

PUBLIC NOTICES

APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A REVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE

ERAS ECO Ltd. is applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Review of its Industrial Emissions Licence (W021101 (IED)) for its existing Waste Facility located at Foxholes, Youghal, County Cork. National Grid Reference 209653E, 079770N.

It is intended to install an anaerobic digestion plant to treat non-hazardous wastes with a gas associated combined heat and power (CHP) plant and to reduce the amount of wastes that will be accepted from 10,000 tonnes/year to 85,000 tonnes/year. The anaerobic digestion plant will comprise two new digestion tanks and the biogas will either be used as a fuel in the CHP plant to generate electricity or fed into the national gas grid. The wastes accepted will comprise non-hazardous waste, water treatment plant sludge, non-hazardous household, commercial and industrial waste and landfill leachate. It is proposed to process the non-hazardous household, commercial and industrial waste to separate the recyclable and recoverable materials from the non-recoverable.

The classes and nature of the industrial emissions directive activities in accordance with the First Schedule to the Act of 1992 are:

11.1 The recovery or disposal of waste in a facility within the meaning of the Act of 1992, which facility is connected or associated with another activity specified in this Schedule in respect of which a licence or revised licence under Part IV is in force or in respect of which a licence under the said Part is or will be required.

11.4 (b)(i) Recovery of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day involving one or more of the following activities (other than activities to which the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 254 of 2001) apply): biological treatment when the only waste treatment activity carried out is anaerobic digestion, the capacity threshold for this activity shall be 100 tonnes per day.

11.4 (b)(ii) Recovery of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day involving one or more of the following activities (other than activities to which the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 254 of 2001) apply): pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration.

An Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement (Screening Document) will be submitted to the Agency with the application. The Environmental Impact Statement and the Natura Impact Statement (Screening Document) and any further information relating to the effects on the environment of the emissions from the activity which may be furnished to the Agency in the course of the Agency's consideration of the application will be available at the Headquarters of the Agency. Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement (Screening Document) have been submitted to Cork County Council.

A copy of the application for the licence may be inspected on the Agency's website or inspected at or obtained from the Headquarters of the Agency as soon as is practicable after the receipt by the Agency of the application for the licence.

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