

EIA Screening Decision

In accordance with Section 87(2A) of the EPA Acts 1992-2012 and with regard to Section 87(1I) of the EPA Acts 1992-2012, the Agency has, as part of its consideration of the IPPC licence/review application referenced below, determined whether the application should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency. The decision, and the reasons for the decision, is detailed below.

Licence Application Details:

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| Reg No. | P0914-01 |
| Applicant Name: | Westland Horticulture |
| Location of Installation: | Lower Coole, Mayne and Ballinealoe near Coole, County Westmeath & Clonsura, near Fineagh, County Westmeath. |
| Principal Class of Activity: | Class 1.4 |
| Description of Principal Class of Activity: | <i>The extraction of peat in the course of business which involves an area exceeding 50 hectares.</i> |
| Other Classes of Activity: | n/a |
| Licence Application Date: | 15/03/2010 |
| Date of EIA Screening Determination: | 10/01/2013 |

EIA Screening Decision: EIA, as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, is required for the activity to which the above licence application relates.



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Date: 10/01/2013

Reasons for Decision

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Question 1 – Schedule 5 (Part 1) Projects:

Is the activity to which the licence application relates of a type which exceeds any of the thresholds stipulated in **Schedule 5 (Part 1)** of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes: <u>EIA Required</u> State relevant Schedule 5(Part 1) project and threshold: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If No: Proceed to Q2 |
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Question 2 – Schedule 5 (Part 2) Projects:

Is the activity to which the licence application relates of a type which exceeds any of the thresholds stipulated in **Schedule 5 (Part 2)** of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes: <u>EIA Required</u> State relevant Schedule 5 (Part 2) project and threshold: 2. Extractive Industry <i>(a) Peat extraction which would involve a new or extended area of 30 hectares or more.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> No If No: Proceed to Q3 |
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Question 3 – Subthreshold Projects:

(a) Is the activity to which the licence application relates of a type listed in **Schedule 5** of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 but falls below the thresholds stipulated (i.e. a **sub-threshold project**)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes: Proceed to part (b) State relevant Schedule 5 project: | <input type="checkbox"/> No If No: <u>EIA Not Required</u> |
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(b) Is the activity located **on or in** any of the sites/areas/lands specified in Article 103 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended:

Yes

If Yes: Proceed to part (c)

No

If No: Proceed to part (d)

(c) Considering part (b) above and the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, is the activity likely to have significant effects on the environment **of such site/area/land** by virtue, *inter alia*, of its nature, size or location?

Yes

If Yes: EIA Required

No

If No: Proceed to part (d)

(d) Considering the determination above and the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, is the activity likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue, *inter alia*, of its nature, size or location?

Yes

If Yes: EIA Required

No

If No: EIA is not required