

**This licence was amended on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 under Section 42B(1)(c) of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2011. The details of Amendment A must be read in conjunction with this licence. The amendment document is entitled “Technical Amendment A”**

**This licence was amended on 30 December 2013 under Section S76A(11) of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. The details of the Amendment must be read in conjunction with this licence. The amendment document is entitled “IE Amendment”.**



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## WASTE LICENCE LANDFILL FOR NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE

<b>Waste Licence</b>	W0060-03
<b>Register Number:</b>	
<b>Licensee:</b>	Louth County Council
<b>Location of Facility:</b>	Whiteriver Landfill Site, Whiteriver and Gunstown Townland, Dunleer, County Louth.

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## WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTS, 1996 TO 2010

### WASTE LICENCE

Decision of the Agency, under Section 46(8)(a) of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010

*Waste Licence Register No:* **W0060-03**

Further to notice dated the 19th day of October 2009, the Agency in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010, for the reasons hereinafter set out in the attached Decision, grants this revised waste licence to Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, County Louth, to carry on the waste activities set out below at Whiteriver Landfill Site, Whiteriver & Gunstown Townland, Dunleer, County Louth, subject to twelve Conditions, as set out in the schedules attached thereto.

A copy of the Decision is attached.

### Licensed Waste Activities

*Waste Disposal Activities, in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010:*

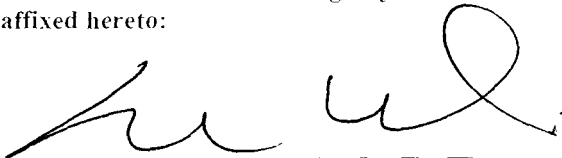
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Deposit on, in or under land (including landfill):</b> This activity is limited to disposal of the waste types specified in <i>Schedule A: Waste Acceptance</i> , of this licence.
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Surface impoundment, including placement of liquid or sludge discards into pits, ponds or lagoons:</b> This activity is limited to the operation of the stormwater and leachate retention lagoons.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Specially engineered landfill, including placement into lined discrete cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment:</b> This activity is limited to the disposal of the waste types specified in <i>Schedule A: Waste Acceptance</i> of this licence into lined cells.
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Biological treatment not referred to elsewhere in this Schedule which results in final compounds or mixtures which are disposed of by means of any activity referred to in paragraphs 1 to 10 of this Schedule:</b> This activity is limited to the treatment of leachate at the facility.
<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Physico-chemical treatment not referred to elsewhere in this Schedule (including evaporation, drying and calcination) which results in final compounds or mixtures which are disposed of by means of any activity referred to in paragraphs 1 to 10 of this Schedule (including evaporation, drying and calcination):</b> This activity is limited to the treatment of leachate at the facility.
<b>Class 12</b>	<b>Repackaging prior to submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule:</b> This activity is limited to the compaction or repackaging of waste at the facility prior to disposal.
<b>Class 13</b>	<b>Storage prior to submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where the waste concerned is produced:</b> This activity is limited to the storage of waste prior to its disposal.

*Waste Recovery Activities, in accordance with the Fourth Schedule  
of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010:*

Class 2	<b>Recycling or reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (including composting and other biological transformation processes):</b>  This activity is limited to the use of compost or similar material in the restoration of the landfill.
Class 4	<b>Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials:</b>  This activity is limited to the use of soil, subsoil and construction and demolition waste for daily cover, engineering works and the restoration of cells at the facility.
Class 9	<b>Use of any waste principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy:</b>  This activity is limited to the use of landfill gas as a fuel for the generation of electricity energy.
Class 10	<b>The treatment of any waste on land with a consequential benefit for an agricultural activity or ecological system:</b>  This activity is limited to the use of various suitable wastes as daily or intermediate cover and in the restoration of the landfill, subject to the agreement of the Agency.
Class 13	<b>Storage of waste intended for submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where such waste is produced:</b>  This activity is limited to the storage of soil, subsoil and construction and demolitions wastes at the facility prior to recovery / reuse at the facility.

Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency  
was affixed hereto:



Laura Burke, Director



## INTRODUCTION

This introduction is not part of the licence and does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the licence.

This licence relates to an existing local authority landfill accepting municipal, commercial and non-hazardous industrial wastes at Whiteriver Landfill Site, Whiteriver and Gunstown Townland, Dunleer, County Louth

This licence allows for the acceptance of up to 96,000 tonnes of waste for disposal and recovery (4,000 tonnes), including 52,000 tonnes of municipal waste.

This review of the licence is primarily concerned with ensuring that the landfill is operating in compliance with all relevant requirements of the Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) including the need to divert biodegradable municipal waste from landfill. Waste must be treated before disposal in the landfill and treatment must now reflect pre-treatment technical guidelines published in 2009 by the Agency – *Municipal Solid Waste – Pre-treatment and Residuals Management: An EPA Technical Guidance Document*. Limits on the acceptance of biodegradable municipal waste are introduced. There is a consequential need, set out in the licence, to update and revise waste acceptance procedures, maintain records to demonstrate compliance with new requirements and provide periodic reports on waste disposal and recovery at the facility. New conditions for the prevention, control and monitoring of odour have been introduced.

The licensee must manage and operate the facility to ensure that the activities do not cause environmental pollution. The licensee has to carry out regular environmental monitoring and submit all monitoring results and reports on the development, management and operation of the facility to the Agency.

The licence sets out in detail the conditions under which Louth County Council will operate and manage this facility.



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# DECISION & REASONS FOR THE DECISION

## *Reasons for the decision*

The Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) is satisfied, on the basis of the information available, that subject to compliance with the conditions of this licence, any emissions from the activity will comply with and will not contravene any of the requirements of Section 40(4) of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010.

In reaching this decision the Environmental Protection Agency has considered documentation and objection received from the licensee and the reports of its inspectors.

## *Part I Activities Licensed*

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) under Section 46(8)(a) of the said Acts, hereby grants this Waste Licence to Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, County Louth to carry on the waste activity/activities listed below at Whiteriver Landfill, Whiteriver and Gunstown Townlands, Dunleer, County Louth subject to conditions, with the reasons therefore and the associated schedules attached thereto set out in the licence. For the purpose of Article 48 of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 395) this facility is classed as a non-hazardous waste landfill.

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Third Schedule of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010*

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This activity is limited to the use of compost or similar material in the restoration of the landfill.

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This activity is limited to the use of soil, subsoil and construction and demolition waste for daily cover, engineering works and the restoration of cells at the facility.

**Class 9**      **Use of any waste principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy:**  
  
This activity is limited to the use of landfill gas as a fuel for the generation of electricity / energy.

**Class 10**      **The treatment of any waste on land with a consequential benefit for an agricultural activity or ecological system:**  
  
This activity is limited to the use of various suitable wastes as daily or intermediate cover and in the restoration of the landfill, subject to the agreement of the Agency.

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## INTERPRETATION

All terms in this licence should be interpreted in accordance with the definitions in the Waste Management Act, (the Act), unless otherwise defined in this section.

<b>Adequate lighting</b>	20 lux measured at ground level.
<b>Agreement</b>	Agreement in writing.
<b>Annually</b>	At approximately twelve monthly intervals.
<b>Attachment</b>	Any reference to Attachments in this licence refers to attachments submitted as part of the waste licence application.
<b>Application</b>	The application by the licensee for this waste licence.
<b>Appropriate facility</b>	A waste management facility, duly authorised under relevant law and technically suitable.
<b>BAT</b>	Best Available Techniques as defined in Article 2(11) of Council Directive 96/61/EC concerning integrated pollution prevention and control.
<b>Biodegradable waste</b>	Waste that is capable of undergoing anaerobic or aerobic decomposition, such as food and garden waste and paper and cardboard.
<b>Biodegradable municipal waste (BMW)</b>	The biodegradable component of municipal waste, not including bio-stabilised residual waste. Biodegradable municipal waste is typically composed of food and garden waste, wood, paper, cardboard and textiles.
<b>Bio-stabilised residual waste</b>	Residual biodegradable municipal waste that has been treated to achieve an EPA-approved biodegradability stability standard (as defined in this licence) prior to landfilling or alternative use agreed.
<b>Characterisation of waste</b>	The sampling and analysis of waste to determine, amongst other things, its nature and composition, including the proportions of biodegradable, recyclable and other materials in the waste.
<b>Classification of waste</b>	The classification of waste as inert, non-hazardous or hazardous for the purpose of article 4 of Council Directive (1999/31/EC) on the landfill of waste.
<b>Coding of waste</b>	The allocation of a European Waste Catalogue/Hazardous Waste List code and a concise/standardised description of the waste, including information on the source of the waste, e.g. municipal, industrial, construction and demolition etc.
<b>Construction and Demolition Waste</b>	All wastes which arise from construction, renovation and demolition activities.
<b>Cover material</b>	Bricks, crushed concrete, tarmac, earth, soil, sub-soil, stone, rock (or other materials the use of which has been agreed by the Agency).
<b>Daily Cover</b>	Is the term used to describe material spread (about 150mm if soil cover is used) over deposited waste at the end of each day.
<b>Daytime</b>	0800 hrs to 2200 hrs.



<b>Documentation</b>	Any report, record, result, data, drawing, proposal, interpretation or other document in written or electronic form which is required by this licence.
<b>Drawing</b>	Any reference to a drawing or drawing number means a drawing or drawing number contained in the application, unless otherwise specified in this licence.
<b>Emergency</b>	Those occurrences defined in Condition 9.4.
<b>Emission Limits</b>	Those limits, including concentration limits and deposition levels established in <i>Schedule C: Emission Limits</i> , of this licence.
<b>Environmental Damage</b>	<p>(a) damage to protected species and natural habitats, which is any damage that has significant adverse effects on reaching or maintaining the favourable conservation status of such habitats or species. The significance of such effects is to be assessed with reference to the baseline condition, taking account of the criteria set out in Annex I; Damage to protected species and natural habitats does not include previously identified adverse effects which result from an act by an operator which was expressly authorised by the relevant authorities in accordance with provisions implementing Article 6(3) and (4) or Article 16 of Directive 92/43/EEC or Article 9 of Directive 79/409/EEC or, in the case of habitats and species not covered by Community law, in accordance with equivalent provisions of national law on nature conservation.</p> <p>(b) water damage, which is any damage that significantly adversely affects the ecological, chemical and/or quantitative status and/or ecological potential, as defined in Directive 2000/60/EC, of the waters concerned, with the exception of adverse effects where Article 4(7) of that Directive applies;</p> <p>(c) land damage, which is any land contamination that creates a significant risk of human health being adversely affected as a result of the direct or indirect introduction, in, on or under land, of substances, preparations, organisms or micro-organisms.</p>
<b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b>	A harmonised, non-exhaustive list of wastes drawn up by the European Commission and published as Commission Decision 94/3/EC and any subsequent amendment published in the Official Journal of the European Community.
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	The hours during which the facility is authorised to be operational.
<b>Hours of Waste Acceptance</b>	The hours during which the facility is authorised to accept waste.
<b>Incident</b>	An incident for the purposes of this licence is defined as <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An emergency;</li><li>• Any emission which does not comply with the requirements of this licence;</li><li>• Any trigger level specified in this licence which is attained or exceeded; and</li><li>• Any indication that environmental pollution has, or may have, taken place.</li></ul>
<b>Inert waste</b>	Waste as defined in S.I. No. 336 of 2002 Waste Management (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 2002.
<b>Intermediate Cover</b>	Term used to describe material (minimum 300mm if soil is used) spread over deposited waste for a period of time prior to restoration or prior to further disposal of waste.

