**From:** Ger.T.Cummins@gsk.com [mailto:Ger.T.Cummins@gsk.com]

Sent: 16 March 2009 16:13

To: Licensing Staff

Subject: Submission on W0245-01

Woodstock Cappoquin Co. Waterford 16-03-2009

I wish to submit the following details as part of submission dated 11-11-2008:

Re: Molaisín Compost Waste application

Reference number - W0245-01

Regards.

**Gerard Cummins** 

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Woodstock Cappoquin Co. Waterford 16-03-09

To:

Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
County Wexford

Re: Molaisín Compost Waste application Reference number - **W0245-01** 

Please find attached, details of issues and correspondence (February 2006 to December 2007 inclusive) regarding odour issues with the above facility as highlighted in Submission dated 11-11-08.

Regards.

**Gerard Cummins** 

## Re: Molaisín Compost Ltd

After consulting with Mr Tom Breslin EHS (Environmental Health & Safety) Manager with GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) Dungarvan he informed me to find out who issued the Licence/Permit for said Compost Facility: Molaisín Compost Ltd, I phoned the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and was informed that they have no record of same.

I then phoned Waterford County Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2006 to ask if they had issued a licence/Permit to said Facility, as to speak with some one in the Environmental Department, girl asked if there was a problem, I said there was a Bad aroma from it, she informed me that a person would ring me back, no return call was received.

Message on my phone at work next day from Pat Tobin, left Mobile No. and for me to call him back, Phoned Pat, Said he had visited site that morning 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and spoke to Environmental Person on site, Fiona Doyle' she informed Pat that they had Monitoring equipment on site, Pat took pictures of stem rising from Bio-filter and said there was a bit of a odour, would also need times and dates of occurrences.

I said it seemed to be worse at weekends going back over the last 09 or 10 Months

Sat. 18 Feb 2006 had some people back to the house after anniversary mass, odour very evident.

"My neighbour has also complained on date before I phoned you, (Neighbours name) On second occasion when complaining was told of complaint against unit, and when he said he would also contact the council was told to do so, but later got phone call to meet with boss or bosses to discuss issue, and meeting arranged with Bosses, (Date) on day of meeting, Manager could not get odour at back of unit, but bosses could, so then admitted same himself.

Action from Meeting: Would get designer of unit to visit to sort. (Date)"

**Sat. 11th March 2006** Yes, @ about 11:00 are very bad @ 15:00 right up to 22:00-23:00 clear @ 02:00am
Ok Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>
Ok Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 Yes, Odour evident again @ 08:00 to 08:30 before leaving for Work.

Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 phoned Pat (Patsy) Tobin, said that Council official Jimmy Mansfield was monitoring the situation, had not met him but would probably next week, Pat said that he has taken samples away from unit. Might have update next week. (Said he did not mind me phoning him on his mobile when asked.)

Friday 24th March 2006 phoned Pat Tobin,11:50am Approx, said that samples had been taken and best to contact Jimmy Mansfield who was looking after complaint, Reported to him that odour was bad again, especially Thursday 23rd and Today 24th, a lot of white steam rising from the unit @ 08:30AM on the  $24^{th}$ .

Phoned Council office @ 058-22000, asked to speak with Jimmy Mansfield, put through but was not available to take call, "did not pick up".

Phoned again at 13:00pm, asked to speak with Jimmy, put through, picked up by Gabriel Hynes, seemed to be different dept. tried to put me through to Jimmy, said that there seemed to be no one answering in Environmental at this time, I said I would phone later.

Phoned again @ 14:55 approx, direct line to Jimmy who answered his phone, informed him of my name, and how I had been in contact with Pat Tobin Previously,

Informed me that two people had inspected site on two occasions but had not found the odour to bad, Jimmy informed me that other complaints had also been received by Co. Co., grab samples had been

taken by Paul Carroll (referred to him as scientist who does work for Co. Co.) and he was awaiting results of same.

He would ring Fiona Doyle shortly and as he said, tell them to get their act together.

