



COLLECT-A-CAN

IWMSA SMALL WASTE CONTRACTORS SEMINAR

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Collect-a-Can at a Glance



Established by ArcelorMittal South Africa and Nampak BevCan to recover used packaging materials before they end up in landfill sites.

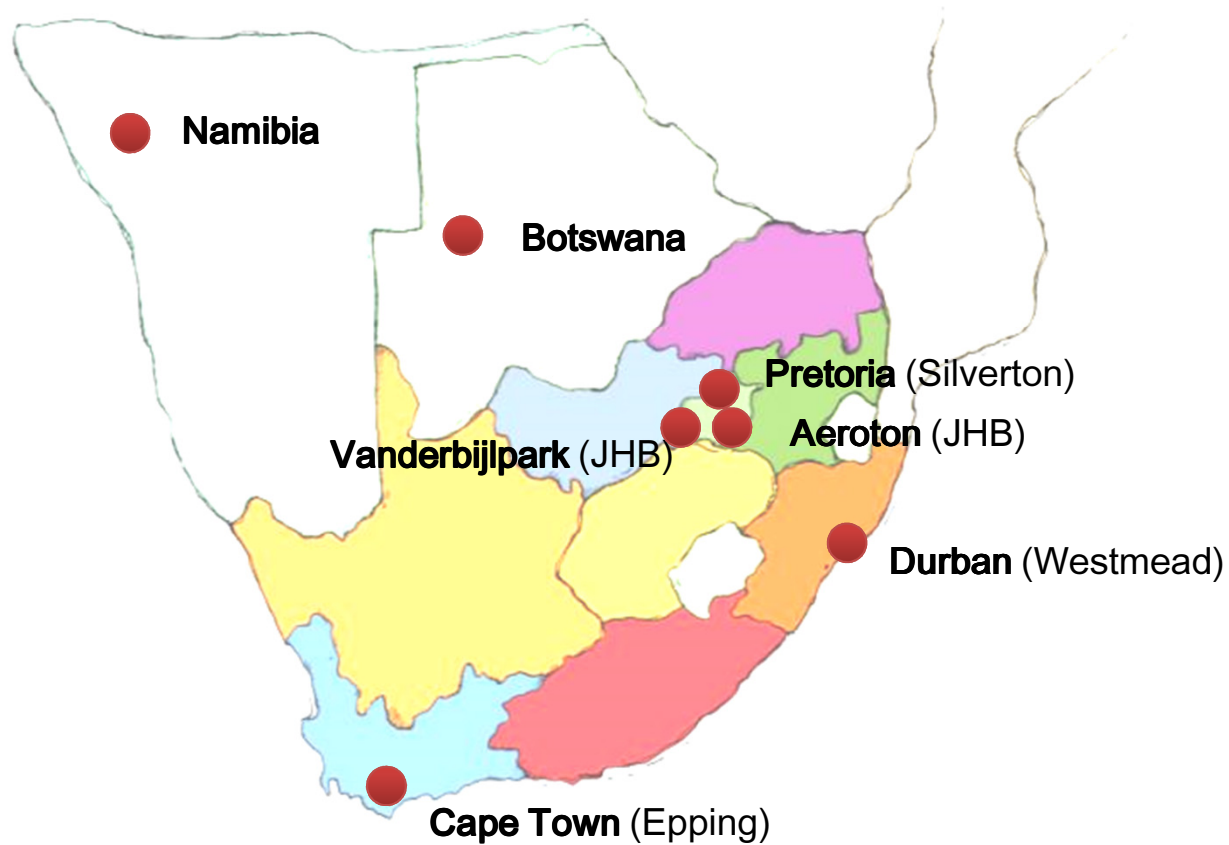


It is our vision to be the most successful, self-sustaining, one-way packaging recovery company, dedicated to the realisation of the land where metal cans exist in harmony with the environment.



Five operational branches in South Africa

Two other branches in Southern Africa





Life cycle of a can





Environmental cycle of beverage can



SMME / Community Support



Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation

Between 100,000 and 160,000 people are involved in can recovery at any given stage, earning a living or supplementing their income

Collect-a-Can's "cash-for-cans" collection drive creates opportunities for individuals in the lower income sectors to make money by selling recovered cans to Collect-a-Can.

New entrepreneurs have been born as many collectors acquire basic business skills and grow their own recovery and recycling businesses or recycling buyback centres.



Recycle cans today. Sustain tomorrow.



Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation

We assist small operations through providing:

Bags: available to collectors to assist with their receiving initiatives;

Baling assistance: Baling machines (if available) may be loaned to collectors who can supply ten tons of cans or more per month;

Transport assistance: Collectors' used metal cans could be collected by Collect-a-Can or our agents at a reduced rate per kilogram of cans, within a certain radius from the branch.



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In order to get the highest possible rates for the cans, collectors need to make sure that the cans are sorted according to value into the following three categories:

Aluminium beverage cans which are the most valuable;

Steel beverage cans which are the next most valuable;

Non-beverage cans including aerosol, food, oil and paint cans;

Mixed cans and rusty cans will also be accepted, but a lower rate will be paid for them.



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The price paid is also determined by three different processes:

- Where practical, used metal cans are collected (at a lower price) from collectors.
- Better prices are offered for collectors who deliver to our branches.
- Best prices are offered to collectors to deliver their baled used metal cans to our branches.



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The value of used aluminium cans is much higher than that of tin-plated steel cans, therefore aluminium recovery and recycling is a more economically viable option for informal can collectors to earn a living or supplement a low income. However, steel cans are still valuable and is worth collecting.

Although there are approximately 77 beverage (340ml) cans in one kilogram of aluminium, and only approximately 32 beverage cans in one kilogram of steel cans, the rate we pay for aluminium cans are much higher.



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HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN STEEL & ALUMINIUM CANS

- Lighter in weight
- Clearer shine
- “Alu” symbol on the can

But if you are not sure you can do the ‘magnet test’ on the side of the can. Because steel cans are magnetic and aluminium cans are not, aluminium cans will not cling to a magnet!!



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- Most aerosol cans are aluminium, but to receive the full value for the can, the nozzle must be removed.
- Collect-a-Can has paid in excess of R250 million for cans from 1993 to 2014
- The price paid for steel changes based on the fluctuating steel price.



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The Collect-a-Can Community

Consumers are encouraged to recycle and make an educated choice about the packaging of a product when buying goods

“Cans are 100% recyclable and the rate of can recycling is very high, which makes buying products packaged in cans an environmentally sound choice for consumers”



The Collect-a-Can Community

- **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & COLLECTION DRIVES**
 - CAN DO! Trekking for Trash
 - Collect-a-Can's CAN Collection Drives
 - Clean-Up SA Week
- **NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION**
- **CAN CRAZE COMPETITION**





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