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The Environmental Protection
Agency
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CORK

To The IPPC Licensing division:
Re : License no: P0395-02/03 Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Askeaton.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wrote to you on the 21st September 2011 with a submission to you on the review of the IPPC License of this operation.

I wish to make an official complaint that the noise from the factory was so loud and so disturbing on the night of the 2nd of September 2011 at 01:40am that I had to leave my home in desperation and check into a bed and breakfast in order to get some relief and sleep.

Again on Monday night the 3rd /4th of October 2011 the noise was horrendous. However this time I had a cow calving and was trapped having to endure the noise as I could not leave her.

I made the factory management aware of this and I am very unsatisfied with the fact that the factory continues to emit such disturbing noise and does nothing to stop it at source.

I had some independent monitoring carried out in order to gain an indication of the levels and nature of noise coming from the plant. The indications are that the general noise at night does rise at times above the 45dB they are restricted to in their license and that for more significantly there is a tonal component to the noise and that certain frequencies are well above 10 dB above the general noise, which I understand is not permitted.

I have informed the company that each and every time I find the noise from the plant surpasses tolerable noise I will lodge an official complaint until such time as the factory fix the problem.

The management met me on two occasions recently, the last time with a noise consultant. However the proposals they made to me were more of an avoidance of efficient methods of identifying the source of the noise and addressing the problem than anything else.

I am aware that the standard EPA response to such complaints is to contact the factory being complained about and ask the factory to respond.

The factory does not run continuously at these excessive noise levels. The factory has noise level monitoring results which it will, more than likely submit to the EPA in order to back up its claims that it does not breach its permitted levels. However at no time have I been shown any monitoring carried out by the factory operatives during any episode where excessive noise was being emitted.

I respectfully suggest that the only way the agency will gain the true extent of the problem, which I have to face, is if it is willing to independently monitor the factory noise itself, without prior warning to the factory management, at times when the excessive noise is being emitted.

The noise is directly dependent on the rate at which specific operations within the process are carried out. This is controlled by the operators. If they have prior warning that monitoring is being carried out in order to detect excessive noise it is unreasonable to expect that the operators will not ensure

that the areas within the plant that can cause excessive noise are carefully controlled so as not to run at the rate where they cause a problem.

I therefore request that the agency uses its powers to ensure that this factory stops submitting me to this intolerable disruption to my quality of life.

Yours sincerely



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