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<b>Landfill footprint</b>	Refers to the area of the facility where the waste is disposed of by placement on the ground or on other waste (or deposited in lined cells where applicable).
<b>Landfill Gas</b>	Gases generated from the landfilled waste.
<b>LEL (Lower Explosive Limit)</b>	The lowest percentage concentration by volume of a mixture of flammable gas with air which will propagate a flame at 25°C and atmospheric pressure.
<b>Licence</b>	A waste licence issued in accordance with the Act.
<b>Licensee</b>	Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, County Louth.
<b>List I/II Organics</b>	Substances classified pursuant to EC Directives 76/464/EEC and 80/68/EEC.
<b>Liquid Waste</b>	Any waste in liquid form and containing less than 2% dry matter. Any waste tankered to the facility.
<b>Maintain</b>	Keep in a fit state, including such regular inspection, servicing and repair as may be necessary to adequately perform its function.
<b>Mobile Plant</b>	Self-propelled machinery used for the emplacement of wastes or for the construction of specified engineering works.
<b>Monthly</b>	A minimum of 12 times per year, at approximately monthly intervals.
<b>Municipal solid waste (MSW)</b>	Household waste as well as commercial and other waste which, because of its nature or composition, is similar to household waste. Excluding municipal sludges and effluents.
<b>Night-time</b>	2200 hrs to 0800 hrs.
<b>OMP</b>	Odour Management Plan.
<b>Quarterly</b>	At approximately three monthly intervals.
<b>Residual waste</b>	The fraction of collected waste remaining after a treatment or diversion step, which generally requires further treatment or disposal.
<b>Sample(s)</b>	Unless the context of this licence indicates to the contrary, samples shall include measurements by electronic instruments.
<b>SCADA system</b>	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system.
<b>Sludge</b>	The accumulation of solids resulting from chemical coagulation, flocculation and/or sedimentation after water or wastewater treatment with greater than 2% dry matter.
<b>Specified Emissions</b>	Those emissions listed in <i>Schedule C: Emission Limits</i> , of this licence.
<b>Specified Engineering Works</b>	Those engineering works listed in <i>Schedule B: Specified Engineering Works</i> , of this licence.
<b>Treated Sludge</b>	Sludge which has undergone biological, chemical or heat treatment, long-term storage or any other appropriate process so as significantly to reduce its fermentability and the health hazards resulting from its use.
<b>Treatment/pre-</b>	In relation to waste, any manual, thermal, physical, chemical or biological processes that change the characteristics of waste in order to reduce its volume

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<b>treatment</b>	or hazardous nature or facilitate its handling, disposal or recovery.
<b>Trigger Level</b>	A parameter value specified in the licence, the achievement or exceedance of which requires certain actions to be taken by the licensee.
<b>Wastewater</b>	Contaminated water including water that has been used for washing, and/or flushing (including foul water).
<b>White Goods</b>	Refrigerators, cookers, ovens and other similar appliances.
<b>EPA Working Day</b>	Refers to the following hours: 0900 hrs to 1730 hrs Monday to Friday inclusive.
<b>Working Face</b>	The area of the site in which waste other than cover material or material for the purposes of the construction of specified engineering works is being deposited.



## ***PART II CONDITIONS***

### **CONDITION 1 SCOPE OF THE LICENCE**

- 1.1 Waste activities at the facility shall be restricted to those listed and described in Part I: Activities Licensed and authorised by this licence.
- 1.2 For the purposes of this licence, the facility is the area of land outlined in red on Drawing No. 2 – *Location of Activity Map* and Drawing No. 2001-160-01-003 Rev. A – *Site Plan* of the application. Any reference in this licence to “facility” shall mean the area thus outlined in red.
- 1.3 This licence is for the purposes of waste licensing under the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2010 only and nothing in this licence shall be construed as negating the licensee’s statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations.
- 1.4 Municipal Waste, Commercial Waste, Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste, Non-Hazardous Industrial Sludges, Construction and Demolition Waste and Inert Waste may be recovered and disposed of at the facility subject to the maximum quantities and other constraints listed in *Schedule A: Waste Acceptance*, of this licence.
- 1.5 Waste Acceptance
  - 1.5.1 Whole used tyres (other than bicycle tyres and tyres with an outside diameter greater than 1400mm) shall not be disposed of at the facility. Shredded used tyres shall not be accepted or disposed of at the facility.
  - 1.5.2 No hazardous wastes, liquid wastes or sewage sludges shall be disposed of at the facility.
  - 1.5.3 Only waste that has been subject to treatment shall be accepted for disposal at the landfill facility.
    - (i) Treatment shall reflect published EPA technical guidance as set out in *Municipal Solid Waste – Pre-treatment and Residuals Management*, EPA, 2009.
    - (ii) With the agreement of the Agency, this condition shall not apply to:
      - inert wastes for which treatment is not technically feasible;
      - other waste for which such treatment does not contribute to the objectives of the Landfill Directive as set out in Article 1 of the Directive by reducing the quantity of the waste or the hazards to human health or the environment.
  - 1.5.4 No waste which in the conditions of the landfill, is explosive, corrosive, oxidising, highly flammable or flammable as defined in EU Council Directive 91/689/EEC shall be accepted at the landfill.
  - 1.5.5 The dilution or mixture of waste solely in order to fulfil relevant waste acceptance criteria established under Condition 5.3.1 is prohibited.
  - 1.5.6 Gypsum wastes shall not be placed in any landfill cell accepting biodegradable waste.
- 1.6 Waste Acceptance Hours and Hours of Operation
  - 1.6.1 Landfill
    - 1.6.1.1 Waste shall be accepted at the facility for disposal at the landfill only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

- 1.6.1.2 The landfill at the facility may be operated only between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday inclusive, 7.30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8.30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
- 1.6.1.3 Waste shall not be accepted at the landfill on Sundays or Public Holidays.
- 1.7 Where the Agency considers that a non-compliance with any condition of this licence has occurred, it may serve a notice on the licensee specifying.
- 1.7.1 That only those wastes as specified, if any, in the notice are to be accepted at the facility after the date set down in the notice.
- 1.7.2 That the licensee shall undertake the works stipulated in the notice, and/or otherwise comply with the requirements of the notice as set down therein, within the time-scale contained in the notice.
- 1.7.3 That the licensee shall carry out any other requirement specified in the notice.
- When the notice has been complied with, the licensee shall provide written confirmation that the requirements of the notice have been carried out. No waste, other than that which is stipulated in the notice, shall be accepted at the facility until written permission is received from the Agency.
- 1.8 Every plan, programme or proposal submitted to the Agency for its agreement pursuant to any condition of this licence shall include a proposed timescale for its implementation. The Agency may modify or alter any such plan, programme or proposal in so far as it considers such modification or alteration to be necessary and shall notify the licensee in writing of any such modification or alteration. Every such plan, programme or proposal shall be carried out within the timescale fixed by the Agency but shall not be undertaken without the agreement of the Agency. Every such plan, programme or proposal agreed by the Agency shall be covered by the conditions of this licence.
- 1.9 This licence is being granted in substitution for the waste licence granted to the licensee on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003 and bearing Waste Licence Register No. W0060-02. The previous Waste Licence (Register No. W0060-02) is superseded by this licence.

***REASON: To clarify the scope of this licence.***

## **CONDITION 2 MANAGEMENT OF THE FACILITY**

### **2.1 Facility Management**

- 2.1.1 The licensee shall employ a suitably qualified facility manager with experience commensurate with the level of expertise required who shall be designated as the person in charge. The facility manager or a nominated, suitably qualified and experienced deputy shall be present on the facility at all times during its operation.
- 2.1.2 Both the facility manager and deputy, and any replacement manager or deputy, shall successfully complete both the FAS Waste Management Training Programme (or equivalent agreed by the Agency) and associated on site assessment appraisal within twelve months of appointment.
- 2.1.3 The licensee shall ensure that personnel performing specifically assigned tasks shall be qualified on the basis of appropriate education, training and experience, as required and shall be aware of the requirements of this licence.

## 2.2 Management Structure

2.2.1 The licensee shall maintain written details of the management structure of the facility. Any proposed replacement in the management structure shall be notified in advance in writing to the Agency. Written details of the management structure shall include the following information:-

- a) The names of all persons who are to provide the management and supervision of the waste activities authorised by the licence, in particular the name of the facility manager and any nominated deputies;
- b) Details of the responsibilities for each individual named under a) above;
- c) Details of the relevant education, training and experience held by each of the persons nominated under a) above; and
- d) Proposals for the future management structure and staffing levels taking account of the increased scale and the activities being carried out at the facility.

## 2.3 Environmental Management System (EMS)

2.3.1 The licensee shall maintain an EMS and an agreed mechanism for the updating (where appropriate) of the documented Environmental Management System (EMS) for the facility. The EMS shall be updated on an annual basis with amendments being submitted to the Agency for its agreement.

2.3.2 The EMS shall include as a minimum the following elements

### 2.3.2.1 Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets

The licensee shall prepare and maintain a Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets. The schedule shall, as a minimum, provide for a review of all operations and processes, including an evaluation of practicable options, for energy and resource efficiency, the use of cleaner technology (including emissions prevention/reduction), and the beneficial recovery/recycling of waste in subsequent landfill engineering operations. The schedule shall include time frames for the achievement of set targets and shall address a five-year period as a minimum. The schedule shall be reviewed annually and amendments thereto notified to the Agency for agreement as part of the Annual Environmental Report (AER).

The licensee shall ensure insofar as practicable that environmental objectives and targets are met according to the stated schedule.

### 2.3.2.2 Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP)

Within 12 months from the date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall prepare and maintain a LEMP, including a time schedule, for achieving the Environmental Objectives and Targets prepared under Condition 2.3.2.1. The LEMP shall have regard to the guidance set out in the EPA Manual on *Landfill Operational Practices*. The LEMP shall replace any existing EMP and shall include:

- designation of responsibility for targets;
- the means by which they may be achieved; and
- the time within which they may be achieved.

The LEMP shall be reviewed annually and take into account operational experiences at the facility, the stage of development of the facility (active, closure, aftercare), evolving legislative and BAT requirements, as well as any Agency instructions that may issue. Amendments shall be notified to the Agency for agreement as part of the Annual Environmental Report (AER).

A report on the programme, including the success in meeting agreed targets, shall be prepared and submitted to the Agency as part of the AER. Such reports shall be retained on-site for a period of not less than seven years and shall be available for inspection by authorised persons of the Agency.

#### 2.3.2.3 Corrective Action Procedures

The Corrective Action Procedures shall detail the corrective actions to be taken should any of the procedures detailed in the EMS not be followed.

#### 2.3.2.4 Awareness and Training Programme

The Awareness and Training Programme shall identify training needs, for personnel who work in or have responsibility for the licensed facility.

### 2.4 Communications Programme

2.4.1 The licensee shall establish and maintain a Communications Programme to inform and involve the local community and to ensure that members of the public can obtain information at the facility, at all reasonable times, concerning the environmental performance of the facility.

### 2.5 Resource Use and Energy Efficiency

2.5.1 The licensee shall carry out an audit of the energy efficiency of the site within one year of the date of grant of this licence. The audit shall:-

- (i) identify all opportunities for energy use reduction and efficiency;
- (ii) be carried out in accordance with the guidance published by the Agency - "Guidance Note on Energy Efficiency Auditing"; and
- (iii) be repeated at intervals as required by the Agency.

The recommendations of the audit will be incorporated into the Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets under Condition 2.3.2.1 above.

