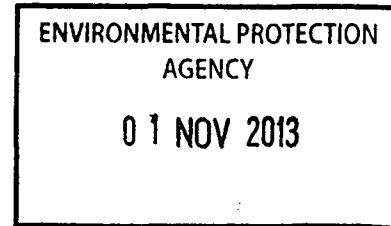
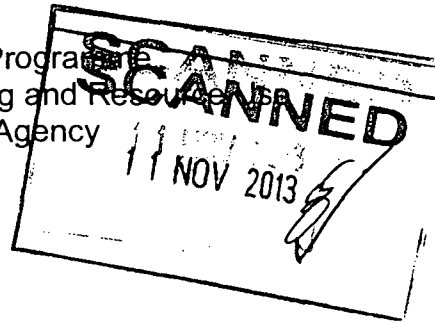


Our Ref: PL19.238420
 P.A. Reg. Ref: 10/307
 EPA Ref: W0282-01
 Applicant's Name: Glanpower Limited
 EIS: Yes

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31st October, 2013

Appeal Re: The development will be an industrial facility to accommodate an advanced pyrolysis system for the recovery of energy from biomass and waste.

Derryclure, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned appeal and your letter dated the 3rd October, 2013 requesting comments in relation to an application for a Waste licence or a review of a licence pursuant to the provisions of section 173A(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as inserted by Article 10 of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Waste) Regulations 2012.

In respect of the Environmental Protection Agency's request for observations and having regard to the specific queries raised in your letter, the Board would wish to comment as follows:

- i. Having carried out an initial inspection of documents on the Agency's website, the Board consider that the activity, subject of the current waste licence application, would appear to be the same as that for which planning permission was granted, subject to conditions, by the Board on 21st July, 2011 under An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL19.238420.
- ii. The decision was made by the Board after the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment and the receipt of an Inspector's report on

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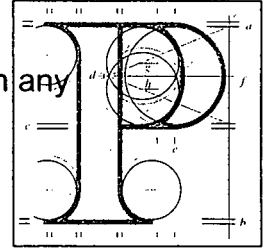
the said case, which includes a section on environmental impact assessment and consideration of key associated issues. The Agency's attention is brought to the issues set out in the Inspector's Report and assessment and the Board's final decision, as set out in the Direction and Order, with particular attention to the Reasons and Considerations and Conditions imposed on the grant of permission.

- iii. The information relating to the EIS on the EPA's website is the same information in the EIS submitted to An Bord Pleanála. No oral hearing was conducted by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the proposed development. It is considered that no significant additional information has to date been added to the original planning application submitted to Offaly County Council during either the planning application or appeal process.
- iv. In accordance with Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2001, as amended, the Board requested the EPA to make any submission or observations in relation to appeal reference PL19.238420. A submission was received from the EPA on the 31st of May, 2011.
- v. In accordance with Section 171A and Section 172 of the Planning and Development Act, 2010, the Board carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed development.
- vi. An application for intensification of waste intake by Offaly County Council on the adjoining site to the east was refused permission (ref. PL19.JA0013) by An Bord Pleanála. The reason for refusal principally relates to a failure to adequately demonstrate a waste disposal need for the proposed development which would require the provision of an increase of 60,000 tonnes per annum waste intake.

All of the documentation on the Board's file, which includes the Environmental Impact Statement is available on the Boards Extranet. Your IT Department is required to liaise with the Board's IT Department in order to facilitate access to the Extranet site.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.



Yours faithfully

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