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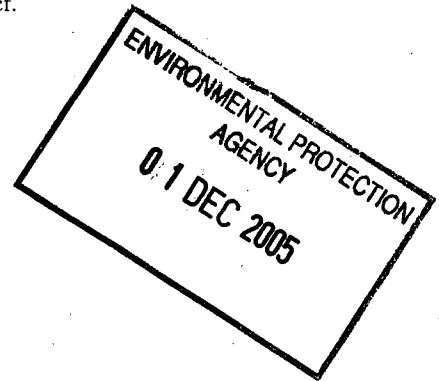
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Reg. No. 762

Re: Baxter Healthcare IPC Licence Review

Dear Mr. Derham,

I write in response to your letter of 28th October, 2005 and further to your discussions with Mr. Michael Garrick of Tobin Consulting Engineers on Friday 18th last.

The position at present is that the Council and Baxter Healthcare are moving towards agreement on pre-treatment of the Baxter effluent, before acceptance of the effluent into the Municipal wastewater stream at Knockthomas WWTP. For reasons related to the preferences of Baxter, the pre-treatment unit will actually be located in a dedicated area of the Knockthomas site, and the Baxter process effluent will be independently piped to the pre-treatment unit inlet. While Baxter will pay for the pipeline, and indeed for the pre-treatment unit, the pipeline will be owned and maintained by Mayo County Council. Accordingly, it will, we feel, be possible to set process effluent discharge standards at a point within the Baxter site, and to define a point of sampling and flow measurement, which will satisfy the Agency in its review of the IPC Licence.

Our consultants are preparing a description of the Baxter effluent to be included in the DBO documents for the works at Knockthomas, including the pre-treatment unit, and this will be endorsed as accurate by Baxter within the next two weeks. The emission values acceptable to the Council will then be defined and notified to the Agency, as well as a charging basis for the work.



It would be our intention that sampling on the Baxter site would be sufficient to describe the load to pre-treatment, but we will reserve the right to have sampling at the pre-treatment unit as well, at Baxters' cost, in the event that unforeseeable reactions taking place within the transfer pipeline materially affect the pretreatability of the process effluent arriving at Knockthomas. However a reasonable approach will be taken on this question, with the avoidance of duplication an accepted objective.

I trust that this keeps the Agency informed of progress on the agreement of acceptable effluent emission standards, and we will update you within the next few weeks, as our discussions conclude, to enable you to finalise the IPC Licence review.

Yours sincerely,

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