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itions for Waste Licences ref no. 167-1 and 186-1 at
respectively.

Dear Dr. Kelly,

We act for Ringaskiddy & District Resident's Association Limited who were among the objectors to the second mentioned licence application above. Our clients have recently learned that members of the EPA visited the applicant's premises in Belgium in or about May 2002 and apparently discussed matters directly related to the subject matter of the above applications on that occasion. We understand that certain documentation was given by the applicant to the EPA at that time or shortly thereafter.

This was not known to our clients during the time the Ringaskiddy application was before the Agency.

We would be grateful to know from you please:

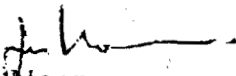
- a. the names of and positions held in the Agency by those persons who participated in that visit and exchange of communications; who instigated this event; who paid for it; what if any internal reports or memoranda were generated within the Agency relating to it and what Agency staff or officers were privy to same;
- b. whether there was any other communication of any kind between the applicant or its agents and the Agency in any way related to matters under consideration

in the licence application other than what is disclosed on the Agency's web-based list relating to the application. (For avoidance of doubt, unless you say otherwise we shall presume that list is otherwise exhaustive).

We also note a report in today's Irish Times suggesting that the Agency was supportive of efforts allegedly made by the applicant to bring about a significant change in Government or Departmental policy on aspects of waste management having a bearing on the issues relevant to our clients' objections to the licence. It appears that these efforts may have been ongoing during the time the licence application was before the Agency. We would be concerned if this report is accurate and invite you to confirm and to give details and documents (if any) setting out the correct position please.

Due to the seriousness of these issues for our clients we would greatly welcome your response as soon as may be possible please.

Yours sincerely,



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