

20th June 2014

Mr. Patrick Geoghegan,
Licensing Unit, Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use
Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
County Wexford

Our Ref: 501.00237.00001

Dear Patrick

**RE: CHI ENVIRONMENTAL LTD., GRANNAGH, CO. KILKENNY
WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR INERT SOIL / CONSTRUCTION AND
DEMOLITION WASTE RECOVERY FACILITY (REF. NO. W0260-01)**

On behalf of our Client, Crystalhill Inns Limited, trading as CHI Environmental, we write to request an extension of time for an additional 12 weeks to complete and submit an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of our waste licence application (Ref. No. W0-260-01). The original 16 week period is due to lapse on 19th June 2014, as such we would be grateful if you could confirm an extension of time from this date with respect to submission of the EIS at your earliest convenience.

The extension of time is necessary to complete a number of baseline studies, particularly in respect of hydrology and hydrogeology, in order to fully assess potential impacts, identify appropriate mitigation responses and prepare a comprehensive EIS.

As the EPA is aware, the ongoing economic crisis, and the particular challenges facing the construction and demolition waste sector, has meant that our Client has had to give careful consideration in recent weeks as to whether (and how) it should fund an EIS in order to progress its application for a waste licence in respect of the waste recovery facility at Grannagh.

Given the length of time that the licence application has been under consideration and the changes in legislation that have been enacted during the intervening period (which have necessitated additional up-front work and costs not originally provided for when the original licence application was made), we consider it is reasonable for us to seek such an extension of time and for the EPA to look favourably on such a request.

Please note that we have provided a copy of the requested Appropriate Assessment Screening Report in support of the licence application under cover of this letter.

We would be grateful if you could contact us at the earliest opportunity to confirm a 12 week extension of time to complete an EIS in support of the waste licence application.

Yours sincerely
SLR Consulting Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Luby', written over a white background.

Derek Luby
Technical Director

cc Pat Murphy, Chi Environmental

Enc Grannagh Waste Recovery Facility - Appropriate Assessment Report