

30th September 2010

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Ann Kehoe, Environmental Licensing Unit, Programme of Licensing & Guidance, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford

Dear Sir,

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Re: KTK Landfill

Further to your correspondence of the 22nd September 2010 please find enclosed Sanitary Authority Consent Conditions for the Review of Waste License W0081-04 for KTK Landfill Ltd, Brownstown & Carnalway, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare for your approval.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Environment Section on 045 980588.

Yours Sincerely,

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Senior Executive Officer.



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ENVIRONMENT SECTION

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22 September 2010

Reg No: W0081-04

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to advise you that the Agency has initiated a review of a Waste Licence held by by KTK Landfill Limited on 31/08/10, for a facility located at KTK Landfill Limited, Brownstown and Carnalway, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

I enclose copy documents between Kildare County Council, The EPA OEE office and the Licensee KTK which detail discharges.

The provisions of Section 52 of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010, provides that the Agency shall obtain the consent of the sandary authority to the discharge from an activity which involves the discharge of trade of the fluent or other matter (other than domestic sewage or storm water), to a sewer ested in or controlled by a sanitary authority.

In order to expedite the Agency's consideration of this waste licence review, I am to request your authority's consent to the discharges. It should be noted that, your authority's consent may be subject to such conditions as your authority considers appropriate as provided for in Section 52 of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010 and Section 99E(3) of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts, 1992 and 2007. Your attention is drawn to paragraphs (3) and (4) of the attached copy of the relevant section of the Act. For your convenience please find attached a reply form including a list of draft conditions compiled by the Agency.

In accordance with paragraph (2) of this section of the Act, you are requested to forward your response within 5 weeks of the date of this letter. Please note that any decision given after the expiry period shall be invalid and in those circumstances the Agency may proceed to determine the application concerned as if consent was obtained. Brian Meaney is dealing with this matter and can be contacted at the Licensing Unit, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use Wexford (Tel. No. 053-9160600), if you have any queries. KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL RECEIVED

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely, Augue

Ann Kehoe

Programme Officer

Environmental Licensing Unit

Section 99E (3) & (4) of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts, 1992 and 2007

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a consent under subsection (1) may be granted subject to or without conditions and if it is granted subject to conditions the Agency shall include in the licence or revised licence concerned conditions corresponding to them or, as the Agency may think appropriate, conditions more strict than them.
- (4) The conditions that may be attached to a consent by a sanitary authority under this section are the following and no other conditions, namely conditions-
 - (a) relating to-
 - (i) the nature, composition, temperature, volume, level, rate, and location of the discharge concerned and the period during which the discharge may, or may not, be made,
 - (ii) the provision, operation, maintenance and supervision of meters, gauges, manholes, inspection chambers and other apparatus and other means for monitoring the nature, extent and effect of emissions.
 - (iii) the taking and analysis of samples, the keeping of records and furnishing of information to the sanitary authority.
 - (b) providing for the payment by the licensee to the sanitary authority concerned of such amount or amounts as may be determined by the sanitary authority having regard to the expenditure incurred or to be incurred by it in monitoring, treating and disposing of discharges of trade effluent, sewage effluent and other matter to sewers in its functional area or a specified part of its functional area,
 - (c) specifying a date not later than which any conditions attached under this section shall be complied with.
 - (d) relating to, providing for or specifying such other matter as may be prescribed.

SANITARY AUTHORITY RESPONSE re: SECTION 52 OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS, 1996 to 2010

Name & Address of Sanitary Authority: Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park,

Naas, County Kildare, FAO: Mr Des Page, Director of

Services, Corporate Services & Environment.

Waste Reg. No.

W0081-04

Waste Facility:

KTK Landfill Limited, Brownstown and Carnalway,

Kilcullen, Co. Kildare,

Waste Licence Applicant:

KTK Landfill Limited

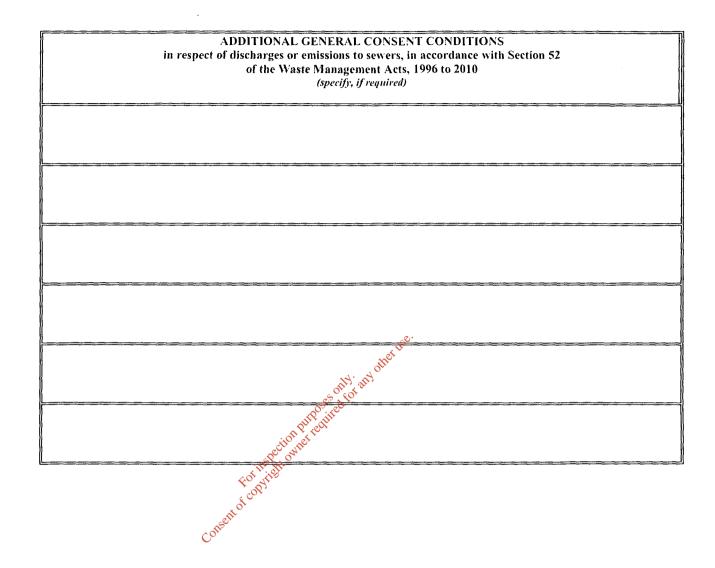
Consent:

