

This licence was amended on 27th September 2010 under Regulation 33 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007. The details of Amendment A must be read in conjunction with this licence. The amendment document is entitled “Clerical Amendment A”.

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WASTE WATER DISCHARGE LICENCE

Licence Register Number:	D0436-01
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WASTE WATER DISCHARGE (AUTHORISATION) REGULATIONS 2007

WASTE WATER DISCHARGE LICENCE

Decision of Agency, under Regulation 28(1) of the Waste Water Discharge
(Authorisation) Regulations 2007.

Reference number: **D0436-01**

The Agency in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, for the reasons hereinafter set out, hereby grants this waste water discharge licence to **Cork County Council Southern Division, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork** in respect of the agglomeration named **Ringaskiddy Village**, subject to Conditions, as set out in the schedules attached hereto.

The licence authorises the discharge of waste water from the waste water works which services the agglomeration described below subject to conditions.

A copy of the Decision is attached.

*Licensed Discharges, in accordance with the Second Schedule
of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007*

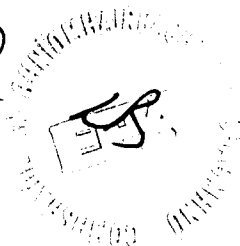
Discharges from agglomerations with a population equivalent of 500 to 1,000

GIVEN under the Seal of the Agency this 20th day of July 2010

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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 the Ringaskiddy Village agglomeration. The collection system drains via the primary discharge point only. There are no submersible pumping stations within the agglomeration.

There is currently no waste water treatment plant and the majority of waste water discharges untreated to Cork Harbour between West Passage and West Channel at the primary discharge point. The estimated population equivalent (p.e.) for the agglomeration is 797, which includes an estimated load of 10% for pending development. The waste water is predominantly domestic with 10% attributed to commercial and institutional waste water.

It is proposed to eliminate the existing direct discharge from the Ringaskiddy Village agglomeration under the Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme (also referred to as the Cork Harbour Main Drainage Scheme). On completion of the scheme any storm water overflows from this agglomeration will comply with current DoEHLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows'. These works are due for completion in 2014.

The licence requires discharges from the agglomeration to be discontinued within a specified timeframe. The subsequent integration of the Ringaskiddy Village agglomeration into a larger agglomeration will ensure that appropriate protection is afforded to the receiving water environment.

The licence sets out in detail the conditions under which Cork County Council Southern Division will control and manage the waste water discharges from the agglomeration covered by this licence.

The legislation governing this licence relates specifically to, and is restricted to, the regulation and control of waste water discharges from the agglomeration. Therefore any odour or noise issue that may be associated with the waste water works including the treatment plant cannot be addressed by this licence.



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Glossary of Terms

All terms in this licence should be interpreted in accordance with the definitions in the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007, unless otherwise defined in this section.

AER	Annual Environmental Report.
Agglomeration	An area where the population or economic activities or both are sufficiently concentrated for a waste water works to have been put in place.
Agreement	Agreement in writing.
Annually	At least one measurement in any one year.
Application	The application for this licence.
Attachment	Any reference to Attachments in this licence refers to attachments submitted as part of the licence application.
Biannually	All or part of a period of six consecutive months.
CBOD	5 day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (with nitrification suppression).
CEN	Comité Européen De Normalisation – European Committee for Standardisation.
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand.
Combined approach	In relation to a waste water works, means the control of discharges and emissions to waters whereby the emission limits for the discharge are established on the basis of the stricter of either or both, the limits and controls required under the Urban Waste Water Regulations, and the limits determined under statute or Directive for the purpose of achieving the environmental objectives established for surface waters, groundwater or protected areas for the water body into which the discharge is made.
Day	Any 24 hour period.
Discharge limits	Those limits, specified for a particular parameter in <i>Schedule A: Discharges</i> of this licence.
Discharge Point	The point from which a waste water discharge occurs.
Documentation	Any report, record, result, data, drawing, proposal, interpretation or other document, in written or electronic form, that is required by this licence.
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
Domestic Waste Water	Waste water from residential settlements and services that originates predominantly from human metabolism and from household activities.



