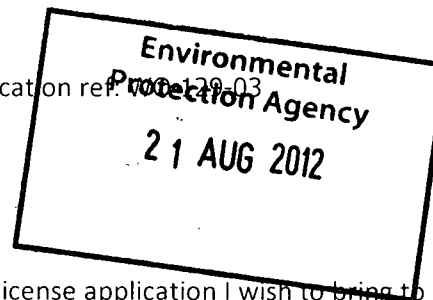


HOLLYWOOD and DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP

Subject: Letter of objection to MEHL License application ref. 129-03

Date: 21 August 2012

Dear Mr Meaney



In support of our objections to the above subject license application I wish to bring to your attention the following.

<http://www.environ.ie/en/PyriteReport/FileDownload.30735.en.pdf>

The above link is to the Report of the Pyrite Panel which was published by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government on 23rd July 2012.

I wish to bring to the attention of the EPA matters raised in the report that in our opinion support our request to have the application rejected.

1. Page 17 – it is stated that "of particular concern to the Panel is an area centred on North County Dublin/Fingal/Co. Meath."
2. Page 39 has a graph showing that over 600 pyrite related claims have been made to the main insurance providers by householders in Fingal which amounts to some 75% of the claims considered by the report.
3. Page 41 indicates that the rate of presentation of pyrite damage ranges between 2 and 9 years after construction but it may take up to 20 years for damage to become evident if international experience is applied.
4. Page 117 – compensation to householders from any future 'Resolution Board' should only be a measure of last resort where no other solution is possible.
5. Page 118 – reference to obligations of quarry owners under Sale of Goods Act 1980 to supply material that is fit for purpose and will not cause damage.
6. Page 130 - Murphy Concrete is included on the list of groups who declined invitations to meet with the Pyrite Panel. All other construction companies/ materials suppliers who were invited accepted their invitation to meet with the Panel.

As MEHL failed to inform the EPA of the potential contagion liabilities that their company is exposed to as a result of Pyrite claims, it is only prudent upon review of data we have provided to date that the application is rejected due to the financial uncertainty surrounding the applicant.

Regards,

John Shortt MBA, Cirm

For and on behalf of Hollywood & District Conservation group.