Indicate Yes to one of the following statements:

Consent granted subject to the consent conditions outlined below	YES
Consent granted without conditions	
Consent refused Note 1	

Note 1 Where it is proposed to refuse permission the reasons for the refusal should be clearly outlined in the response.

	GENERAL CONSENT CONDITIONS	Condition to be included (Yes/No)
1.	No specified emission from the installation shall exceed the emission limit value set out in <i>Schedule B: Emissions Limits to Sewer</i> . There shall be no other emission to sewer of environmental significance.	YES
2.	The licensee shall carry out such sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, maintenance and calibrations as out in <i>Schedule C</i> .	YES
3.	Monitoring and analytical equipment shall be operated and maintained as necessary so that monitoring accurately reflects the discharge or emission.	YES
4.	The licensee shall permit authorised persons of the Agency and the Sanitary Authority to inspect, examine and test, at all reasonable times, any works and apparatus installed, in connection with the process effluent, and to take samples of the process effluent.	YES
5.	All automatic monitors and samplers shall be functioning at all times (except during maintenance and calibration) when the activity is being carried on unless alternative sampling or monitoring has been agreed in writing by the Agency for a limited period. In the event of the malfunction of any continuous monitor, the licensee shall contact the Agency as soon as practicable, and alternative sampling and monitoring facilities shall be put in place. Prior written agreement for the use of alternative equipment, other than in emergency situations, shall be obtained from the Agency.	YES
6.	The licensee shall record all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence.	YE5
7.	The licensee shall provide safe and permanent access to all on-site sampling and monitoring points and to off-site points as required by the Agency.	YES
8.	The licensee shall at no time discharge or permit to be discharged into the sewer any liquid matter or thing which is or may be liable to set or congeal at average sewer temperature or is capable of giving off any inflammable or explosive gas or any acid, alkali or other substance in sufficient concentration to cause corrosion to sewer pipes, penstock and sewer fittings or the general integrity of the sewer.	YES
9.	In the event of any incident which relates to discharges to sewer, having taken place, the licensee shall notify the Agency, Local Authority and Sanitary Authority as soon as practicable after the incident.	YES



Limit Values for Process Effluent to Sewer

Schedule B: Emission Limits

Waste licence application Register No. W0081-04		
Emission Point Reference No:		
Emission to (sewer description): Four Sewer	ER	
Volume to be emitted: Maximum in any one day:	150	m^3
Maximum rate per hour:		

Parameter (delete parameters which are not applicable)	Emission Limit Value	
	Daily Mean Concentration (mg/l)	Daily Mean Loading (kg/day)
BOD	250 dier	@ 0
COD	.4. 4	75
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TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON	300	
CHLORIDE (ASCL)	3000	
AMMONIA (AS N)	5	
NITRATE (ASN)	1000	
ORTHOPHOSPHATE (ASP)	20	

Frequency of Monitoring Process Effluent to Sewer

Schedule C

Waste Licence	application	Register N	o. <u>W0081-04</u>
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Emission Point Reference No:

Parameter (delete parameters which are not applicable)	Monitoring Frequency (e.g. monthly, quarterly, annually)	Sampling Type (grab, composite)
Flow to sewer	DAILY	
Temperature	DAILY	
η	QUARTERLY	
BOD	~ (COMPOSITE
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SANITARY AUTHORIT	Y CHARGES
Charge per cubic metre of process effluent (per s52 of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010)	€0.75 / cubic metro
Payment Frequency	2 x yearly
Annual Monitoring Costs	N(A,

Signed on behalf of Kildare County Council		
	Date	

Damien Masterson

From:

Damien Masterson

Sent: To: 03 June 2010 11:50 ainolan@kildarecoco.ie

Attachments:

Discharge Limits.pdf

Ailish,

Discharge limits set out in KTK Landfill proposal as discussed. Hope this is of some assistance.

