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**INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE**

<b>Licence Register Number:</b>	<b>W0270-02</b>
<b>Company Register Number:</b>	<b>381855</b>
<b>Licensee:</b>	<b>Miltown Composting Systems Limited</b>
<b>Location of Installation:</b>	<b>Miltownmore Fethard County Tipperary</b>

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACT 1992 AS AMENDED

**INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS LICENCE**

Decision of Agency, under Section 83(1) of the EPA Act 1992 as amended in respect of licence

Reference number in Register of licences: W0270-02

Further to notice dated 29/03/19, the Agency in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended, for the reasons hereinafter set out, hereby grants an Industrial Emissions licence to Miltown Composting Systems Limited, Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, CRO number 381855,

to carry on the following activities:

- 11.4 (b) Recovery, or a mix of recovery and disposal, 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):
- (i) biological treatment;
  - (ii) pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration.

at Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, subject to the conditions as set out.

GIVEN under the Seal of the Agency on this the 13th of September 2019.

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency was affixed hereto:

  
Tara Gillen, Authorised Person

## ***INTRODUCTION***

*This introduction is not part of the licence and does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the licence.*

Miltown Composting Systems Limited operate an in-vessel composting facility in Fethard, County Tipperary. This licence is for the acceptance of 50,000 tonnes of organic fines material from the treatment of mixed municipal solid waste, with smaller amounts of non-hazardous industrial and municipal wastewater sludges. The end-product produced can be used in the case of compost for horticultural and agricultural purposes, or in the case of bio-stabilised waste as landfill cover. The end use will depend on the quality of the end-product produced.

The licensee is required to carry out regular environmental monitoring and to submit monitoring results and a wide range of reports on the operation and management of the installation to the Agency.

For the purposes of the EU Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), this installation falls within the scope of the following Annex I category:

Category 5.3 (b): Recovery, or a mix of recovery and disposal, of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day involving one or more of the following activities, and excluding activities covered by Directive 91/271/EEC:

- (i) biological treatment;
- (ii) pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration;
- (iii) treatment of slags and ashes;
- (iv) treatment in shredders of metal waste, including waste electrical and electronic equipment and end-of-life vehicles and their components.

The licence sets out in detail the conditions under which Miltown Composting Systems Limited will operate and manage this installation.

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## *Glossary of Terms*

All terms in this licence should be interpreted in accordance with the definitions in the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended, unless otherwise defined in the section.

<b>Adequate lighting</b>	20 lux measured at ground level.
<b>AER</b>	Annual Environmental Report.
<b>Agreement</b>	Agreement in writing.
<b>Annually</b>	All or part of a period of twelve consecutive months.
<b>Application</b>	The application by the licensee for this licence.
<b>Appropriate Facility</b>	A waste management facility or installation, duly authorised under relevant law and technically suitable.
<b>Attachment</b>	Any reference to Attachments in this licence refers to attachments submitted as part of this licence application.
<b>BAT</b>	Best Available Techniques.
<b>BAT conclusions</b>	A document containing the parts of a BAT reference document laying down the conclusions on best available techniques, their description, information to assess their applicability, the emission levels associated with the best available techniques, associated monitoring, associated consumption levels and, where appropriate, relevant site remediation measures.
<b>BAT reference document</b>	A document drawn up by the Commission of the European Union in accordance with Article 13 of the Industrial Emissions Directive, resulting from the exchange of information in accordance with that Article of that Directive and describing, in particular, applied techniques, present emissions and consumption levels, techniques considered for the determination of best available techniques as well as BAT conclusions and any emerging techniques.
<b>Biannually</b>	At approximately six – monthly intervals.
<b>Biennially</b>	Once every two years.
<b>Biodegradable municipal waste (BMW)</b>	The biodegradable component of municipal waste, typically composed of food and garden waste, wood, paper, cardboard and textiles.
<b>Bio-stabilised residual waste</b>	Residual biodegradable municipal waste that has been treated to achieve an EPA approved biodegradability stability standard (as defined in this licence) prior to landfilling or alternative use agreed.



