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Plastic Waste Recycling Project  
SOS Addis  
- Invitation for  
“Recycling Partners” -

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## Introduction

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To: Our Prospective “Recycling Partners”

SOS Addis Tefetron Bemalimat Bkletn Masweged Mahiber (“SOS Addis”) is pleased to have the opportunity to present our new “Plastic Waste Recycling Project.” The project aims to reduce waste plastics in Addis Ababa by installing its collection and recycling schema. The project will also create job opportunities for destitute women.

This document serves as the invitation to selected organizations to participate in this noble cause as our “Recycling Partners” - by providing waste plastics, such as plastic bags, pet bottles, and other plastic containers. We are confident that together we will be able to make positive change to the environment of Addis Ababa, and livelihood of destitute women.

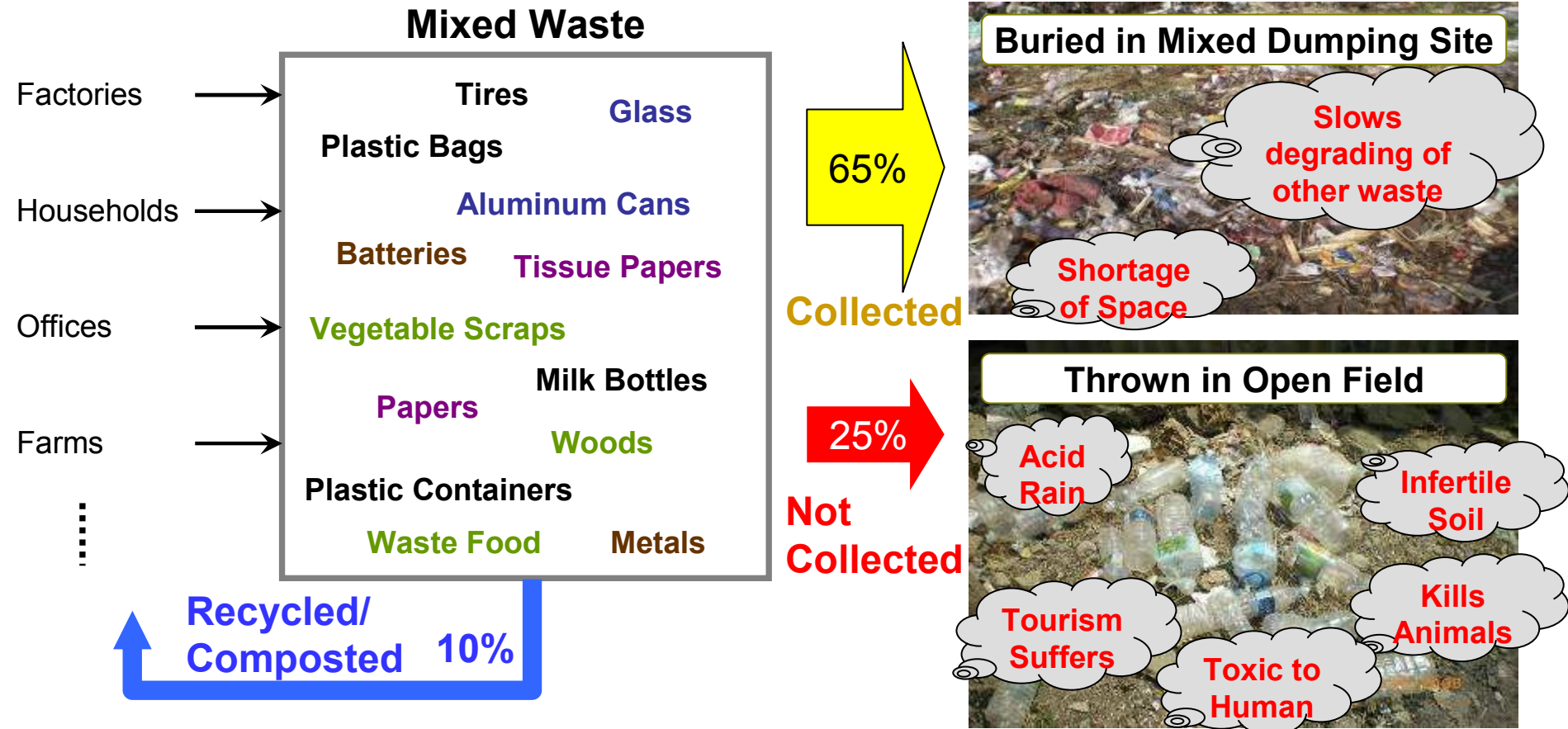
Thank you very much again for this opportunity, and we look forward to discussing this project with you in person. Should you have any questions regarding this document, please do not hesitate to contact Zertihun Birhane or Endale Arega at 0115518846.