Said I could ring him again on Monday, that this would not be an issue.

End of phone Conversation.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2006** phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ approx 12:45 and again @ 12:50 not at his desk. (Air Quality was O.K up to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, change on Wednesday morning, when leaving for work, very bad Wednesday evening @ 18:30 when I returned home, right up to 23:00 Wednesday night when last checked.)

Phoned @ 13:55 approx, no reply, Phoned at 15:40 Approx, no reply, Phoned at 16:15 Approx, no reply

**Friday 31st March 2006** phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ approx 12:55 and again @ 14:10 not at his desk. (Air Quality was O.K on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>,) (Odour again on Friday Morning before leaving for work)

Phoned Jimmy again @ 14:45 no reply. Phoned Council when asked for Jimmy was told he was out Today (Friday) asked to be put through to some one in Environmental

Dave !!!!! Answered phone, Gave my Name, informed him Re: Wednesday and he said he would pass on to Jimmy Mansfield, and that he was due back on Monday.

# Air Quality was O.K. between Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> and Friday 07<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 07<sup>th</sup> April 2006 phoned Jimmy Mansfield (25:04, Jimmy informed me that the results from the Grab samples were back and were O.K. Samples although within limits had high ammonia content. Said he had written to Molaisin Compost Ltd again informing them of the complaints of bad odour and how if not resolved could impact there Permit of renewal of same.

#### "Copy of letter below which was received from Fiona Doyle:

Said he would continue to monitor the situation due to other complaints received also and unless they are there when the unsuitable material is being composted and that they did not have the resources to monitor full time.

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Ger
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Following is text received from company

"From: Fiona Doyle [fiona@mcgillireland.com]

Sent: 31 March 2006 11:11

To: George Delaney Cc: Mansfield, Jimmy interoffice memorandum

to: George Delaney; Niall Carroll; Jim Mansfield, Waterford Co.

Council

from: Fiona Doyle

subject: Dr. Imelda shanahan

date: 30/03/2006

cc:

Dr. Imelda Shanahan from TMS Environmental, Dublin visited the site at Molaisín Compost Ltd. on 27th March to assess the bio filter after the recent odour complaints. She inspected the bio filter, and walked around the site, and into the facility. She feels that the bio filter needs to be dug and more woodchip put back in. She is

sending me a report outlying baseline monitoring to be conducted around the bio filter, and around the site. This monitoring schedule should be sent through by Monday 3rd April 2006, and all monitoring will be completed within that week. Fiona"

Regards J. Mansfield, S.E.E. Environment Section Waterford County Council

Air Quality was O.K. between Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ 10:15AM to inform him of odour on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2006 odour very evident again

Phoned Jimmy again @ 11:55 Jimmy answered phone, informed him of odour on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Said that he had no further contact from Molaisín Compost Ltd at this time, Suggested that I contact Dr. Imelda Shanahan myself, I did not think there would be much point. Jimmy said that he did not know what else to do apart from sending them more "Dirty" Letters. Ask if I had received copy of correspondence and results of grab samples, only verbal results given to me which were said to be within limits of permit issued, I asked when renewal of same was due, May-2007, three year permit, and public could object to same at renewal date.

Mail sent to Fiona Doyle on Tuesday 18th April 2006 from Jimmy Mansfield

di. "Fiona Doyle (E-mail)" < fiona@mcgillireland.com> "Ger Cummins (E-mail)" ger.t.cummins@gsk.com&

Complaint re possible air pollution

Fiona

I refer to your reply to my query regarding complaints of air pollution resulting from the operation of the Molaisin facility which stated as follows

"Dr. Imelda Shanahan from TMS Environmental, Dublin visited the site at Molaisín Compost Ltd. on 27th March to assess the bio filter after the recent odour complaints. She inspected the bio filter, and walked around the site, and into the facility. She feels that the bio filter needs to be dug and more woodchip put back in. She is sending me a report outlying baseline monitoring to be conducted around the bio filter, and around the site. This monitoring schedule should be sent through by Monday 3rd April 2006, and all monitoring will be completed within that week."

