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ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM

TO:	LAURA BURKE, DIRECTOR
C.C:	Frank Clinton, Programme Manager
FROM:	Caroline Murphy, Inspector
DATE:	09 th April 2010
RE:	Request for a Technical Amendment to Waste Licence, Register Number W0053-03 , held by Greenstar Ltd. In relation to a waste facility at Fassaroe, Bray Co. Wicklow.

Introduction

Greenstar operate an integrated waste management facility at Fassaroe, Bray, Co. Wicklow for the acceptance, transfer and processing of municipal waste, commercial and industrial waste and construction and demolition waste. The facility is located about 400m west of the N11 at the Bray South junction. It is authorised to accept up to 200,000 tonnes per annum of household and commercial waste (143,560 tonnes), construction and demolition waste (54,040 tonnes) and hazardous waste (2,400 tonnes - at a civic waste facility).

The facility was originally licensed on the 22nd December 1999 (as Noble Waste Disposal Ltd). Reviewed licences were granted on the 3rd April 2003 and the 20th June 2006. The licence was first technically amended on the 3rd April 2009 to allow for the shredding of timber outdoors. A technical amendment was also made to the licence on the 16th December 2009 to allow for the processing of dry mixed recyclable (DMR) waste on a 24 hour/7 day week basis.

Details of Request for Technical Amendment

The licensee has requested a technical amendment of the licence, Register No. W0053-03, under Section 42B of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2010.

The licensee is seeking an amendment to *Schedule B.3 Emissions to Sewer*.

Schedule B.3 Emissions to Sewer specifies a maximum flow to sewer at emission point reference no. SE-1 of 4m³/day. This limit was based on the Section 52 consent issued by Wicklow County Council on the 14th November 2005 during the licence review process.

On the 13th January 2010 the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) received correspondence from O'Callaghan Moran & Associates (OCM), on behalf of Greenstar Ltd., stating the following:

- A calibrated flow meter had been installed at wastewater emission point SE-1 in September 2009. Over the time periods 1st October 2009 – 23rd November 2009 and 23rd November – 31st December 2009 the average daily flows were 18m³/day and 10m³/day respectively.
- Greenstar stated in the licence review application that the maximum daily discharge rate at SE-1 was likely to be 23m³/day with an average rate of 18m³/day.
- OCM have suggested that the maximum 4m³/day flow to sewer at SE-1 outlined in the Section 52 consent may be a typographical error.

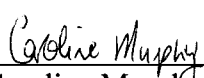
The OEE subsequently contacted Wicklow County Council for clarification on whether a typographical error had been made or whether the limit of 4m³/day was intentionally set by Wicklow County Council.

Wicklow County Council confirmed that “...an error was made with regard to the maximum volume per day of process effluent permitted to be discharged to Wicklow County Council's sewer. I wish to confirm that the maximum volume permitted is 23m³/d and not 4m³/day”.

I have received correspondence from the Office of Environmental Enforcement who have confirmed that the requested change cannot be accommodated under the existing licence.

For the reasons outlined above I recommend that the Agency agree to a technical amendment of the Greenstar Ltd. Bray Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0053-03) under Section 42B(1)(a) of the Waste Management Acts 1996 and 2010.

Signed:



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