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Ms. Laura Burke,
Director General,
Environmental Protection Agency HQ,
PO Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.

14th May 2013

RE: W0283-01 – Waste Licence Application for the Drehid Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Facility

Dear Ms. Burke,

Planning and Waste Licence applications for the development and operation of the Drehid MBT Facility were submitted to the respective regulatory authorities in June 2012. As detailed in the application documentation, the proposed Drehid MBT Facility will primarily accept and process municipal solid waste and will provide for an overall capacity of 250,000 tonnes per annum. The proposed MBT Facility will ensure that waste is adequately pre-treated prior to being deposited in landfill in compliance with EPA guidance on Municipal Solid Waste Pre-treatment and Residuals Management, the 1999 Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) and prevailing waste licence conditions.

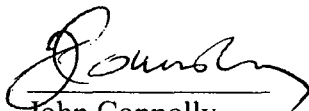
In March 2013, An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for the Drehid MBT Facility. The planning permission can be viewed on the An Bord Pleanála website at www.pleanala.ie/casenum/PA0027.htm.

It is our understanding that the Waste Licence Application has been prioritised and is currently being processed by the Agency, and that a Proposed Decision will be issued in the coming months.

Given its scale and grant of planning permission, the proposed Drehid MBT Facility represents a significant opportunity to divert biodegradable municipal solid waste from landfill and would make a meaningful contribution to the achievement of the 2016 EU Landfill Diversion target. The EPA's recently published National Waste Report for 2011 notes that "the 2016 target remains at risk, even more so should economic recovery lead to increases in municipal waste generation".

We would appreciate a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to help clarify the likely timelines involved.

Yours Sincerely,


John Connolly