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4th June 2009

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YOUR REF.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY** 

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Application for an IPPC license by Mr. Paul Tully, Moate Pig Unit, Re: Ballinakill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Dear Mr. Reilly,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th May 2009. I have examined the documentation submitted with this application.

This Council is concerned that the proposed slurry disposal methods may lead to the environmental damage as Nutrient Management Plans may not be used by other farmers using pig slurry as a fertiliser. It appears pig slurry will be given to local farmers on demand. It is the Council's opinion that this piggery has a responsibility to ensure that sturry from this facility is used in a responsible manner.

Laois County Council has no objection to the granting of an IPPC license in this instance. It however wishes to see the following conditions or similar attached to the license.

- 1. All new structures shall be constructed to the appropriate Department of Agriculture & Food Farm Building Specifications.
- The licensee shall submit to the agency before 31st December of each year a full schedule of all lands that it is intended to spread slurry on in the following year whether these lands are in the developers ownership or not. No slurry shall be spread on lands without the prior approval of the agency of a Nutrient Management Plan for those lands.
- The licensee shall submit to the agency before 31st January of each year 3. detailed records of all landspreading of slurry for the preceding year. The details shall include the lands on which the slurry was spread, the quantity of slurry spread, dates on which it was spread and weather conditions. The licensee shall also provide evidence that the volume of



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- 4. slurry spread does not exceed the volume necessary for the particular crop on the recipient lands.
- 5. The licensee shall keep on site at all times, detailed records of all landspreading of slurries from this piggery. These records shall include dates, volumes, weather conditions and a nutrient management plan for the lands on which the slurry was spread. These records shall be available for inspection by the agency at all times.
- 6. The requirements of the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2009 shall be complied with at all times by the licensee.

7. Only clean / uncontaminated water to be discharged to any drain or watercourse.

John Gavin,

Senior Executive Engineer,

**Environmental Protection.**