

FACT SHEET

Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct

March 21, 2013 marked the first six months of the three-year Enforceable Undertaking (EU) SITA Australia (SITA) presented the EPA. The EU outlines 18 undertakings that SITA must deliver, and includes the processes necessary to monitor progress and report to the EPA and the community. Collectively, the undertakings respond to all of EPA's objectives while particularly addressing operational improvements at the Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct and communicating community benefits to facility neighbours.

This fact sheet details how SITA is progressing in meeting those undertakings.

Clause	Clause Summary	Due	Status
4.1	Operate the odour curtain system around the boundaries of the cell receiving household and industrial waste.	Ongoing	500m of existing system has been relocated as required with the final portion to be moved by mid-May. An additional 800m of system has been purchased and will be installed when delivered.
4.2	Operate in accordance with the cell volume and lifespan attached to EU.	Ongoing	Next compaction survey to be completed by June 30, 2013. Results from the March compaction survey indicate that the tonnages received are less than anticipated for the previous quarter. The filling plan has been re-assessed to ensure Cell 9A filling can be completed as per the EU requirements.
4.3	Agree to amendments to the current EPA licence that reflect operational changes to cell management such as EPA approved Landfill Gas Management Plan and changes to waste tipping and covering processes.	Immediate	SITA accepted the amended licence dated 03.10.2012.
4.4	Carry out an aerial infra red monitoring program every six months to detect any hotspots that may indicate gas emissions.	Six (6) monthly	Following receipt of SITA's first aerial surveillance report, EPA advised SITA that the method of walkover surveys of the entire capped area of the landfill will provide superior information to the aerial surveillance and that future surveillance in accordance with this condition be undertaken by the method of walkovers rather than aerial surveillance.
4.5	Update the community of actions undertaken, progress and reports submitted to EPA via a Community Update Fact sheet.	Quarterly	First, second and third quarterly fact sheets distributed by 26.10.2012, 25.01.2013 and 30.04.2013 respectively. Next due 31.07.13.
4.6	Operate the SITA Environmental Report Hotline, a freecall 24/7 contact available for use by the community.	Ongoing	SITA Environmental Report Hotline continues to operate efficiently.
4.7	Display posters in community hub locations providing SITA's contact details.	30.11.2012	Minimum of 20 posters were in place by 28.11.2012
4.8	Facilitate the Hampton Park Community Reference Group (CRG) ensuring meetings are conducted at least every three months; that the Group is informed of the EU; and that EU progress becomes a standing CRG Agenda item until EU is complete.	Quarterly	Hampton Park Community Reference Group Meetings are scheduled as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting 15 - 08.05.2013 Meeting 16 - 12.06.2013 Community members who participated in the EU Community Conference have been invited to attend. SITA will provide an update on operational undertakings and EPA will provide information regarding community projects benefiting from SITA contribution of \$100,000.

4.9	Ensure that CRG members are taken on a facility site tour every six months.	Six (6) monthly	First HP CRG site tour conducted on 21.11.2012. Second site tour to be conducted on 08.05.2013.
4.10	Host a Waste Management Association of Australia – Victorian Landfills Division every year, including a facility site tour and presentation of works undertaken with a focus on lessons learned.	Annually	WMAA meeting and tour was conducted on 13.11.2012. Second meeting and tour to be conducted by November 2013.
4.11	Contribute \$100,000 to a local environment project for the restoration or enhancements of the environment in a public place; or for public benefit.	EPA extended due date. No current set date.	EPA has selected two community projects to receive funding for upgrades. Elliot Kingsfield Reserve, Lynbrook and River Gum Reserve, Hampton Park will each receive \$50,000.
4.12	Provide proof to EPA that funding described above was provided to a community organisation.	Within seven (7) days of funding	An invoice for one of the project has been received and is currently being processed. It is anticipated that the second invoice will be received and processed within the first two weeks of April 2013.
4.13	That when SITA makes any reference to the \$100,000, it must refer to this EU.	Ongoing	Dedicated Fact Sheets will be developed for the community projects to ensure community's awareness is maintained.
4.14	Fund an independent research study scoped by EPA and the Department of Health, conducted by RMIT and reviewed by the CSIRO. The study will also include an extension of the air sampling and analysis currently being undertaken by the EPA in areas adjacent to the facility.	31.03.2013	In progress. A literature review has been completed and a report is expected in May 2013. This process is managed by EPA.
4.15	Implement a landscaping plan to screen SITA along the South Gippsland Highway boundary.	31.03.2013	SITA has appointed landscaping contractor. Third party contractor now being sought to commence planting in the upcoming months.
4.16	Appoint, at its own cost, an EPA appointed Auditor to ensure SITA has complied with all the undertakings.	31.12.2013	SITA has appointed an independent auditor. An audit will be conducted during 2013.
4.17	Provide all relevant documents and information to EPA as required.	Ongoing	All records are stored and sent to EPA as required.
4.18	Pay all costs of compliance, estimated to be no less than \$800,000.	Ongoing	Records of expenditure are being tracked by SITA.

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Over the next few months, SITA will plant more than 150 trees and 600 shrubs along the South Gippsland Highway boundary. Trees selected include Silver Wattle, Broad-leaved Peppermint and Gippsland Manna Gum. Shrubs will be planted either side of the trees offering a more appealing view from the highway and potential odour amelioration. Shrubs selected include Silver Banksia, Sweet Bursaria, Scented Paperbark and Golden Spray. All plants nominated are listed in the City of Casey Indigenous Plant Guide.

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As a leader in the provision of resource recovery, recycling and waste management solutions, SITA's approach is based on acting locally and understanding local challenges. We encourage you to learn more about us.

If you want us to visit your group or organisation, or you would like your question answered, send an email to;

vic.communityenquiries@sita.com.au

If you want to report an environmental issue, contact the **SITA Environmental Hotline**, a FREECALL 24/7 service.

1800 ENV REP (1800 368 737)

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Our natural resources are not infinite and we must work together to protect and nurture them while helping to solve one of the major environmental problems that threaten the planet – the sustainable and ethical management of our waste.