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**Department of
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

SUB NO. 212

06 March 2012

PA Ref: EPA W0140-40
Our Ref: E00032/2012

Environmental Licensing Division
EPA
Johnstown Castle,
Co. Wexford

Re: Nurendale Ltd trading as Panda Waste Services Ltd - Integrated Waste Management Facility, Rathdrinagh, Beauparc, Navan, Co Meath

A Chara,

I refer to the above proposed Integrated Waste Management Facility application. Please find below the built heritage and nature conservation observations and recommendations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Built Heritage

The Department note that the original planning application appears not to have been referred to the Minister by Meath County Council, and as such any potential impact on the nearby Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site has not been measured. The Department would have concern if any aspect of the proposed development has the potential to impact negatively on the amenity or setting of the internationally important Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site. From examination of the applicant documents available on the EPA website there does not appear to be any reference made to the World Heritage Site, or any potential impacts on same. We note that a large number of the third party submissions explicitly refer to the Boyne Valley area and to Newgrange and/or the World Heritage Site.

Nature Conservation

The present Waste Licence Application relates to a site that is within the immediate catchment of the River Boyne, which is designated a Special Area of Conservation ('River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC', site code 002299) and a Special Protection Area ('River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA', site code 004232). The site is also proximal to a small tributary of the River Boyne which coincides with a prominent field boundary, and is less than 5km upstream of the main river channel. Thus, there is a direct connectivity from the site to the main river channel. It is, therefore, considered that an Appropriate Assessment (AA) of impacts of the development is carried out to ensure it will have no significant effects on the designated European Site.

I refer you to the Departmental guidance document on Appropriate Assessment, which was launched by the Minister on 10th December 2009, and since revised. It is available on the NPWS web site at <http://www.npws.ie/media/npws/publications/codesofpractice/AA%20Guidance%2010-12-09.pdf>.

I also refer you to the EU Commission guidance entitled "*Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites. Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC*" which can be downloaded from http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/natura_2000_assess_en.pdf.

In order to carry out the appropriate assessment you will need to collect information about the relevant Natura 2000 sites including their conservation objectives. Details of designated sites and species can be found on www.npws.ie while conservation objectives, if not yet available on our web site, can be obtained by requesting them by completing the data request form on our website at <http://www.npws.ie/media/npws/publications/Data%20request%20form.doc>.

With regard to any existing records the data of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) should be consulted at www.npws.ie and the data of the National Biodiversity Data Centre at <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/>.

I would recommend that you consult with the relevant Local Authorities to determine if there are any projects or plans which, in combination with this proposed development, could impact on any Natura 2000 sites

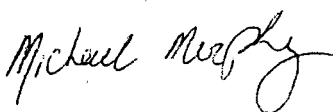
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Alternatively, documentation associated with the above can be referred electronically to the DAU at the following address: **manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie**

In addition, please acknowledge receipt of these observations by return.

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As per todays phone conversation, please find attached the built heritage and nature conservation observations and recommendations of the Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and attached document to the undersigned. Should you require a hardcopy of these recommendations please contact manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie I refer you to Circular DAU 1/10 in this regard.

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