Attachment A.1 Non Technical Summary

This attachment forms the Non Technical Summary for the review of waste management licence 197-1 for Wallace Recycling Ltd. The information in the Waste Licence Review Application Form and Attachments A-M is provided to comply with the requirements of Article 12 (1) (u) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations, S.I. 395 of 2004.

Wallace Recycling Ltd operates a waste transfer and recycling facility at existing licensed premises at Units 16-17 Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar Co Westmeath. In 2007 Michael Wallace completed the purchase of the 1 acre site which adjoins the original licensed area. This increased the overall size of the facility to 2 acres providing extra space for improved storage, new waste streams and additional car parking. A site plan (Drawing B.2(a)) and location map (Drawing B.2 (b)) is attached.

The following waste related processes are currently authorised:

- i. shredding, crushing, baling, repackaging processes,
- ii. C&D waste recovery (incl screening, sorting, blending),
- iii. Storage of waste,
- iv. Recovery of dry recyclables.

It is Wallace Recycling Ltd's intention apply for increased tonnage at the facility (from 50,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes per annum), to construct a dedicated shed for the depollution of end-of-life vehicles and become an authorised treatment facility, and to continue with the recovery of waste and inherent disposal as regulated by the EPA under Waste Licence 197-1.

Planning permission has been obtained for the waste transfer and recycling activities which are carried out on Units 16-17 of the site. Technical Amendment to waste Licence 197-01 was approved by the Agency in 2007 to allow the adjacent facility ie Units 14-15 to be used to store empty waste receptacles, containers of recyclables awaiting collection, containers of green waste, glass, white goods etc and for additional staff car parking. The use of this adjacent facility for the storage of skips, and vehicles improved overall capacity at the site and allowed better utilisation of the existing facility through improved housekeeping and a safer working environment. The continued screening and sorting of C&D waste and the composting and shredding of green waste and timber is proposed to be carried on this area.

Wallace Recycling Ltd is the only EPA waste licensed facility in Co Westmeath. As such it is a key facility in terms of compliance with the requirements for the Waste Management Plan for the Midlands region. Wallace Recycling Ltd have continually improved their waste and recycling facility through the introduction of new plant, IT facilities, buildings and the provision of a civic amenity area to facilitate the public when the nearby Marlinstown facility closed at the beginning of 2007.

The proposed facility upgrades will serve to improve the existing recycling infrastructure in the Mullingar area, provide additional capacity for the de-pollution of end-of-life vehicles in the area and reduce the region's reliance on landfill.

Environmental Impacts of Significance

There are no emissions to air, surface water or groundwater of environmental significance from the facility, which is currently licensed by the EPA. Due to the nature of the activity there may fugitive dust emissions from material movements and some waste processing activities. Emissions to sewer are monitored and reported to the EPA as set out in the Waste Licence and associated correspondence.

Generally given the industrial location of the site noise nuisance is not perceived to be an issue and noise surveys are a requirement of the waste licence.

Mitigation Measures

Wallace Recycling Ltd will put in place measures to mitigate where necessary emissions and nuisances arising from their activities on site, in accordance with the requirements of the current waste licence and any future requirements arising from the waste licence review application procedure.

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Operating Hours

Normal operating hours are between the hours of 7.00 am to 11.00 pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, while waste acceptance is between the hours of 7.30 am and 7.30 pm Monday to Saturday.