Drawing	Any reference to a drawing or drawing number means a drawing or drawing number contained in the application, unless otherwise specified in this licence.
Environmental damage	As defined in Directive 2004/35/EC.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency.
Incident	The following shall constitute an incident for the purposes of this licence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) any discharge that does not comply with the requirements of this licence;(ii) any incident with the potential for environmental contamination of surface water or groundwater, or posing an environmental threat to land, or requiring an emergency response by the relevant Water Services Authority.
Industrial waste water	Any waste water that is discharged from premises used for carrying on any trade or industry or other non-domestic use and excludes run-off rain water.
Licensee	Cork County Council Southern Division.
Licensing Regulations	Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 684 of 2007).
Local Authority	Cork County Council.
Maintain	Keep in a fit state, including such regular inspection, servicing, calibration and repair as may be necessary to perform its function.
National Environmental Complaints Procedure	As established under the National Environmental Enforcement Network.
Population Equivalent	A measurement of organic biodegradable load and a population equivalent of 1 (1 p.e.) means the organic biodegradable load having a five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD ₅) of 60g of oxygen per day; the load being calculated on the basis of the maximum average weekly load entering the waste water works during the year, excluding unusual situations such as those due to heavy rain.
Primary Discharge	The discharge with the largest volume being discharged from the waste water works.
Protected Areas	Areas designated as requiring special protection under specific Community legislation for the protection of their surface water and groundwater or for the conservation of habitats and species of European sites directly dependant on water and listed in the register established by the Agency in accordance with Article 8 of the Water Policy Regulations.

Sample(s)	Unless the context of this licence indicates to the contrary, the term samples shall include measurements taken by electronic instruments.
Secondary Discharge	A potential, occasional or continuous discharge from the waste water works other than a primary discharge or a storm water overflow.
SSRS	Small Stream Risk Score.
Specified discharges	Those discharges listed in <i>Schedule A: Discharges</i> of this licence.
Standard method	A National, European or internationally recognised procedure (e.g., I.S. EN, ISO, CEN, BS or equivalent); or an in-house documented procedure based on the above references; a procedure as detailed in the current edition of “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater” (prepared and published jointly by A.P.H.A., A.W.W.A. & W.E.F.), American Public Health Association, 1015 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington DC 20005, USA; or an alternative method as may be agreed by the Agency.
Storm water overflow	A structure or device on a sewerage system designed and constructed for the purpose of relieving the system of excess flows that arise as a result of rain water or melting snow in the sewered catchment, the excess flow being discharged to receiving waters.
The Agency	Environmental Protection Agency.
Waste Water	Domestic waste water or the mixture of domestic waste water with industrial waste water.
Waste Water Works	Sewers and their accessories (or any part thereof) and all associated structural devices, including waste water treatment plants, which are owned by, vested in, controlled or used by a water services authority for the collection, storage, treatment or discharge of waste water.
Water Services Authority	Cork County Council Southern Division.
Weekly	During all weeks when discharges are taking place; with at least one measurement in any one week.

Decision & Reasons for the Decision

The Environmental Protection Agency is satisfied, on the basis of the information available, that subject to compliance with the conditions of this licence, any discharges from the agglomeration served by the waste water works will comply with and will not contravene any of the requirements of Regulation 6 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007.

Having regard to the requirement in the licence for a phased and strictly monitored programme of improvements for the waste water works servicing the Ringaskiddy Village agglomeration and the requirement that no deterioration in the quality of the receiving waters shall occur as a result of the discharge(s), it is considered that the licence will aim to achieve the environmental objectives including environmental quality standards established under statute and prevent and reduce environmental pollution.

In reaching this decision the Environmental Protection Agency has had regard to the requirements and objectives of Regulation 6 of the Regulations and has considered the application and supporting documentation received from the applicant and the report of its inspector.



Part I Schedule of Discharges Licensed

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007, the Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency), under Regulation 28(1) of the said Regulations grants this Waste Water Discharge Licence to Cork County Council Southern Division, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork. The licence authorises the discharge of waste water from the waste water works servicing the Ringaskiddy Village agglomeration described below, subject to conditions listed in Part II, with the reasons therefor and the associated schedules attached thereto.