2.5.2 The licensee shall identify opportunities for reduction in the quantity of water used on site including recycling and reuse initiatives, wherever possible. Reductions in water usage shall be incorporated into the Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.

2.5.3 The licensee shall undertake an assessment of the efficiency of use of raw materials in all processes, having particular regard to the reduction in waste generated. The assessment should take account of best international practice for this type of activity. Where improvements are identified, these shall be incorporated into the Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.

***REASON: To make provision for the proper management of the activity on a planned basis having regard to the desirability of ongoing assessment, recording and reporting of matters affecting the environment. To provide for the efficient use of resources and energy in all site operations.***

## CONDITION 3 FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

3.1 The licensee shall establish all infrastructure referred to in this licence as required by the conditions of this licence.

### 3.2 Specified Engineering Works

3.2.1 The licensee shall submit proposals for all Specified Engineering Works, as defined in *Schedule B: Specified Engineering Works*, of this licence, to the Agency for its agreement at least two months prior to the intended date of commencement of any such works. No such works shall be carried out without the prior agreement of the Agency.

3.2.2 All specified engineering works shall be supervised by a competent person(s) and that person, or persons, shall be present at all times during which relevant works are being undertaken.

3.2.3 Following the completion of all specified engineering works, the licensee shall complete a construction quality assurance validation. The validation report shall be made available to the Agency on request. The report shall include the following information:-

- a) A description of the works;
- b) As-built drawings of the works;
- c) Records and results of all tests carried out (including failures);
- d) Drawings and sections showing the location of all samples and tests carried out;
- e) Daily record sheets/diary;
- f) Name(s) of contractor(s)/individual(s) responsible for undertaking the specified engineering works;
- g) Name(s) of individual(s) responsible for supervision of works and for quality assurance validation of works;
- h) Records of any problems and the remedial works carried out to resolve those problems; and
- i) Any other information requested in writing by the Agency.

### 3.3 Facility Notice Board

3.3.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain a Facility Notice Board on the facility so that it is legible to persons outside the main entrance to the facility. The minimum dimensions of the board shall be 1200 mm by 750 mm.

3.3.2 The board shall clearly show:-

- a) The name and telephone number of the facility;
- b) The normal hours of opening;
- c) The name of the licence holder;
- d) An emergency out of hours contact telephone number;
- e) The licence reference number; and
- f) Where environmental information relating to the facility can be obtained.

### 3.4 Facility Security

3.4.1 Security and stockproof fencing and gates shall be installed and maintained as described in Section 2.1.1.1 of the EIS. The security fence and gates shall be at the locations shown on Drawing No. 2001-160-01-013 Rev. A. The base of the fencing shall be set in the ground.



Subject to the implementation of the restoration and aftercare plan and to the agreement of the Agency, the requirement for such site security may be removed.

- 3.4.2 The licensee shall remedy any defect in the gates and/or fencing as follows:-
- a) A temporary repair shall be made by the end of the working day; and
  - b) A repair to the standard of the original gates and/or fencing shall be undertaken within three working days.
- 3.4.3 The licensee shall install, commission and maintain the CCTV infrastructure as described in Section 2.1.1 of the EIS.
- 3.5 Facility Roads and site surfaces
- 3.5.1 Site roads shall be provided and maintained to ensure the safe movement of vehicles within the facility.
- 3.5.2 Vehicles under Louth County Council's control awaiting access to the landfill shall queue inside the facility boundary along the site access road only, and not along the public road.
- 3.5.3 The facility entrance area, the access road as far as the proposed new wheel wash location as shown on Figure 2.4 of the EIS, the car parking area, where vehicle movement takes place and at the waste handling and storage area shall be paved and maintained in accordance with Section 2.1.2 of the EIS.
- 3.6 Facility Office
- 3.6.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain an office at the facility. The office shall be constructed and maintained in a manner suitable for the processing and storing of documentation.
- 3.6.2 The licensee shall provide and maintain a working telephone and a method for electronic transfer of information at the facility.
- 3.6.3 The licensee shall maintain site accommodation at the facility as referred to in Section 2.1.10 - *Site Accommodation* of the EIS and in accordance with the proposal agreed by the Agency.
- 3.7 Waste Inspection and Quarantine Areas
- 3.7.1 A Waste Inspection Area and a Waste Quarantine Area shall be provided and maintained at the facility.
- 3.7.2 These areas shall be constructed and maintained in a manner suitable, and be of a size appropriate, for the inspection of waste and subsequent quarantine if required. The waste inspection area and the waste quarantine area shall be clearly identified and segregated from each other.
- 3.7.3 Drainage from these areas shall be directed to the leachate holding tank.
- 3.8 Weighbridge
- 3.8.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain a weighbridge at the facility.
- 3.9 Wheel Cleaning
- 3.9.1 The licensee shall establish and maintain a wheelwash/dry wheel shake at the facility.

### 3.10 Waste Water Treatment Plant

- 3.10.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain a Wastewater Treatment plant at the facility for the treatment of wastewater arising on-site. Any percolation area shall satisfy the criteria set out in the *Wastewater Treatment Manual, Treatment Systems for Single Houses*, published by the Environmental Protection Agency. The licensee shall ensure compatibility of this system with Agency guidance.

### 3.11 Tank and Drum Storage Areas

- 3.11.1 All tank and drum storage areas shall be rendered impervious to the materials stored therein.
- 3.11.2 All tank and drum storage areas shall, as a minimum, be bunded, either locally or remotely, to a volume not less than the greater of the following:-
- (a) 110% of the capacity of the largest tank or drum within the bunded area; or
  - (b) 25% of the total volume of substance which could be stored within the bunded area.
- 3.11.3 All drainage from bunded areas shall be diverted for collection and safe disposal.
- 3.11.4 All inlets, outlets, vent pipes, valves and gauges must be within the bunded area.
- 3.11.5 Bunds should be designed having regard to Agency guidelines '*Storage and Transfer of Materials for Scheduled Activities*' (2004). The integrity and water tightness of all the bunds and their resistance to penetration by water or other materials stored therein shall be confirmed by the licensee. This confirmation shall be repeated at least once every three years and reported to the Agency on each occasion.

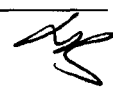
### 3.12 Landfill Lining

- 3.12.1 The landfill liner shall comprise:-

- a) A composite liner consisting of a 1m layer of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of less than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  m/s, (or equivalent to be agreed by the Agency) overlain by a 2mm thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) layer;
- b) A geotextile protection layer placed over the HDPE layer;
- c) A 500mm thick drainage layer placed over the geotextile layer with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  m/s, of pre-washed, uncrushed, granular, rounded stone (16 - 32mm grain size) incorporating leachate collection drains; and
- d) Side walls shall be designed and constructed to achieve an equivalent protection. Side walls located on the interface between the new cells and the existing landfill shall be of the design outlined in Section D.1 and Appendix B of the Article 13 information submitted December 2002. Final detailed design of the lining system for the interface areas shall be submitted as part of the Specified Engineering Works (SEWs) under for agreement with the Agency.

- 3.12.2 The liner detailed design and its construction and the construction quality assurance testing shall be in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Agency's *Landfill Manual - Landfill Site Design*.

- 3.12.3 Formation levels of the cells shall be as shown on Drawing No. 2001-160-01-003 Rev. A – *Site Plan*.



### 3.13 Buffer Zone

- 3.13.1 A Buffer Zone, in which no waste shall be landfilled, shall be provided and maintained within the facility. The Buffer Zone shall be located as shown on Drawing No. 2001-160-01-003 Rev A – *Site Plan* in the application.

### 3.14 Leachate Management Infrastructure

- 3.14.1 Leachate management infrastructure shall be provided and maintained at the facility as described in Section 2.4. of the EIS – *Leachate Management Plan* and as shown on relevant drawings in the EIS.

### 3.15 Landfill Gas Management

- 3.15.1 Landfill gas management infrastructure shall be provided and maintained at the facility as described in Section 2.5 of the EIS and passive vents shall, where required include activated carbon filters.

- 3.15.2 Landfill gas extraction wells shall be provided in the lined cells so as to match the phased development of the cells. Passive landfill gas management shall be carried out in the lined cells until such time as it is possible to flare the landfill gas.

- 3.15.3 Infrastructure for the active collection and flaring of landfill gas shall be installed, commissioned and operational at the facility no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003. The flare shall be of an enclosed type design.

Flare unit efficiency shall be tested once it is installed and once every three years thereafter.

- 3.15.4 The combustion air supply to the enclosed gas flare shall be controlled so as to achieve a minimum temperature of 1,000°C and 0.3 seconds retention time.

- 3.15.5 All buildings constructed on the facility shall have regard to the guidance given in the Department of Environment 1994 publication “Protection of New Buildings and Occupants from Landfill Gas” and any subsequent revisions.

### 3.16 Surface Water Management

- 3.16.1 Effective surface water management infrastructure shall be provided and maintained at the facility during construction, operation, restoration and aftercare of the facility. As a minimum, the infrastructure shall include that which is described in Sections 2.1.9 and 5.1.4 of the EIS and Section C.3 and Fig. 5.2 (Revision B) of Article 13 information dated December 2002 and shall be capable of the following:-

- a) The prevention of contaminated water and leachate discharges into surface water drains and courses; and
- b) The collection/diversion of run off arising from capped and restored areas.

- 3.16.2 Surface water drainage swales at the facility shall be designed and constructed in such a manner so as to prevent erosion, stagnation and under capacity.

- 3.16.3 All silt traps and oil separators shall be in accordance with European Standard prEN 858 (installation for the separation of light liquids).

## 3.16.4 Stream Diversion

- a) All works relating to the diversion of the existing stream at the facility shall be carried out during the period May to September and only after prior consultation with the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board (ERFB) and the EPA and the agreement of an appropriate method statement.

3.17 Screening embankments/berms shall be constructed at the facility as shown on Drawing No. 2001-160-003 Rev. A of the application.

## 3.18 Telemetry

3.18.1 A telemetry system shall be installed and maintained at the facility to the specification as described in Section 2.4.1 of the EIS and as indicated in Drawing No. 2001-160-01-011 Rev A. The extension of the telemetry system shall coincide with the phased development of the extended facility. All facility operations linked to the telemetry system shall also have a manual control that will be reverted to in the event of break in power supply or during maintenance.

## 3.19 Monitoring Infrastructure

## 3.19.1 Landfill Gas

- a) The licensee shall install landfill gas monitoring piezometers at 50 metre intervals along the perimeter of the landfill to monitor potential off-site migration of landfill gas. The installation of these piezometers shall coincide with the development of the extended facility and shall be completed prior to the placement of waste in the extended facility.
- b) The licensee shall provide and maintain an effective permanent gas monitoring system in the site office and any other enclosed structures at the facility. The permanent gas monitoring system shall be connected to the Telemetry system required by Condition 3.18.1.

## 3.19.2 Groundwater

- a) The licensee shall provide and maintain the groundwater monitoring points specified in Table D.1.1 to allow for representative sampling and analyses of groundwater.

## 3.19.3 Leachate

- a) The licensee shall install and maintain a leachate monitoring point within each lined cell to allow for the determination of leachate levels and the sampling and analysis of leachate. Each such monitoring point shall be connected to the telemetry system required by Condition 3.18.1.
- b) The licensee shall submit details of any additional or alternative locations and monitoring point reference codes to the existing leachate monitoring infrastructure to the Agency.

## 3.19.4 Replacement of Infrastructure

- a) Monitoring infrastructure which is damaged or proves to be unsuitable for its purpose shall be replaced within three months of it being damaged or recognised as being unsuitable.

