

***Extract from the Minutes of the 618<sup>th</sup> Licensing Meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford***

(iii) Licensee: **Cork County Council  
Southern Division  
County Hall  
Carrigrohane Road  
Cork**

Agglomeration: **Crosshaven/Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy**  
Register of Licence No: **D0057-01**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use that the Agency approve the recommended decision to grant a Waste Water Discharge Licence. The Directors noted that they had deferred their decision on this licence application at the Board Meeting of 1 December 2009, pending clarification of issues raised at the meeting. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Licence; summary report of the Inspector 25 November 2009; Memo from the F Clinton, Programme Manager, OCLR, regarding legal advice sought by the Board of the Agency; and Addendum to the Inspector's Report dated 22 March 2010.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Ann Marie Donlon gave a verbal presentation.

**Inspector's Reports**

The Directors noted the Inspector's Reports. The Directors noted there may be a requirement to review this waste water discharge licence prior to 2015.

**Introduction**

Insert new final sentence in 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph: *These works are due for completion in 2014.*

**Recommended Licence**

Clarify if appropriate to replace the reference to 'Cork Main Drainage Scheme' with 'Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme' throughout the licence.

**Condition**

- 3.6 Delete this condition and renumber subsequent conditions accordingly.
- 4.10 Delete this condition and renumber subsequent conditions accordingly.
- 4.11 Amend 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read: A representative sample of effluent from the primary discharge point shall be screened for the presence of organic compounds and metals within *six* months of the date of grant of this licence.
- 4.12 Amend to read: The licensee shall, within twelve months of the date of grant of this licence, investigate the sources of metals detected during monitoring of discharges *for the purposes of the application and the most relevant pollutants identified from screening (Condition 4.11)* and take such measures as are necessary to reduce or eliminate these substances in the primary discharge. A

- report on the investigation and measures identified, including timeframe for implementation, shall be included in the AER.
- 4.14 Amend 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read: *Upon completion of the Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme*, the licensee shall prepare a PRTR report for the primary and secondary discharges.
- 5.1 Delete existing condition.  
 Insert new condition to read: The licensee shall, within three months, prepare and submit to the Agency for its agreement a Project Plan for the Cork Main Drainage Scheme that will achieve the following objectives:
- a) achieve improvements in the quality of all discharges from the works;
  - b) cease discharges listed under *Schedule A.3: Discharges to be Discontinued*, of this licence;
  - c) give effect to Regulation 2 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No.684 of 2007).
- 5.2 Delete existing condition.  
 Insert new condition to read: The Project Plan referred to in Condition 5.1 shall *as a minimum* include:
- a) A Gantt chart or similar, identifying sequences, duration and target completion dates for the major outputs of the project;
  - b) The improvements as set out in *Schedule C: Specified Improvement Programme, of this licence to be completed by 01/01/2015*.
- 5.3 Delete existing condition.  
 Insert new condition to read: The Project Plan for the Cork Main Drainage Scheme shall be a single integrated plan serving the agglomerations of Cobh (D0054-01), Passage West/Monkstown (D0129-01), Ringaskiddy/Carrigaline/Crosshaven (D0057-01) and Ringaskiddy Village (D0436-01). Discharges and timelines identified under the Project Plan become part of this licence.
- 5.4 Delete existing condition.  
 Insert new condition to read: During the project implementation phase, the licensee shall submit to the Agency status reports biannually. The status reports shall compare actual activities with the plan elements and note any significant deviations from the Plan.
- 5.5 Delete existing condition.  
 Insert new condition to read: *Any significant modification to the Project Plan deemed necessary during the implementation phase shall be reported in the status reports.*

### ***Schedule***

- A.1 *Primary Waste Water Discharge*  
 Delete the reference to Toxic Units under *Parameter* and *Emission Limit Value*  
 Delete the kg/day Emission Limit Value for Total Nitrogen

It was noted that the Directors were satisfied that the inclusion of an ELV for Total Nitrogen and the requirements of condition 1.7 of the Licence meet the requirements of Article 5 and Article 7(a) of the Environmental Objectives Regulations and this obviated the need for a mass emission limit for nitrogen in Schedule A1.

Following discussion, the *Directors* approved the *recommended decision* to grant a licence, as modified, to Cork County Council for the waste water discharge relating to the Crosshaven/Carrigaline/Ringaskiddy agglomeration, Register of Licence No D0057-01, subject to the conditions as set out in the licence document.