***Licensed Discharges, in accordance with the Second Schedule
of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007***

Discharges from agglomerations with a population equivalent of 500 to 1,000

Part II Conditions

Condition 1. Scope

- 1.1 Statutory Obligations
- 1.1.1 This licence is for the purposes of Waste Water Discharge licensing under the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007, only and nothing in this licence shall be construed as negating the licensee's statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations.
- 1.1.2 This licence shall be technically amended, as and when considered by the Agency, to ensure compliance with such environmental quality standard as may be prescribed for surface water classification of the receiving water body.
- 1.2 The agglomeration is the area outlined in red on Drawing No. Map 08 of the application. Any reference in this licence to agglomeration shall mean the area thus outlined in red.
- 1.3 The discharge to waters from the waste water works shall be restricted to the primary discharge referred to and described in *Schedule A: Discharges*, of this licence and shall be as set out in the licence application or as modified under Condition 1.6 of this licence and subject to the conditions of this licence.
- 1.4 The discharges to waters from the waste water works shall take place as set out in this licence. All programmes required to be carried out under the terms of this licence become part of this licence.
- 1.5 For the purposes of this licence, the locations of the waste water discharges authorised by this licence are as presented on Drawing No. Map 09, Map 10 Revision 1, Map 11 Revision 1, Map 15 Revision 1, Map 16 Revision 1 and Map 17 Revision 1 of the application.
- 1.6 No alteration to the waste water works or any part thereof that would, or is likely to, result in a material change to or increase in discharges sufficient to represent a risk causing a breach of environmental quality standards or objections shall be carried out or commenced without prior notice to, and without the agreement of, the Agency.

Reason: To clarify the scope of this licence.

Condition 2. Interpretation

- 2.1 Emission limit values for discharges to waters in this licence shall be interpreted in accordance with the Fifth Schedule of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations, 2001.

Reason: To clarify the interpretation of limit values fixed under the licence.

Condition 3. Discharges

- 3.1 No specified discharge from the waste water works shall exceed the emission limit values set out in *Schedule A: Discharges* of this licence, subject to the requirements of Condition 2 above.
- 3.2 The Water Services Authority shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure that no deterioration in the quality of the receiving waters shall occur as a result of the discharge.
- 3.3 There shall be no discharge from the discharge point(s) specified in *Schedule A.3: Discharges to be Discontinued* from the dates specified therein.
- 3.4 Storm water overflows shall be as specified in *Schedule A.4: Storm Water Overflows* of this licence.
- 3.5 The licensee shall ensure that all or any of the following:
- Gross solids
 - Litter

associated with discharges from the waste water works do not result in an impairment of, or an interference with, amenities or the environment.

Reason: To provide for the protection of the receiving environment by way of control and limitation of discharges to Cork Harbour.

Condition 4. Control and Monitoring

- 4.1 The licensee shall carry out such sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, maintenance and calibrations as set out below and in accordance with *Schedule B: Monitoring* of this licence.
- 4.1.1 Analyses shall be undertaken by competent staff in accordance with documented operating procedures.
- 4.1.2 Such procedures shall be assessed for their suitability for the test matrix and performance characteristics shall be determined.
- 4.1.3 Such procedures shall be subject to a programme of Analytical Quality Control verified by a competent third party using control standards with evaluation of test responses.

Where any analysis is sub-contracted it shall be to a competent laboratory.

- 4.2 The licensee shall ensure that:
- (i) Sampling and analysis for all parameters listed in the Schedules to this licence, and
 - (ii) Any reference measurement methods to calibrate automated measurement system

shall be carried out in accordance with CEN standards. If CEN standards are not available, ISO, national or international standards that will ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality shall apply.

- 4.3 The licensee shall install on all emission points such sampling points or equipment, including any data-logging or other electronic communication equipment, as may be required by the Agency. All such equipment shall be consistent with the safe operation of all sampling and monitoring systems.
- 4.4 Monitoring and analysis equipment shall be operated and maintained as necessary so that monitoring accurately reflects the discharge (or ambient conditions where that is the monitoring objective).
- 4.5 The licensee shall establish and maintain a programme for maintenance and operation of all plant and equipment to ensure that no unauthorised waste water discharges take place. This programme shall be based on the instructions issued by the manufacturer/supplier or installer of the equipment. Appropriate record keeping and diagnostic testing shall support this maintenance programme. The licensee shall clearly allocate responsibility for the planning management and execution of all aspects of this programme to appropriate personnel.
- 4.6 The location, frequency, methods and scope of monitoring, sampling and analyses, as set out in this licence, may be amended with the agreement of the Agency following evaluation of test results.
- 4.7 Ambient Monitoring

The licensee shall report annually in the AER on the chemical and ecological status of the receiving water. The licensee shall, as a minimum, have regard to the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 272 of 2009) and the Quality of Shellfish Water Regulations, 2006 (S.I. 268 of 2006) and amendment(s) in scoping the report. The licensee shall undertake such additional monitoring as is necessary to demonstrate that the discharges have not caused deterioration in the status of the receiving water. The licensee shall consult with the Agency on the timing, nature and extent of the report and the appropriate format for submittal.