**REASON: To provide appropriate infrastructure for the protection of the environment.**

## CONDITION 4 RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE

- 4.1 The licensee shall restore the facility on a phased basis. The Restoration and Aftercare Plans for the facility shall be maintained and implemented. The licensee shall submit to the Agency any revisions to the Restoration and Aftercare Plan to reflect changes due to:
- The requirements of this licence;
  - The interface of new cells and side slopes of the existing landfill; and
- 4.2 The final profile/height of the facility shall be as shown in Drawing No. 2001-160-01-014 Rev.A., unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.
- 4.3 Final Capping
- 4.3.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, the final capping shall consist of the following:-
- Top soil (150 -300mm);
  - Subsoils, such that total thickness of top soil and subsoils is at least 1m;
  - Drainage layer of 0.5m thickness having a minimum hydraulic conductivity of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  m/s or equivalent material;
  - Compacted mineral layer of a minimum 0.6m thickness with a permeability of less than  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  m/s or a geosynthetic material (e.g. GCL) or similar that provides equivalent protection; and
  - Gas collection layer of natural material (minimum 0.3m) or a geosynthetic layer.
- 4.4 No material or object that is incompatible with the proposed restoration of the facility shall be present within one metre of the final soil surface levels.
- 4.5 Where tree planting is to be carried out above waste-filled areas, a synthetic barrier shall be used to augment the clay cap. Combined topsoil and subsoil depths shall be a minimum of 1m.
- 4.6 Soil Storage
- 4.6.1 All soils shall be stored to preserve the soil structure for future use.
- 4.7 A final validation report to include a certificate of completion for the Restoration and Aftercare Plan, for all or part of the site as necessary, shall be submitted to the Agency within three months of execution of the plan. The licensee shall carry out such tests, investigations or submit certification, as requested by the Agency, to confirm that there is no continuing risk to the environment.

**REASON: To provide for the restoration of the facility.**

## CONDITION 5 FACILITY OPERATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Wastes shall not be deposited in any cell or part of the landfill without the prior agreement of the Agency. No waste shall be disposed of in unlined areas (Phases I, II and Cell 1 of Phase III) of the facility.



- 5.2 Wastes shall be accepted at the facility only from holders of waste collection permits issued under the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations, 2007 to 2010 and from licensed/permitted facilities other than vehicles using the public tipping area. Copies of the waste collection permits, waste licences and waste permits must be maintained at the facility.
- 5.3 Waste Acceptance and Characterisation Procedures
- 5.3.1 Within one month of the date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall submit to the Agency for its agreement updated written procedures for the acceptance and handling of all wastes. These procedures shall include details of the treatment of all waste to be carried out in advance of acceptance at the facility and shall also include methods for the characterisation, classification and coding of waste. The procedures shall have regard to the Council Decision (2003/33/EC) establishing criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfills pursuant to Article 16 and Annex II to Directive 199/31/EC on the landfill of waste.
- 5.3.2 The acceptance of inert waste for recovery shall be as specified in *Schedule F: Acceptance of Inert Waste*, of this licence.
- 5.4 All wastes shall be checked at the working face. Any waste deemed unsuitable for acceptance at the facility and/or in contravention of this licence shall be immediately separated and removed from the facility at the earliest possible time. Temporary storage of such wastes shall be in a designated Waste Quarantine Area. Waste shall be stored under appropriate conditions in the quarantine area to avoid putrefaction, odour generation, the attraction of vermin and any other nuisance or objectionable condition.
- 5.5 Working Face (other than Public Tipping Area)
- 5.5.1 Unless the prior agreement of the Agency is given, the following shall apply at the landfill:-
- a) Only one working face shall exist at the landfill at any one time for the deposit of waste other than cover or restoration materials; and
  - b) The working face of the landfill shall be no more than 2.5 metres in height after compaction, no more than 25 metres wide and have a slope no greater than 1 in 3.
- 5.5.2 All waste deposited at the working face shall be compacted, using a steel wheeled compactor, and covered as soon as is practicable and at any rate prior to the end of the working day.
- 5.5.3 The working face, or faces, shall each day at the end of the day, be covered with suitable material.
- 5.6 Daily and Intermediate Cover
- 5.6.1 Any cover material at any location within the facility which is eroded, washed off or otherwise removed shall be replaced by the end of the working day.
- 5.6.2 Appropriate cover material shall be placed across the whole landfill so that no waste, other than the following is exposed:-
- a) Waste suitable for specified engineering works; and
  - b) Waste on the working face during the operational hours of the facility.
- 5.6.3 Bio-stabilised residual waste shall only be used as landfill cover where it has been stabilised in accordance with Condition 5.16.4 (or meets the requirements of an alternative protocol as may be agreed under Condition 5.16.2), complies with any requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food relating to the management of animal by-products and has been agreed in advance with the Agency.

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**5.7 Landscaping**

- 5.7.1 The licensee shall adhere to the landscaping plan agreed by the Agency, which incorporates the plan set out in Section 9.5.3 of the EIS and a programme of planting.
- 5.7.2 The existing hedgerow network which forms the boundary of the facility shall be retained and enhanced by the licensee as indicated in Figure 9.3 of the EIS.

**5.8 Operational Controls**

- 5.8.1 The landfill shall be filled in accordance with the three phase sequence outlined in Dwg. No. 2001-160-01-011.
- 5.8.2 All large hollow objects and other large articles deposited at the facility shall be crushed, broken up, flattened or otherwise treated.
- 5.8.3 Wastes once deposited and covered shall not be excavated, disturbed or otherwise picked over with the exception of works associated with the construction and installation of the leachate and landfill gas collection systems only, without the prior agreement of the Agency.
- 5.8.4 Completed areas of the landfill shall be profiled so that no depressions exist in which water may accumulate. Any depressions arising after profiling shall be rectified by the emplacement of suitable capping or restoration materials.
- 5.8.5 Scavenging shall not be permitted at the facility.
- 5.8.6 Gates shall be locked shut when the facility is unsupervised.
- 5.8.7 The licensee shall provide and use adequate lighting during the operation of the facility in hours of darkness.
- 5.8.8 Fuels shall be stored only at appropriately bunded locations on the facility.
- 5.8.9 All tanks and drums shall be labelled to clearly indicate their contents.
- 5.8.10 No smoking shall be allowed on the facility other than in the facility office and canteen buildings.

**5.9 Waste Handling****5.9.1 Industrial Non-Hazardous Sludges**

- 5.9.1.1 Treated industrial non-hazardous sludges shall be accepted at the facility only between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive. All sludges shall be covered immediately with other waste.
- 5.9.1.2 In addition to the characterisation required under the Waste Acceptance Procedures, the licensee shall carry out analyses on a minimum of two samples per annum for all industrial sludges being accepted at the facility. The results of these analyses shall be presented in the Annual Environmental Report (AER).

**5.10 Off-site Disposal and Recovery**

- 5.10.1 Waste sent off-site for recovery or disposal shall be conveyed by a waste carrier agreed in advance by the Agency only. Any request for such agreement of a waste carrier shall include the following;
- i) Copies of the waste carrier's permit(s) under the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 to 2008.
  - ii) Details of the waste types it is proposed the carrier will transfer from the facility.

5.10.2 All waste transferred from the facility shall be transferred to an appropriate facility agreed by the Agency only; Any request for agreement of such a facility shall be forwarded to the Agency at least one month in advance of its proposed use and shall include the following;

- i) A copy of the waste permit or waste licence where applicable.
- ii) The proposed waste types and quantities.
- iii) Details of any limitations on waste types and quantities acceptable at the facility.

#### 5.11 Leachate Management

- 5.11.1 Leachate management shall be as described in Section 2.4.1 of the EIS.
- 5.11.2 Leachate levels in the waste shall not exceed a level of 1.0m over the top of the liner at the base of the landfill.
- 5.11.3 The level of leachate in the pump sumps shall be monitored as outlined Section 2.4.1 of the EIS.
- 5.11.4 The frequency of leachate removal/discharge from the leachate lagoon shall be such that a minimum freeboard of 0.75m shall be maintained in the leachate lagoon at all times.
- 5.11.5 Unless treated on the facility, leachate stored in the leachate storage lagoon shall be disposed of by tankering off-site in fully enclosed road tankers.
- 5.11.6 Recirculation of leachate or other contaminated water shall not be undertaken without the prior agreement of the Agency and, in any case, shall only be undertaken within cells which have been lined to the satisfaction of the Agency.

#### 5.12 Maintenance

- 5.12.1 All treatment/abatement and emission control equipment shall be calibrated and maintained, in accordance with the instructions issued by the manufacturer/supplier or installer. Written records of the calibrations and maintenance shall be made and kept by the licensee.
- 5.12.2 All lagoon structures on the facility shall be inspected and certified fit for purpose every three years by an independent and appropriately qualified chartered engineer.
- 5.12.3 The licensee shall maintain and clearly label and name all sampling and monitoring locations.
- 5.12.4 The wheel-wash shall be inspected on a daily basis and drained as required. Silt, stones and other accumulated material shall be removed as required from the wheel-wash and disposed of at the working face or to a skip.
- 5.12.5 The licensee shall maintain all gas wells, pipework, valves, pumps, flares and other infrastructure that form part of the landfill gas management system in a safe and fully operational manner.

#### 5.13 Waste Checking, Inspection, Test Records Keeping

The waste acceptance procedures established under Condition 5.3.1 shall provide:-

- 5.13.1 For the checking of waste documentation on receipt of waste in the waste reception area;
- 5.13.2 For non pre-cleared customers (excluding private vehicles arriving at the public tipping area), the visual inspection and testing of waste in the waste inspection area pending acceptance/rejection;
- 5.13.3 For the visual inspection of waste when deposited at the working face;
- 5.13.4 For the keeping for two months of any samples associated with on-site verification sampling of waste accepted at the facility.



**5.14 Waste Receipts**

The licensee shall provide a written acknowledgement (to carrier/waste contractor) of receipt of each delivery of waste to the facility (for disposal in the landfill).

**5.15 Limit on acceptance of biodegradable municipal waste**

5.15.1 Unless otherwise as may be specified by the Agency, the following limits shall apply:

- (i) From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013 inclusive, a maximum of 47% by weight of municipal solid waste (MSW) accepted for disposal to the body of the landfill shall comprise biodegradable municipal waste (BMW), measured on a calendar year basis or, in 2010 and 2013, part thereof,
- (ii) From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 inclusive, a maximum of 30% by weight of MSW accepted for disposal to the body of the landfill shall comprise BMW, measured on a calendar year basis or, in 2013 and 2016, part thereof, and
- (iii) From 1 July 2016, a maximum of 15% by weight of MSW accepted for disposal to the body of the landfill shall comprise BMW, measured on a calendar year basis or, in 2016, part thereof.

5.15.2 Two or more licensed landfills may seek the agreement of the Agency that collectively they will arrange to comply with Condition 5.15.1. Such agreement may be sought by review of the landfill licence for any facility seeking an increase in the limits set out in Condition 5.15.1, and by technical amendment of any licence for a facility seeking a decrease. Such agreement will be contingent on the net combined acceptance of biodegradable municipal waste at the participating facilities remaining unchanged.

**5.16 Determination of biodegradable municipal waste content of municipal waste**

5.16.1 The licensee shall determine the biodegradable municipal waste content of MSW accepted for disposal to the body of the landfill. Waste that has been bio-stabilised in accordance with Condition 5.16.4 shall not be considered BMW.

