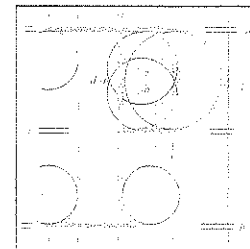


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Environmental Protection Agency,
P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate
Wexford
County Wexford.

7th January 2013

Re: Bellanaboy Gas Terminal, Bellanaboy Bridge, Bellagelly South, Bangor Erris, County Mayo.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to your letter dated the 28th November, 2012 requesting observations in relation to the above-mentioned application for an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Licence pursuant to the provisions of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012.

In respect of the Agency's request for observations, the Board, pursuant to section 5 (IE)(a) of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012, would wish to furnish the following observations in respect of the licence application and EIS which are before the Agency:

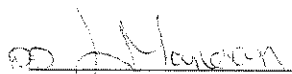
- * The licence application refers to the operation of a facility, the development of which was permitted by the Board under appeal reference number PL.16.207212. The application for that permission was accompanied by an EIS and the permission granted after the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment by the Board. The Inspector's report and the Board's order are available on the Board's website.
- * Several subsequent planning permissions amended the authorised facility. Two of these were granted by the Board under appeal reference numbers PL 16.229487 and PL 16.231952. Neither of these applications were accompanied by an EIS and they were not subject to fresh environmental impact assessments. The Inspector's reports and Board's orders pertaining to these permissions are available on the Board's website.
- * Other planning applications to amend the authorised facility were not appealed and grants of permission were made by Mayo County Council. In particular, the Council's decision to grant permission for amendments that include the discharge of water at the subsea manifolds 65 kilometres offshore under register reference number 10/633 was not appealed to the Board.
- * The Board has no further observations to make on the current licence application to the agency other than to note that the Board has not considered any planning applications to amend the authorised facility since the Agency issued a licence for it under reference number P0738-01.

I trust that the foregoing is of assistance to you.

If you have any further queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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