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Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters,
PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford

24th August 2010

**WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION (W0267-01)
HI-VOLT IRELAND LIMITED**

Dear Mr. Clinton,

I am acting under the instruction of my client Hi-Volt Ireland Limited (Hi-Volt).

I spoke with Sean O'Donoghue last week and was informed that the decision on the above application has been deferred. The processing of this application has become a lengthy process due to changes in personnel and we urge that decision is made as soon as possible, as the proposed expansion to the facility is required to maintain the business.

- The application process began in Dec 2008, when Hi-Volt travelled to Wexford to have a pre-application meeting with Dr. Karen Creed. As the existing facility had been operating under a Waste Permit, Dr. Creed outlined the areas that would be of concern to the EPA and recommended that we make the application for a licence with the information available, as soon as possible. We were assured that the application would be dealt in accordance with procedure; however we were warned that due to work loads, there may be some delays.

The Application was submitted (February 23rd 2009) and a Site Visit to verify the Waste Licence Application, was undertaken by Bruce Harper (the assigned inspector) in March 2009. An Article 12 compliance was issued in April and the response was submitted to the EPA on 21st May 2009.

Hi-Volt was satisfied with speed of the application process at this stage.

- On the 29th June 2009, after several calls to the EPA, we were informed that a new inspector was assigned to the application, Ms. Orla Harrington. Ms. Harrington visited the facility (29th October 2009) and requested some information while at the facility. The questions were answered in a letter to the EPA (10th November 2009). At this point, we were informed verbally that a decision would be made by the end of the year.

I continued to give further information to Ms. Harrington via telephone and e-mail over the next few months. This information was usually already available in the application, however I wanted to ease the process and be of help to the EPA as much as possible. However another further information letter was issued by Ms. Harrington on 18th January 2010. Hi-Volt made the final submission on the 23rd of February 2010 and assurance was given that a decision was imminent.

As explained, at the initial meeting, we were made aware the EPA was busy with other applications; however these delays are putting enormous pressure on the viability if the current business and thus the future projected growth. We urge that a decision on the application be made as possible.

Please contact the undersigned, if you require clarification on the above information.

Yours sincerely,


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