Attachment L1 - Offences and Convictions

The applicant was convicted of offences under provisions of Section 39(1) Section 39(9) of the Waste Management Act 1996 for breaches under the Waste Licence Register No. 44-1. Licence 44-1 was issued in December 1999 and introduced a higher level of environmental management than was previously required and achieving full compliance required longer than was initially anticipated. Significant progress was made in 2000 but full compliance with the entire licence was not achieved during this year and the company was prosecuted in Dublin Metropolitan District Court No.54 on the 20th April 2001 for breaches of the conditions of the waste licence. The offences related to non-compliance issues with a few conditions of the waste licence and were generally of minor significance. It should be noted that the applicant was compliant with the vast majority of the licence conditions. The Company was fined by the court and paid the fine in full immediately.

The applicant is now fully compliant with its current waste licence 44-2 (for operations at the Thorntons Recycling Centre at Killeen Road, Dublin 10) and is presently upgrading its infrastructure, processes and systems to ensure future compliance on a permanent basis. This is clear evidence of the applicant's commitment to operate its waste licence in a fully compliant manner. The applicant has some 25 years experience in the waste business and is one of the major waste recycling operators in the country. In light of these facts, the applicant is deemed a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

