

## 17. CESSATION, DECOMMISSIONING AND POST CLOSURE CARE

### 17.1 General

The provisions, which will be put in place, to minimise the impact on the environment following the cessation of the activity and any post closure care are described in this chapter.

### 17.2 Decommissioning

The Ringaskiddy waste management facility has a projected life span of 20-30 years, though this may be extended through maintenance or the replacement of equipment. Should circumstances arise whereby it becomes necessary to shut down the facility, then Indaver Ireland will implement a decommissioning programme to ensure that any negative environmental impact is minimised. This programme will include:

- Removal of any chemicals or wastes stored on site. Any oils, lubricants or fuels that are on site at the time of closure will be recycled/disposed of through appropriate registered contractors.
- Plant, equipment and machinery will be emptied on ceasing operations, dismantled and stored under suitable conditions until sold, or if a suitable buyer cannot be located, recycled/disposed of through appropriate licensed waste disposal contractors.
- The plant buildings will be subject to thorough house cleaning procedures prior to final departure.
- The site and buildings will be left in a secure manner and appropriate security maintained on site in the event of the site potentially being vacant for an extended period of time.
- If the site is being permanently vacated it will be returned to its current agricultural use.
- There will be no asbestos used in the construction of the facility so its removal during decommissioning will not arise.

### 17.3 Post Closure Care

When the facility is decommissioned all materials will be removed from the facility. There will be no emissions from the facility after cessation of the activity. No post closure care management plan will be required.