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Environmental Licensing Programme
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15th September 2014.

Re: Waste Licence Application Reg W0276-01

Dear Sir/Madam

DOK Quarrystone Limited is withdrawing the application for a Waste Licence at Garranmore, Cashel, County Tipperary. The grounds for the withdrawal are set out below.

The licence application was lodged in 2010 to allow the site to continue to take in uncontaminated natural soils, subsoils, stone and rock, which had been approved in the Waste Permit granted by Tipperary County Council.

Subsequent to the making the application, The European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011 were adopted. Article 27 of the Regulations makes provisions for materials that had previously been classified as waste, for example clean soils and stone from greenfield development sites, to be categorised as a by-product. As a by-product is not a waste it is not subject to regulation under the Waste Management Act.


The planning permission for the existing quarry (PL Ref 06/1651) authorises the reinstatement of the quarry using imported materials. A copy of the confirmation from the planning authority is attached. DOK Quarrystone Ltd is currently preparing a planning application for an extension of the quarry, which will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement. The application will seek approval to reinstate the extension with imported soils and subsoils and an assessment of the environmental impacts will be presented in the EIS.

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Based on the Agency's Consultation Report on Soil and Stone as a by-product to be used as backfill or fill, dated April 2013 DOK Quarrystone Limited considers that the soils and stones it intends to use in future reinstatement works will be categorised as a by-product and therefore a Waste Licence will not be required. In making this decision, DOK Quarrystone Limited is aware of the criteria that must be met to ensure the soils and subsoils are classified as by-products.

DOK Quarrystone Limited requests the Agency to consider a refund of 50 % of the application fee in accordance with Article 45 of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations.

Yours Sincerely

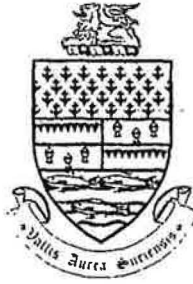

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29th January 2014

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Re: Importation of Soils into site at Garranmore, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

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I refer to a telephone conversation in relation to the above.

In response to your request regarding the planning status of importing material onto this site the Planning Authority advise that permission PI Ref 06/1651 allows for the infilling of the application site with imported material as part of the quarry restoration programme. This is subject to same being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of PI Ref 06/1651.

You are advised that the importation of soils may require a Waste Permit under the Waste Permit Regulations, 2007 or a Waste License under part V of the Waste Management Acts depending on the volume of material to be imported. An Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of the project may also be required.

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