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Mr Brian Meaney Inspector Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) PO Box 3000 Johnstown Castle Estate Co Wexford

21<sup>st</sup> May 2012

## KMK Metals Recycling Ltd (KMK) (Reg No. W0113-04)

Dear Mr Meaney,

My client, KMK Metals Recycling Ltd submitted a waste licence review application to the EPA in October 2009. Upon receipt of the waste licence review application accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (ELS), the EPA forwarded copies of the EIS to both the planning section and sanitary division of Offaly County Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

After some years, KMK Metals received a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from the EPA licensing section seeking further information and in particular requesting various planning related details/matters. I refer in particular to items 9 to 12 of the said EPA letter.

An initial planning opinion was sought and received by KMK Metals and subsequently a pre-planning meeting between the Planning and Environment section of Offaly County Council and KMK Metals was held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The function of this meeting was **that item 12 could be clarified with the planning section of Offaly County Council**. It was agreed at the meeting that a new planning application and associated EIS should be submitted to Offaly County Council in order to accommodate the waste licence review and in particular to address item 12 of the further information EPA request.

The planning application and EIS are being prepared at present and are estimated to be submitted in the coming weeks.

KMK Metals have invested heavily in the best available technologies and methods for WEEE and metals recovery in the past few years. The facility is now a national leader in WEEE recycling and provider of sustainable WEEE management. However this situation of planning and waste licence review determination delays has seriously undermined KMK Metals ability to proceed with business expansion by way of tender procurements for additional waste tonnages greater than the present waste licence.



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This letter of support will be without prejudice to the planning application, but would greatly assist KMK Metals regarding the planning application as it is understood by the Planning Authority that present and future regulation of site activities is carried out by the EPA and that by issuing such a letter, the EPA is confirming that there are no issues arising from proceeding with the waste licence.

If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me on 057 93 52200.

Yours Sincerely

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