

ATTACHMENT H5 – WASTE RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

Contribution to Re-use and Recycling Initiatives

Regulations 31(1) and 31(2) of the European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011 place an obligation on the Government, the Minister for the Environment, the Environmental Protection Agency and Local Authorities, as appropriate, to take any and all such measures as may be required to

- (i) promote and/or facilitate the re-use and recycling of waste;
- (ii) make arrangements for the collection and handling of separated waste streams in order to facilitate high quality recycling and
- (iii) ensure that compliance targets for specific household / municipal waste streams and non-hazardous construction and demolition wastes (as required by European and national legislation) are achieved by 2020.

The continued operation of the inert soil waste recovery facility at the Huntstown Quarry complex and the proposed increase in the rate of waste intake will not impact the re-use or recycling of any of the specific waste streams identified in the regulations and will not therefore address any of the above listed obligations imposed on the agencies and/or authorities responsible for waste management within the State.

By definition, excess (waste) soil generated by a construction or development project cannot be re-used or recycled at the site on which it originates. If it is not possible for the excess soil to be re-used and/or recycled at another construction or development project in close proximity, it must be transferred off-site for recovery purposes.

Arrangements for recycling and/or recovery of any construction and demolition waste, metal and other non-inert wastes (timber, plastic etc.) inadvertently brought to site will be managed as outlined in Attachment H4 of this waste licence review application and in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Impact Statement accompanying it.

Compliance with Recovery Obligations

Section 29(2A) of the Waste Management Act of 1996 (as amended) places an obligation on waste producers and holders to ensure that

- (i) waste undergoes recovery operations in accordance with the requirements of the waste hierarchy and
- (ii) is managed in compliance with waste management legislation and
- (iii) in a manner which does not give rise to environmental pollution.

An appraisal of how the licensed waste facility at Huntstown Quarry addresses the requirements of the EU Waste Directive (2008/98/EC) and Section 21A(2) to ensure that waste is managed at the highest priority level of the waste hierarchy is provided separately in Attachment L3 of this waste licence application.