

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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**TO: THE REGISTRAR ACT 36 OF 1947
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AFFAIRS AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT
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SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DEREGISTRATION OF TOXIC PESTICIDE 2,4-D

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association (FHVRRA) is concerned that despite increasing evidence of the significant environmental impacts of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), their associated chemicals (2,4-D and glufosinate) and the production system, none has ever triggered an environmental impact assessment (EIA), provided for under Section 5(2)(a)(iii) of the GMO Act, along with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) sections 1(1) and 2(4)(a)(vii) and viii).. With the allowance of these in South Africa, we must be the dumping ground for the experimental crops grown in countries that do not allow these practices.

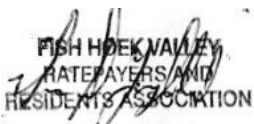
Not only is sprayed 2,4-D able to drift across fields, it also contaminates ground water. Previously non-disclosed findings show that 2,4-D causes cancer in humans, male fertility problems, eye damage, acts as an immuno-suppressant (not helpful in SA HIV/Aids), endocrine disrupter and affects childhood auditory development. Herbicide-resistant weeds are spreading rapidly due to lack of competition and these super weeds threaten agricultural economies.

Please observe your constitutional duty to take reasonable measures to protect the public health and environment in terms of section 24 of the Constitution.

SUMMARY

The Registrar is requested to institute a review in terms of section 4 of Act 36 of 1947 into the continued registration of 2,4-D. In this review, interested and affected parties must be afforded an opportunity to make submissions advocating for the cancellation of the registration of 2,4-D, which is a highly hazardous pesticide.

The GM soybeans and maize resistant to 2,4-D and glufosinate-ammonium, will contain residues of both and pose unacceptable risks to humans and animals. ¹

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