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 EPA Ref: W0167-03
 Applicant's Name: Indaver Ireland Limited

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Re: Waste Management Facility at Carranstown, County Meath

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to your letter dated the 6th September, 2013 in relation to a waste licence (review of existing licence), under EPA Reference No. W0167-03.

In respect of the Agency's request for observations and, having regard to the specific queries raised in your letter, the Board wishes to comment as set down below.

1. Having carried out an initial inspection of documents on the Agency's website, there appears to be one fundamental difference between the nature of the Carranstown waste management facility as permitted, and the nature of activities sought under the current waste licence review application to the Agency. This is in the matter of a potentially significant move from use as a waste recovery facility to a waste disposal facility. The existing facility is a permitted development under the aegis of three permissions. The permissions provide in the first instance for a waste to energy recovery facility granted by

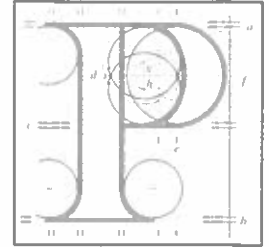
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the local Planning Authority and upheld on appeal by the Board in 2007 (Ref. PL17.219721 [County Meath SA/60050]); and modifications and extensions to the facility granted by Meath County Council in 2009 (Meath SA 901467) and An Bord Pleanála in 2013 (17.PA0026). It is understood that waste licences issued to date have in effect provided for certain waste disposal activities incidental to the core recovery activity at the facility. However it appears that the current waste licence review application (as amended) seeks to include waste disposal (D10 – incineration on land) as a substantial on-going activity. The Board must advise that any significant shift in activities from “recovery” to “disposal” would be at variance with the integrity of planning permissions governing the facility.

2. Regarding hazardous waste acceptance for treatment at the Carranstown facility, the Agency’s attention is drawn to condition no. 3 attached to the planning permission granted this year under 17.PA0026. This condition specifies, inter alia, that the tonnage of separately collected hazardous waste accepted for treatment shall not exceed 10,000 tonnes per annum. Enforcement of this condition would be a matter for the local Planning Authority. It is noted that the current waste licence review application seeks to facilitate up to 15,000 tonnes per annum of hazardous waste acceptance.
3. Your attention is drawn also to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) categories of waste identified in the environmental impact statement (EIS) submitted in support of the planning application 17.PA0026, and cross-referenced by the Board in condition no. 3 of the permission order referred above. The identified codes appear to match the codes in the lists submitted to the Agency in the current waste licence review application. It is noted that the applicants have withdrawn their request to the Agency to licence the acceptance and treatment of wastes covered by EWC code 19 12 11. The withdrawal of this element of the licence review application post-dated the February 2013 effective date of the permission under 17.PA0026.
4. The decision of the Board in 17.PA0026 was made after the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment (following an oral hearing into the case which was held in October 2012) and receipt of an inspector’s report on the said case. In considering the environmental impact of the proposals contained in the planning application to the Board under 17.PA0026, the inspectorate team noted that there appeared to be a lack of detailed information provided by applicants in respect of the on-site waste storage and handling areas and facilities for certain additional wastes then proposed to be accepted for treatment at the waste management facility. The Board concluded, in respect of this issue, that having regard to the (concurrent) application for a revised waste licence, that details of procedures, with physical implications for waste storage and handling areas, would be satisfactorily dealt with by the waste licencing process. It is noted that the EPA is empowered under environmental legislation to direct the provision of works necessary to secure adequate on-site infrastructure appropriate to activities being licenced.
5. All documents relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment undertaken by the Board are available on <https://partner.pleanala.ie/>



- The Agency's attention is brought to the issues set out in the Inspector's Report and assessment and the Board's final decision, as set out in the Direction and Order, with particular attention to the Reasons and Considerations and Conditions imposed on the grant of permission.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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