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Our Ref: Magh/CG/13

Re: Reg. No. P0930-01

Mr. Francis McCluskey, Drumully, Smithboro, Co. Monaghan

Dear Ms. Keavey,

With regard to the above application Inland Fisheries Ireland has the following observations:

Any disturbance of drainage channels as referred to on p. 16 of the EIS should be mitigated by the use of sediment traps, silt screens or straw bales as appropriate to prevent siltation or sedimentation of any watercourse downstream of the area of disturbance. Any in-stream works should take place in low water conditions during the period from 1 July to 30 September inclusive.

In respect to the bunding requirements as referred to in section 14.9 (p.21) of the EIS, we would advise that the applicant be compelled to adhere to the EPA's IPC Guidance Note on Storage and Transfer of Materials for Scheduled Activities. We would also request that a 250 litre spill kit for hydrocarbons be kept on site at all times. Maintenance and re-fuelling of plant and machinery should take place at a purpose built facility.

Land-spreading of waste materials should comply with the relevant directives and guidelines as outlined in section 15.3 (p.23) of the EIA. Land-spreading must also comply with the Good Agricultural Practices for the Protection of Waters Regulations, SI 610 of 2010, and the associated explanatory handbook published by the Department of Agriculture in January of 2013, particularly with respect to timing and buffer zones.

Monitoring of the storm water outflow to the perimeter drainage ditch is to be welcomed, however the parameters tested for should also, in our opinion, include Total Ammonia and Orthophosphate / Molybdate-Reactive Phosphorous.

Should you require further input or comments on any fisheries aspect of the proposed development please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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Fisheries Environmental Officer Upper Erne Fisheries District