Very truly yours,  
SOS Addis

Zertihun Birhane  
Acting Executive Director

## Plastic Waste Problem in Ethiopia

➤ In Ethiopia, Plastic Wastes are thrown away without proper care, damaging the environment.



**Learning from examples overseas, SOS Addis believes that reduction/recycling of plastic waste is both beneficial and possible.**

## About SOS Addis

- SOS Addis works together with destitute women towards clean and healthy Addis Ababa. Founded in 2004, our primary focus has been on reduction/recycling of waste plastic bags. (\*)

### **Our Mission**

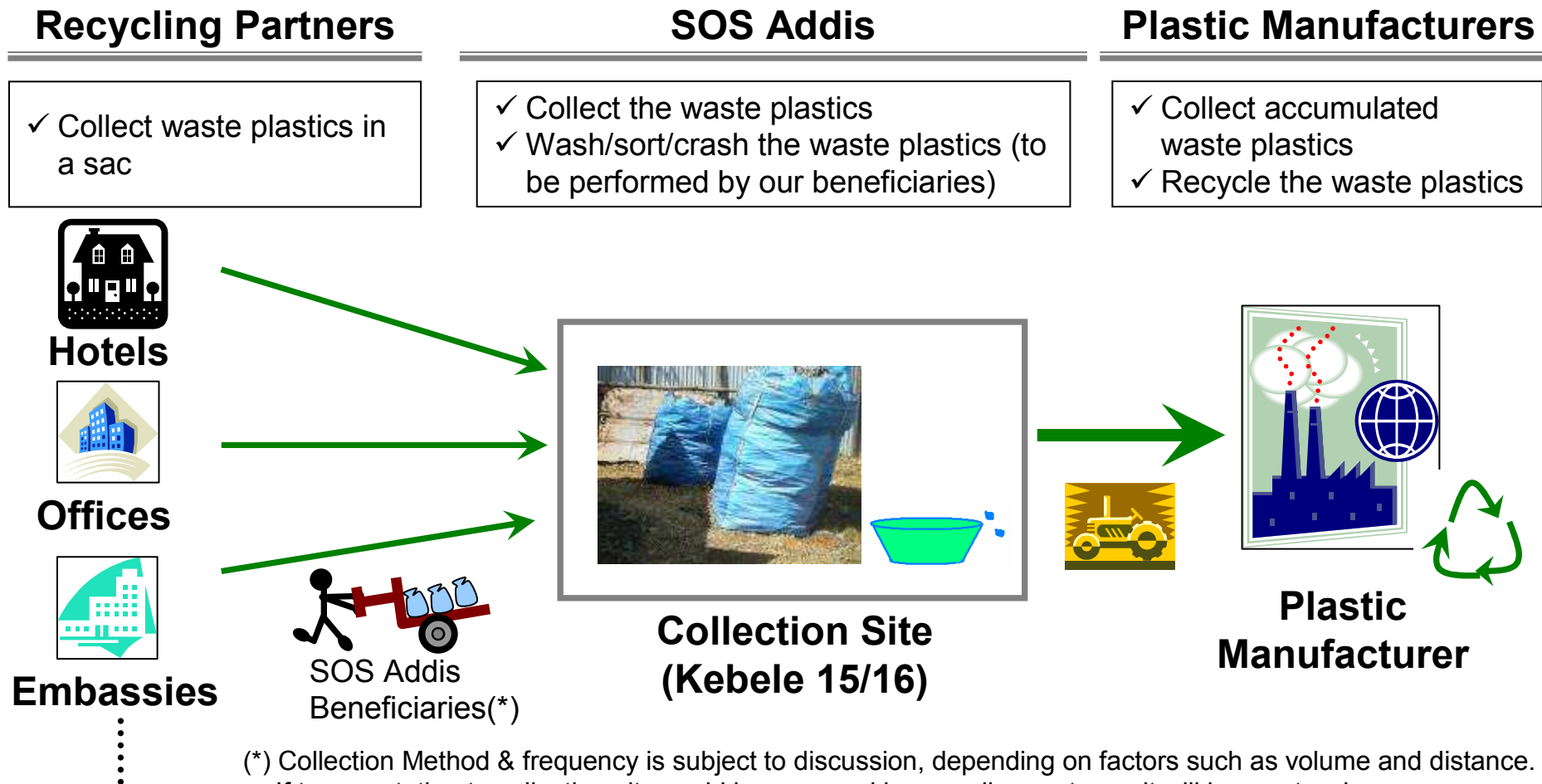
*Create community awareness on environmental hazards of plastic waste/air pollution in partnership with concerned stakeholders, and create livelihood in relation to environment for vulnerable members of the community, especially women.*