5.16.2 Bio-stabilised residual waste meeting the requirements of

- Condition 5.16.4, or
- an alternative protocol as may be agreed by the Agency based on biological treatment process parameters (e.g. validated residence time and temperature parameters at the treatment facility),

received at the landfill facility may be included in the determination of MSW quantities accepted at the facility for the purposes of Condition 5.15.1.

5.16.3 In determining BMW content, the licensee shall use approved calculation factors for BMW content of municipal waste streams published by the EPA. With the agreement of the EPA, alternative factors can be used if they have been determined following waste characterisation carried out in accordance with EPA-approved characterisation protocols including, where appropriate, the use of EPA-approved contractors.

5.16.4 In the case of bio-stabilised residual wastes, stabilisation means the reduction of the decomposition properties of the waste to such an extent that offensive odours are minimised and that the respiration activity after four days is  $<10\text{mg O}_2/\text{g DM}$  until 1 January 2016 and  $<7\text{mg O}_2/\text{g DM}$  thereafter.

5.16.5 Bio-stabilised residual wastes shall be monitored in accordance with Schedule D.8.

5.16.6 Waste that was accepted to the body of the landfill as stabilised but subsequently is found not to meet the stabilisation standard set out in Condition 5.16.4 shall be notified to the Agency and included in the calculation of BMW accepted to the body of the landfill when assessing compliance with Condition 5.15.1.

- 5.16.7 The licensee is required to maintain on-site as part of their waste acceptance procedures and associated documentation, evidence to demonstrate compliance with Condition 5.15.1, which shall be available for inspection by Agency personnel.

**REASON: To provide for appropriate operation of the facility to ensure protection of the environment.**

## CONDITION 6 EMISSIONS

- 6.1 No specified emission from the facility shall exceed the emission limit values set out in *Schedule C: Emission Limits*, of this licence. There shall be no other emissions of environmental significance.
- 6.2 The licensee shall ensure that the activities shall be carried out in a manner such that emissions do not result in significant impairment of, or significant interference with the environment beyond the facility boundary.
- 6.3 Landfill Gas
- 6.3.1 The following are the trigger levels for landfill gas emissions from the facility measured in any service duct or manhole on, at or immediately adjacent to the facility and/or at any other point located outside the body of the waste:-
- Methane, greater than or equal to 1.0% v/v; or
  - Carbon dioxide, greater than or equal to 1.5% v/v.
- 6.3.2 The concentration limits for emissions to atmosphere specified in this licence shall be achieved without the introduction of dilution air and shall be based on gas volumes under standard conditions of :-
- In the case of landfill gas flare:  
Temperature 273 K, pressure 101.3 kPa, dry gas at 3% oxygen; and
  - In the case of landfill gas combustion plant:  
Temperature 273 K, pressure 101.3 kPa, dry gas; 5% oxygen.
- 6.3.3 Emission limits for emissions from landfill gas flare/combustion plant to atmosphere in this licence shall be interpreted in the following way.
- 6.3.3.1 Continuous Monitoring
- No 24 hour mean value shall exceed the emission limit value;
  - 97% of all 30 minute mean values taken continuously over an annual period shall not exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value; and
  - No 30 minute mean value shall exceed twice the emission limit value.
- 6.3.3.2 Non-Continuous Monitoring
- For any parameter where, due to sampling/analytical limitations, a 30 minute samples is inappropriate, a suitable sampling period should be employed and the value obtained therein shall not exceed the emission limit value;
  - For all other parameters, no 30 minute mean value shall exceed the emission limit value; and
  - For flow, no hourly or daily mean value shall exceed the emission limit value.

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**6.4 Groundwater**

- 6.4.1 There shall be no direct emissions to groundwater.
- 6.4.2 The licensee shall maintain and submit to the Agency for its agreement any proposals for their revision, groundwater monitoring trigger levels in accordance with the requirements of Directive 1999/31/EC.

**6.5 Emissions to Surface Water**

- 6.5.1 No raw leachate, treated leachate or contaminated surface water shall be discharged directly to White River catchment.
- 6.5.2 No substance shall be discharged in a manner, or at a concentration which, following initial dilution causes tainting of fish or shellfish.
- 6.5.3 Storm water from impermeable areas around the site offices (excluding wastewater from the wheelwash and run-off from waste inspection/quarantine areas or bunded area) shall be directed to an oil separator prior to discharge to surface water.
- 6.5.4 Continuous monitoring of water in the surface water retention pond shall be carried out in accordance with the proposals agreed by the Agency. Such continuous monitoring shall, as a minimum, include conductivity, pH and TOC and shall be carried out on the inlet to the storm-water retention pond.

**6.6 Disposal of Leachate/Emission to Sewer**

- 6.6.1 No raw leachate or contaminated surface water shall be discharged to any receiving surface water body.
- 6.6.2 Unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Agency and the Sanitary Authority, the following shall apply for the discharge of leachate, which shall be via tankering to Drogheda Borough Council WWTP or other WWTP agreed by the Agency. There shall be no other discharge or emission to sewer of environmental significance.
- 6.6.3 No substance shall be present in emissions to sewer in such concentrations as would constitute a danger to sewer maintenance personnel working in the sewerage system, or as would be damaging to the fabric of the sewer, or as would interfere with the biological functioning of a downstream wastewater treatment works.
- 6.6.4 The licensee shall permit authorised persons of the Agency and the Sanitary Authority to inspect, examine and test, at all reasonable times, any works and apparatus installed, in connection with the discharge or emission, and to take samples of the discharge or emission.
- 6.6.5 No discharge or emission to sewer shall take place which might give rise to any reaction within the sewer or to the liberation of by-products which may be of environmental significance.
- 6.6.6 Non-trade effluent wastewater (e.g. firewater, accidental spillage) which occurs on-site shall not be discharged to the sewer without the prior authorisation of the Sanitary Authority.
- 6.6.7 The licensee shall submit monitoring results to the Sanitary Authority on a quarterly basis.
- 6.6.8 Emission limit values for emissions to sewer/waters in this licence shall be interpreted in the following way:-
  - a) Continuous monitoring
    - No flow value shall exceed the specified limit.

## b) Non-Continuous monitoring

Eight out of ten consecutive results, calculated as daily mean concentration or mass emission values on the basis of flow proportional composite sampling shall not exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value.

## c) No grab sample shall exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value.

**REASON: To control emissions from the facility and provide for the protection of the environment.**

## CONDITION 7 NUISANCE CONTROL

7.1 The licensee shall ensure that vermin, birds, flies, mud, dust, litter, noise and odours do not give rise to nuisance at the facility or in the immediate area of the facility. Any method used by the licensee to control any such nuisance shall not cause environmental pollution.

7.2 The road network in the vicinity of the facility shall be kept free from any debris caused by vehicles entering or leaving the facility. Any such debris or deposited materials shall be removed without delay.

### 7.3 Litter Control

7.3.1 The measures and infrastructure as described in Section 2.8.4 of the EIS shall, as a minimum, be applied to control litter at the facility. Portable litter nets/screens shall be used at the active tipping face.

7.3.2 Notwithstanding Condition 7.3.1, litter fencing/netting shall be installed and maintained around the perimeter of the active tipping area to the specifications described in the Agency's Landfill Manual – Landfill Operational Practices prior to the disposal of any waste in any cell.

7.3.3 All litter control infrastructure shall be inspected on a daily basis. The licensee shall remedy any defect in the litter netting as follows:-

- a) A temporary repair shall be made by the end of the working day; and
- b) A repair to the standard of the original netting shall be undertaken within three working days.

7.3.4 All loose litter or other waste, placed on or in the vicinity of the facility, other than in accordance with the requirements of this licence, shall be removed, subject to the agreement of the landowners, immediately and in any event by 10.00am of the next working day after such waste is discovered.

7.3.5 The licensee shall ensure that all vehicles delivering waste to and removing waste and materials from the facility are appropriately covered.

7.3.6 The licensee shall maintain appropriate procedures for the operation of the facility in adverse wind conditions.

### 7.4 Dust Control

7.4.1 In dry weather, site roads and any other areas used by vehicles shall be sprayed with water as and when required to minimise airborne dust nuisance.

7.5 Prior to exiting the facility, all waste vehicles shall use the wheelwash.

## 7.6 Bird Control

- 7.6.1 Birds shall be prevented from gathering on and feeding at the facility by the use of birds of prey and/or other bird scaring techniques. The birds of prey and/or other techniques shall maintain their presence every day, from before dawn to after dark, until the waste activities cease and all the waste is capped to the written satisfaction of the Agency. The use of gas operated bird scaring devices is prohibited at the facility.

**REASON:** To provide for the control of nuisances.

## CONDITION 8 MONITORING

- 8.1 The licensee shall carry out such monitoring and at such locations and frequencies as set out in *Schedule D: Monitoring*, of this licence and as specified in this licence.
- 8.2 The licensee shall amend the frequency, locations, methods and scope of monitoring as required by this licence upon the written instruction of the Agency only and shall provide such information concerning such amendments as may be requested in writing by the Agency. Such alterations shall be carried out within any timescale nominated by the Agency.
- 8.3 Monitoring and analysis equipment shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions (if any) so that all monitoring results accurately reflect any emission, discharge or environmental parameter.
- 8.4 The licensee shall provide safe and permanent access to all on-site sampling and monitoring points and to off-site points as required by the Agency.
- 8.5 All landfill gas monitoring equipment, other than permanent monitoring systems within buildings, shall be certified as being intrinsically safe.
- 8.6 The following information shall be maintained: the names, qualifications and a summary of the relevant experience of all persons that will carry out all sampling and monitoring as required by this licence and who carry out the interpretation of the results of such sampling and monitoring. Any proposed changes to the above shall be submitted to the Agency for its agreement.
- 8.7 The licensee shall maintain an up to date appropriately scaled drawing(s) showing all the monitoring locations that are stipulated in this licence. The drawing shall include the reference code for each monitoring point. A list of all the various monitoring points including the reference code and the twelve figure National Grid Reference for each monitoring point shall accompany the drawing. Revisions of this drawing shall be submitted to the Agency for its agreement as monitoring locations are commissioned or amended.
- 8.8 Groundwater Monitoring
- 8.8.1 Subject to the agreement of the well owners, all private wells within 250m of the facility shall be included in the monitoring programme set out in *Schedule D: Monitoring*, of this licence.
- 8.9 Meteorological Monitoring
- 8.9.1 The licensee shall provide for the monitoring/collection of meteorological data as specified in *Schedule D.6: Meteorological Monitoring*, of this licence.
- 8.9.2 The licensee shall maintain in a prominent location on the facility a wind sock or other wind direction indicator.

#### 8.10 Topographical Survey

8.10.1 A topographical survey shall be carried out annually. The survey shall include a measurement of the remaining available void space. The survey shall be in accordance with any written instructions issued by the Agency.

#### 8.11 Biological Assessment

8.11.1 A biological assessment of the receiving stream and the White River shall be undertaken biennially. This assessment shall use appropriate biological methods such as the EPA Q-rating system for the assessment of rivers and streams. The location of monitoring points shall be agreed by the Agency in advance of the assessment.

#### 8.12 Archaeological Assessment

8.12.1 Prior to the development of any undisturbed area, the advice of the Development Applications Section of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (formally known as Dúchas, the Heritage Service) shall be sought. On completion of such development a report of the results of any archaeological monitoring shall be submitted to the Development Applications Section of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (formally known as Dúchas, the Heritage Service) and to the Agency.

#### 8.13 Stability Assessment

8.13.1 The licensee shall, annually, carry out a stability assessment of the side slopes of the facility.

#### 8.14 Nuisance Monitoring

8.14.1 The licensee shall carry out daily inspections of the facility and its immediate surrounds for nuisances caused by litter, vermin, birds, flies, mud, dust, noise and odours. Subjective daily odour assessments shall be carried out by site personnel either prior to, or immediately following their arrival on-site.

