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Waste Act finally in Place

The long awaited National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) has finally been signed into Law by the State President; honourable Kgalema Motlante. This is a great milestone for the waste management sector which has long been legislated under various pieces of legislation. The Waste Act seeks to encourage the prevention and minimisation of waste generation, whilst promoting reuse and recycling of the waste and only consider disposal of waste as a last resort.

The Department is currently finalising procedural and administrative activities for promulgation (bringing the Act into effect) of the Act, which is expected to be announced by the Minister in the very near future.

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