

Appendix 1

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 and 2013, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

Licence/Permit Application Details:

Reg. No.	W0082-03
Applicant Name:	Starrus Eco Holdings Limited
Location of Installation:	Ballykeefe, Dock Road, Limerick
Licence Application Date:	4 April 2014
European Sites assessed:	Lower River Shannon SAC (site code 2165)
	River Shannon and River Fergus SPA (site code 4077)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	23 October 2014

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

The following reasons contributed to the determination that the Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required:

- The existing pollution in storm water discharge from the installation to adjacent drain that ultimately discharges into above SPA and SAC, and the fact that mitigation measures, i.e. re-engineering of drainage system, will need to be put in place to prevent further discharge of the polluted storm water.
- The close proximity of the Lower River Shannon SAC (site code 2165) and River Shannon and River Fergus SPA (site code 4077).
- Uncertainty that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects (not least the EPA-licensed facilities in close proximity to the site as listed below), will not have a significant effect on any European site.

- Irish Cement Limited (Licence Reg. No. P0029-03)
- James McMahon Limited (Licence Reg. No. P0329-01)
- Atlas Aluminium Limited (Licence Reg. No. P0436-01)
- Limerick City & County Council and Clare County Council (Licence Reg. No. D0013-01).



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Date: 23 October 2014