were discussed. From the discussion at the meeting, the following response was given to the NBL's concerns raised in their letters of objection:

What planned mitigation measures are in place or planned to prevent waste related contaminants from entering the groundwater system?

- The processing of the tyres and other waste is a dry process not involving water.
- Water is only required for staff amenities (drinking, ablutions and canteen) and fire protection.
- The equipment used for the recycling will be placed in enclosed, under roofed warehouses with concrete floors.
- The whole open area of the yard will be paved.
- Due to site limitations, only about 2 – 3 days of end-of-life tyres will be stored outside on site for feeding into the processing plant. These tyres will be stored on bunded floors to prevent rainwater falling on the tyres from entering the groundwater.
- Processing floors will all be fitted with water and oil catchment sumps to preventing oil accidentally spilled or leaking from machines from leaching into the groundwater.
- The buildings, outside paving areas and bunded areas are all constructed as per the COW building control regulations.

How will these controls be implemented, monitored, and maintained over time?

- These controls will be listed in the Health and Safety Management Plan and an Environmental Control Officer / Sheq manager will be appointed to ensure compliance.

Are groundwater monitoring boreholes currently drilled or planned, and what pollutants will be analysed as part of the monitoring program?

- The water to be used on site will be obtained from COW's existing water supply network servicing the site.
- As explained, the recycling process is a waterless process. Some of the machines / equipment is fitted with enclosed water-cooling systems (radiators) for cooling the machines.
- The cleaning of the floors, machines and equipment will be done by compressed air to be able to collect the fine / rubber particles / dust for recycling.
- It is not intended to drill any monitoring boreholes on the site as the proposed activities is not a wet industry which will release water into the surface water drainage system or groundwater.

In the event of municipal supply constraints (e.g. drought), does Epic Global intend to abstract groundwater, and what is the anticipated water demand?

- The water requirements of the activities on the project site are too low to justify the cost for the creation of facilities for abstraction of groundwater.
- Any groundwater abstraction within the COW municipal boundaries is subject to COW, MAWLR, MEFT and NamWater approval and permits which does not support ad hoc or haphazard drilling and abstraction of groundwater.
- In case of a serious water constraint that will limit the proponent to obtain water from the municipal network to supply for the normal water requirements for the staff amenities, it will be obtained from independent sources to be trucked to the site.

The recycling of batteries

- End of life batteries are currently taken in on the site and stored for recycling. Currently these batteries are not broken down into the various recyclables or cleaned on the site.
- Although it is intended to add value to the batteries by breaking them down into the various recyclables it will not happen on this site.