Regards Damien

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3.0 SEWER DISCHARGE

3.1 Discharge Limits

Greenstar has been advised by Kildare County Council of the discharge limits for effluents discharged to the sewer. These limits are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Sewer discharge limits

Parameter	Emission Limit Value	
рН	6.0 - 9.0	
	mg/L	kg/day
BOD ₅	200-250	20
COD	750	75
Suspended Solids	200-300	TBC
Total Organic Carbon	300 . and other	TBC
Chloride (as CI)	2000	TBC
Ammonia (as N)	OR PATECHIS	TEC
Nitrate (as N)	inspectation 1000	TBC
Orthophosphate (as P)	200-300 200-300 300 300 20000 Lind offer use 20000 Lind offer use 1000 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20	TBC

Note: The discharge limits detailed in Table 2 were confirmed after the installation of the first Reverse Osmosis treatment unit.

Kildare County Council has further indicated that they are prepared to accept treated effluent at a maximum hourly flow rate of 6.5m³ and a maximum daily flow of 150m³.

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The leachate treatment plant will remain in operation, albeit at decreasing throughputs, for the length of the aftercare period and until testing confirms that the landfill has stabilised.

Once the plant has become redundant, the treatment plant and associated infrastructure will be decommissioned in accordance with the approved CRAMP for the site.



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18th June 2010

Environment Section AN/GK

Ms Grainne Oglesby

Office of Licensing & Guidance

EPA

Box No. 3000

Johnstown Castle Estate

Co. Wexford

Re: KTK Landfill

Dear Ms Oglesby

I wish to inform you that the Environment and Water Services Sections of Kildare County Council, have no objection to KTK Landfill Ltd increasing the discharge of treated leachate from 55m3/day to 150m3/day from their facility to Kildare County Council's foul sewer.

The limits included on their I.P.P.C. licence shall be:

Volume to be emitted

ida du 150m3/day

B.O.D.

C.O.D

Suspended Solids

Total Organic Carbon

Chloride (as C1)

Ammonia (as N)

Nitrate (as N)

Orthophosphate (as P)

6.5m3/hour

250mg/l and 20 kg B.O.D./day

750mg/1 and 75kg C.O.D /day

300mg/l

300mg/l

2000mg/l

5mg/l

1000mg/l

20mg/l

If you require any further information please contact Alish Nolan on 045 980588.

Yours Sincerely

Pl Liam Dunne

Senior Executive Officer



Mr. Michael Bergin Landfill Operations Manager KTK Landfill Limited Brownstown & Carnalway Kilcullen Co. Kildare

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28th May 2010

Our Ref: W0081-03/ap13dm

RE: Leachate Treatment

Dear Mr. Bergin

I refer to your proposal for Specified Engineering Works dated 16/04/2010 and received by the Agency on 20/04/2010 in relation to the installation of additional leachate management infrastructure at KTK Landfill and to supplementary information dated 11/05/2010 and received by the Agency 12/05/2010.

The Agency notes that the proposal refers to increasing the capacity to treat landfill leachate using Reverse Osmosis (RO) Membrane treatment by installing a second three stage RO plant and requests approval to discharge up to a maximum of 150 m³ of methane stripped treated leachate per day to the public sewer system and ultimately the Kildare Co. Council's Osberstown Wastewater Treatment Plant subject to Emission Limit Values (ELV's) set by Kildare Co. Council. The combined capacity of the two RO package plants (80m³ {existing} and 100m³ {new}) will be 180m³ per day with an estimated 140m³ of methane stripped treated leachate being discharged to sewer and approximately 40m³ of retenate proposed to be recirculated to the landfill per day.

I am to advise you that the proposal is to the general satisfaction of the Agency subject to the following:

- 1. The direct discharge of treated leachate via the sewer connection at the site and complying with the ELV's and maximum hourly and daily flows set by Kildare Co. Council as outlined in Section 3 Sewer Discharge in your proposal.
- 2. The network of wells (GW208, GW75, GW41, GW79, GW100, GW224, GW86, GW187, GW197, GW128 and GW 231 as set out sin Figure RO 02/01 "Leachate and Concentrate Re-Infiltration System" shall be adapted as set out in Section 4.2.2 and dipped for leachate level as proposed. This should be done on a monthly basis for the first three months post this correspondence and quarterly thereafter. A separate report on the first months monitoring should be submitted to the Agency and shall include borehole drilling/constructions logs and appropriate cross-sections and schematics demonstrating their construction in relation to the base of the landfill and the landfill surface. A minimum of a weekly level measurement reading for leachate sumps LP1, LP3 and LP6 shall also be reported in the Quarterly Reports.