#### 8.15 Data Management System

8.15.1 The licensee shall maintain a Data Management System for collation, archiving, assessing and graphically presenting the environmental monitoring data generated as a result of this licence.

#### 8.16 Odour Control & Monitoring

8.16.1 Within six months of the date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall submit to the Agency for agreement, an Odour Management Plan (OMP) for the facility. The plan, as agreed, shall be implemented from the time of commencement of waste activities unless otherwise as agreed by the Agency.

8.16.2 The OMP referred to in Condition 8.16.1 shall include measures to control potential sources of odour nuisance, including inter alia, provisions regarding:

- (i) Requirements of relevant conditions of this licence;
- (ii) Adequate resources and training on-site to provide for the maintenance, monitoring and operation of the landfill gas extraction system;
- (iii) Acceptance and management of odorous waste deliveries;

- (iv) Arrangements for the biannual preparation of an independent assessment and report on surface VOC emissions at the facility following completion of waste acceptance in any cell/sub-cell;
  - (v) Use of sacrificial gas extraction systems; phased capping of the waste body; and an interim capping system at inter-cell boundaries;
  - (vi) Working face/active cell sizing and covering;
  - (vii) Landfill gas collection:- locations of infrastructure including access/haul roads, well design and density, monitoring, condensate management, field balancing, flare/combustion plant operation;
  - (viii) Identification of fugitive sources of landfill gas emissions (e.g. from leachate management infrastructure and/or from side slopes);
  - (ix) Monitoring:- VOC surface emissions from capped areas, odour checks off- and on-site, receipt and evaluation/verification of odour complaints received.
- 8.16.3 To meet the requirements of the OMP, the licensee shall carry out a monthly review of control measures in place at the facility and maintain findings in a monthly report. This review shall include:
- (i) Consideration of odour complaints received during period (including details and nature of complaints, times and weather conditions, any unusual circumstances, problems, etc.);
  - (ii) Review of any monitoring, including ambient odour monitoring in accordance with *Schedule D.9 Ambient Odour Monitoring*, of this licence, carried out (including investigation of complaints and actions taken where relevant);
  - (iii) An update on the existing landfill gas control infrastructure (including operational status, number of wells & vents connected and unconnected to the landfill gas collection system, quantity of gas collected and flared/utilised, estimated quantity of landfill gas being produced, details of any problems with equipment during period);
  - (iv) Details of any remedial/corrective actions taken, where relevant, including actions taken on foot of recommendations from previous report; and
  - (v) Recommendations.
- The licensee shall maintain these reports on site and forward them to the Agency on request.
- 8.16.4 The OMP shall be reviewed annually and any updates/amendments submitted to the Agency as part of the Annual Environmental Report.
- 8.16.5 In relation to surface emissions from the waste body and identified features, the following shall constitute a trigger level:
- (i) VOC greater than or equal to 50ppmv as methane average over capped area; or
  - (ii) VOC greater than or equal to 100ppmv as methane instantaneous reading on open surfaces within the landfill footprint; or
  - (iii) VOC greater than or equal to 500ppmv as methane around all identified features.
- 8.16.6 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, leachate holding tanks/lagoons shall be covered, and head gases vented to treatment as may be required by the Agency.



- 8.16.7 All odorous or odour-forming wastes shall be covered as soon as practicable and in any case at the end of the working day.
- 8.16.8 Where it is proposed to take biological sludges at the facility, these must be subject to appropriate pre-treatment in advance of acceptance at the facility.
- 8.16.9 When siting and operating landfill gas infrastructure, regard shall be had to the potential for, and mitigation of, odour nuisance.
- 8.17 The licensee shall ensure that any waste acceptance testing and analysis required by this licence shall be carried out by competent laboratories in accordance with CEN-standards. If CEN standards are not available, ISO, national or international standards or alternative methods shall apply with the agreement of the Agency.

***REASON: To ensure compliance with the conditions of this licence by provision of a satisfactory system of monitoring of emissions.***

## **CONDITION 9 CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

- 9.1 In the event of an incident the licensee shall immediately:-
- a) Identify the date, time and place of the incident;
  - b) Carry out an immediate investigation to identify the nature, source and cause of the incident and any emission arising therefrom;
  - c) Isolate the source of any such emission;
  - d) Evaluate the environmental pollution, if any, caused by the incident;
  - e) Identify and execute measures to minimise the emissions/malfunction and the effects thereof; and
  - f) Provide a proposal to the Agency for its agreement within one month of the incident occurring to:-
    - i) Identify and put in place measures to avoid reoccurrence of the incident;
    - ii) Identify and put in place any other appropriate remedial action.
- 9.2 The licensee shall maintain, review annually and update as necessary a written Emergency Response Procedure (ERP) that shall take account of the proposed change in the scale and types of activities to be carried out at the facility, shall address any emergency situations that may originate on the facility and shall include provision for minimising the effects of any emergency on the environment. This shall include a risk assessment to determine the requirements at the facility for fire fighting and fire water retention facilities. The Fire Authority shall be consulted by the licensee during any updating of the procedure in accordance with Condition 9.6.
- 9.3 The licensee shall have in storage an adequate supply of containment booms and/or suitable absorbent material to contain and absorb any spillage at the facility. Once used the absorbent material shall be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
- 9.4 Emergencies
- 9.4.1 All significant spillages occurring at the facility shall be treated as an emergency and immediately cleaned up and dealt with so as to alleviate their effects.



- 9.4.2 No waste shall be burnt within the boundaries of the facility. A fire at the facility shall be treated as an emergency and immediate action shall be taken to extinguish it and notify the appropriate authorities.
- 9.4.3 In the event that monitoring of local wells indicates that the facility is having a significant adverse effect on the quantity and/or quality of the water supply this shall be treated as an emergency and the licensee shall provide an alternative supply of water to those affected.
- 9.4.4 In the event that monitoring of the slide slopes of the facility indicate that there may be a risk of slope failure this will be treated as an emergency.
- 9.5 The licensee shall maintain a documented Accident Prevention Policy, which will address the hazards on-site, particularly in relation to the prevention of accidents with a possible impact on the environment. This procedure shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

***REASON: To ensure compliance with the conditions of this licence by provision of a satisfactory system of monitoring of emissions. To provide for the protection of the environment.***

## CONDITION 10 RECORDS

- 10.1 The licensee shall keep the following documents at the facility office:-
- The current waste licence relating to the facility;
  - The current EMS for the facility;
  - The previous year's AER for the facility; and
  - All written procedures produced by the licensee which relate to the licensed activities.
- 10.2 The licensee shall maintain a written record for each load of waste arriving at the facility. The licensee shall record the following:
- the date and time;
  - the name of the carrier (including if appropriate, the waste carrier registration details);
  - the vehicle registration number;
  - the trailer, skip or other container unique identification number (where relevant);
  - the name of the producer(s)/collector(s) of the waste as appropriate;
  - the name of the waste facility (if appropriate) from which the load originated including the waste licence or waste permit register number;
  - a description of the waste including the associated EWC/HWL codes;
  - the quantity of the waste, recorded in tonnes;
  - details of the treatment(s) to which the waste has been subjected;
  - the classification and coding of the waste, including whether MSW or otherwise;
  - whether the waste is for disposal or recovery and if recovery for what purpose;
  - the name of the person checking the load; and
  - where loads or wastes are removed or rejected, details of the date of occurrence, the types of waste and the facility to which they were removed.

### 10.3 Written Records

The following written records shall be maintained by the licensee:-

- a) The types and quantities of waste recovered and disposed of at the facility each year. These records shall include the relevant EWC Codes and any details required to complete National Reports on Waste Statistics;
  - b) All training undertaken by facility staff;
  - c) Results from all integrity tests of bunds and other structures and any maintenance or remedial work arising from them;
  - d) Details of all nuisance inspections; and
  - e) The names and qualifications of all persons who carry out all sampling and monitoring as required by this licence and who carry out the interpretation of the results of such sampling and monitoring.
- 10.4 The licensee shall maintain a written record of all complaints relating to the operation of the facility. Each such record shall give details of the following:-
- a) Date and time of the complaint;
  - b) The name of the complainant;
  - c) Details of the nature of the complaint;
  - d) Actions taken on foot of the complaint and the results of such actions; and
  - e) The response made to each complainant.
- 10.5 A written record shall be kept of each consignment of leachate removed from the facility. The record shall include the following:-
- a) The name of the carrier and collection permit details;
  - b) The date and time of removal of leachate from the facility;
  - c) The volume of leachate, in cubic metres, removed from the facility on each occasion;
  - d) The name and address of the Waste Water Treatment Plant to which the leachate was transported; and
  - e) Any incidents or spillages of leachate during its removal or transportation.
- 10.6 A written record shall be kept at the facility of the programme for the control and eradication of vermin and fly infestations at the facility. These records shall include as a minimum the following:-
- a) The date and time during which spraying of insecticide is carried out;
  - b) Contractor details;
  - c) Contractor logs and site inspection reports;
  - d) Details of the rodenticide(s) and insecticide(s) used;
  - e) Operator training details;
  - f) Details of any infestations;
  - g) Mode, frequency, location and quantity of application; and
  - h) Measures to contain sprays within the facility boundary.

**REASON: To provide for the keeping of proper records of the operation of the facility.**



## CONDITION 11 REPORTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

11.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, all reports and notifications submitted to the Agency shall:-

- a) Be sent to the Agency's headquarters;
- b) Comprise one original and two copies unless additional copies are required;
- c) Be formatted in accordance with any written instruction or guidance issued by the Agency;
- d) Include whatever information as is specified in writing by the Agency;
- e) Be identified by a unique code, indicate any modification or amendment, and be correctly dated to reflect any such modification or amendment;
- f) Be submitted in accordance to the relevant reporting frequencies specified by this licence, such as in *Schedule E: Recording and Reporting to the Agency*, of this licence;
- g) Be accompanied by a written interpretation setting out their significance in the case of all monitoring data; and
- h) Be transferred electronically to the Agency's computer system if required by the Agency.

11.2 In the event of an incident occurring on the facility, the licensee shall:-

- a) Notify the Agency as soon as practicable and in any case not later than 1000 hrs the following working day after the occurrence of any incident;
- b) Submit a written record of the incident, including all aspects described in Condition 9.1(a-e), to the Agency as soon as practicable and in any case within five working days after the occurrence of any incident;
- c) In the event of any incident which relates to discharges to surface water, notify the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board as soon as practicable and in any case not later than 1000 hrs on the following working day after such an incident; and
- d) Should any further actions be taken as a result of an incident occurring, the licensee shall forward a written report of those actions to the Agency as soon as practicable and no later than ten days after the initiation of those actions.

11.3 Waste Recovery Reports

The licensee shall as part of the Annual Environmental Report for the site submit a report on the contribution by this facility to the achievement of the waste recovery objectives stated in Condition 2.3.2.1 and as otherwise may be stated in National and European Union waste policies and shall, as a minimum, include tonnages of the following:

- (i) the recovery of construction and demolition waste;
- (ii) the recovery of other waste in landfill operations, including restoration;
- (iii) the recovery of energy through landfill gas combustion.

11.4 Reports relating to Facility Operations

11.4.1 Leachate Handling Procedures

11.4.1.1 The licensee shall maintain Leachate Handling Procedures for the handling of leachate on the facility and during removal from the lagoon and subsequent transport/discharge to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

#### 11.4.2 Achievement of Final Profile

11.4.2.1 Landfilling and restoration to achieve the final profile/height of the facility shall be carried out in accordance with the proposals agreed by the Agency.

