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Date : 28th April, 2010.

Reg. No.: PO 710-03

Re : Reply to request of 19/04/2010 for information under Article 11(2)(b)(ii) of the EPA Licensing Regulations 1994 to 2008.

Dear Ms. Smith,

This is the response to the Agency's request of 19/04/2010 for information under Article 11(2)(b)(ii) of the EPA (Licensing) Regulations 1994 to 2008. I have been asked by the Applicant Mr. Paul Tully of Moate Pig Unit, Ballinakill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois to assist in drafting this response which is submitted on his behalf. The responses to questions are set out in the same order as raised in your letter.

Item No. 1

Clarify the maximum number of farrowing /suckling sows, dry sows, maiden gilts, weaners and production pigs (where production pig means any pig over 30kg in weight which is being fattened for slaughter) housed at the installation. Clarify the maximum number of "sows" (where sow means a female pig after its first farrowing) housed at the installation.

The maximum number of each category of pigs to be accommodated at the installation will be as follows:

190 farrowing/suckling sows,
460 dry sows,
120 maiden gilts,
4300 weaners, and
4800 production pigs.

This means that the maximum number of sows as defined above will be 650 at this installation.

Item 2

Identify on an appropriately scaled map all residential dwelling houses and/or sensitive locations within 1km of the installation.

The applicant is satisfied that the activity on the site does not significantly impair or significantly interfere with amenities or the environment beyond the site boundary. This is supported by the fact that no complaint has ever been made about this facility (which has had pigs since 1973).

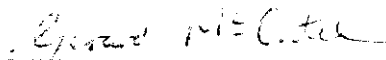
The applicant knows the area around the site. The applicant believes it is inappropriate for him to mark the location of other peoples' dwellings on a map in his file.

The applicant believes that management and general "good house-keeping" practice in the site are such that excessive or avoidable odour emissions are not a feature of the site at this time. Management practices are subject to regular review so that best practice is deployed in all operations in the site, and this will continue.

It was not considered necessary to amend or update the non-technical summary to reflect the information provided above.

I attach copies (1 hard copy and 2 copies of it in electronic searchable PDF format on CD-ROM) of this correspondence as requested.

Yours Sincerely



Gérard McCutcheon

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