- 3. Samples of raw leachate, RO concentrate and treated leachate shall be taken and analysed quarterly and the results with interpretation and appropriate trending analysis shall be included in the Quarterly Environmental Monitoring reports as proposed. The parameters that shall be analysed quarterly are BOD, COD, Electrical Conductivity, pH, Chloride (as Cl) Ammoniacal Nitrogen (as N), Suspended Solids, Total Organic Carbon, Nitrate (as N) and Orthophosphate (as P). The other parameters listed in Schedule C2.1 Leachate Monitoring of the licence shall continue to be monitored annually.
- 4. Retenate from the RO Plant shall only be returned to areas of the landfill that are permanently capped. The quantities of retenate returned shall be metered and recorded and the zone to which the retenate has been returned shall also be noted and these records shall be retained on site for inspection by the Agency at all reasonable times.
- 5. Due to the storage of sulphuric acid and sodium hydroxide for pH adjustment, the procedure for emptying the leachate bund area shall be updated such that liquid is retained in the bund and is not allowed to recirculate directly to the landfill without first being tested for pH. Records emptying the bund and of pH testing of each batch of liquid re-circulated to the landfill shall be retained on site. Any batch found to have a pH of <6 or >9 shall be separately collection and removed off-site to an appropriate facility for separate disposal.
- 6. Failure to comply with details of your proposal or with the requirements of this approval may result in the Agency's withdrawal of this agreement. The performance and sustainability of this treatment approach will also be kept under review and the Agency reserves its right to withdraw its agreement it be considered necessary.

It should also be noted that all reports for submission to the EPA shall be certified accurate and representative by the facility manager or a nominated, suitably qualified and experienced deputy.

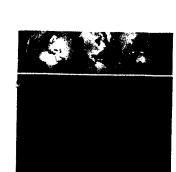
Please quote the above reference in future correspondence in relation to this matter. If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned at the number above.

Yours sincerely

Damien Masterson

Inspector

Office of Environmental Enforcement



PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIED ENGINEERING WORKS:
KTK LANDFILL, KILCULLEN, CO. KILDARE.
WASTE LICENCE W0081-03

Installation of Leachate Management Infrastructure

Submitted to:
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INTRODUCTION 1.0

1.1 Scope of Report

This document presents specified engineering works proposals for installation of additional leachate management infrastructure at the KTK Landfill Facility ('the site'), including preparatory works for the proposed infrastructure as required by Schedule D: Specified Engineering Works of Waste Licence Register W0081-03 ('the Waste Licence'). Specifically this document presents a proposal to increase the onsite leachate treatment capacity to 180m³ per day by the installation of an additional Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment unit and associated auxiliary works.

The proposals presented in this document have been prepared by Golder Associates Ireland Ltd. (Golder) and Greenstar Ltd, to fulfil the requirements of Conditions 3.15, 5.5 & 6.13 of the Waste Licence.

1.2 **Specified Engineering Works**

Condition 3.6.1 of the licence states "The licensee shall submit proposals for any Specified Engineering Works, as defined in Schedule D: Specified Engineering Works, of this licence, to the Agency for its agreement at least two months prior to the intended date of commencement of any such works. No such works shall be carried out without the prior agreement of the Agency".

Table 1 describes the specified engineering works addressed in this document:

Table 1: Specified Engineering Works andressed in this document Schedule D Reference

Installation of leachate management infrastructure

Works Addressed in this Document

Proposals for the installation of an additional package leachate treatment plant, increased discharge of treated effluent to the public sewer system to Osberstown WWTP and re-infiltration of concentrate from leachate treatment to the waste mass

Greenstar has retained Golder to provide engineering consultancy services and to assist in the preparation of the Specified Engineering Works Proposal.



2.0 LEACHATE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1 Existing Regime

In October 2009, KTK Landfill successfully commissioned a 3-stage Reverse Osmosis treatment unit onsite adding to the existing leachate management infrastructure of the site, which previously consisted of recirculation into the landfill and/or tankering off-site for disposal at a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) approved by the Agency.

The current leachate infrastructure system in place includes

- 1) Conventional cell collection and extraction system comprising of:
 - The leachate drainage blanket which facilitates the flow of leachate to a sump at the low point of each phase of landfill development;
 - Side-slope risers which deliver the leachate by level-controlled electric pumps to a holding tank;
 and
 - c) 80m³ glass lined holding tank in bunded concentrate leachate management area.
- 2) Leachate re-circulation system comprising of a series of dedicated soakaways strategically positioned within the waste body to maximise waste degradation and facilitate landfill gas production for power generation;
- 3) Tankering discharge point from storage tank to enable removal by road tanker and transport to an EPA-approved WWTP for final treatment and disposal;
- 4) 80m³ per day Package 3-stage Reverse Osmosis treatment plant, methane stripping tanks and fully enclosed concentrate holding tanks and
- 5) Outfall sewer connection to Osberstown WWTP.