Reason: To provide for the protection of the environment by way of control and monitoring of discharges.

Condition 5. Programmes of Improvements

- 5.1 The licensee shall, within three months, prepare and submit to the Agency for its agreement a Project Plan for the Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme that will achieve the following objectives:
- achieve improvements in the quality of all discharges from the works;
 - cease discharges listed under *Schedule A.3: Discharges to be Discontinued*, of this licence;
 - give effect to Regulation 2 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 684 of 2007).
- 5.2 The Project Plan referred to in Condition 5.1 shall as a minimum include:
- A Gantt chart or similar, identifying sequences, duration and target completion dates for the major outputs of the project;
 - The improvements as set out in *Schedule C: Specified Improvement Programme*, of this licence to be completed by 01/01/2015.

- 5.3 The Project Plan for the Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme shall be a single integrated plan serving the agglomerations of Cobh (D0054-01), Passage West/Monkstown (D0129-01), Ringaskiddy/Carrigaline/Crosshaven (D0057-01) and Ringaskiddy Village (D0436-01). Discharges and timelines identified under the Project Plan become part of this licence.
- 5.4 During the project implementation phase, the licensee shall submit to the Agency status reports biannually. The status reports shall compare actual activities with the plan elements and note any significant deviations from the Plan.
- 5.5 Any significant modification to the Project Plan deemed necessary during the implementation phase shall be reported in the status reports.

Reason: To provide for the improvement of the waste water works on a planned basis having regard to the need for ongoing assessment, recording and reporting of matters affecting the receiving water environment.

Condition 6. Notifications, Records and Reports

- 6.1 The licensee, shall notify the Agency by both telephone and facsimile, to the Agency's headquarters in Wexford, or to such other Agency office as may be specified by the Agency, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident (as defined in this licence). The licensee shall include as part of the notification, date and time of the incident, summary details of the occurrence, and where available, the steps taken to minimise any discharges.
- 6.2 In the case of any incident relating to a discharge to water, the licensee shall notify the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as soon as practicable after such an incident.
- 6.3 In the case of any incident relating to a discharge to a designated shellfish water, the licensee shall notify the Marine Institute (MI), Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA), Food Safety Authority (FSAI) and an Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) as soon as practicable after such an incident.
- 6.4 The licensee shall make a record of any incident. This record shall include details of the nature, extent, and impact of, and circumstances giving rise to, the incident. The record shall include all corrective actions taken to manage the incident, to minimise the effect on the environment, and to avoid recurrence. The licensee shall, as soon as practicable following incident notification, submit to the Agency the incident record including clean up and recurrence prevention measures.
- 6.5 The licensee shall record all complaints of an environmental nature related to the discharge(s) to waters from the waste water works in accordance with the national environmental complaints procedure. Each such record shall give details of the date and time of the complaint, the name of the complainant (if provided), and the nature of the complaint. A record shall also be kept of the response made in the case of each complaint.
- 6.6 The licensee shall record all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence.

- 6.7 The licensee shall as a minimum keep the following documents at the headquarters of the licensee or such office as may be agreed by the Agency:
- (i) the licence application and all associated documentation;
 - (ii) the licence(s) relating to the discharge(s) to waters from the waste water works;
 - (iii) the previous year's AER;
 - (iv) records of all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence;
 - (v) relevant correspondence with the Agency;
 - (vi) up to date drawings/plans showing the location of key process and environmental infrastructure, including monitoring locations and discharge points;

This documentation shall be available to the Agency for inspection at all reasonable times.