I have had no response to date and have received additional complaints of malodours during the past week.

I would appreciate an early reply Regards

J. Mansfield, S.E.E. Environment Section Waterford County Council

Please find attached response from company for your information

You may wish to discuss dates and times with Fiona <<Odour Complaint Response April 06.doc>>

#### Sent19-Apr-2006 12:54

J. Mansfield, S.E.E. Environment Section Waterford County Council

Hi Jimmy,

I was out of the office yesterday, on-site at Molaisin Compost. The situation with the facility is as follows:

- 1. We have dug up the bio filter and put in new media
- 2. I have put in daily calls and emails to Imelda Shanahan and have received no reply
- 3. I have conducted baseline monitoring on the bio filter, the bio filter sump, and inside the facility. All three locations had non-detectable levels of Carbon Monoxide; Hydrogen Sulphide and Total Mercaptans. The ammonia level at the bio filter was 2ppm; at the sump was 5ppm and within the facility on the composting bays was 10-15ppm. This is not near a danger exposure limit, and safety masks are on site for all employee use.

The bays have been tested for moisture, and were found to be slightly high in some cases. The sawdust that we were using has been moisture tested, and was found to be higher than normal, so this source has been discontinued, and new drier sawdust is now being used in the process. We are also starting to use dried leaves in the process from next week which will further dry the bays, and result in less air passing through the bio-filter.

I am surprised to note that there were complaints during the past week, can you give me dates or times, as both myself and Niall Carroll (Operations Manager) have been spending a lot of time on site trying to rectify the problem, and during the past week I noticed no trace of odours. Prior to that odour was detectable at different times.

I will be conducting further monitoring towards the end of the week, and will keep you updated. Regards,

**Fiona** 

## Air Quality was O.K. between Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** Yes, @ about 18:00 pm when I returned home from work, odour very bad, when I when into our house, odour was evident, was coming in through wall vents, it was bad right up to 01:00am when last checked.

Ok Friday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 09:00am, I was away for weekend until Sunday night @ 22:00, OK on our return.

**Ok** Monday Morning and Evening 24<sup>th</sup>. On speaking with my Neighbour on Monday Evening they said that odour was bad on **Saturday** the 22<sup>nd</sup> April around there residence.

Ok Tuesday Morning and Evening,

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Ok up to  $03^{rd}$  May

**Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> May** Odour evident again, 07:30 to 08:30 white plume of steam drifting in a westerly direction from plant, Phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ 09:43 approx, not available. Phoned Council directly, asked to speak with someone in Environmental, said I had phoned jimmy on direct line but was not available, put through to office, spoke with Oliver Lonergan, informed him of complaint, and how I was in Contact with Jimmy on issue, Oliver Said he would pass on complaint to jimmy when he returned from course he was on, possibly tomorrow "Friday".

**Thursday** evening, 04<sup>th</sup> Odour still evident, only home for 01 Hour, Odour in some rooms of house when we returned @ 21:00 (School Sports) 'had come in through vents during the day' opened windows to alleviate, no very pleasant.

**Friday 05<sup>th</sup> May** phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ 10:30 not answering his phone, Phoned again @ 11:00, no reply, and again @ 16:06, no reply.

Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Ok

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Odour evident again @ 17:00 when returned from work, on speaking with my neighbour she said that it had been about all day.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 08:00 to 08:30 Trace of Odour evident again. Phoned Jimmy Mansfield @ 10:18 no reply @ 21114, Phoned Co Co directly, operator said that he was getting an engaged tone from Jimmy's phone and I might try again later, Phoned 10:25 and 10:30 no reply @ 21114 Phoned Co Co directly operator said again that phone was engaged but put me through to Environmental Dept. Call answered by Ann Lacy, informed her of my name, and how I had been trying to contact Jimmy, Ann said he was @ a meeting took my details and would pass on message to Jimmy for him to ring me back, could be 12:00 she said.