2.2 Sewer Connection

A rising main sewer connection has been constructed at the site during previous development works. This sewer connection is currently being used to discharge treated leachate from the existing reverse osmosis unit on site. Details of the rising main infrastructure are shown on Drawing No. RO2 01.

The rising main connects to the local sewer system at the junction of the main regional road (R448). This is a connection that is also being used by Kildare County Council's Silliot Hill Landfill for the disposal of leachate. From there the sewer main feeds by gravity to a pumping station at the Link Business Park in Kilcullen, and then on to Osberstown WWTP.

It is intended that the additional reverse osmosis unit will produce an effluent consistent with the effluent currently being discharged to the sewer. Discussions to date with Kildare County Council have indicated that Kildare County Council will accept the increased volume of suitably pre-treated effluent at the Osberstown WWTP subject to the approval of the EPA. The combined total volume to be discharged is estimated at up to 140m³ per day, or 51,000m³ a year based on 100% treatment capacity utilisation.



2.3 CRAMP Consideration

Implementation of the Closure, Restoration, Aftercare & Management Plan (CRAMP) for KTK commenced in October 2008. The closure and restoration phase of the landfill allows for the final profiling and emplacement of an approved engineered cap with associated gas and leachate management infrastructure over a period of approximately 3 years. To date approximately, 50,000 m² of capping liner has been placed, accounting for 30% of the final capping in place.

On completion of the engineered cap, the leachate generating potential of the landfill will decrease substantially. However, leachate will continue to be generated through biodegradation, the removal of residual moisture in the landfill at the time of closure, as well as possible infiltration as allowed for within the Landfill Design Manual. Consequently there will be a requirement to manage leachate within the site during the aftercare period.

Installation of the additional Reverse Osmosis treatment plant will increase the capacity of the site to deal with leachate produced during this period and the aftercare period in a more sustainable, efficient and cost-effective manner. Leachate and concentrate would also continue to be re-circulated to the waste mass via a series of infiltration soakaways to ensure the continued degradation and stabilisation of the waste and encourage landfill gas production.

Increasing the on-site treatment capacity, with treated effluent being disposed under licence to the public sewer, would build on the benefits of the existing Reverse Osmosis unit, i.e.

- 1) Greater achievement of BAT for and fill leachate management;
- Ensure that the number of traffic movements to and from the site during this period would be further reduced and minimised; and
- 3) Cause the minimal possible strain on the public waste water treatment infrastructure, due to the high quality of the effluent discharged to sewer.





3.0 SEWER DISCHARGE

3.1 Discharge Limits

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Orthophosphate (as P)	For yill	ТВС

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3.2 Decommissioning

The leachate treatment plant will remain in operation, albeit at decreasing throughputs, for the length of the aftercare period and until testing confirms that the landfill has stabilised.

Once the plant has become redundant, the treatment plant and associated infrastructure will be decommissioned in accordance with the approved CRAMP for the site.



4.0 PROPOSED SYSTEM

4.1 Additional Unit

It is proposed to install an additional package leachate treatment plant at the site which would increase the overall capability to treat leachate and discharge a high quality treated effluent to the public sewerage system. The combined treatment capacity will be $180 \, \mathrm{m}^3$ of leachate per day, with approximately $140 \, \mathrm{m}^3$ of treated effluent being discharged to the sewer and $40 \, \mathrm{m}^3$ of concentrate being re-circulated to the landfill. Standard leachate re-circulation to the waste body, or removal to an approved treatment facility by road tanker, will also occur as required.

The additional unit, which is housed in an environmentally controlled container, will be placed beside the existing unit within the bunded leachate management area. The existing methane stripping tank arrangement will be discontinued and replaced by the existing concrete aeration tank. Treated effluent from the RO units will be pumped to the concrete aeration tank, and flow back under gravity to a holding tank prior to discharge to the sewer system. A complete layout drawing of the proposed unit and auxiliary supports are presented on Drawing RO2 02.

4.2 Concentrate Management

It is anticipated that the combined volume of concentrate produced will be approximately 40m³ per day or 13,000m³ per annum. It is proposed that this will be re-circulated into the waste body through a series of recirculation soakaways installed in the waste mass.