#### 11.5 Annual Environmental Report

11.5.1 The licensee shall submit to the Agency for its agreement, by 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year, an Annual Environmental Report (AER) for the previous year.

11.5.2 The AER shall include as a minimum the information specified in *Schedule G: Content of Annual Environmental Report*, of this licence and shall be prepared in accordance with any relevant written guidance issued by the Agency.

11.6 The licensee shall, in writing, notify the Agency without delay of any waste that arrived at the facility that does not meet the waste acceptance criteria.

#### 11.7 Reporting to Demonstrate Compliance with Diversion Targets

The Licensee shall report to the Agency such data and records, and at such frequency, as may be specified by the Agency in order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Condition 5.15.1 From 1 July 2010, and unless otherwise advised by the Agency, the licensee shall submit quarterly summary reports to the Agency within one week of the end of each quarter on the quantity of MSW and BMW accepted at the landfill during the preceding quarter and on a cumulative basis for the calendar year to date. The report shall detail the tonnage of MSW and BMW accepted and the basis (including all calculation factors) on which the figures have been calculated.

**REASON: To provide for proper reports to and notifications to the Agency.**

## CONDITION 12 CHARGES AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### 12.1 Agency Charges

12.1.1 The licensee shall pay to the Agency an annual contribution of €29,442, or such sum as the Agency from time to time determines, having regard to variations in the extent of reporting, auditing, inspection, sampling and analysis or other functions carried out by the Agency, towards the cost of monitoring the activity as the Agency considers necessary for the performance of its functions under the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2010. The first payment shall be a pro-rata amount for the period from the date of grant of this licence to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, and shall be paid to the Agency within one month from the date of grant of the licence. In subsequent years the licensee shall pay to the Agency such revised annual contribution as the Agency shall from time to time consider necessary to enable performance by the Agency of its relevant functions under the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2010, and all such payments shall be made within one month of the date upon which demanded by the Agency.

12.1.2 In the event that the frequency or extent of monitoring or other functions carried out by the Agency needs to be increased, the licensee shall contribute such sums as determined by the Agency to defray its costs in regard to items not covered by the said annual contribution.

## 12.2 Financial Provision for Closure, Restoration and Aftercare

12.2.1 The licensee shall from a date to be set by the Agency, establish and maintain a fund, or provide a written guarantee, that is adequate to assure the Agency that the licensee is at all times financially capable of implementing the Restoration and Aftercare Plan required by Condition 4. The type of fund established and means of its release/recovery shall be agreed by the Agency prior to its establishment.

12.2.2 Unless otherwise agreed any revision to the fund shall be computed using the following formula:-

$$\text{Cost} = (\text{ECOST} \times \text{WPI}) + \text{CiCC}$$

Where:-

Cost = Revised restoration and aftercare cost

ECOST = Existing restoration and aftercare cost

WPI = Appropriate Wholesale Price Index [Capital Goods, Building & Construction (i.e. Materials & Wages) Index], as published by the Central Statistics Office, for the year since last closure calculation/revision.

CiCC = Change in compliance costs as a result of change in site conditions, changes in law, regulations, regulatory authority charges, or other significant changes.

## 12.3 Environmental Liabilities

12.3.1 The licensee shall as part of the AER, provide an annual statement as to the measures taken or adopted at the site in relation to the prevention of environmental damage, and the financial provisions in place in relation to the underwriting of costs for remedial actions following anticipated events (including closure) or accidents/incidents, as may be associated with the carrying on of the activity.

12.3.2 The licensee shall arrange for the completion, by an independent and appropriate qualified consultant, of a comprehensive and fully costed Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA) to address the liabilities from past and present activities. A report on this assessment shall be submitted to the Agency for agreement within twelve months of date of grant of this licence. The ELRA shall be reviewed as necessary to reflect any significant change on site, and in any case every three years following initial agreement. The results of the review shall be notified as part of the AER.

12.3.3 As part of the measures identified in Condition 12.2.1, the licensee shall, to the satisfaction of the Agency, make financial provision to cover any liabilities associated with the operation (including closure and aftercare) of the facility, not already covered in Condition 12.2. The amount of indemnity held shall be reviewed and revised as necessary, but at least annually. Proof of renewal or revision of such financial indemnity shall be included in the annual 'Statement of Measures' report identified in Condition 12.2.1.

## 12.4 Cost of landfill of waste

In accordance with the provisions of Section 53A of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2010, the licensee shall ensure the costs involved in the setting up and operation of the facility, as well as the costs of closure and after-care (including cost of provision of financial security) for a period of at least 30 years (post closure) shall be covered by the price to be charged for the disposal of waste at the facility. The statement required under Section 53A(5) of said Acts is to be included as part of the AER.

12.5 Sanitary Authority Charges

12.5.1 The licensee shall pay to the Sanitary Authority a quarterly charge of €0.37 per cubic metre of trade effluent or such sum as may be determined from time to time, having regard to the variations in the cost of providing drainage and the variation in effluent reception and treatment costs. This amount shall be paid to the Sanitary Authority annually within one month of the date of notification by the Sanitary Authority of the updated annual amount.

12.5.2 The licensee shall pay to the Sanitary Authority an annual charge of as may be determined from time to time, towards the cost of monitoring the discharge of trade effluent. This amount shall be paid to the Sanitary Authority annually within one month of the date of notification by the Sanitary Authority of the updated annual amount.

***REASON: To provide for adequate financing for monitoring and financial provisions for measures to protect the environment.***

## SCHEDULE A : Waste Acceptance

### A.1 Waste Acceptance

**Table A.1 Waste Categories and Quantities**

Household	31,200
Commercial	20,800
Construction and Demolition	5,000
Industrial Non-Hazardous Sludges	300
Industrial Non-Hazardous Solids	34,700
Waste Imported for restoration purposes	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96,000</b>

**Note 1:** The categories and quantities (with the exception of sludges) referred to in this table may be amended with the agreement of the Agency provided the total quantity of waste specified is not exceeded.

**Table A.2 Total Permitted Landfill Capacity**

Total quantity of waste permitted to be placed at the landfill facility (over authorised life of facility)	1,654,456 m <sup>3</sup>
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## SCHEDULE B : Specified Engineering Works

<p>Development of the facility including preparatory works and lining.</p> <p>Final capping.</p> <p>Installation of Landfill Gas Management Infrastructure.</p> <p>Installation of Leachate Management Infrastructure.</p> <p>Installation of Surface Water Management Infrastructure.</p> <p>Any other works notified in writing by the Agency.</p>
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# SCHEDULE C : Emission Limits

## C.1 Noise Emissions:

Measured at the noise sensitive locations indicated in Table D1.1.

55	45

## C.2 Landfill Gas Concentration Limits:

Measured in any building on or adjacent to the facility.

20 % LEL (1% v/v)	1.5 % v/v

## C.3 Dust Deposition Limits:

Measured at the monitoring points indicated in Table D.1.1.

350

Note 1: 30 day composite sample with the results expressed as mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day.

## C.4 Surface Water Discharge Limits:

Measured at the outlet from the surface water retention pond.

35

## C.5 Emission Limits Values for Landfill Gas Plant

Emission Point Reference numbers: To be agreed by Agency in advance.

Volume to be emitted: 3000m<sup>3</sup>/hr (unless otherwise agreed by the Agency).

Minimum discharge height: 5m (unless otherwise agreed by the Agency).

Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	500 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
CO	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1,400 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulates	Not applicable	130 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Total Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	Not applicable	1,000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Total non-methane VOCs	Not applicable	75 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Total organic carbon (TOC)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable
Hydrogen Chloride	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (at mass flows > 0.3 kg/h)	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (at mass flows > 0.3 kg/h)
Hydrogen Fluoride	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (at mass flows > 0.05 kg/h)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (at mass flows > 0.05 kg/h)

Note 1: Dry gas referenced to 5% oxygen by volume for utilisation plants and 3% oxygen by volume for flares.

Note 2: These emission limit values may be revised with the agreement of the Agency on the basis of the technology employed.



**C.6 Emission Limits for Leachate Being Discharged to Sewer**

Emission Point Reference No. L1 – Leachate Storage Lagoon prior to tankering to WWTP agreed in advance with the Agency.  
 Volume to be emitted: Maximum in any one day: 70 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Maximum rate per hour: 35 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

<b>BOD</b>	500
<b>COD</b>	1500
<b>Ammoniacal Nitrogen (NH<sub>4</sub>-N)</b>	900
<b>Sulphate</b>	250
<b>pH</b>	>6.0 and < 9.0
<b>Temperature</b>	<25 <sup>0</sup> C

**SCHEDULE D : Monitoring**

**D.1 Monitoring Locations**

Monitoring locations shall be those as set out in Table D.1.1 and Attachment F of the application.

Table D.1.1 Monitoring Locations

Landfill Gas	Dust Deposition Note 6	Noise Note 6	Surface Water Note 6	Ground Water Note 6	Leachate
Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations
Within Waste 1, 2. <sup>Note</sup>	DG1, DG2, ST1, ST2	NSL's N1 N3 N4 N5	SW1 SW2A SW3	BH1, BH2A, BH3, BH4, BH5, BH6, BH9, BH10, BH11, BH12, BH13, BH14, BH15	L1 – Leachate Lagoon <sup>Note 4</sup>
Perimeter Locations <sup>Note 3</sup>		N2 N6	Ambient Monitoring locations to be agreed by the Agency.	Private Wells <sup>Note 7</sup>	Within Cells <sup>Note 5</sup>
Site Office and Buildings			Inlet and Outlet to surface water retention pond		
Flare/Utilisation Plant <sup>Note 1</sup>			Biological assessment locations to be agreed by the Agency.		

- Note 1:** Locations to be agreed by the Agency.
- Note 2:** At least 1 per cell within lined cells.
- Note 3:** Perimeter wells to monitor for potential off-site migration of landfill gas to be provided in accordance with Condition 3.19.1.
- Note 4:** Leachate lagoon and one other leachate location to be agreed by the Agency to be monitored for leachate composition and level. Leachate level only at other monitoring points. Leachate quality shall be monitored in the leachate lagoon and the active cell by means of representative grab samples.
- Note 5:** Leachate monitoring locations within cells to be agreed and confirmed with the Agency as required by Condition 3.19.3. The number of samples taken shall be as instructed by the Agency. Leachate quality shall be monitored in the leachate lagoon and the active cell by means of representative grab samples.
- Note 6:** As indicated in Figure 3.2 –Environmental Monitoring Locations received by the Agency 23/12/2002.
- Note 7:** As agreed by the Agency under Condition 8.8.1.

### D.2 Landfill Gas

Table D.2.1 Landfill Gas Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Technique

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Location	Analysis Method / Instrumentation
	Gas Boreholes/ Vents/Wells	Site Office	
<b>Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) % v/v</b>	Monthly	Continuous	Infrared analyser/flame ionisation detector
<b>Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) % v/v</b>	Monthly	Continuous	Infrared analyser/ flame ionisation detector
<b>Oxygen(O<sub>2</sub>) % v/v</b>	Monthly	Continuous	Electrochemical cell
<b>Atmospheric Pressure</b>	Monthly	Weekly	Standard
<b>Temperature</b>	Monthly	Weekly	Standard

- Note 1:** All monitoring equipment used should be intrinsically safe.
- Note 2:** Or other methods agreed in advance with the Agency.

