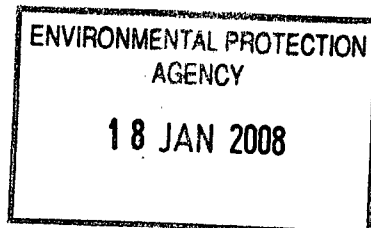


To:

Licensing Administration ,
EPA Headquarters ,
P.O. Box 3000 ,
Johnstown Castle Estate ,
Co. Wexford .

The Murphy Family
Mount Leader
Millstreet Town
Co.Cork.



Tuesday 8/01/08.

Re : IPPC Licence Application Reg No. PO835-01
Ref: ALPS Electric Ireland Ltd .

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to introduce ourselves as residents of Mount Leader , for the past eleven years. This borders Mount Leader Industrial Estate on Clara Road, Millstreet Town .It's a very nice area and a is always a surprise for any first time visitors to the Industrial Estate , they don't expect to find an industrial estate located within an area like ours, we like to think its quite unique. Our house is located about 100/150 metres North of the main ALPS building within a small estate of 13 houses .Because of the variance in elevation of our site, our upstairs is almost level with the ground floor of ALPS .

We are aware of the current "Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control Licence" application by ALPS Electric Ireland Ltd , Ref PO835-01 ,and we would like to make the following points as residents in very close proximity to the plant .

a) Solvent Odour .

There is an ongoing issue with Solvent Odour from the plant , with many years now. This is common knowledge to anyone working visiting or living on the perimeter of the estate .This odour is quite pungent ,similar to Nail Varnish remover to make a comparison ,and seems to be heavier on certain days , depending on the weather .It's quite strong in the mornings when we exit our house from the back , and is stronger on certain days of the week , certainly worse on Saturday mornings. When we walk around the Estate it's extremely strong and almost unbearable on some days. We are aware that odour monitoring has been carried out independently on the estate , but we are of the opinion that this has been inaccurate because of the lack of regularity , ie. To be completely accurate it would have to be based on site for a considerably longer period .Spot checks are ineffective in establishing a true and accurate report .

b) Generator Noise & Interference

There is also an intermittent issue with noise and interference from what is known as a back up generator on site .We have been told that this is for emergencies only , this is quite understandable , but it has come to our attention that this also runs quite regularly between the hours of 5 and 12pm on some evenings .It is quite noisy when its running , giving off a "Humming" sound. We are very sure of its location because of its distinctive sound .

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c) Local Accident & Emergency Plan .

We are also gravely concerned about access from the main street to the Clara Road and general Mount Leader area .This is regularly blocked and hindered by traffic especially during Mass times .This was always the case , but over the past five to six years because of increased volumes of traffic and an increase in the types and sizes of vehicles travelling on the Clara Road it has worsened considerably .If a situation arises where the local accident and emergency plan is called into play for this area , for whatever reason , whether it's a chemical spill , a fire within the industrial estate or an accident within any of the plants , or just a straight forward house fire, then we will have a serious problem on our hands .Because any of the emergency vehicles will not gain access to the Industrial Estate and possibly our own site .

To Conclude ,

We would like to say that we are of course pro-development and pro-employment and we do not have any other agenda , other than the Health & Welfare of our Children , ourselves and our Community in general .We know our concerns have some foundation, based on the information we have at hand ,and what we have taken from the application documents .We are very interested in trying to ensure that any of our local industries practising these processes, are educated enough to comply fully with any legislation put in place for them .

You should be aware that I personally have discussed these issues with ALPS over the past few years ,and we are also aware of other similar complaints to them , we noticed this has not been mentioned in the relevant section within the application . This concerns us especially as the levels of Pollutants look like they are going to increase by five times from 10 tons to 50 tons pa, and we do feel the application has not been completed accurately and in full , as it does not contain the opinion of any local resident, and in fact states that ALPS has not had any known complaints about any of the issues mentioned ,when in fact ,this is not the case .We are concerned also about the level of expertise available within ALPS to deal with these issues and pollutants, and fear that inferior knowledge and lack of investment within this field is completely unacceptable and possibly detrimental to the area .ALPS are after all, a commercial entity , and must remain profitable to survive , investing in this type of equipment may not be a priority , and may be sidelined if allowed .

We have a beautiful area with great scenery and natural landscape with thriving natural wildlife just outside our doors , in the local River Finnaw and the Woodlands located behind ,and we would like to stay healthy and enjoy it for years to come. We hope you will take our concerns on board when considering the application and by doing so, help ALPS and local industry to foster an ongoing progressive and positive attitude to improving and protecting the environment within their locality , otherwise known as our garden. It can be done .

We would appreciate a response to our concerns .
Thank You .

Your Sincerely .

Niall & Catherine Murphy & Family .

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