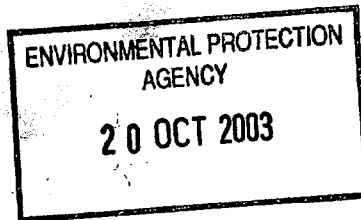


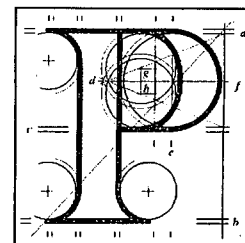
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An Bord Pleanála



17th October 2003

Appeal Re: Waste Management Facility comprising a Community Recycling Park,
a Waste Transfer Station and a Waste Energy Plant.
Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above appeal.

In accordance with section 2(2)(a) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1992, it is a statutory objective of the Board to ensure that every appeal received is determined within four months beginning on the date of receipt of that appeal. Where it appears to the Board that it would not be possible or appropriate to determine a particular appeal within this period, a notice must be sent to the parties in accordance with section 2(3)(a) of the Act.

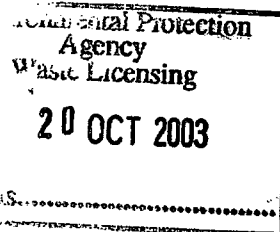
The Board hereby serves notice under section 2(3)(a) that it appears to the Board that it would not be possible to determine the above appeal within the period of four months (i.e. by 19th October, 2003) because of;

- (a) the complexity of the issues involved in the appeal, and
- (b) the holding of an oral hearing which concluded recently after hearing voluminous evidence.

The Board now intends to determine the above appeal before **16th January, 2004**. The Board will take all such steps as are open to it to ensure that the appeal is determined before that date.

Yours faithfully,

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