(\*) For major activities and achievements, please refer to the appendix.

## Plastic Waste Collection Program

- To tackle the increasing waste plastics in Addis Ababa, SOS Addis will start collection and recycling of waste plastics. It will be a joint activity by Recycling Partners, SOS Addis (including beneficiaries), and Plastic Manufacturers.



(\*) Collection Method & frequency is subject to discussion, depending on factors such as volume and distance. If transportation to collection site could be arranged by recycling partners, it will be most welcome.

## Timeline & Requests to Our Recycling Partners

- In order to perform the collection in best manner for all parties, we would like to implement 4-week “Pilot Collection” phase. During the Pilot phase, collection and recycle activity will be evaluated according to predefined criteria, resulting in adjustments as required.

	Preparation	Pilot Collection	Formal Collection
Timeline	2 – 3 weeks	4 weeks	-
Objective	Agree on following (MoU): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What to collect</li> <li>➤ Method &amp; frequency of collection</li> <li>➤ Exact dates for pilot</li> <li>➤ Possible pre-processing before collection</li> <li>➤ Evaluation criteria for pilot</li> </ul>	Adjust the details of collection, according to the result of actual performance.	Perform the actual collection, and bring about positive change to environment and destitute women.
Requests to Recycling Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To provide us the estimated amount of waste plastics for Collection.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To supply the waste plastics as agreed.</li> <li>❖ To provide feedback on collection activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To supply the waste plastics as agreed.</li> </ul>

## Appendix

## Major Achievements of SOS Addis

- SOS Addis has made a big progress in reducing hazardous effect of flimsy waste plastic bags. SOS Addis was awarded the year 2008 “Addis Ababa City Administration Green Award”.

### Major Achievements

#### Plastic Waste Collection/ Recycling

- ✓ **Collected 51,958 kg** from 3 “kebeles” (districts) in Addis. (2007)
- ✓ Earned **77,937 Birr (8,660 USD)** from collected waste. (2007)
- ✓ Job opportunities for **70+ destitute women.**

#### Awareness Raising/ Advocacy

- ✓ **Mobilized 2000 people** in annual anti-festal (anti plastic bag) campaign (2007)
- ✓ **Mobilized 15 schools** for Cleaning Campaign & Waste Plastic Collection Competition. (2007)
- ✓ Influenced the **banning of thin (< 0.03m) plastic bags** in Ethiopia. (Feb. 2007 / Proclamation 513/99)
- ✓ Featured in **2 TV programs (55 min) /3 radio programs (3h) /Several Newspapers & Magazines (including UN Environment Programme) (2007)**

#### Production of Eco-friendly Bags

- ✓ Job opportunities for **11 destitute women.**
- ✓ In process of training 19 more women for mass distribution.

#### Other Environmental Activities

- ✓ Planted **around 3500 trees** in Tree planting campaign