16th March 2004

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RE:

Waste Licence Application

Ref No: W202-1

Dear Ms. Vaughey,

Thank you for notifying the South Eastern Health Board of the application by Seamus Kelly & sons, Gorey Business Park, Ramstown, Gorey, Co. Wexford for a Waste Licence Application in relation to a facility/premises located at Seamus Kelly & Sons Gorey Business Park, Ramstown, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

I enclose a report from Matt Grogan, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Wexford Community Care Area, on information the Health Board has on any complaints (past or present) from the public with regard to human health and environmental hazards relevant to the above application.

If you are aware / become aware of any adverse risks to public health, while processing the determination, please forward them to the Board.

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Yours sincerely,

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12th March 2004

RE: Waste Licence Application

Ref. No: W202-1

Dear Beth Ann,

When we worked as agents of Wexford County Council we got a constant stream of complaints about this premises with reference to:

1. Rodent Infestation

2. Foul Smell

3. The premises being used as a dumport

4. Lack of proper fencing and structure and facilities

In 1997-8 Wexford County Council prosecuted Kelly's under the Public Health Ireland Act 1878 on my recommendation. It was very difficult to get the proprietor to abate the nuisance and provide a proper recycling centre and to carry out good sanitary practices.

In my opinion they would only obey the law when inspected and forced to. To my knowledge, this area is on the site of an old tannery and the watercourse leads to Courtown.

Due to the aforementioned issues and the condition of the site observed on a recent visit, it is strongly recommended that the Environmental Protection Agency set strict timeframes for the work specified in the Environmental Impact Statement and regulate compliance closely.

It is also recommended that the Environmental Protection Agency set strict waste acceptance criteria for the site to reduce the amount of putrescible waste currently accepted. This will therefore reduce the Public Health and nuisance risks found at this site.

Yours sincerely

Matt Grogan

Principal Environmental Health Officer

