

12 February 2014

Mr. Michael Owen, Inspector
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Co. Wexford

Our Ref: 501.00180.00065

Your Ref : W0280-01

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

17 FEB 2014

Dear Mr Owen

Re: Inert Soil Waste Recovery Facility Brownswood, Co. Wexford (Ref. No. 280-01)
Response to Article 14 Compliance Notice dated 18 November 2013

This letter is submitted in response to the notice issued to Roadstone Wood Ltd. on 18 November 2013 in accordance with Article 14(2)(b) (ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations advising that the documentation submitted in respect of its waste licence application for an inert soil recovery facility at Brownswood, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford did not comply with Article 12 Compliance requirements.

RESPONSE TO ARTICLE 12 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

As requested, we have prepated a revised Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in respect of the proposed soil recovery facility which addresses the requirements of Article 42(5) of the Habitats Regualtions 2011.

In particular, it addresses the following requirements in respect of assimilative capacity calculations (presented in Appendix 2 of the NIS);

- The assessment is based on actual water quality data for the site discharge (downstream of the existing settling ponds and hydrocarbon interceptor) rather than for the quarry void water quality data;
- The assessment is based on 95%ile river flow values;
- More recent upstream quality data for suspended solids in the River Slaney (from sampling taken in December 2013) is used;
- The assimilative capacity calculations are carried out on a worst case emissions scenario basis utilising 95%ile flows and worse case emissions data.
- Actual water quality data downstream on the River Slaney is included to facilitate comparison.

A copy of the revised NIS (with additional test data in Appendix 2 and a revised assimilative capacity assessment in Appendix 3) is attached under cover of this letter.

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We consider that our response to the Article 12 compliance notice does not impinge or significantly modify any information previously presented in the non-technical summary previously presented in the waste licence application or EIS. As requested, two copies of this submission are provided in hard copy format (original plus one copy), together with 16 No. electronic copies in searchable PDF format on CD-ROM.

We trust that we have adequately addressed the issues raised in your Article 12 compliance letter dated 18 November last. Should you wish to discuss any further issues in response to this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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