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Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992, as amended  
**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION TO SURRENDER**  
**INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE (IE)**

**IE Licence Register No.:** P0622-01  
**Licensee:** Hogg Enterprises Limited  
  
**Facility:** Clohamon Mills,  
Bunclody,  
County Wexford

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended, the Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency), for the reasons hereinafter set out, accepts, under Section 95(7) of the said Act, the surrender of Industrial Emissions Licence Reg. No. P0622-01.

**Reasons for the decision:** The Agency is satisfied that the licensable activity has fallen below the current licensing capacity thresholds and that the condition of the installation is not causing or likely to cause environmental pollution and the site of the activity is in a satisfactory state.

In reaching this decision, the Agency has considered the information and evidence furnished to it by Hogg Enterprises Limited pursuant to its application, the results of site inspections by an authorised officer of the Agency and the report of its Inspector.

Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**PRESENT when the seal of the Agency  
was affixed hereto:**

**Gerard O'Leary**  
**Director/ Authorised Person**







# Surrender Memo

DATE:	31/01/2018
TO:	Gerard O'Leary, OEE Director <i>Approved</i>
FROM:	Ciaran Cuddihy, OEE Southeast <i>[Signature]</i>
SUBJECT:	Application to surrender IE Licence Reg. No. P0622-01, Hogg Enterprises Limited. <i>6/2/18</i>

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

I consider that Hogg Enterprises Limited's application to surrender its licence should be accepted under Section 95[7] of the EPA Act 1992, as amended, due to the fact that:

- the activity has fallen below the current licensing capacity threshold of 750 sows / 2,000 finishers since 23/04/2013;
- the activity is not causing or likely to cause environmental pollution
- the site of the activity is in a satisfactory state.

## 2. SUMMARY

Name of Licensee	Hogg Enterprises Limited
Licence Reg. No.	P0622-01
Installation Address	Clohamon Mills, Bunclody, County Wexford
Date Licence Issued	09/02/2006
Date Activity Dropped Below Threshold	23/04/2013
Date of Receipt of Application to Surrender Licence including the full Surrender Fee	16/01/2015. A waiver of the surrender fee was approved by the OEE Director on 13/06/2016.
Persons consulted under S95(5)	Wexford County Council

### 3. CLASS OF ACTIVITY & DESCRIPTION

Hogg Enterprises Limited was licensed on 09/02/2006 for the carrying on of the activity:

*the rearing of pigs in an installation, whether within the same complex or within 100 metres of the same complex, where the capacity exceeds 285 places for sows in an integrated unit,*

On 23/04/2013, the European Union (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (S.I. 138 of 2013) amended the *First Schedule to Act of 1992* (inserted by section 18 of the Act of 2003) substituting the following:

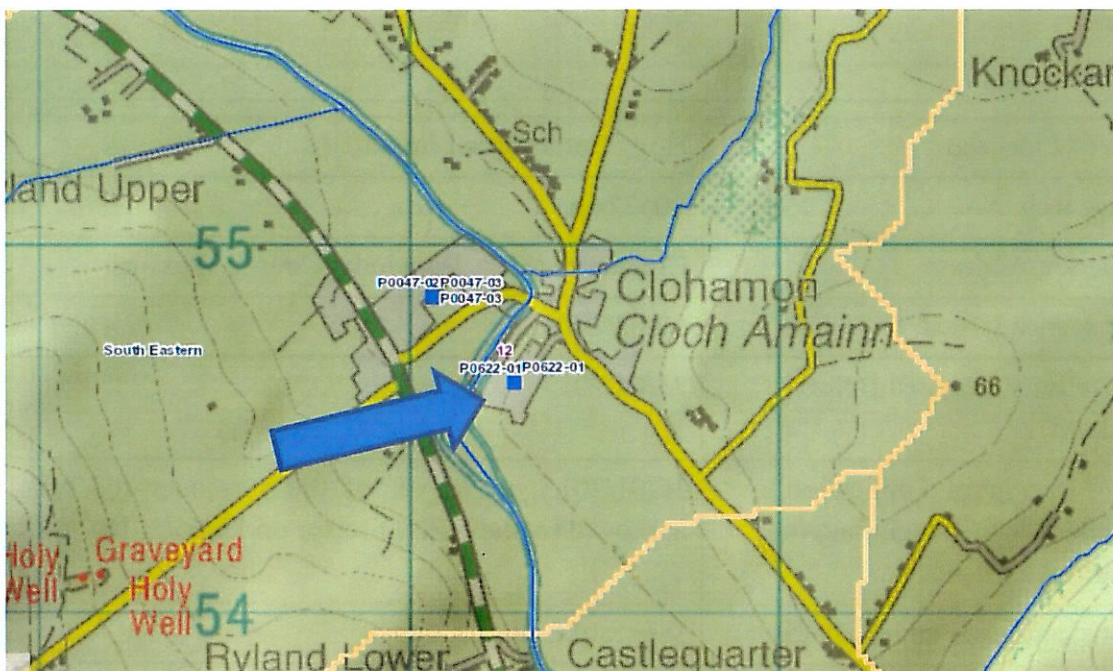
*The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds- (a) 750 places for sows, or (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg.*

for the existing paragraph 6.2, in effect altering the threshold at which a pig rearing activity requires an Industrial Emissions Licence.