No reply by 14:30 Phoned Jimmy @ 2114 14:31, Answered phone, asked him if he got my message from earlier, said no, and that he was kind of in a meeting at the moment and would check it later, and talk to me possibly Tomorrow. (Friday 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006** @ 17:15 to 19:00 Trace of odour evident again (Left for School Sports in St. Augustine's college 19:00) Air quality OK on return @ 21:30 approx.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 08:00 to 08:30 Air quality OK

No reply from Jimmy by 12:30, so I phoned him @ 12:35 Jimmy answered and I informed him of Dates since we spoke Last, said he had to get a report ready that was over due and could I send on dates to him by e-mail, I said I would, ask him for full name of Oliver who I had spoken to on the 04<sup>th</sup> May (Oliver Lonergan) Jimmy informed me that Oliver was working on complaints also.

Copy of Letter Sent to Jimmy Mansfield on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**To**: Jimmy Mansfield **From**: Gerard Cummins

**Date**: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 **Re**: Molaisin Compost

**Odour Complaint** 

### Air Quality was O.K. between Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006** Odour present at about 18:00 when I returned home from work, odour very bad, when we when into our house, odour was evident, it was coming in through wall vents, it was bad around our house right up to 01:00am when last checked.

**Ok Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006** @ 09:00am, I was away for weekend (School Midterm) until Sunday night @ 22:00, OK on our return.

**Ok** Monday Morning and Evening 24<sup>th</sup>. On speaking with my Neighbour on Monday Evening they said that odour was bad on **Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April** around their residence.

Ok Tuesday Morning and Evening,

Ok Wednesday Morning and Evening,

**Ok** up to  $03^{rd}$  May

Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> May Odour evident again, at 07:30 to 08:30 white plume of steam drifting in a westerly direction from plant,.

Thursday evening, 04<sup>th</sup> May Odour still evident, only home for 01 Hour, Odour in

**Thursday evening**, **04**<sup>th</sup> **May** Odour still evident, only home for 01 Hour, Odour in some rooms of house 'had come in through wall vents' during the day''@ 21:00 when we returned (From School Sports in St. Augustine's college) opened windows to alleviate, 'not very pleasant''.

Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Ok

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006 Odour evident again @ 17:00 (again not very pleasant), when I returned from work, it was evident in main hall of dwelling house, had come in through wall vents again, on speaking with my neighbour @ 18:30 she said that it had been about around my house during the day, bad up to 22:00 when last checked. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 08:00 to 08:30 and 17:15 to 19:00 Trace of odour evident again. (Left for School Sports in St. Augustine's college 19:00) Air quality OK on return @ 21:30 approx.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006** 08:00 to 08:30 Air quality OK.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May O.K.

**Sunday** 14<sup>th</sup> May Odour evident from 09:00 to approx 14:00 while @ Gymkhana in field North of Facility.

**Monday** to **Thursday** 18<sup>th</sup> May O.K.

Friday Morning 19<sup>th</sup> May O.K. as I had no reply from Jimmy Mansfield to 15:55 on Friday afternoon I phoned Jimmy @ approx 15:58, jimmy answered his phone and said he was very busy with Report to EPA and Department, and that Ollie Lonergan was going to be looking after complaint and spending some time on site he would also visit, him self, as some of the material they are composting may not be suitable.

Waste water sluges, Septic tank waste, etc

O.K. **Saturday** 20<sup>th</sup> to **Wednesday** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**Thursday** 25<sup>th</sup> May Odour evident again around our property.

**Friday** 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> June Air Quality was O.K.

**Friday** 02<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Air Quality was O.K.

**Monday** 05<sup>th</sup> June Slight odour again, midday to Evening.

**Tuesday** 06<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> O.K.

**Thursday** 08<sup>th</sup> June Odour evident again @ 18:00 and before this time.

Friday 09th June to Wednesday 12th July 2006 no Issues.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 odour returned again.

