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Date 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Dear Mr Lynott,

Kilmainhamwood Compost Waste Licence W0195-01 has been in operation since 2006 and since its development has successfully diverted some 139,094 tonnes of source segregated brown bin, catering waste and green waste away from landfill converting the waste into a valuable resource in the form of compost.

The facility has been certified by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, approval number Comp 06, under the European Communities (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and Animal By Products) Regulations 2008 (as amended)(S.I. No 52 of 2008) and in accordance with Regulation (EC) No.1069 of 2009 and Regulation (EU) No.142 of 2011. The facility has an Integrated Management System (IMS) which is certified to international standards in Quality (ISO9001), Environmental (ISO14001) and Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSAS18001). The facility is the current holder of the Cre Composting Association of Ireland "Best Composting Facility" award and is operated to the highest of standards.

With progressive targets having been set out for Ireland, in the Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC), to reduce the proportion of biodegradable municipal waste landfilled and with measures in place to achieve this, such as the introduction of the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009, the new waste policy document "A Resource Opportunity" which clearly sets out steps for householders and better enforcement, we have invested in bins, collection vehicles and processing facilities to increase the amount of organic material collected from our customers. Domestic householder participation and presentation rates have increased and we have rolled out a brown bin to our domestic customers in Dublin, and Kildare. We plan to rollout this service to our customers in Meath in 2013 subject to having capacity to handle the material.

Our facility at Kilmainhamwood, is currently on target to again exceed its licensed capacity of 20,800 tonnes in 2012. In order to facilitate the planned increase in brown bin material we applied for planning permission to extend the facility to 40,000 tonnes per annum and received approval in January 2011 from An Bord Pleanála. We also applied for a review of our Waste Facility Licence to the same limit which we lodged with the EPA in May 2010.

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We have received no correspondence from the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to our license application and have now been informed that it is unlikely that our license will be looked at until sometime in 2013.

Thorntons Recycling would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the likely decision date re our license application as we would like to progress with the extension of our facility for the reasons previously outlined.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Paul Thornton**  
**Director**

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