<b>Blowaste</b>	Biodegradable garden and park waste, food and kitchen waste from households, restaurants, caterers and retail premises and comparable waste from food processing plants.
<b>BOD</b>	5 day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (without nitrification suppression).
<b>CEN</b>	Comité Européen De Normalisation – European Committee for Standardisation.
<b>COD</b>	Chemical Oxygen Demand.
<b>Containment boom</b>	A boom that can contain spillages and prevent them from entering drains or watercourses or from further contaminating watercourses.
<b>CRO Number</b>	Company Register Number.
<b>Daily</b>	During all days of plant operation and, in the case of emissions, when emissions are taking place; with at least one measurement on any one day.
<b>Day</b>	Any 24 hour period.
<b>Daytime</b>	0700 hrs to 1900 hrs.
<b>dB(A)</b>	Decibels (A weighted).
<b>DO</b>	Dissolved oxygen.
<b>Documentation</b>	Any report, record, results, data, drawing, proposal, interpretation or other document in written or electronic form which is required by this licence.
<b>Drawing</b>	Any reference to a drawing or drawing number means a drawing or drawing number contained in the application, unless otherwise specified in this licence.
<b>Emission limits</b>	Those limits, including concentration limits and deposition rates, established in <i>Schedule B: Emission Limits</i> , of this licence.
<b>EMP</b>	Environmental Management Programme.
<b>Environmental damage</b>	As defined in Directive 2004/35/EC.
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency.
<b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b>	A harmonised, non-exhaustive list of wastes drawn up by the European Commission and published as Commission Decision 2000/532/EC, as amended by Commission Decision 2014/955/EU and any subsequent amendment published in the Official Journal of the European Community.

<b>Evening Time</b>	1900hrs to 2300hrs.
<b>Facility</b>	Any site or premises used for the purpose of the recovery or disposal of waste.
<b>Fortnightly</b>	A minimum of 24 times per year, at approximately two week intervals.
<b>Gas Oil</b>	Gas Oil as defined in Directive (EU) 2016/802 and meeting the requirements of S.I. No. 119 of 2008.
<b>GC/MS</b>	Gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy.
<b>Groundwater</b>	Has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 of the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations, 2010, as amended.
<b>ha</b>	Hectare.
<b>Hazardous Substances</b>	Substances or mixtures as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.
<b>Hours of operation</b>	The hours during which the installation is authorised to be operational.
<b>Hours of waste acceptance</b>	The hours during which the installation is authorised to accept waste.
<b>ICP</b>	Inductively coupled plasma spectroscopy.
<b>IE</b>	Industrial Emissions.
<b>Incident</b>	The following shall constitute as incident for the purposes of this licence: (i) an emergency; (ii) any emission which does not comply with the requirements of this licence; (iii) any malfunction or breakdown of key environmental abatement, control or monitoring equipment (iv) any exceedance of the daily duty capacity of the waste handling equipment; (v) any trigger level specified in this licence which is attained or exceeded; and, (vi) any indication that environmental pollution has, or may have, taken place.
<b>Industrial Emissions Directive</b>	Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (Recast).

<b>Industrial waste</b>	As defined in Section 5(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.
<b>Installation</b>	A stationary technical unit or plant where the activity concerned referred to in the First Schedule of EPA Act 1992 as amended is or will be carried on, and shall be deemed to include any directly associated activity, which has a technical connection with the activity and is carried out on the site of the activity.
<b>Irish Water</b>	Irish Water, Colvill House, 24/26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.
<b>K</b>	Kelvin.
<b>kPa</b>	Kilopascals.
<b><math>L_{Aeq,T}</math></b>	This is the equivalent continuous sound level. It is a type of average and is used to describe a fluctuating noise in terms of a single noise level over the sample period (T).
<b>Landfill Directive</b>	Council Directive 1999/31/EC.
<b><math>L_{Ar,T}</math></b>	The Rated Noise Level, equal to the $L_{Aeq}$ during a specified time interval (T), plus specified adjustments for tonal character and/or impulsiveness of the sound.
<b>Licensee</b>	Miltown Composting Systems Limited, Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, CRO Number: 381855.
<b>Liquid waste</b>	Any waste in liquid form and containing less than 2% dry matter.
<b>Local Authority</b>	Tipperary County Council.
<b>Maintain</b>	Keep in a fit state, including such regular inspection, servicing, calibration and repair as may be necessary to perform its function adequately.
<b>Mass flow limit</b>	An emission limit value expressed as the maximum mass of a substance that can be emitted per unit time.
<b>Mass flow threshold</b>	A mass flow rate above which a concentration limit applies.
<b>Monthly</b>	A minimum of 12 times per year, at intervals of approximately one month.
<b>Night-time</b>	2300 hrs to 0700 hrs.
<b>Noise-sensitive location (NSL)</b>	Any dwelling house, hotel or hostel, health building, educational establishment, place of worship or entertainment, or any other installation or area of high amenity which for its proper enjoyment requires the absence of noise at nuisance levels.

