

# Averda acquires Solid Waste Technologies

Global waste management group Averda recently announced its acquisition of Solid Waste Technologies (SWT), a healthcare medical waste company with over 20 years' experience. The acquisition of SWT alongside SharpMed, acquired in 2016, makes Averda one of the largest and most comprehensive end-to-end healthcare waste management business in South Africa.



Johan van den Berg, MD, Averda South Africa

Averda South Africa's MD Johan van den Berg said SWT will form an integral part of Averda's waste management operations in South Africa aimed at offering a complete turnkey solution in healthcare waste management.

"As part of a global group, Averda South Africa is aligned with world-class standards and systems that brings to market a differentiated service based on credibility, compliance, reporting and sustainability," says van den Berg.

"We've recently invested R250m in the construction of a state-of-the-art hazardous waste landfill site in Vlaktefontein which will support our integrated operations through our strategic acquisitions of SWT and SharpMed."

## Growing footprint in medical waste sector

South Africa is on par with global standards for operating and designing hazardous landfills and medical waste treatment facilities, and in meeting regulatory requirements and compliance.

"This acquisition boosts our footprint in the medical waste sector and will deliver a consistent and reliable service, world class management systems and procedures, the latest waste tracking technology and traceability, and state-of-the-art medical and hazardous waste technology and disposal facilities."

"Our fully integrated waste management solution draws on Averda's global expertise, experience and strong track record," says Barnard.

"We employ the best people where we operate, and we draw on global expertise to enable skills transfer. We operate state-of-the-art vehicles and utilise leading software, processes, and systems. The successful delivery of a service and operation is paramount to Averda. We're excited to bring SWT's expertise and technology they hold in the healthcare waste area into our business. We look forward to the integration and collectively furthering our research and investment into new technologies in the healthcare waste industry," concluded Barnard.

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