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Our Ref.: RB/COC EPA S87

16th June, 2020

Ms. Dorota Richards,
Environmental Licencing Programme,
Office of Environmental Sustainability,
EPA Headquarters,
PO Box 3000,
Johnston Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.

RE: Notification under Section 87 (IE)(a) of the EPA Act 1992, as Ammended.

Licence application Ref No. P0640-02

John Kiernan piggery planning permission Ref. 17/72

Dear Ms. Richards,

I refer to your letter dated the 30th November 2017.

A response to the information requested is set out as follows.

1) Planning Permission (Ref. No. 17/72) was granted for the following as applied for 'to demolish 7 existing pig houses and ancillary structures, construct 3 replacement pig houses together with all ancillary structures and to retain 1 Pig House (constructed in lieu of 1 pig house approved under planning Ref. 10/44) and 1 ancillary store together with all ancillary structures and all associated site works'. This also included the revision of stock numbers to c. 1,350 sows with all pigs moved off site at 18-20kg. The activity to which the licence relates appears to be permitted by the grant of this planning permission.

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- 2) An EIA was not carried out by Cavan County Council. A review of the planning application, which included the submision of an EIS by the applicant, was carried out by the Environmental Section and the Planning Authority. The planning application documents can be viewed by using this link http://www.cavancoco.ie/online-planning-search.htm
- 3) Observations are set out as follows.
- Licensing of facility: application details in relation to NMP, landbank (refers to the area of land on which landspreading of the organic fertiliser from the installation takes place) selection, protection of sensitive areas (such as ZOC for water supplies), WFD check (At Risk waterbodies) and associated checks and controls is unclear.
- Land bank details not available for viewing on EPA website or at Regional Offices.
 Landbank details are not included in AER's.
- The landbanks fall outside of the licence for the facility.
- If a pollution complaint arises from landspreading associated with material from a IAE such as a piggery, information is not readily available for a detailed investigation by the LA under GAP Regs.
- No mechanism in place to ensure society that complaints re odours, excess application
 rates or risks to waters arising from manures produced by a licensable activity
 associated landbanks can be dealt with satisfactorily.
- Effectiveness of check and control systems from source (licenced facility) to storage,
 transport and final disposal/recovery cannot be determined.

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• Landbank details no information available in EPA Reg offices.

Yours sincerely,

Colm O' Callaghan,
Environment Section

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