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<b>Odour-sensitive location</b>	Any dwelling house, hotel or hostel, health building, educational establishment, place of worship or entertainment, or any other premises or area of high amenity which for its proper enjoyment requires the absence of odour at nuisance levels.
<b>Oil separator</b>	Device installed according to the International Standard I.S. EN 858-2:2003 (Separator system for light liquids, (e.g. oil and petrol) – Part 2: Selection of normal size, installation, operation and maintenance).
<b>Organic fines</b>	The undersize fraction obtained from the mechanical treatment of waste, characterised by a high organic content.
<b>PRTR</b>	Pollutant Release and Transfer Register.
<b>Quarterly</b>	All or part of a period of three consecutive months beginning on the first day of January, April, July or October.
<b>Relevant Hazardous Substances</b>	Those substances or mixtures defined within Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP Regulation) which, as a result of their hazardousness, mobility, persistence and biodegradability (as well as other characteristics), are capable of contaminating soil or groundwater and are used, produced and/or released by the installation.
<b>Residual Waste</b>	The fraction of collected waste remaining after a treatment or diversion step, which generally requires further treatment or disposal, including mixed municipal waste.
<b>SAC</b>	Special Area of Conservation designated under the <i>Habitats Directive</i> , Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.
<b>Sample(s)</b>	Unless the context of this licence indicates to the contrary, the term samples shall include measurements taken by electronic instruments.
<b>Sanitary effluent</b>	Wastewater from installation toilet, washroom and canteen facilities.
<b>Soil</b>	The top layer of the Earth's crust situated between the bedrock and the surface. The soil is composed of mineral particles, organic matter, water, air and living organisms.
<b>SOP</b>	Standard operating procedure.
<b>Source segregated waste</b>	Waste which is separated at source; meaning that the waste is sorted at the point of generation into a recyclable fraction(s) for separate collection (e.g., paper, metal, glass, plastic, bulk dry recyclables, biodegradables, etc.) and a residual fraction. The expression 'separate at source' shall be construed accordingly.
<b>Specified emissions</b>	Those emissions listed in <i>Schedule B: Emission Limits</i> , of this licence.

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<b>Standard method</b>	A National, European or internationally recognised procedure (e.g. I.S. EN, ISO, CEN, BS or equivalent); or an in-house documented procedure based on the above references; a procedure as detailed in the current edition of “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater” (prepared and published jointly by A.P.H.A., A.W.W.A. & W.E.F.), American Public Health Association, 1015 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington DC 20005, USA; or an alternative method as may be agreed by the Agency.
<b>Storage</b>	Includes holding of waste.
<b>Storm water</b>	Rain water run-off from roof and non-process areas.
<b>The Agency</b>	Environmental Protection Agency.
<b>TOC</b>	Total organic carbon.
<b>Trade effluent</b>	Trade effluent has the meaning given in the Water Services Act, 2007.
<b>Trigger level</b>	A parameter value, the achievement or exceedance of which requires certain actions to be taken by the licensee.
<b>Waste</b>	Any substance or object which the holder discards or intends or is required to discard.
<b>Weekly</b>	During all weeks of plant operation and, in the case of emissions, when emissions are taking place; with at least one measurement in any one week.
<b>WWTP</b>	Waste water treatment plant.

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## *Decision & Reasons for the Decision*

The Environmental Protection Agency is satisfied, on the basis of the information available, that subject to compliance with the conditions of this licence, any emissions from the activity will comply with and will not contravene any of the requirements of Section 83(5) of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended.

