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Re.: Wastewater Discharge Licence Applications and Certificate of

Authorisation Applications Impact Screening and Appropriate Assessment

I refer to yours of 15th. July relating to the above and in particular your request for a detailed breakdown of the proposed timescale for submitting the Appropriate Assessments for all agglomerations in the Cork region.

The full extent of the Appropriate Assessments required for all agglomerations in the Cork region has not been established to date. Due to the scale of the exercise for the three County Divisions and the current financial dilemma it has been decided all the Appropriate Assessments will be advertised for tender as a bundle to minimise potential procurement costs. To this end it will be necessary to prepare a Job Brief for the Preparation of Appropriate Assessments. Due to staff being on annual leave at this time this brief is not yet prepared.

Until such time as the procurement process has selected a consultant the programme for the completion of all the Appropriate Assessments is not definite.

I expect that the tender for the Preparation of the Appropriate Assessments will be advertised in late Autumn and a consultant appointed by the end of the year. At that stage I would expect Cork Co. Council will be in a position to give a definite timeframe for the submittal of the Appropriate Assessments

Yours truly,

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