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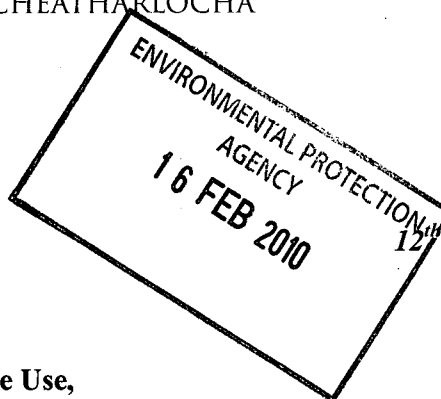
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12th February 2010

Ms. Eve O'Sullivan,
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Environmental Protection Agency,
Headquarters P.O. Box 3000,
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County Wexford

Re- Notification of Proposed Determination on I.P.P.C. Licence Application
Ballon Meats Ltd, Ballon Meats, Raheen Ballon, County Carlow

Dear Eve,

Further to your letter dated 27th January 2010 in relation to the above matter, Carlow County Council requests that an assimilative capacity study be carried out on the receiving water so that the likely impact of the factory discharge can be assessed. This study should bear in mind the following:

- The standards required by the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 for the Good/Moderate boundary. This river catchment is classed as *Poor Status* and is required to achieve *Good Status* under the Framework Directive
- The flows in the receiving water
- The flow from the factory
- The emission limits for the factory discharge from the wetlands to the receiving water
- The additional impact of Ballon WWTW

Carlow County Council also requests that the Agency include emission limits in the IPPC licence for the final discharge from the wetlands to the receiving water. The absence of specified standards will make it difficult to enforce standards and to achieve the requirements of the Framework Directive.

The Agency is requested to take account of the existing river monitoring results upstream of Ballon Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) which identify a problem in this river. In addition the Agency is requested to examine the emission limit standards from the secondary treatment plant in the light of the granted authorisation for Ballon WWTW. The emission limits for Ballon WWTW are lower than the proposed Ballon Meats limits.

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Carlow County Council identifies a number of amendments to the following conditions:

Condition 6.16 should be modified to include "noise levels at the facility shall be managed in accordance with the Agency document Guidance Note for Noise in relation to Scheduled Activities"

Condition 8.15 should also require that the disposal of other animal wastes, in addition to blood, should be included in the Management Plan and that this will include an annual register of disposal routes.

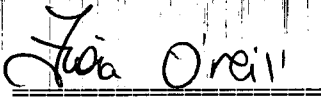
The secondary treatment plant to be installed shall include the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1774/2002, Annex 2, Chapter 10. This requires pre-treatment process for the collection of animal material.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter please contact:

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Yours Sincerely,



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