

COLLECT-A-CAN: A SUSTAINABLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME THAT FACILITATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Collect-a-Can has been operating for the last 15 years as a used can recovery company, whose share holders are Arcelor Mittal, the tinsplate producer, and Nampak Bevcan, the steel beverage can manufacturer.

Protection of the environment, poverty alleviation, job creation and the support of enterprise development are at the core of the organisation and operation objectives. This presentation outlines the successes, the benefits and the challenges faced by the company as part of the recycling industry in a changing and dynamic economic environment, as well as some proposed solutions for sustainability.