A Technical Amendment (A) was issued on 15/04/2013 in relation to changes to the control and management of organic fertilisers. An Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) Amendment was issued on 16/12/2013.

### 4. INSTALLATION LOCATION

The installation is located along the banks of the Slaney River, near the village of Clohamon, which is approximately 3km to the Southeast of Bunclody, County Wexford.





## 5. INSTALLATION HISTORY

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The pig houses at the installation were constructed between 1961 and 1969, and are considered exempt from planning permission. The Agency issued an IPPC licence to Hogg Enterprises Limited on 09/02/2006.

On 06/06/2014, the Agency received a letter from Hogg Enterprises Limited stating that due to new “*loose housing requirements*” and a reduction in finisher pig numbers at the installation, the licensee no longer exceeded the threshold of 2000 places for production pigs over 30kgs.

The licensee provided information, including site layout drawings, supporting the assertion that the installation does not have the capacity to stock sows or production pigs over 30kgs in excess of the licensing thresholds on 26/08/2014. The licensee notified the Agency of its intention to surrender the licence on the 09/05/2014 and an application to surrender the licence was lodged with the Agency on the 16/01/2015.

On 13/11/2014, the Agency carried out a pig count at the installation and confirmed that the licensee does not have the capacity to exceed the threshold of 750 sows or 2,000 production pigs. The installation has capacity for 1,820 finishers and 618 sows within eight houses. Weaners are housed in an additional three houses on site.

A further unannounced site visit was carried out on 27/11/2017 which confirmed that the capacity at the installation does not exceed the thresholds.

## 6. COMPLIANCE HISTORY

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During the enforcement of the licence only minor procedural non-compliances were found. No incidents have occurred at the installation and no complaints were received by the Agency in relation to this installation.

## 7. CURRENT STATUS

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The installation is currently fully operational and it is not intended that this installation will close in the foreseeable future. An unannounced site visit was carried out on the 27/11/2017. The previous six months’ stock registers were inspected, which illustrated that pig count numbers were below the thresholds set out in the first schedule of the Act of 1992. The installation was found to be in good condition on the day of the inspection.

## 8. DETAILS OF LICENCE SURRENDER PROCESS

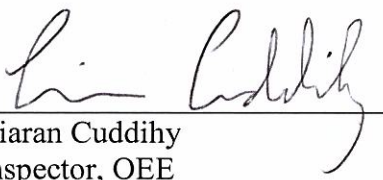
Independent Closure Audit Report:	Not applicable
Consultation as per Section 95(5):	Wexford Co. Co. was issued with consultation letter on 14/03/2016 - no comments were received.
Known contamination:	There is no known contamination.
Other Environmental Liabilities:	None
Financial Provisions dealt with:	Not applicable.

## 9. AGENCY ASSESSMENT

The Agency conducted an Exit Audit on:	13/11/2014
The Exit Audit Report was issued on:	22/12/2014
<u>The main findings of the Exit Audit were:</u> From the site visit, it was determined that the maximum stocking capacity for sows on-site was 618 (including served gilts) and the total number of finishers was 1,820. It is the opinion of the Inspectors that Hogg Enterprises Ltd (EPA Reg. No. P0622-01) is operating below the licensable threshold for Class of Activity 6.2 as per the First Schedule to the EPA Act 1992 (as amended). It was also confirmed on the day of the site visit that the information on the maximum stocking capacity available at the installation received from the licensee on 08/09/2014 is accurate. Therefore, the installation does not have the capacity available to operate above the licensable threshold for Class of Activity 6.2 as per the First Schedule to the EPA Act 1992 (as amended).	
A follow up site visit was carried out on the 27/11/2017 confirmed that the installation remains below the thresholds and is in the same condition as it was found at the time of the Exit Audit on the 13/11/2014.	

## 10. SURRENDER FEE, FINANCIAL CHARGES & ACCOUNTS

A waiver request by the licensee was approved by the Agency (Separate Memo "*Request for Waiver of the Surrender Fee Memo*" dated 12/05/2016). Liaison with the OEE Charges Section and Accounts has confirmed that all charges have been paid in full by the licensee.

Signed:   
Ciaran Cuddihy  
Inspector, OEE

Dated: 31/01/2018