



Objection No. 3

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TO IPPC LICENCING DIVISION EPA, WEXFORD

**RE: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DETERMINATION IPPC FOR TARA MINES
EXTENSION**

Application: **Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.**

Dear

Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to proposed determination and request an oral hearing (enclosed is fee).

The proposal to extend the IPPC licenced area at Liscartin and Rathaldron was subject to a parallel acidification granted by Meath County Council on 16 June 2010 **REF NA 901452**.

Since then, the European Court of Justice has found against Ireland in Case C 50-09 the first part of the case on the lack of Environmental Impact Assessment on consent applications. The implication of this judgement needs to be addressed with regard to this case.

The decision issued by Meath County Council was not based on an adequate assessment as required by the EIA Directive.

The same situation now applies to the proposed licence determination by the EPA

The proposed extension of extraction relies on the existing processing and tailings facilities which have been established over the last 30 years.

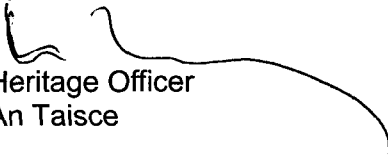
The proposed extension would generate 0.5 million tonnes of tailings, which would be pumped to the Randalstown Tailings Storage facility (TSF). The EIS states that the existing tailings have adequate capacity to accommodate this.

A tailings containment failed at the Boliden operated mine at Losfrailes, 45km from Seville in 1998.

Risk evaluation is required on the tailings facility to determine: its operational safety capacity to accommodate additional use potential impact of major concentrated rainfall events as occurred in Dublin in November 2011.

- It is noted that life of current mining proposal is projected to 2018. Evaluation is also required on appropriate tailings containment, site management and reinstatement proposal following cessation of mining.

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