

Manufacturing Circle Access to Utilities Roundtable

The Access to Utilities Roundtable reviewed work conducted in the City of Ekurhuleni (COE) in the Springs and Wadeville industrial hubs to develop an active partnering model and discussed what needs to be done to scale this approach.

Session 1 reviewed what has been achieved over the past two years in the CoE where the MC facilitated a collaborative approach between industry and local government. This resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the CoE and the Eastern Gauteng Chamber of Commerce & Industry (EGCCI) and the Wadeville Action Group (WAG); representing the Springs and Wadeville industrial hubs respectively. Signed in October 2024 the MoU addresses municipal service delivery issues that need to be fixed, and the governance structure to do so.

Session 2 provided status updates on the feed-in-tariff and wheeling policy and the industrial gas supply situation. Requirements to scale the industrial hub initiative were also discussed.

NEXT STEPS AND COORDINATION

The MC is developing a Project Charter for Phase 2 of the Access to Utilities Initiative in CoE comprising objectives, actions, stakeholders, deliverables and timelines. This will form the basis of a follow up working session with the CoE, Operation Vulindlela and industry. In parallel, the CoE will continue engaging with the existing industrial hub stakeholders in Wadeville and Springs on actions required.

PRESENTATIONS:

Industrial Hubs:

- **Springs** **Kabelo Ntshdisane**, *Mpact Paper*
Mike Du Toit, *EGCCI Rep and Ward Councilor*
- **Wadeville** **Moses Sekhwela**, *Mpact Plastics*
Bernd Oellermann, *NCPC-SA, Eco Industrial Parks*

Operation Vulindlela Status Update and Municipality Reflections
Rudi Dicks, *Project Management Office at Presidency, Operation Vulindlela*

Wheeling and Feed-In Tariffs
Hendrick Raedani, *City of Ekurhuleni, Divisional Head*

Industrial Gas Status Update
Jaco Human, *Executive Officer, Industrial Gas Users Group (IGUA-SA)*