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**Subject:** FW: P0516-03 Boliden Tara Mines Limited

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From: Philip Cantwell [mailto:philcantwell@ireland.com]

Sent: 03 February 2011 04:09

To: Noeleen Keavey

Cc: mairead; concepteng2; celtsunited

Subject: Re: P0516-03 Boliden Tara Mines Limited

Dear Noeleen

Thank you (and Josephine Kennedy) for your email regarding P0516-03 Boliden Tara Mines application.

Its clarity is very helpful and is very much appreciated.

Thank you for cc the email to MEP Mairead McGuinness at my request.

I read on the bottom of your email that your Office/brief includes Climate, which makes our concerns about this 250 Ha toxic dump approx 3 kilometers upstream of Navan, more relevant in 2011.

This is not just a Navan issue, nor a Meath issue, but an all Ireland/National/EU Environmental issue with potentially very serious long term consequences in the event of a dam failure and with 35 million tons of the most toxic waste including heavy metals coupled with deadly process chemicals, the devastation we witnessed in Hungary a few months ago could be repeated in Meath many times over if the dam/berm were to fail and the possible loss of life to the town of Navan and its residents depending on the time of failure could be catastrophic. And just as the Danube was polluted from the dam breach in Hungary, the pollution of the Blackwater and Boyne could be the nightmare because of the thousands who rely on the Boyne for their potable water.

Incidentally, in the Consultants Report on the Probabilistic Risk Assessment (of the dam failure in Navan) and reference in the report to "Monte-Carlo" simulation technique/scenarios/uncertainties is disturbing, especially when we are using the probabilities of winning on the roulette table with the probabilities of the dam failure and the possibility of deaths (of hundreds) of people

As a very concerned public representative, I believe the the "Precautionary Principle" should certainly apply here! Again, thank you both for email.

I and no doubt others will be making a submission in due course in relation to Boliden Tara Mines.

Kind regards

Phillip Cantwell

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From: "Noeleen Keavey" <n.keavey@epa.ie>

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Subject: P0516-03 Boliden Tara Mines Limited

Dear Phil

I understand from my colleague, Josephine Kennedy, that you were querying the Proposed Determination date of the above application.

The Agency received an application from Boliden Tara Mines Limited on 19 November 2010 to review their existing licence (which is available to view on the Agency's website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)). The application is currently under assessment by an Inspector of the Agency and a Section 90 issued to the applicant on 20 January 2011 requesting clarifications/further information on the information received on 19 November 2010 (also available to view on our website). Until such time as this information is submitted no date will be set for a Proposed Determination to issue.

Under legislation, the Agency may issue a number of Section 90 requests until it is satisfied it has all the necessary information required to draft the Proposed Determination. This in turn will extend the date by which a Proposed Determination should issue. The Agency may also request time extensions from the applicant to give further consideration to the information submitted.

Therefore until such time as the Agency has acknowledged the application as in compliance with Section 90 of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 to 2007, no date can be given as to when the Proposed Determination will issue.

The Agency advises that you regularly check the status of the application on our website <http://www.epa.ie/terminalfour/ippc/index.jsp> using the above reference number.

I trust this is of some assistance to you.

Kind Regards

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