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Your Ref: W0262-01/ W0264-01/ W0265-01

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Re: Extension of time for submission of EIS with respect to 3 no. (W0262-01/ W0264-01/ W0265-01) waste licence applications.

Dear Sir,

Our Ref:

I refer to our recent telephone conversation of 14708/2014 and your previous letter of 10/06/2014 with respect to grant of a 12 week extension up to 2nd September 2014, to submit an EIS report for the following applications.

- 1. Sand & Gravel Merchants (W0264-01)
- 2. Kiernan Sand & Gravel (W0262-01)
- 3. Clashford Recovery Facility Ltd (W0265-01).

We had previously sort an additional extension of time for 16 weeks due to a number of issues including client resource issues resulting from the recent economic crisis and the need to ensure the proper completion of a number of studies including ecology and hydrogeology which are required to prepare a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

We consider that an additional 4 weeks is still required to ensure completion of robust EIS's with respect to the above developments. As discussed a number of baseline surveys, particularly with respect to hydrogeology are only nearing completion due to issues arising with respect to mobilisation sub-consultants/contractors to site over the summer holiday period. In addition the requirement to prepare 3 concurrent EIS's is placing significant pressure on our company's resources to deliver within a 12 week timeframe.

Given the length of time that the applications have been under consideration, the recession and following recent site appraisals, we have also identified the need to address a number of issues with respect to duration of activity, rate of backfilling and revision to restoration schemes. Our preference is to address these matters through submission of the EIS's as necessary rather than through future revision of a Waste Licence.

As discussed granting of an additional 4 weeks will enable us to prepare more comprehensive EIS's and hopefully obviate the need for significant further information that may otherwise arise.

Given the current time frame for submission of the EIS's by the 2nd September 2014 we would be grateful if you could respond in writing to our request at your earliest opportunity.

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Yours Sincerely,

For J Sheils Planning & Environmental Ltd,

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