4.2.1 Production of Concentrate

As with all leachate and waste water treatment systems, Reverse Osmosis units produce a by-product that has to be managed. The "concentrate" that is produced by the Reverse Osmosis system is, in essence, a mixture of the contaminants that have been retained within the membranes. The concentrate is normally approximately 3-4 times the strength of the typical leachate feed that has been passed through the system, and is similar in physical characteristics in that it is a free-flowing opaque liquid expected to have a TSS in the range of 30-180 mg/L (based on results of monitoring at the facility over the last number of months). This is consistent with what is regularly recorded for leachate at KTK landfill and other landfill facilities.

In the case of Reverse Osmosis, contaminants that are captured in the membranes are periodically and automatically removed by an internal backwash system. This process ensures the continued maximum operational efficiency of the system and minimal downtime.

4.2.2 Re-Infiltration of Concentrate – Proposed Management System

It is proposed to re-circulate the concentrate into the waste body through a series of recirculation line/trenches and soakaways installed throughout the waste body. These can be used in alternation as required. This process follows exactly the same procedure as commonly utilised for leachate re-circulation systems and ensures that the degradation, and ultimately stabilisation, of waste below the cap is maximised along with landfill gas production for power utilisation.





KTK has installed a network of leachate re-infiltration line/trenches in the waste body during the filling phase. Furthermore during the capping phase, KTK has installed 4 soakaways below the current capped area.

As the emplacement of the final engineered cap progresses, leachate generation will diminish, which will result in the waste effectively drying out which in turn, would adversely affect the bioreactor action of the landfill. It is important to introduce liquid into the waste to allow the inherent anaerobic bioreactor action to continue within the landfill and to ensure stabilisation of the waste body in the shortest possible time whilst maximising the gas-producing (and hence green-energy production) potential of the site.

The re-infiltration of the concentrate obtained from Reverse Osmosis treatment is a process that is commonly utilised at landfills on continental Europe that employ similar treatment systems. To minimise any risk associated with the re-infiltration process, and to comply with best practice procedures with relation to accelerated stabilisation of the waste mass, KTK Landfill is proposing to re-circulate through existing leachate re-infiltration line/trenches and soakaways. This will be managed and monitored at the facility as follows:

- Individual line trenches and soakaways will be utilised on a rotating basis by way of an automated control system minimising the potential build-up of concentrate in an individual area. Details of the locations and their performance will also be recorded;
- Where concentrate is re-infiltrated above the top of lined embankment level, it will only be carried out in areas where final permanent capping has been completed;
- KTK has identified a number of gas wells located in the leachate re-infiltration zones. These wells will be adapted to enable regular dipping, which will occur on a quarterly basis, and the results included in the quarterly monitoring reports submitted to the Agency. Wells identified for the purposes of dipping are GW41, GW75, GW79, GW86, GW100, GW128, GW187, GW197, GW208, GW224 and GW231. These are presented on Drawing No. RO2 01;
- Samples of raw leachate will be taken quarterly (from the side slope risers) for independent analysis, with the concentrations of the main parameters plotted to show any changes in leachate quality.

In the event that long term negative effects on leachate quality are recorded, re-infiltration of concentrate will be suspended and a contingency plan for management of the concentrate will be agreed with the Agency.

5.0 LEACHATE QUALITY INFORMATION

Monitoring of leachate quality at KTK Landfill has been carried out in accordance with Waste Licence conditions since the operation of the facility commenced. Results of this monitoring are submitted to the Agency at regular intervals with annual summaries of the monitoring provided as part of the annual AER submission.

A review of this information as presented in SEW "Specified Engineering works: Installation of Leachate Management Infrastructure KTK Landfill Kilcullen, Co. Kildare", submitted in June 2009, demonstrated that during 2002 to 2009, when leachate recirculation occurred at KTK, it had no measurable effect on leachate quality at the site. It was also demonstrated that the overall leachate quality at KTK is similar to that of other landfill sites where no re-circulation has taken place. There is no expectation that re-circulation of RO concentrate would affect long term leachate quality, but this will be monitored on a quarterly basis and in the unlikely event that leachate quality changes, contingency plans agreed with the Agency would be implemented.





6.0 PREPARATORY WORKS

Prior to the installation of the proposed additional leachate treatment system, there will be a need for some preparatory works at the site. These include:

- Construction of suitable level footings for the treatment unit within the current management area;
- Upgrade of existing power supply at the leachate management area by suitably qualified mechanical & electrical contractor;
- Installation of additional pipe work to enable feeding of the concrete aeration tank for stripping of methane prior to sewer discharge and
- Installation of additional concentrate re-infiltration pipe work and valve arrangements.