Friday 14th July Phoned Co Co @ 12:30 asked to speak with Oliver Lonergan in Enviro. Dept, did not pick up or call dropped.

Phoned again @ 12:40 Jimmy Mansfield desk no reply, phoned switch @ 12:50 no reply and jimmy

again no reply.

Phoned Co Co @ 14:30 asked for Ollie Lonergan in Enviro, put Through, informed him of my name, in relation to dump Informed him that odour was evident again on Thursday 13-07-06 on return home @ 18:30 opened windows in rooms after day being shut and odour drifted into house, asked if it was ok today or at this time, said it was ok when leaving for work Friday morning, as him if he had visited site, he said no but he knew where it was from passing and wondered if it would be worth going out now to check,. As jimmy Mansfield had informed him to do this if complaints on a particular day 09:00 to 17:00 ask him if any other complaints in the mean time he said no.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006 OK

**Saturday** 15<sup>th</sup> July Odour returned again morning through evening.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July OK

**Monday** 17<sup>th</sup> July During the evening, Odour evident again. Sent Mail to Jimmy Mansfield on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Tuesday 18th July, Odour evident Morning and Evening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Odour evident morning OK Evening

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Odour evident Morning.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Phoned Waterford Co. Co. @ 10:21 approx, asked reception for Oliver Lonergon, put through no reply, reception gave me two direct no's for environment Dept. which are 058-20864 and 20875', I asked if Jimmy Mansfield was in at this time, reception tried his Ext. Number, no reply, end of call to Co. Co. "Phoned first no 20864 no reply tried second no 20875 no reply".

Phoned Waterford Co Co again @ 10:55 Ext 20864 no reply and Ext 20875 no reply, tried main switch, no reply Ext 21114 Jimmy Mansfield, no reply tried 20864 and 20875 again no reply, phoned switch asked to speak with Oliver Lonergon, put through, Informed him of my name and said that odour was evident most days since last we spoke, Oliver said he would call out and meet me, Informed him that I was @ work, asked him if Jimmy Mansfield was about, Oliver said he was but not in office at this time, infiormed him that I had sent him an E-Mail on Tuesday and I had no reply, said he would talk to him on further complaints.

Phoned Co Co @ 12:26Approx spoke with Oliver Lonergon, he informed me that he had visited the area on Thursday after I had spoke to him on the phone, no odour was evident other than, that there was the odour of slurry which would be normal for any country place, I agreed with him that it was probely slurry and that no odour was evident on my return on Thursday evening and was O.K. said he would call out again

Asked him for his direct no. and he gave as 058-21112 I informed him I was on holidays from today and would be about over weekend and early next week, said to phone in odourl evident, end of

Friday 21st July 2006, Odour evident again on return from work.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 Odour evident

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, O.K.
On Holidays from Sunday evening to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Odour evident on return

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006, Odour evident during the evening

**Thursday** 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006, Odour evident during the evening.

**Friday** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006 Odour evident during the evening stronger that previous two days.

**Saturday** morning  $29^{th}$  July 2006 @ 05:00 leaving for Airport odour very strong again On Holidays from  $29^{th}$  to the  $05^{th}$  August OK on return

Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> August 2006 OK

**Sunday** 06<sup>th</sup> August 2006 OK

Monday 07 August 2006 OK up to 16:00 Depart for west Clare On Holidays from 07<sup>th</sup> August until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2006

**Sunday** 13<sup>TH</sup> August 2006 OK on return @ 23:00 approx

**Monday** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006 OK Returned to work after Holidays

Tuesday and Wednesday OK

**Thursday** 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006 slight odour during the evening

**Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> August OK in the morning, drove to west Clare Friday even.

**Saturday** 19<sup>th</sup> August returned @ 22:00 approx OK

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August OK

Monday 21st August 2006 OK to Wednesday 06th September 2006 OK

**Thursday** 07<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006 Odour evident on return from work @ 18:15

**Friday** 08<sup>th</sup> Sept. @ 07:30 to 08:30 when we left for school and work odour very strong Phoned Waterford Co Co @ Ext 21112 "Oliver Lonergon" call answered by Yvonne ..... Ask to speak to Oliver and told that he was away for next 03 weeks, Informed her that call was in relation to Molashin Compost, asked for my Phone no. and said she would get someone to return my call