The Agency has applied the Commission Implementing Decision of C/2018/5070 establishing Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions, under Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on Industrial Emissions, for waste treatment as a reference when setting licence conditions.

The Agency has accordingly decided to grant a licence to Miltown Composting Systems Limited to carry on the activity listed in *Part I, Schedule of Activities Licensed*, subject to the conditions set out in *Part III, Conditions*.

In reaching this decision the Agency has considered the documentation relating to:

- the application, Register Number: W0270-02 and the supporting documentation received from the applicant;
- the submission received;
- the Inspector's Report 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019;
- the Proposed Determination dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019;
- the objection received from the applicant;
- the Technical Committee report dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

and has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and an Appropriate Assessment Screening of the likely significant effects of the activity on European Sites.

It is considered that the Inspector's Report and the Technical Committee Report contain fair and reasonable examination, evaluation and analysis of the likely significant effects of the activity on the environment, and adequately and accurately identify, describe and assess those effects. The assessments as reported in those documents is adopted as the assessment of the Agency. Having regard to these assessments, it is considered that the activity, if managed, operated and controlled in accordance with the licence will not result in the contravention of any relevant environmental quality standards or cause environmental pollution.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) at Lower River Suir SAC (002137).

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and the Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required. This decision was made for the following reasons:

- Surface water emissions consist of run off from site building roofs and non-process related yard areas; and,
- The prevailing wind at the site is from a southerly direction, whereas the European site is located approximately 6km to the south east of the site.



## ***Part I Schedule of Activities Licensed***

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended, the Agency hereby grants this Industrial Emissions licence to:

Miltown Composting Systems Limited, Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary, and CRO Number 381855

under Section 83(1) of the said Act to carry on the following activity:

11.4 (b) Recovery, or a mix of recovery and disposal, 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):

- (i) biological treatment;
- (ii) pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration.

at Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary subject to the following Conditions, with the reasons therefor and associated schedules attached thereto.



## ***Part II Schedule of Activities Refused***

*None of the proposed activities as set out in the licence application have been refused.*



## Part III Conditions

### Condition 1. Scope

- 1.1 Industrial Emissions Directive activities at this installation shall be restricted to those listed and described in *Part I Schedule of Activities Licensed*, and shall be as set out in the licence application or as modified under Condition 1.4 of this licence and subject to the conditions of this licence.
- 1.2 The licensee shall carry on the licensed activity in accordance with the limitations set out in *Schedule A: Limitations*.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this licence, the installation is the area of land outlined in red on Drawing No. 3201-003 (Title: "*Site plan of Miltown Composting Systems Ltd. Facility*") of the application, dated January 2017. Any reference in this licence to "installation" shall mean the area thus outlined in red. The licensed activity shall be carried on only within the area outlined.
- 1.4 No alteration to, or reconstruction in respect of, the activity, or any part thereof, that would, or is likely to, result in
- (i) a material change or increase in:
- the nature or quantity of any emission;
  - the abatement/treatment or recovery systems;
  - the range of processes to be carried out;
  - the fuels, raw materials, intermediates, products or wastes generated, or
- (ii) any changes in:
- site management, infrastructure or control with adverse environmental significance;
- shall be carried out or commenced without prior notice to, and without the approval of, the Agency.
- 1.5 The installation shall be controlled, operated and maintained, and emissions shall take place as set out in the licence. All programmes required to be carried out under the terms of this licence become part of this licence.
- 1.6 This licence is for the purpose of licensing under the EPA Act 1992, as amended, only and nothing in this licence shall be construed as negating the licensee's statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations.
- 1.7 This licence shall have effect in lieu of the licence granted on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (Register No W0270-01).
- 1.8 Prior to commencing waste activities involving animal by-products the licensee shall maintain evidence for inspection by the Agency that it has obtained the written consent of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to treat animal by-products at the installation.
- 1.9 Waste Acceptance Hours and Hours of Operation
- 1.9.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, the hours of waste acceptance at the installation shall be 0700 and 1900 Monday to Saturday inclusive, with the exception of bank holidays. Waste is not permitted to be accepted at the installation between 0830 and 0930, Monday to Saturday inclusive.
- 1.9.2 Except for the biological treatment and associated processes which may operate continuously, or as otherwise agreed by the Agency, the installation shall be operated only during the hours of 0600 and 1900 Monday to Saturday inclusive, with the exception of bank holidays.

