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9th June, 2014 Date: Our Ref: JSPE 172 L08

Your Ref: W0262-01

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Notice in accordance with Section 42 (11)(b) of the Waste Management Act 1996-2013 as inserted by SI No. 505 of 2013.

Notice in accordance with Article 14(2) (b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations

Waste Licence Application by Kiernan Sand and Gravet Ltd for the continued operation of a Waste Recovery Facility on lands at Foxtown Townland, Summerhill, Co. Meath (National Grid Reference 285633E 253005N).

Dear Mr Geoghean,

Following on from our recent meeting at your offices of 12th May 2014 we wish to inform you that

our client has now decided to progress with the Waste Management Licence Application with respect to the above development. We therefore wish to inform you that we no longer intend to withdraw the application as per our correspondence to you of 8th April 2014.

On behalf of Kiernan Sand and Gravel Ltd, we have prepared the following response with respect to the following notices issued on 28/02/2014.

- 1. Notice in accordance with Section 42 (11)(b) of the Waste Management Act 1996-2013 as inserted by SI No. 505 of 2013.
- 2. Notice in accordance with Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations.

1. Notice in accordance with Section 42 (11)(b) of the Waste Management Act 1996-2013 as inserted by SI No. 505 of 2013.

It is proposed to submit an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) within 16 weeks of the date of this letter, or other period as to be agreed with the EPA. The original 16 week period is due to lapse on 19th June 2016; as such we would be grateful if you could confirm an extension of time with respect to submission of the EIS at your earliest convenience.

As the EPA are aware due to the recent economic crisis our client has had to give careful consideration to the funding of an EIS with respect to progressing with the Waste Management Licence Application. Our client has raised concerns with respect to the costs associated with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Waste Management Licence Application. Following on from our meeting we have informed our client that the EPA are aware of the need to ensure permitted/certified facilities are subject to the same relative level of environmental control and management as licensed facilities to ensure a level playing field.

Given the length of time that the application has been under consideration and the changes in legislation during the intervening period that resulted in additional requirements not envisaged at the date of submission we would ask that the EPA give due consideration to our proposal with respect to extension of time for submission of the EPA in support of the waste licence application as detailed above.

An extension of time is also considered necessary to ensure the proper completion of a number of studies including ecology and hydrogeology which are required to prepare a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (ELS).

On the basis of the above and the need to incorporate these baseline studies, any resulting findings, mitigation and recommendations with respect to the EIS; we consider that it is reasonable to seek an extension of time as outlined above.

2. Notice in accordance with Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations.

The notice relates to a requirement under Article 12 to undertake a screening for Appropriate Assessment with respect to the project under consideration. The ecologist, Roger Goodwillie, of Roger Goodwillie & Associates has been appointed to undertake the screening for Appropriate Assessment. It is proposed to submit the screening for Appropriate Assessment report within six weeks of the date of this letter, or other period as to be agreed with the EPA.

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We would be grateful if you could contact us at the earliest opportunity with respect to confirmation of additional periods with respect to the above.

Yours Sincerely,

For J Sheils Planning & Environmental Ltd,

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