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ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM

TO: DARA LYNOTT, DIRECTOR

C.C: Frank Clinton, Programme Manager

FROM: Patrick Geoghegan

DATE: 2 May 2014

RE: Recommendation to consider a waste licence application to have been abandoned:
Application Register Number W0274-01, **AD Power (Roscommon) Ltd**, Ballinphuill, Tibohine, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon.

The Environmental Agency
- 6 MAY 2014

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The EPA Received a waste licence application from AD Power (Roscommon) Ltd on 11th January 2010. The Company proposed to construct an anaerobic digestion plant with a capacity to process 24,999 tonnes/year. The waste supply to the AD plant was to comprise of source separated organic waste from household and commercial premises together with non-hazardous industrial sludges and sewage sludges.

In April 2011, The EPA received a submission on the licence application, advising of a name change from **AD Power (Roscommon) Ltd** to **Biocore Environmental AD 1 Ltd** and records Biocore as the new applicant. Biocore claims that it is a company which was specifically established to control operations of the AD facility. Planning Permission for the facility was issued to **BioPower Ltd**.

The Local Authority granted a Waste Facility Permit to Biocore Environmental AD 1 Ltd in August 2012, with a maximum allowable waste acceptance of 19,000 tonnes/year and Biocore are in talks with the Local Authority regarding upgrading its permit.

The waste licence application is of poor quality and deficient in many areas e.g transparency for the public around company ownership and interrelationships; validity of original site and newspaper notices given company changes, etc. In addition, a large number of submissions (76no) have been received.

Despite numerous discussions with the applicant since June 2013 on the quality and transparency of the licence application, and the need to withdraw the existing application and to lodge a new application to afford complete transparency to all concerned, the applicant has failed to substantively respond to the Agency's requests. For that reason, I am of the opinion that the application has been abandoned and should, in accordance with article 21 of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004, be regarded by the Agency as having been withdrawn.

Recommendation

I recommend that in accordance with article 21 of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004, as amended, the Agency forms the opinion that the application has been abandoned.

In the event that the application is considered by the Agency to have been abandoned, I recommend that a Notice under Article 21(2) of the aforementioned regulations be served on the waste licence applicant AD Power (Roscommon) Ltd specifying a period of 21 days within which they may make a submission in writing as to why the application should not be regarded as having been withdrawn.

Signed:


Patrick Geoghegan
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