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**ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** LAURA BURKE, DIRECTOR

**C.C:** Frank Clinton, Programme Manager

**FROM:** Brian Meaney, Senior Scientific Officer

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**RE:** Request for a Technical Amendment to Waste Licence Register Number **W0178-02** held by **Greenstar Holdings Ltd** in relation to **East Galway Landfill**, Killagh More, Ballybaun (E.D. Killaan), Ballintober (E.D. Killaan), Ballinasloe, County Galway.

### Introduction

Greenstar Holdings Ltd operates a landfill for the disposal of municipal waste, industrial waste and asbestos waste. The licensee is authorised to dispose of up to 100,000 tonnes of waste per annum, including 97,000 tonnes of non-hazardous waste and 3,000 tonnes of asbestos (hazardous) waste.

The facility was originally licensed on 26 July 2004. A reviewed licence was granted on 23 March 2010. No technical amendments have been made to the licence.

### Details of Request for Technical Amendment

The licence was reviewed and issued as a final decision on 23 March 2010. In the previous waste licence (W0178-01), Greenstar Holdings Ltd., was permitted to accept up to 100,000 tonnes of waste for disposal. While the total in the current licence is the same, 3,000 tonnes of the total allowance is allocated to asbestos waste. There is no scope in the licence for the asbestos allowance to be taken up by non-hazardous waste should no asbestos waste be accepted. In these circumstances, this in effect leaves the licensed intake at 97,000 tonnes, as opposed to the earlier limit of 100,000 tonnes. According to Greenstar, no asbestos waste has been accepted in 2010.

Schedule A.1 of the licence is as follows:

## SCHEDULE A : Waste Acceptance

Table A.1 Waste Categories and Quantities for Disposal

Waste Type	Maximum (Tonnes Per Annum) <sup>Note 1</sup>
Household	45,000
Commercial	27,500
Industrial non-hazardous	24,500
Asbestos waste	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,000</b>

**Note 1:** The tonnage of household waste, commercial waste and industrial non-hazardous waste may be altered with the prior agreement of the Agency provided that the total amount of these wastes accepted at the facility does not exceed the combined tonnage of 97,000 tonnes per annum (as specified in the total above).

The footnote to Schedule A of the earlier licence used similar language but referred to a different total for the 'combined tonnage' of waste:

**Note 1:** The tonnage of household waste, commercial waste and industrial waste may be altered with the prior agreement of the Agency provided that the total amount of these wastes accepted at the facility does not exceed the combined tonnage of 100,000 tonnes per annum (as specified in the total above).

On 18 November 2010 the licensee requested technical amendment of the licence under Section 42B of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2008. The licensee sought an additional note to Table A.1 as follows:

**Note 2:** Where the annual quantity of asbestos disposed at the facility does not reach 3,000 tonnes, the tonnage of household waste, commercial waste and industrial non-hazardous waste may be altered with the prior agreement of the Agency provided that the total amount of wastes accepted at the facility for disposal does not exceed the combined tonnage of 100,000 tonnes per annum (as specified in the total above).

I accept the premise that the existing licence is less favourable to the licensee compared to the earlier licence in circumstances where the full allowance of 3,000 tonnes of asbestos waste is not used. For this reason, I recommend acceptance of the request for technical amendment. I do not however consider there is a need to use the *note 2* proposed by the licensee. Instead, I propose the following amendment to the existing *note 1*:

**Note 1:** The tonnage of household waste, commercial waste and industrial non-hazardous waste may be altered with the prior agreement of the Agency provided that the total amount of **all** wastes accepted at the facility does not exceed the combined tonnage of **100,000 tonnes** per annum (as specified in the total above).

### Recommendations

I recommend amendment of Schedule A as set out above.

Signed:



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