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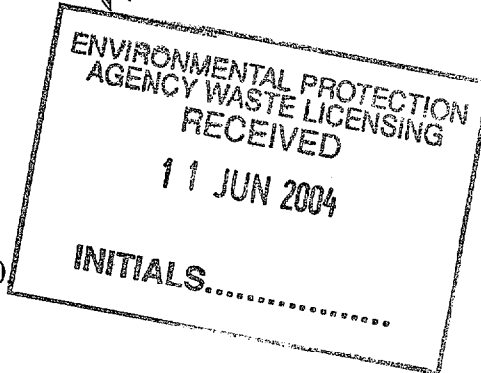
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Your Ref. No. 167-1 (Invader NV, Carranstown, Duleck)

Dear Ana,

Further to your letter Reg. No.167-1, and my recent e-mail to yourself regarding this matter, I wish now to officially advise you that Meath County Council has fully considered and assessed the EPA comments regarding the proposed increase in stack height at the Invader Waste facility, whereby the stack would be increased from c.40m to 65m.

In particular, our assessment focussed on an extensive visual impact appraisal in respect of any potential impact on the World Heritage site at Newgrange/Bru na Boinne. The visual impact of the proposed stack (at 65m) was considered from sites at Newgrange passage graves, Knowth, Dowth and Bellewstown ridge. Meath County Council planning authority would generally be satisfied that the proposed increase in stack would not materially impact on same, as it is not considered to be visible from these sites. At locations where the stack would be visible, for example along the R150 or M1, etc. it is considered that it would be viewed within the context of Platin cement works, thus reducing any undue adverse visual impact.

Having regard to the above, Meath County Council's view is that if the EPA consider such an increase in stack height to be necessary from an environmental safety point of view, there would not appear to be an overriding argument against such a proposal, from a planning point of view.

Regards

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