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Mr. Frank Clinton, Program Manager, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, **Environment Protection Agency**, Headquarters, PO Box 3000. Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

16th December, 2009

Re: Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 - fees payable in respect of applications to be submitted by 22nd Desember, 2009.

Dear Mr. Clinton,

I refer to the 72 certificate applications and Mischarge authorisation licence applications which will be submitted by the council under the above regulations before the 22nd December next.

I note that the fees payable in respect of these applications amount to €246,000 and refer you to our letter of 7th November 2008 (sent by Ted O'Leary, Senior Executive Officer) seeking a rebate/reduction, is is provided for under Art 38 (3) of the regulations. I note that since that letter the council has paid a further \in 570,000 in applications fees meaning that the total amount paid by the council to date amounts to $\in 1,245,000$.

As you will appreciate, in the current economic climate, the amount payable in respect of this final batch of applications is a significant sum that was not budgeted for in 2009. Moreover we have paid a substantial amount in fees already and have made our case for a reduction/rebate. Accordingly, I must advise that we are not submitting payment in respect of these applications as we anticipate the rebate due to the council exceeds the fees payable.

Yours faithfully.

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Louis Duffy, Director of Service, **Environment & Emergency Services Directorate**

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