### D.3 Dust Monitoring

Table D.3.1 Dust Monitoring Frequency and Technique

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method / Instrumentation
<b>Dust</b>	Three times a year <sup>Note 2</sup>	Standard Method <sup>Note 1</sup>

- Note 1:** Standard method VDI2119 (Measurement of Dustfall, Determination of Dustfall using Bergerhoff Instrument (Standard Method) German Engineering Institute). Any modifications to eliminate interference due to algae growth in the gauge should be reported to the Agency.
- Note 2:** Twice during the period May to September.

### D.4 Noise

Table D.4.1 Noise Monitoring Frequency and Technique

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method / Instrumentation
<b>L(A)<sub>EQ</sub> [30 minutes]</b>	Annual	Standard <sup>Note 1</sup>
<b>L(A)<sub>10</sub> [30 minutes]</b>	Annual	Standard <sup>Note 1</sup>
<b>L(A)<sub>90</sub> [30 minutes]</b>	Annual	Standard <sup>Note 1</sup>
<b>Frequency Analysis (1/3 Octave band analysis)</b>	Annual	Standard <sup>Note 1</sup>

- Note 1:** "International Standards Organisation. ISO 1996. Acoustics - description and Measurement of Environmental noise. Parts 1, 2 and 3."

**D.5 Surface Water, Groundwater and Leachate**

Table D.5.1 Water and Leachate - Parameters / Frequency

<b>Visual Inspection/Odour</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>	Weekly	Quarterly	Quarterly
<b>Groundwater Level</b>	Not Applicable	Monthly	Not Applicable
<b>Leachate Level</b>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Continuous <sup>Note 7</sup>
<b>Ammoniacal Nitrogen</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Annually <sup>Note 8</sup>
<b>BOD</b>	Quarterly	Not Applicable	Annually <sup>Note 8</sup>
<b>COD</b>	Quarterly	Not Applicable	Annually <sup>Note 8</sup>
<b>Chloride</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Annually
<b>Dissolved Oxygen</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Not Applicable
<b>Electrical Conductivity</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Annually
<b>pH</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Annually <sup>Note 8</sup>
<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	Quarterly	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>Temperature</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
<b>Metals / non metals</b> <sup>Note 3</sup>	Annually	Annually	Annually
<b>Cyanide (Total)</b>	Not Applicable	Annually	Annually
<b>Fluoride</b>	Not Applicable	Annually	Annually
<b>List I/II organic substances</b> <sup>Note 4</sup>	Once off <sup>Note 5</sup>	Annually <sup>Note 5</sup>	Once off <sup>Note 5</sup>
<b>Mercury</b>	Annually	Annually	Annually
<b>Sulphate</b>	Annually	Annually	Annually <sup>Note 8</sup>
<b>Total Alkalinity</b>	Annually	Annually	Not applicable
<b>Total P/orthophosphate</b>	Annually	Annually	Annually
<b>Total Oxidised Nitrogen</b>	Annually	Annually	Annually
<b>Total Organic Carbon</b>	Not Applicable	Quarterly	Not Applicable
<b>Residue on evaporation</b>	Not Applicable	Annually	Not Applicable
<b>Biological Assessment</b>	Biennially <sup>Note 6</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**Note 1:** All the analysis shall be carried out by a competent laboratory using standard and internationally accepted procedures.

**Note 2:** Where there is evident gross contamination of leachate, additional samples should be analysed.

**Note 3:** Metals and elements to be analysed by AA/ICP should include as a minimum: boron, cadmium, calcium, chromium (total), copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, nickel, potassium, sodium and zinc.

**Note 4:** Samples screened for the presence of organic compounds using Gas Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) or other appropriate techniques and using the list I/II Substances from EU Directive 76/464/EEC and 80/68/EEC as a guideline. Recommended analytical techniques include: volatiles (US Environmental Protection Agency method 524 or equivalent), semi-volatiles (USEPA method 525 or equivalent, and pesticides (USEPA method 608 or equivalent).

**Note 5:** 2 surface water locations, 3 groundwater locations and 2 leachate locations to be agreed by the Agency for these parameters.

**Note 6:** Appropriate biological methods (such as EPA Q-Rating System) to be used for the assessment of rivers and streams.

**Note 7:** Continuous monitoring in the leachate storage lagoon and in lined cells, and weekly level measurements in leachate abstraction wells (unlined areas). Where continuous monitoring is recorded through the SCADA system, provide minimum and maximum levels for each cell for each quarter in the quarterly monitoring reports.

**Note 8:** Quarterly analysis of grab samples from LI - Leachate Storage Lagoon for these parameters as required by the Sanitary Authority unless otherwise agreed.

**Note 9:** Private Wells used as potable supplies shall be monitored quarterly for the parametric values and annually for the audit parameters specified by the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 439 of 2000).

**D.6 Meteorological Monitoring**

Table D.6.1 Meteorological Monitoring:

Data to be obtained from the on-site weather station and Ardee (Bohernamore) Weather Station unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique <sup>Note 1</sup>
Precipitation Volume	Daily	Standard
Temperature (min/max.)	Daily	Standard
Wind Force and Direction	Daily	Standard
Evaporation	Daily	Standard
Evapotranspiration <sup>Note 1</sup>	Daily	Standard
Humidity	Daily	Standard
Atmospheric Pressure <sup>Note 1</sup>	Daily	Standard

Note 1: Monitoring frequency for these parameters may be decreased with the agreement of the Agency.

Note 2: Wind speed and direction, air temperature and pressure to be monitored in situ, linked to the SCADA system and recorded at least every 15 minutes.

**D.7 Landfill Gas Combustion Plant/Enclosed Flare**

Location(s): to be agreed in advance with the Agency.

Table D.7.1 Landfill Gas Utilisation Plant/Enclosed Flare Parameters and Monitoring Frequency

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique
Inlet			
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) % v/v	Continuous	Weekly	Infrared analyser/flame ionisation detector/thermal conductivity
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) % v/v	Continuous	Weekly	Infrared analyser/thermal conductivity
Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> ) % v/v	Continuous	Weekly	Electrochemical/thermal conductivity
Total Sulphur	Annually	Annually	Ion chromatography
Total Chlorine	Annually	Annually	Ion chromatography
Total Fluorine	Annually	Annually	Ion Selective Electrode
Process Parameters			
Combustion Temperature	Continuous	Quarterly	Temperature Probe/datalogger
Outlet			
CO	Continuous	Continuous	Flue gas analyser/datalogger
NO <sub>x</sub>	Annually	Annually	Flue gas analyser
SO <sub>2</sub>	Annually	Annually	Flue gas analyser
Particulates	Not applicable	Annually	Isokinetic/Gravimetric
Total VOCs	Not applicable	Annually	Flame ionisation
Total non-methane VOCs	Not applicable	Annually	Adsorption-thermal desorption
TOC	Annually	Not applicable	Flame ionisation
Hydrochloric acid	Annually	Annually	Impinger /Ion Chromatography
Hydrogen fluoride	Annually	Annually	Impinger /Ion Chromatography

**Note 1:** All monitoring equipment used should be intrinsically safe.

**Note 2:** Or other methods agreed in advance with the Agency.

**D.8 Waste Monitoring**

Table D.8.1 – Waste Monitoring

Parameter	Frequency	Method	Method
Bio-stabilised residual waste	Every 500 tonnes from each source <sup>note 1</sup>	Respiration activity after 4 days	To be agreed by the Agency

**Note 1:** Frequency can be reduced if an alternative protocol is agreed by the Agency under Condition 5.16.2.

**D.9 Ambient Odour Monitoring**

Parameter	Frequency	Method
Odour	Monthly	To be agreed by the Agency

## SCHEDULE E : Recording and Reporting to the Agency

	Frequency	Report Submission Date
Environmental Management System Updates	Annually	One month after end of year being reported on.
Annual Environment Report (AER)	Annually	By 31st March each year.
Notification of waste loads not meeting waste acceptance criteria	As they occur	As per Condition 11.6.
Compliance with waste diversion targets	As required by the Agency	As per Condition 11.7.
Record of incidents	As they occur	Within five days of the incident.
Bund, tank and container integrity assessment	Every three years	One month after end of the three year period being reported on.
Specified Engineering Works reports	As they arise	Prior to the works commencing.
Flare unit efficiency testing	Every three years	One month from date of commissioning of landfill gas flare and one month after end of three year period being reported on.
Monitoring of landfill gas	Quarterly	Ten days after end of quarter being reported on.
Monitoring of Surface Water Quality	Quarterly	Ten days after end of quarter being reported on.
Monitoring of Groundwater Quality	Quarterly	Ten days after end of quarter being reported on.
Monitoring of Leachate	Quarterly	Ten days after end of quarter being reported on.
Meteorological Monitoring	Annually	One month after end of year being reported on.
Dust Monitoring	Three times a year	Ten days after the period being reported on.
Noise Monitoring	Annually	One month after end of year being reported on.
Biological Monitoring	Biennially	Within one month of obtaining results.
Side Slope Stability Assessment	Annually	One month after end of the year being reported on.
Topographical survey	Annually	One month after end of the year being reported on.
Any other monitoring	As they occur	Within ten days of obtaining results.

Note 1: Unless altered at the request of the Agency.

## SCHEDULE F : Acceptance of Inert Waste

### *F.1 Acceptable Waste for Recovery*

Only the wastes listed below are acceptable for recovery at the facility, unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.

Topsoil	Solid Road Planings, Solid Tarmacadam, Solid Asphalt <sup>Note 1</sup>
Subsoil	Brickwork
Stone, Rock and Slate	Natural Sand
Clay, Pottery and China	Concrete

Note 1: Acceptance subject to the prior written agreement of the Agency.

## SCHEDULE G : Content of the Annual Environmental Report

### Annual Environmental Report Content

Reporting Period.  
 Waste activities carried out at the facility.  
 Quantity and Composition of waste received, disposed of and recovered during the reporting period and each previous year.  
 Results of waste analysis including an interpretation.  
 Calculated remaining capacity of the facility and year in which final capacity is expected to be reached.  
 Methods of deposition of waste.  
 Summary report on emissions.  
 Summary of results and interpretation of environmental monitoring including appropriately updated drawing indicating locations of monitoring points.  
 Resource and energy consumption summary.  
 Proposed development of the facility and timescale of such development.  
 Volume of leachate produced and volume of leachate transported / discharged off-site.  
 Report on development works undertaken during the reporting period, and a timescale for those proposed during the coming year.  
 Report on restoration of completed cells/ phases.  
 Site survey showing existing levels of the facility at the end of the reporting period.  
 Estimated annual and cumulative quantities of landfill gas emitted from the facility.  
 Estimated annual and cumulative quantity of indirect emissions to groundwater.  
 Annual water balance calculation and interpretation.  
 Report on the progress towards achievement of the Environmental Objectives and Targets contained in previous year's report.  
 Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets for the forthcoming year.  
 Full title and a written summary of any procedures developed by the licensee in the year which relates to the facility operation.  
 Tank, pipeline and bund testing and inspection report.  
 Reported incidents and Complaints summaries.  
 Review of Nuisance Controls.  
 Updates/Amendments to Odour Management Plan (OMP).  
 Updates to Landfill environmental Management Plan (LEMP).  
 Review of Environmental Liabilities.  
 Report on waste recovery.  
 Reports on financial provision made under this licence, management and staffing structure of the facility, and a programme for public information.  
 Report on training of staff.  
 Statement of compliance of facility with any updates of the relevant Waste Management Plan.  
 Statement on the achievement of the waste acceptance and treatment obligations.  
 Any other items specified by the Agency.

Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency  
 Was affixed hereto:

  
 Laura Burke, Director