**Reason:** To clarify the scope of this licence.

## Condition 2. Management of the Installation

### 2.1 Installation Management

- 2.1.1 The licensee shall employ a suitably qualified and experienced installation manager who shall be designated as the person in charge. The installation manager or a nominated, suitably qualified and experienced deputy shall be present on the installation at all times during its operation or as otherwise required by the Agency.
- 2.1.2 The licensee shall ensure that personnel performing specifically assigned tasks shall be qualified on the basis of appropriate education, training and experience as required and shall be aware of the requirements of this licence.

### 2.2 Environmental Management System (EMS)

- 2.2.1 The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement an Environmental Management System (EMS), which shall incorporate energy efficiency management. The EMS shall be reviewed by senior management for suitability, adequacy and effectiveness and updated on an annual basis.
- 2.2.2 The EMS shall include, as a minimum, the following elements:
  - 2.2.2.1 Commitment of the management, including senior management.
  - 2.2.2.2 An environmental policy defined for the installation that includes the continuous improvement for the installation by the management.
  - 2.2.2.3 Management and Reporting Structure and responsibility.
  - 2.2.2.4 The necessary procedures, objectives and targets, in conjunction with financial planning and investment.
  - 2.2.2.5 Procedures that ensure employee involvement in ensuring compliance with environmental legislation.
  - 2.2.2.6 A procedure for checking performance by sectoral benchmarking on a regular basis including energy efficiency.
  - 2.2.2.7 Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.

The licensee shall prepare and maintain a Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets. The Schedule shall, as a minimum, provide for a review of all operations and processes, including an evaluation of practicable options, for energy and resource efficiency, the use of cleaner technology, cleaner production and the prevention, reduction and minimisation of waste. The Schedule shall include waste reduction targets. The Schedule shall include time frames for the achievement of set targets and shall address a five-year period as a minimum. The Schedule shall be reviewed annually.

#### 2.2.2.8 Environmental Management Programme (EMP)

The licensee shall prepare, maintain and implement an EMP, including a time schedule, for achieving the Environmental Objectives and Targets prepared under Condition 2.2.2.7. The EMP shall include:

- designation of responsibility for targets;
- the means by which they may be achieved;
- the time within which they may be achieved.

The EMP shall be reviewed annually.

A report on the programme, including the success in meeting agreed targets, shall be prepared and submitted to the Agency as part of the AER. Such reports shall be retained on-site for a period of not less than seven years and shall be available for inspection by authorised persons of the Agency.

2.2.2.9 Documentation

- (i) The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement an environmental management documentation system.
- (ii) The licensee shall issue a copy of this licence to all relevant personnel whose duties relate to any condition of this licence.

2.2.2.10 Corrective and Preventative Action

- (i) The licensee shall establish maintain and implement procedures to ensure that corrective and preventative action is taken should the specified requirements of this licence not be fulfilled. The responsibility and authority for persons initiating further investigation and corrective and preventative action in the event of a reported non-conformity with this licence shall be defined.
- (ii) Where a breach of one or more of the conditions of this licence occurs, the licensee shall without delay take measures to restore compliance with the conditions of this licence in the shortest possible time and initiate any feasible preventative actions to prevent recurrence of the breach.
- (iii) All corrective and preventative actions shall be documented.

2.2.2.11 Internal Audits

The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement a programme for independent internal audits of the EMS. Such audits shall be carried out at least once every three years. The audit programme shall determine whether or not the EMS is being implemented and maintained properly, and in accordance with the requirements of the licence. Audit reports and records of the resultant corrective and preventative actions shall be maintained as part of the EMS in accordance with condition 2.2.2.9.

2.2.2.12 Awareness, Training and Competence

The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement procedures for identifying training needs, and for providing appropriate training, for all personnel whose work can have a significant effect upon the environment to ensure awareness and competence in their work area. Appropriate records of training shall be maintained.

2.2.2.13 Communications Programme

The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement a Public Awareness and Communications Programme to ensure that members of the public can obtain information at the installation, at all reasonable times, concerning the environmental performance of the installation.

