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March 28, 2007

RE: Application for Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Licence – Ref. No. PO812-01 - Queally Group, Maudlins Industrial Estate, Naas.

Dear Mr. Higgins,

I refer to the attached notification and wish to make the following observations:
The Queally Group site has been the subject of ongoing complaints since 2001 and was the subject of a letter from this office to the EPA on 13/9/04 (copy attached). These complaints, concerning both noise and odour nuisance come from residents and local business operators. Since July 2005 most complaints are now directed towards the Environment Section of Kildare County Council.

Noise

Residents to the south west of the site (near Q.K. Coldstores) complained of noise emanating from refrigerated trucks, loading, unloading of vehicles and general traffic on site. Noise was frequently audible late at night, in the early hours of the morning and at weekends. Following a planning application by QK Cold Stores Ltd. to Naas Town Council in 2004 (Ref. No. 04/500126) a number of noise mitigation measures were put in place by the company and since Spring 2005 there has been a reduction in the number of noise complaints from residents in this area.

Noise complaints have also been received from business operators located to the north east of the site. These complaints refer to noise emanating from the refrigerated trucks parked in close proximity to offices during working hours.

Odour

Residents and business people in the area have also complained of a number of different types of the foul odours – (a) effluent odour (b) soup / cooking odour and (c) a 'dead'/rotten meat odour. Residents and occupants of offices complain that they are unable to open their windows when the odours are apparent.

The most frequent complaints concern the odour from the effluent treatment plant which is located to the north east of the site and which is in close proximity to a number of businesses. Soup and cooking odours also give rise to a considerable number of complaints. Logs sheets containing times, dates and descriptions of odours were submitted to this office by many of the complainants in 2005.

Over the years numerous meetings have been held with representatives of the Queally Group regarding the above. Progress has been made in respect of some of the noise issues but complaints, for the most part regarding odour, continue. Despite the various odour management plans proposed by the company it remains possible to detect the odours from the site on a daily basis.

It is recommended that the aforementioned matters are taken into consideration in the determination of the above licence application. If you require any further information please contact 045-873290.

Yours sincerely,



Eithne Hunt
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**Ms. N. Roche,
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September 13.2004

RE: Complaints of noise and foul odours from the Queally Group Site, Maudlins Industrial Estate, Naas.

Dear Ms. Roche,

I refer to my e-mail of 18/8/04 and our conversation regarding IPC licences.

As stated numerous complaints have been received at this office regarding the Queally Group's site in the Maudlins Industrial Estate.

The complainants indicate that they are unable to sleep at night due to the noise emanating from refrigerated trucks, loading/unloading and general traffic on site. They state that problems on site are deteriorating and that the noise is frequently audible late at night, in the early hours of the morning and at weekends.

Residents and business people in the area have also complained to this office regarding a number of different types of the foul odours – (a) sewage sludge odour (b) soup / cooking odour and (c) a 'dead'/rotten meat odour. Residents complain that they are unable to open their windows when the smell is apparent.

A number of businesses are carried on on-site including soup production, ham processing, dog food production and meat processing. Queally Group incorporates the following businesses:

- Dawn Farm Foods
- Dawn Fresh Foods
- Dawn Meats
- Dawn Pork and Bacon
- I.M.I – this may be the dog food production company.

There may also be other businesses on site. I would be grateful if it could be ascertained if any of the business require licences. Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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11th February 2005

RE: The Queally Group, Maudlins, Naas.

Dear Ms Hunt

I wish to refer to your letter dated 13th September 2004 and received by the Agency on 16th September in relation to noise and odour complaints in respect of The Queally Group, Maudlins, Naas, County Kildare, and the requirement to obtain an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) licence.

On the basis of the information submitted by the Queally Group, the Agency issued a letter (copy attached) advising that the activities carried out by the various companies at The Queally Group site, Maudlins, Naas, do not exceed the threshold for class 7.8 i.e. – *Treatments or processes for the purposes of the production of food products from – (a) animal raw materials (other than milk) with a finished product production capacity greater than 75 tonnes per day; (b) vegetable raw materials with a finished product production capacity greater than 300 tonnes per day (average value on a quarterly basis) of the First Schedule to the EPA Acts, 1992 and 2003 and therefore do not require an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) licence.*

In light of the above, Kildare County Council are the controlling authority in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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