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Reg. No: W0082-03

Mr. Malcolm Dowling Group Compliance Manager Starrus Eco Holdings Limited T/a Greenstar Unit 6, Ballyogan Business Park Ballyogan Road Sandyford, Dublin 18

28 October 2014

Review of an IE Licence Application by Starrus Eco Holdings Limited in respect of T/a Greenstar, Ballykeefe, Dock Road, Limerick.

Dear Mr. Dowling

I am to acknowledge receipt on 4 April 2014 and subsequent information received on 17 June 2014, 25 July 2014 30 July 2014, 5 August 2014, and 9 September 2014 of documents pertaining to the review of an IE licence, reference number W0082-03, in respect of an installation at T/a Greenstar, Ballykeefe, Dock Road, Limerick.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013 that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment *is* required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, *is* likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013 where applicable.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely,

Sonja Smith

Programme Officer

Environmental Licensing Programme

## 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:**

W0082-03
Starrus Eco Holdings Limited
Ballykeefe, Dock Road, Limerick
4 April 2014
Lower River Shannon SAC (site code 2165)
River Shannon and River Fergus SPA (site code 4077)
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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Office of Climate, Licensing, Resources & Research

Date: 23 October 2014