2.2.2.14 Maintenance Programme

The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement a programme for maintenance of all plant and equipment based on the instructions issued by the manufacturer/supplier or installer of the equipment. Appropriate record keeping and diagnostic testing shall support this maintenance programme. The licensee shall clearly allocate responsibility for the planning, management and execution of all aspects of this programme to appropriate personnel (see Condition 2.1 above). The maintenance programme shall use appropriate techniques and measures to ensure the optimisation of energy efficiency in plant and equipment.




## 2.2.2.15 Efficient Process Control

The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement a programme to ensure there is adequate control of processes under all modes of operation. The programme shall identify the key indicator parameters for process control performance, as well as identifying methods for measuring and controlling these parameters. Abnormal process operating conditions shall be documented, and analysed to identify any necessary corrective action.

**Reason:** *To make provision for management of the activity on a planned basis having regard to the desirability of ongoing assessment, recording and reporting of matters affecting the environment.*

### Condition 3. Infrastructure and Operation

- 3.1 The licensee shall ensure, at all times after the grant of this licence, that all infrastructure and all equipment required under this licence has been, and is:
- (i) installed;
  - (ii) commissioned;
  - (iii) present on site; and,
  - (iv) maintained in full working order.
- 3.2 Where any condition or schedule of this licence specifies any later deadline for installation of any piece of infrastructure or equipment, Condition 3.1 shall apply as and from the deadline specified.
- 3.3 The licensee shall establish and maintain, for each component of the installation, all infrastructure referred to in this licence in advance of the commencement of the licensed activities in that component, or as required by the conditions of this licence. Infrastructure specified in the application that relates to the environmental performance of the installation and is not specified in the licence, shall be installed in accordance with the schedule submitted in the application.
- 3.4 The licensee shall have regard to the following when choosing and/or designing any new plant/infrastructure:
- (i) Energy efficiency, and
  - (ii) The environmental impact of eventual decommissioning.
- 3.5 Installation Notice Board
- The licensee shall, within one month of the date of grant of this licence, provide an Installation Notice Board on the installation so that it is legible to persons outside the main entrance to the installation. The minimum dimensions of the board shall be 1200 mm by 750 mm. The notice board shall be maintained thereafter.
- 3.5.1 The board shall clearly show:
- (i) the name and telephone number of the installation;
  - (ii) the normal hours of opening;
  - (iii) the hours of waste acceptance;
  - (iv) the name of the licence holder;
  - (v) an emergency out of hours contact telephone number;
  - (vi) the licence reference number; and
  - (vii) where environmental information relating to the installation can be obtained.

