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Reg No: P0696-02

Dear Mr Fay

I refer to your request for a technical amendment received by the Agency on 27 October 2016 in respect of your existing licence.

The Agency has considered your request for an amendment to your existing licence.

I am to advise that the Agency has decided not to amend your existing licence, Reg. No. P0696-02. Should you wish to proceed with the proposed changes, please apply for a review of your licence by completing the appropriate application form on the Agency's website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie).


If you have any further queries please contact Mr Michael McDonagh at Telephone No. 021 4875540.

Yours sincerely



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<b>ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	Dara Lynott, Director
<b>FROM:</b>	Michael McDonagh, Environmental Licensing Programme
<b>DATE:</b>	27 <sup>TH</sup> January 2017
<b>RE:</b>	Technical Amendment to Industrial Emissions Licence Register Number: P0696-02, held by Messrs Jim & Mark Wright T/A JMW Farms, for an installation at Crosses, Monaghan, County Monaghan.

The Agency received a request on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from Messrs Jim & Mark Wright T/A JMW Farms, Licence Reg. No. P0696-02, to technically amend the licence. The request relates to an extension of the site boundary to include additional area and pig house to the rear of the site in line with planning permission as granted. The request also seeks an increase in animal numbers by approximately 800 pigs.

## 1. Background

Licence Register No. P0696-01 was issued to Mr John Erskine on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005 for a semi integrated 650 sow unit. Messrs. Jim and Mark Wright purchased the existing installation from Mr. John Erskine and the Agency granted a licence transfer from Mr John Erskine to Messrs Jim & Mark Wright (t/a JMW Farms) on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010. This licence was reviewed on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Licence Register No. P0696-02) as the site was being converted to a 1,200 sow breeding unit.

The licence (P0696-02) has since been amended as follows:

- Technical Amendment A, issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013, to change conditions in the licence in relation to the control and management of organic fertiliser.
- Section 82A(11) Amendment, issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, to bring the licence into conformity with the requirements of the Industrial Emissions (IE) Directive (2010/75/EU).

It should be noted the IED amendment made on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 updates the applicable class of activity under the First Schedule of the EPA Act 1992, as amended, as follows:

- 6.2 The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds:
  - (a) 750 places for sows

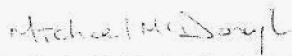
Schedule A.1 of the licence restricts the animal numbers housed on site as outlined in Table 1 below.

The licensee has confirmed that there will be an increase in pig numbers housed at the installation, and an increase in the emissions produced from the activity and such proposed changes requires changes to Schedule A.1 of licence Reg No. P0696-02. The proposed increase in the number of animals housed on site, and associated increase in manure generated on site will increase odour and ammonia emissions from the activity. Therefore a more detailed assessment of odour and ammonia impact is necessary as part of a licence review.

## 5. Recommendation

It is considered that the requested change goes beyond the scope of Section 96(1)(b) and 96(1)(c) of the EPA Act, as amended. I recommend that the technical amendment request, as sought, be refused.

Signed,



Michael McDonagh,  
Inspector,  
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