

6th June 2018

Dear Edna Molewa: Minister of Environment Affairs

RE: CONSIDERATION OF BANNING THE USE OF PLASTIC AND POLYSTYRENE IN SOUTH AFRICA

On behalf of the environment, and a healthier South Africa, GREEN HOME would like to thank you for your consideration of banning the use of single use plastic and polystyrene to all South Africans. We believe this will help in creating a stronger local economy and a better future for generations to come.

GREEN HOME has been educating South Africans for 11 years on the damaging effects of plastic pollution. We were the first company to bring take-away containers made from bagasse (sugarcane fiber) to the South African market, and we believe there is great scope for the increased local manufacture of sustainable products. We have been an active participant in building the national community that supports the move to ban single use plastics, particularly in the food industry.

The purpose of this letter and package is to assure you that your proposal has the support of many, throughout Africa and abroad. We believe a motion to ban single use plastics would put South Africa on the progressive map. Africa is leading the world in taking bold action to mitigate the negative impacts of plastic and is thus poised to lead the world in developing sustainable solutions, while creating healthier conditions for its people. A move like this would also undoubtedly boost our tourism status. Cleaning up plastic out of our streets, rivers, beaches and environments would be beneficial for locals and visitors alike.

GREEN HOME'S vision is to make plant-based food packaging the norm in South Africa. We believe that if food packaging is necessary it should last only as long as it is needed. In this bag are a few samples of our products. With scales of economy and greater government support it is possible for plant-based food packaging products to be as economically viable as their current unsustainable alternatives. An increased local production of plant-based-food products would also lead to a stronger local economy and create more jobs.

Yours in sustainability and a strong local economy

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