Phoned again 45min later as no reply from coco, answered again by Yvonne who put me on to Elaine Hickey Senior Team Leader Environmental Complaints Coordinator, informed her of odour complaint, she asked if I could send dates and times by letter, ask her if e-mail was ok so sent on dates from march until Friday 08<sup>th</sup> Sept. end of call.

**Saturday** 09<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006 odour evident in morning 09:00 to 11:00 when we left for clonmel to collect Vehicle evident again @ 20:30 on our return.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept minor odour in morning (10.30 clear during the day and evening.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept OK @ 08:30 on leaving for school run.

Phoned Co. Co. at 10:20 approx and asked to speak with Elaine Hickey, She informed me that Senior Executive Scientist had come back with three recommendations and that the best course of action had been agreed and that a letter was being sent to both myself and other complainant who had written to Co Co

A person was being made available outside of office hours with contact phone number and would visit location of complaint and trace back to site, this information would be needed if a court case was brought against site 'as Qualified witness would be important in any case taken .

**Tuesday** 12<sup>th</sup> Sept to **Friday** 15<sup>th</sup> O.K.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006 slight odour @ 23:00 approx

**Sunday** morning 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. slight odour @ 10:30am

**Monday**  $18^{th}$  Sept to Wednesday $20^{th}$  Sept. O.K.

**Thursday** 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2006 Odour returned again on Thursday even when we returned home @ 18:00 approx.

**Friday** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2006 Odour evident in the morning before leaving for School and work. again Bad odour evident Friday evening on return home @ 18:00 approx

**Saturday** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2006 Bad odour evident in morning 09:00 to 14:00 before leaving for Clonmel, Helens dentist appointment, and visit to relative.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006 Returned home @ 22:30 approx No odour

Monday 25th Sept 2006 OK Sent mail to E. Hickey, Re: Thurs, Fri, and Sat

**Tuesday** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006 Ok Morning, Odour evident Tuesday evening.

**Wednesday**  $27^{\text{th}}$  Sept. 2006 odour evident before leaving for school and work @ 08:30 On return @ 18:10 OK

Reply received from Elaine Hickey on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006 from Elaine Hickey

Dear Ger

I confirm per our previous telephone conversation that Waterford Co Co's Executive Scientific Officer has investigated a number of options available with a view to resolving the odour complaints.

As advised today an Officer has been assigned to carry out the investigation. It is proposed that complainants will be provided with a contact no. to enable the Officer to respond to a specific complaint - verify the odour at that location and proceed to location considered to be the source of the odour. Further action may then be taken as appropriate.

It is proposed that action may proceed following the Officers return from annual leave commencing 9th October. I would be grateful if you could forward a contact number for this purpose.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries in this regard.

Regards,

Elaine Hickey Environmental Complaints Coordinator

Thursday 28th Sept 2006 OK

**Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2006 Morning before leaving for Ploughing Championship in Carlow @ 07:55 **OK**, away until **Sunday** 01<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2006 **OK** on return @ 22:20 approx.

**Monday** 02<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

**Tuesday** 03<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return. **Wednesday** 04<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 O.K.

Mail Received 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 from Oliver Lonergon

Ger,

Please contact me regarding the above. I will try to make myself available to come to site when there is an odour incident. As you can appreciate I may not be able to come out with office hours as I may have prior arrangements or similar some days, but where it is possible I will travel to meet you and investigate any odours.

My mobile number is 086 8538972.

