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## Are you Waste Wise?

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) in conjunction with the KwaZulu Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA) are calling on all waste management organisations in KwaZulu Natal to enter their annual Waste Management Awards.

The purpose of the competition is to involve all organisations in the KZN province that are acting efficiently and effectively in the realm of waste management. Pat Reddy, Chairman of the KZN IWMSA region indicated, "through this competition, we aim to promote best practices in waste management throughout the province. We want to acknowledge the achievements of waste management organisations and provide recognition to those organisations that are practicing and who are committed to effective waste management."

This competition is open to any size organisation in KZN which seeks to manage waste in a controlled manner thereby minimizing the environmental impacts. Companies in KZN can download the entry form and requirements for the competition from the IWMSA's website (<a href="www.iwmsa.co.za">www.iwmsa.co.za</a>). Entries need to reach the KZN IWMSA branch before the end of June 2009. Thereafter an appointment will be arranged with the organisation for judges to undertake a site visit and audit. The judging will be conducted by professional members of the IWMSA, employees of the DAEA and other government departments. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in October 2009.

These Waste Management Awards were launched in 1992 by KDBA and the IWMSA. Today, the Awards are administered by the KZN IWMSA and funded by the DAEA.

The IWMSA is a professional, multi disciplinary organisation with voluntary membership established to promote the science and practice of waste management and is a non-profit organisation. For more information contact the KZN IWMSA at: 031 564 2795, e-mail: <a href="mailto:kzniwmsa@mweb.co.za">kzniwmsa@mweb.co.za</a> or visit www.iwmsa.co.za,

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