

Poolboy Community Development Council

Mr Frank Clinton,

Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource use

EPA Headquarters

Johnstown Castle Estate

Co. Wexford

March 18th, 2011

Dear Mr Clinton,

Due to unprecedented work pressures, I on behalf of Poolboy Community Development Council did not have the opportunity to make a commentary on the submissions of the other parties for the due date March 7th nor did I have a chance to lodge an objection to the notice of revocation of the current IPPC license required by March 11th. I believe that you have received adequate input from our organisation from other submissions that can be utilised on these two issues.

Understandably any comments I state now, are probably not admissible as they have been received after these respective dates. I would appreciate the opportunity to clarify points that have been directed towards me (representing the organisation) and the organisation by the applicant who is vigorously attempting to discredit our genuine claims deeming them unsubstantiated and unfair.

- 1) The complaints procedure is flawed, on one particular day on contacting the company, several complaints had to be logged, as the noxious odours continued for hours, and the so called technical staff were unable to remediate the issue. The reference numbers given were not sequential, which undermines the entire recording procedure.
- 2) The reference to "hallucinating" is in the context of the repeated letters sent by the applicant's Safety Officer, who continually reassures the objectors that all systems were working correctly on the date of the objection. No apology or acknowledgement of actual noxious odours is ever admitted. (Essentially the objector feels this was a pointless exercise and consequently will fail to contact the plant when further breaches occur)
- 3) In relation to the combined submissions of individual residents dated February 22nd I would like to state three things a) They are not admissible as they have been received following February 2nd, the deadline for submissions.

b) They form an addendum to the commentary of the applicant on our submission, who essentially prepared these. Please remove these from "3rd Party" to "Applicant documents" on the website.

c) These individuals are a connected party to the applicant. One submission is from an individual who works indirectly for the company. Others are friends or relatives to this individual emphasising the underlying comment "jobs are at stake".

I understand jobs are at stake, however, the onus is on the applicant who is ultimately responsible for operating a business that complies with all current health and safety and environmental legislation to ensure the area is a safe & healthy place to live & work.

- 4) Finally, in recent weeks the applicant has pursued an unfair campaign against the Ballinasloe Town Council, by way of a petition, indicating that they are responsible if jobs are lost at the facility. This occurred following an over enthusiastic response by certain councillors, that the EPA had intended not to renew the license and also intended to revoke the current license. Remember, OneBio require an IPPC license to proceed, and they could have piggybacked on the Premier Protein License. As I mentioned earlier, the outburst of enthusiasm reflected the "killing of two birds with one stone" as it was the elimination of two pivotal cases before them.

Poolboy Community Development Council is not a connected party, and is an umbrella group representing several residential areas. Of the three largest issues that have been raised by the committee over the past two years, Premier Proteins and OneBio (Its sister entity) are the top two, where grievances have been continuously raised. With the high number of complaints recorded by the EPA and the unrecorded by the applicant, the credibility of our organisation should not be questioned.

We appreciate your continued efforts in providing an open forum for discussion and I hope this provides you with the impartial advice you require in your decision making process.

Yours Sincerely

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Chairperson

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