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21st November 2005

RE: Waste Acceptance and Operational Hours - Greenstar Ltd Millennium Business Park - Waste Licence No. 183-1

Dear Dr. Derham,

Greenstar Ltd. (Greenstar) was granted a Waste Licence for its proposed Materials Recovery (MRF) and Biowaste Treatment facility at Millennium Business Park, Grange, Ballycoolin, Dublin 11 on the 15th April 2004.

The MRF element is currently under construction and it is expected that it will be commissioned early in 2006. Conditions 1.6.1, 1.6.2 and 1.6.3 of the Waste Licence set the following waste acceptance and handling hours: -

- Wastes can only be accepted at the facility between the hours of 6.30am and 7.00pm Monday to Friday inclusive.
- Wastes can only be handled between the hours of 6.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Friday.
- Waste cannot be accepted on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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Greenstar considers that restriction on the periods of waste acceptance and handling put Greenstar at a commercial disadvantage and is unreasonable in the context of the site location.

The facility is located in the Millennium Business Park, which is zoned for industrial use. The area surrounding the business park has been intensively developed for industrial, commercial and mining uses, with the infrastructure in place for further development. Northwest Business Park occupies all the lands (on the western side of Cappagh Road) immediately west of Millennium Business Park. Much of this business park consists of industrial and commercial enterprises with some heavy industries. To the north and northeast of the facility is Huntstown quarry, with further quarrying to the south on the western side of Cappagh Road (Irish Asphalt).

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The nearest residence to the facility is located approximately 200 m to the south of the facility boundary on the eastern side of Cappagh Rd and off set from the road. There are two more residences 250 m and 350 m respectively from the site, further south on the western side of the Cappagh Rd. Further south again is the Stadium Business Park. There are no hotels or hostels, health buildings, educational establishments, places of worship or entertainment, or any other facility or area of high amenity within 500 m of the site.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the development, and which was submitted with the application for the Waste Licence, demonstrated that the facility operation will not, subject to the implementation of the appropriate mitigation measures, cause environmental pollution. These mitigation measures are incorporated into the facility design. All waste handling activities will be carried out in a fully enclosed building with fast acting doors installed to ensure complete containment of any potential nuisance.

Given the location of the facility, the licensed waste operations and the mitigation measures that will be implemented, Greenstar considers that there are no sound environmental reasons for limiting the hours and days of waste acceptance and handling. Therefore, while it is not envisaged that the facility will be fully operational 24 hours a day, Greenstar requests that Conditions 1.6.1, 1.6.2 and 1.63 be amended, under the provisions of Section 42 B of the Waste Managements Acts 1993 & 2003 to allow for the acceptance and handling of waste 24 hours/7days a week.

If you have any queries, or require any further information, please contact the undersigned at 021 - 4321521.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Mr. Micheal Geary, greenstar Ltd.,