- 6.8 The licensee shall, within six months of date of grant of this licence, ensure that a documented Emergency Response Procedure is in place, that addresses any emergency situation that may originate on-site. This procedure shall include provision for minimising the effects of any emergency on the environment. This procedure shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
- 6.9 The licensee shall establish and maintain a Public Awareness and Communications Programme to ensure that members of the public can obtain, at all reasonable times, environmental information relating to the discharge.
- 6.10 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, all reports and notifications submitted to the Agency shall:
- (i) be sent to Administration, Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) at the Agency's Headquarters or to such other Agency office agreed by the Agency;
 - (ii) comprise one original and two copies unless additional copies are required by Agency;
 - (iii) be formatted in accordance with any written instruction or guidance issued by the Agency;
 - (iv) include whatever information may be required by the Agency;
 - (v) be identified by a unique code, indicate any modification or amendment, and be correctly dated to reflect any such modification or amendment;
 - (vi) be accompanied by a written interpretation setting out their significance in the case of all monitoring data; and
 - (vii) be transferred electronically to the Agency's computer system if required by the Agency.
- 6.11 The licensee shall submit to the Agency, by the 28th February of each year, an AER covering the previous calendar year. This report, which shall be to the satisfaction of the Agency, shall include as a minimum the information specified in *Schedule D: Annual Environmental Report* of this licence and shall be prepared in accordance with any relevant guidelines issued by the Agency.
- 6.12 All reports shall be certified accurate and representative by the Director of Services or a nominated, suitably qualified and experienced deputy.



- 6.13 The licensee shall notify the Agency, as soon as is practicable, where a discharge from the waste water works has ceased permanently.

Reason: To provide for the collection and reporting of adequate information on the activity.

Condition 7. Financial Charges and Provisions

7.1 Agency Charges

- 7.1.1 The licensee shall pay to the Agency an annual contribution of €1,144, 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 discharge as the Agency considers necessary for the performance of its functions under the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007. The first payment shall be a pro-rata amount for the period from the date of this licence to the 31st day of December, and shall be paid to the Agency within one month from the date 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 Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 and all such payments shall be made within one month of the date upon which demanded by the Agency.
- 7.1.2 In the event that the frequency or extent of monitoring, investigations 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.

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

SCHEDULE A: Discharges

A.1 Primary Waste Water Discharge

Primary Discharge Point Code: SW01RINV
 Name of Receiving Waters: Cork Harbour (SW_060_0000)
 Location: 178202E 064723N

Parameter	Emission Limit Value
	mg/l
CBOD	25
COD	125
Suspended Solids	35



A.2 Secondary Waste Water Discharges

There shall be no Secondary Waste Water Discharges.



A.3 Discharges to be discontinued

Discharge Point Code	Location	Name of Receiving Waters	Discharge shall cease from
SW01RINV (primary discharge)	178202E 064723N	Cork Harbour	1 st January 2015



A.4 Storm Water Overflows

There shall be no storm water overflows.



SCHEDULE B: Monitoring

B.1 Monitoring of Primary Waste Water Discharge

No Primary Waste Water Discharge monitoring is required in this licence.



B.2 Monitoring of Secondary Waste Water Discharge

No Secondary Waste Water Discharges monitoring is required in this licence.



B.3 Interpretation of Discharge Monitoring Results

This schedule does not apply.



B.4 Ambient Monitoring

Receiving Water Monitoring

See Condition 4.7 for requirements.



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SCHEDULE C: Specified Improvement Programme

C.1 Improvement Programme for the Waste Water Works

Specified Improvement	Completion Date
Upgrade collecting system: reduce infiltration, remediate structural damage, separate storm water and install pumping station.	1 st January 2015
Infrastructural works necessary to cease discharges.	1 st January 2015
Any other works notified in writing by the Agency	As agreed



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SCHEDULE D: Annual Environmental Report

Annual Environmental Report Content ^{Note 1}
Discharges from the agglomeration.
Data collection and reporting requirements under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.
Complaints summary.
Reported incidents summary.
Project Plan for the Cork Lower Harbour Sewerage Scheme ^{Note 2}
Status reports for the Project Plan completed in the previous year.
Any other items specified by the Agency.

Note 1: Content may be revised subject to the agreement of the Agency.

Note 2: This summary report shall provide detail on all measures proposed and undertaken under the Water Services Investment Programme for the agglomeration, including progress reports on infrastructural works and a statement of compliance with timeframes set out in this licence.

Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 20th day of July, 2010.

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency was affixed hereto:



Laura Burke, Director