Regards

Oliver

**Friday** 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

**Saturday** 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 OK during the Day.

**Sunday** 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.2006 OK in the Morning and Evening on return.

**Tuesday** 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.2006 - Phoned Elaine Hickey @ 10.30 Approx to ask her if other people were to receive a contact number, as I was speaking with Catherine O'Brien last night ''Monday night'' on same, and she had not received contact number as stated in her e-mail dated 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006. She asked if this lady would be at home during the day and I informed her that she would, and that she had been in contact with Oliver Lonergan recently and was told that only one person had received contact number, also informed Elaine that person had not received acknowledgement of letters written to Co.

Elaine ask who she had written to, Said I did not know for sure, she ask if I could e-mail on Catherine's details, said I could, informed Elaine that the odour was not present for nearly three weeks at our residence, she asked if I could send on update, asked her if a Environmental impact study had been carried out for this facility, she said that this would only be applicable for waste licences issued by the EPA, she said to include this Question on my e-mail to her, and she would answer by return. End of conversation.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** Oct. 2006 - Odour very bad around our house @ 08:30 had opened windows in rooms and it drifted in to rooms, Phoned Oliver @ 09:41 no reply

Phoned Elaine @ 09:44 no reply, phoned Mari Meskill @ 10:20 approx, asked her if odour was present, not at her house, more at mine and down the road to McGovern's, had to block her nose when passing, when out for a walk, very bad, phoned Oliver again at 10:22 answered by council official, informed me that Oliver was @ a meeting, took my details, and for Oliver to return call. No reply to 12:04 phoned again @ 12:05approx no reply @ 21112 Oliver phoned me @ 12:52 message on my phone to ring him on his mobile.

Phoned him at 13:02 approx informed him of issue, said he would call out in the next hour, informed him of neighbours comment at 10:20 phoned Catherine O'Brien to let her know of issue said she was going to Cappoquin and would call up around my way, Catherine phoned me @ 15:15 approx to say odour was bad up our road @ 14:00 and again @ 15:00. Phoned Oliver @ 16:10 said he went out today and did get a odour, (odour of offal), and then he went to Molaisin compost and got a different odour in shed, Informed manager on site of complaint, I SAID TO HIM THAT ODOUR WAS

DEFINITALY COMING FROM FACILITY. Did not dispute this, needs to build up a case, if odour evident again tomorrow, phone again, said he was on their case now.

Thursday 19th Oct.2006 to Wednesday 01st Nov. 2006 OK

Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> Nov.2006 to Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2007 OK

Although I did get an odour while driving on the road (St. Declans Road – north of facility) at back of same, on one if not two occasions. Apart from this we have not had any Odour problem at our Residence @ Woodstock from **Thursday 19**<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 to **Friday 02**<sup>nd</sup> **Feb. 2007** 

Saturday 03<sup>RD</sup> Feb. 2007 while working outside our residence on Saturday we detected an odour from Molaisín Compost, from 12:00 Noon to 14:00Hrs approx.

Sunday 04th Feb 2007 O.K.

**Monday 05<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2007** Phone Elaine Hickey @ Waterford Co.Co. @ 11:30 Approx to inform her of Odour incident, transferred me to Irene Browne, who took details of complaint from me, (as recorded above)

Monday 05<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007 O.K.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2007** while working outside our residence on Saturday we detected an odour from Molaisín Compost, from 10:15 to 11:00Hrs approx before leaving for appointment in clonmel.

The Situation again improved from Mid February 2007 with random instances of odour from this Facility, but my neighbours were still experiencing problems up to 13-06-07 I submitted an objection as the renewal of there permit was due and because of the protracted problems endured by my family.

To:

Elaine Hickey Team Leader Environmental Enforcement Waterford County Council Woodstock Cappoquin Co Waterford 14-12-07

We are experiencing issues of bad odour/foul smells from Molaisín Compost again, the latest being as I write on Friday Morning last, the 14-12-07 Time 07:30 and again, on Friday Evening 18:30 onwards. Basically this was an all day issue.

Also Thursday the 22-11-2007 and Saturday 01-12-2007

I look forward to your response on this complaint.

Regards.

**Gerard Cummins**