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DISPOSAL OF IT EQUIPMENT

Provincial Treasury received requests for the disposal of IT equipment through controlled dumping at municipal dumping sites.

It should be noted that: "Many materials used in computer hardware can be recovered by recycling for use in future production. Reuse of tin, silicon, iron, aluminium, and a variety of plastics that are present in bulk in computers or other electronics can reduce the costs of constructing new systems. Components frequently contain lead, copper, gold and other valuable materials suitable for reclamation.

Computer components contain many toxic substances, like dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), cadmium, chromium, radioactive isotopes and mercury. Circuit boards contain considerable quantities of lead-tin solders that are more likely to leach into groundwater or create air pollution due to incineration. The processing (e.g. incineration and acid treatments) required to reclaim these precious substances may release, generate, or synthesize toxic by-products."

(Reference http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_recycling#South_Africa)

Further South Africa has the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and National Environmental Management Waste Act 2008 (Act 59 of 2008), which stipulate that any person in any position causing harm to the environment and failing to comply with the Waste Act could be fined up to R10 Million or jailed or receive both penalties for their transgressions.

Therefore, having considered the above factors Provincial Treasury will not support departments' requests and would thus recommend the use of alternative methods for the disposal for IT equipment: i.e. donation depending on condition, auction (preferred method), green waste companies among others. Further please note that supply chain regulations must be followed where necessary.

You are reminded that the items should still be on the asset register until the assets are physically disposed of as the Auditor General of South Africa may verify the existence and it could lead to a qualification for the department.

Kind Regards,



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HEAD OFFICIAL: PROVINCIAL TREASURY

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