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RE:

P0971-01	Martin and Mhairi Dempsey	Barnagurry, Kiltimagh, County Mayo.
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Dear Sir/Madam

The Planning Authority found;

Questions arose during the course of the application whether this operation required an EIA. Schedule 5 Part I of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2006 states that the EIA threshold for the intensive rearing of poultry is 85000 places for broilers, 60,000 places for hens. Part 2 of the regulations states that the EIA threshold for 'installations for intensive rearing of poultry not included in Part I of this schedule which would have more than 40,000 places for poultry'.

The applicant has clarified that the current capacity for the farm is for 70,000 broilers. Therefore having regard to the specific reference to broilers in Part I of the regulations and the referral in part 2 of the regulations to poultry not included in Part I it is considered that Part I of the regulations apply to the current application and that 70,000 broilers is under the 85,000 broilers threshold. Therefore this application does not require an EIA. This was discussed at length with the Senior Planner, Senior Executive Planner and Senior Scientist in Mayo County Council.

This is a perverse interoperation of the EIA directive.

Has this development commenced operation?

Yours faithfully

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