In addition to the proposed works, KTK Landfill are moving towards bulk storage of sulphuric acid and caustic soda and away from the use of IBC storage systems at the RO unit. This will provide a totally enclosed system for handling these products, which are used to adjust incoming leachate pH from typically 7.6 to 7.2 and correct final permeate pH from typically 4.5 to 7. The move to bulk storage provides considerable operational and health and safety benefits. The two bulk storage tanks will be installed on site within the bunded leachate management area. Both tanks come with built in 110% bund capacity and a leak detection system.

Further details of the proposed preparatory works and location of these infrastructural items can be viewed on Drawings RO2 01, RO2 02 and RO2 03. A schematic of the proposed leachate management system is also presented on Drawing RO2 04.



7.0 STUDY LIMITATIONS

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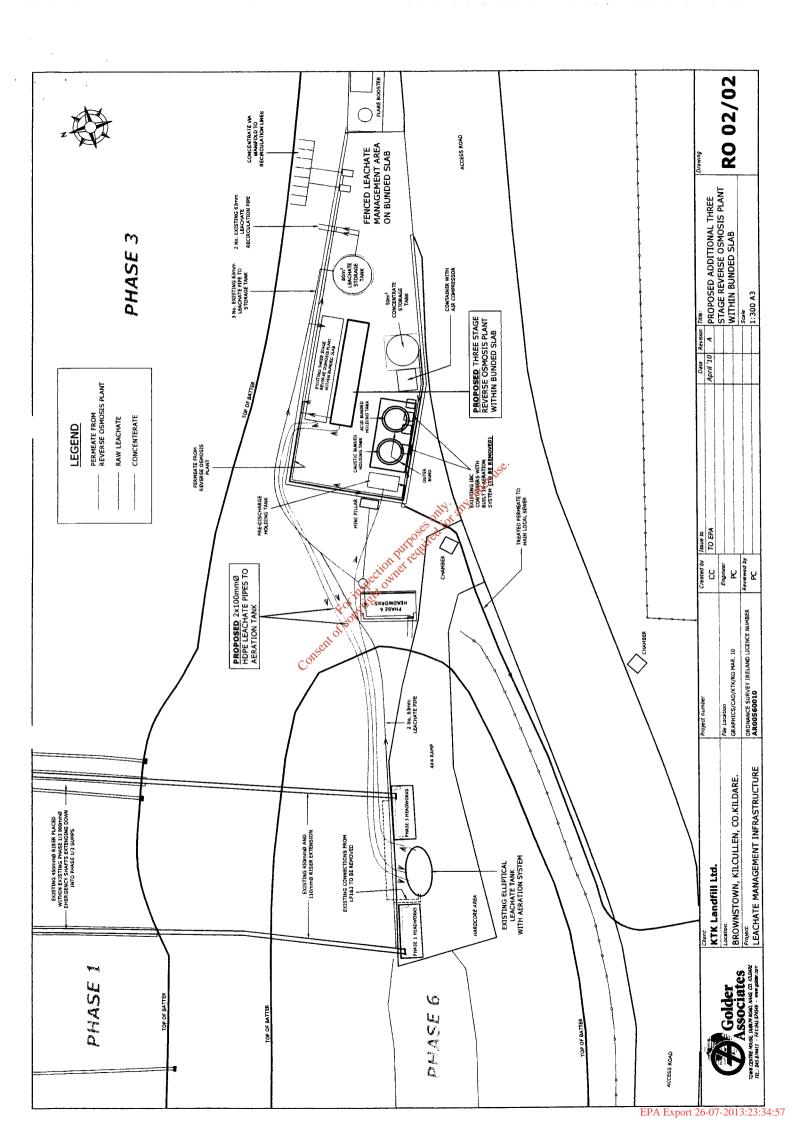


