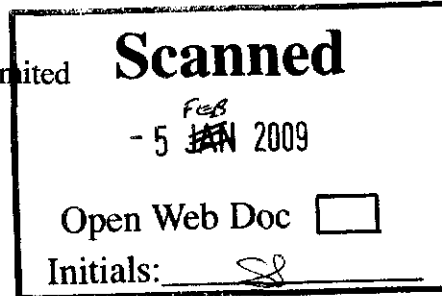


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05 February 2009

Reg. No: P0280-02

Dear Mr. Roche

Re: Objection to the proposed determination of the Agency on an IPPC licence application by Waterford Plating Company Limited, in respect of a facility at Unit 605/606, Northern Industrial Estate, Waterford, Reg No. P0280-02.

I refer to the application for an IPPC licence by Waterford Plating Company Limited, for their facility located at Unit 605/606/655, Northern Industrial Estate, Old Kilmeadan Road, Waterford, Reg. No. P0280-02, and in particular to your request for an oral hearing in relation to the objection(s) to the proposed determination.

I am to advise that, having considered your request, the Board of the Agency decided on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 that it would not be appropriate in this case to hold an oral hearing.

The reasons for the decision not to hold an oral hearing are as follows:

No additional arguments were made therefore it is the contention of the Agency that the request for an Oral Hearing does not come within the scope of the criteria set down in the Agency Publication "Waste Management and IPPC Licensing – Aspects of Licensing Procedures: Objections and Oral Hearings".

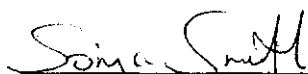
In light of this decision the Board of the Agency wishes to assure you that the refusal of your request for an oral hearing does not mean that your objection will receive any less consideration than where a hearing is granted. They also wish to advise that the technical committee will deal with your objection in a professional and impartial manner.



The technical committee will prepare a report and recommendations having taken into account all the issues raised in your objection. The Board of the Agency will consider your objection together with the report and the recommendations of the technical committee before making a final decision. This decision will be made as soon as possible and without undue delay. Once the final decision is made you will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The decisions of the Agency are based on objective and independent evaluation of all the issues raised by all parties to a licence application. The Agency is committed to openness, fairness and transparency in its decision making process and I can assure you that you will have access to all documentation in relation to this licence application including the report and recommendations of the technical committee.

Yours sincerely



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