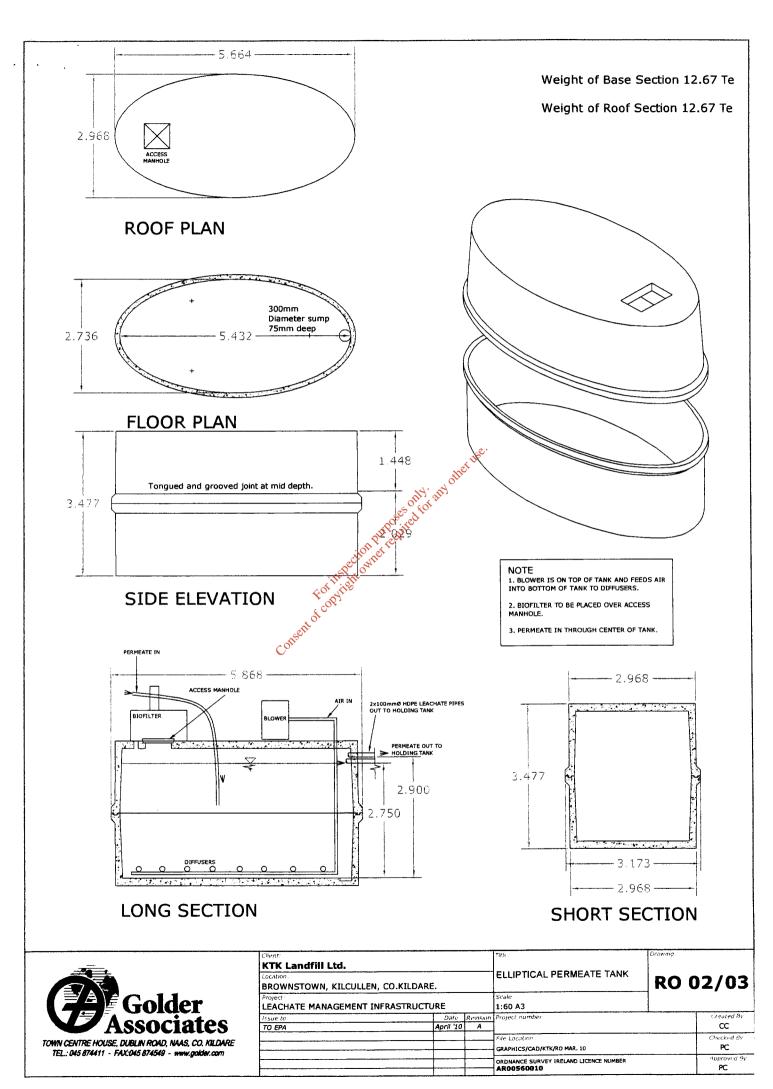


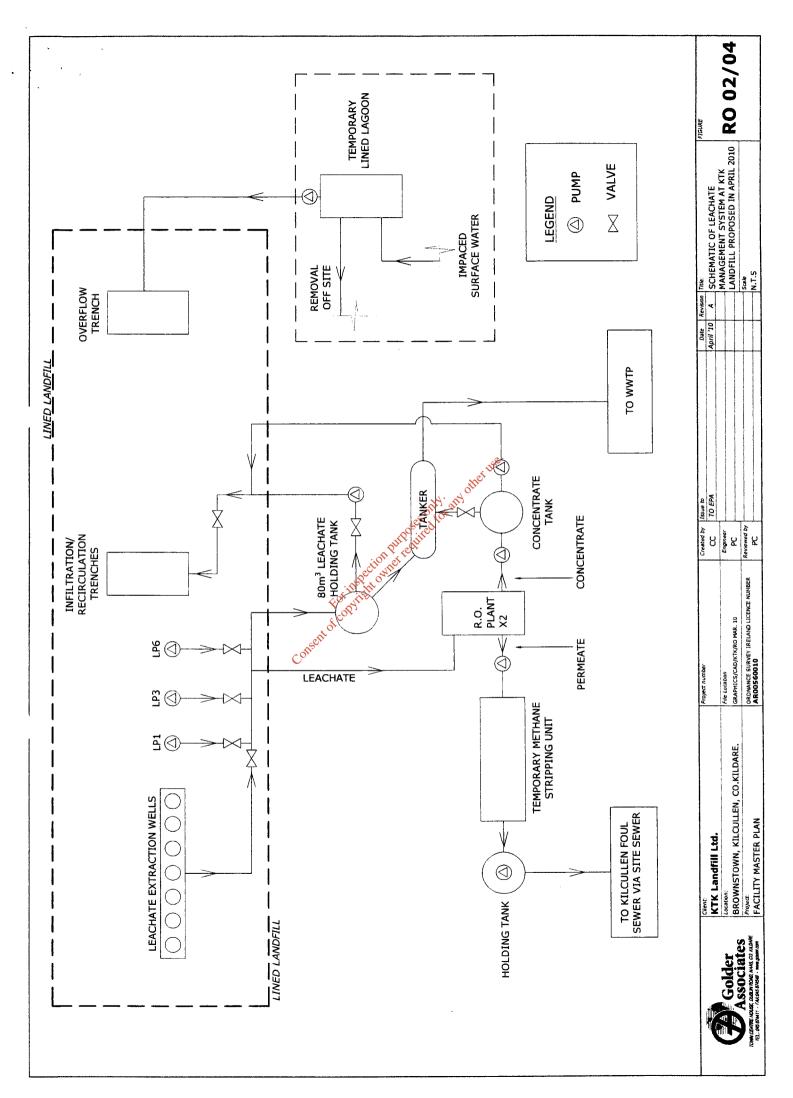
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