- 3.5.2 A plan of the installation clearly identifying the location of each storage and treatment area shall be displayed as close as is possible to the entrance to the installation. The plan shall be displayed on a durable material such that is legible at all times. The plan shall be replaced as material changes to the installation are made.
- 3.6 The licensee shall install on all emission points such sampling points or equipment, including any data-logging or other electronic communication equipment, as may be required by the Agency. All such equipment shall be consistent with the safe operation of all sampling and monitoring systems.
- 3.7 In the case of composite sampling of aqueous emissions from the operation of the installation, a separate composite sample or homogeneous sub-sample (of sufficient volume as advised) shall be retained as required for EPA use.
- 3.8 The licensee shall clearly label and provide safe and permanent access to all on-site sampling and monitoring points and to off-site points as required by the Agency. The requirement with regard to off-site points is subject to the prior agreement of the landowner(s) concerned.
- 3.9 The licensee shall have, in storage, an adequate supply of containment booms and/or suitable absorbent material to contain and absorb any spillage at the facility. Once used, the absorbent material shall be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
- 3.10 Tank, Container and Drum Storage Areas
- 3.10.1 All tank, container and drum storage areas shall be rendered impervious to the materials stored therein. Bunds shall be designed having regard to Agency guidelines 'Storage and Transfer of Materials for Scheduled Activities' (2004).
- 3.10.2 All tank and drum storage areas shall, as a minimum, be bunded, either locally or remotely, to a volume not less than the greater of the following:
- (i) 110% of the capacity of the largest tank or drum within the bunded area; or
- (ii) 25% of the total volume of substance that could be stored within the bunded area.
- 3.10.3 All drainage from bunded areas shall be treated as contaminated unless it can be demonstrated to be otherwise. All drainage from bunded areas shall be diverted for collection and safe disposal, unless it can be deemed uncontaminated in accordance with Condition 5.3.
- 3.10.4 All inlets, outlets, vent pipes, valves and gauges must be within the bunded area.
- 3.10.5 All tanks, containers and drums shall be labelled to clearly indicate their contents.
- 3.10.6 All bunds shall be uniquely identified and labelled at the bund.
- 3.10.7 The licensee shall apply a leak detection system in accordance with BAT to all storage tanks, container and drum storage areas that contain liquid material other than water.
- 3.10.8 Liquid waste inputs to and liquid residues from the biological treatment processes shall be stored in sealed tanks or vessels that are vented to the odour control system, or by other means agreeable to the Agency, in order to avoid the emission of odorous head gases.
- 3.11 The licensee shall have in storage an adequate supply of containment booms and/or suitable absorbent material to contain and absorb any spillage at the installation. Once used, the absorbent material shall be disposed of at an appropriate facility.
- 3.12 Silt Traps and Oil Separators
- The licensee shall, within six months of date of grant of this licence, install and maintain silt traps and oil separators at the installation:
- (i) Silt traps to ensure that all storm water discharges, other than from roofs, from the installation pass through a silt trap in advance of discharge;
- (ii) An oil separator on the storm water discharge from yard areas. The separator shall be a Class I full retention/by-pass separator.
- The silt traps and separator shall be in accordance with I.S. EN-858-2: 2003 (separator systems for light liquids).
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- 3.13 Fire-water Retention
- 3.13.1 The licensee shall carry out a risk assessment to determine if the activity should have a fire-water retention facility. The licensee shall submit a report to the Agency for approval on the findings and recommendations of the assessment within three months of the date of grant of this licence.
- 3.13.2 In the event that a significant risk exists for the release of contaminated fire-water, the licensee shall, based on the findings of the risk assessment, prepare and implement, with the agreement of the Agency, a suitable risk management programme. The risk management programme shall be fully implemented within three months of date of notification by the Agency.
- 3.13.3 In the event of a fire or a spillage to storm water, the site storm water shall be diverted for collection. The licensee shall examine, as part of the response programme in Condition 3.13.2 above, the provision of automatic diversion of storm water for collection. The licensee shall have regard to any guidelines issued by the Agency with regard to firewater retention.
- 3.13.4 The licensee shall have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency Draft Guidance Note to Industry on the Requirements for Fire-Water Retention Facilities when implementing Conditions 3.13.2 and 3.13.3 above.
- 3.14 All pump sumps, storage tanks or other treatment plant chambers from which spillage of environmentally significant materials might occur in such quantities as are likely to breach local or remote containment or separators, shall be fitted with high liquid level alarms (or oil detectors as appropriate) within 3 months from the date of grant of this licence.
- 3.15 The provision of a catchment system to collect any leaks from flanges and valves of all over-ground pipes used to transport material other than water shall be examined. This shall be incorporated into a Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets set out in Condition 2 of this licence for the reduction in fugitive emissions.
- 3.16 The licensee shall, within three months of the date of grant of this licence, install in a prominent location on the site a wind sock, or other wind direction indicator, which shall be visible from the public roadway outside the site.
- 3.17 The licensee shall operate a weather monitoring station on the site at a location agreed by the Agency, which records conditions of wind speed and wind direction.
- 3.18 The licensee shall provide and maintain a Wastewater Treatment plant at the installation for the treatment of sanitary effluent arising on-site. Any waste water treatment system and percolation area shall satisfy the criteria set out in the *Code of Practice Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e ≤ 10)*, published by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 3.19 Specified Engineering Works
- 3.19.1 The licensee shall submit proposals for all Specified Engineering Works, as defined in *Schedule E: Specified Engineering Works*, of this licence, to the Agency for its agreement at least two months in advance of the intended date of commencement of any such works. No such works shall be carried out without the prior agreement of the Agency.
- 3.19.2 All specified engineering works shall be supervised by a competent person(s) and that person, or persons, shall be present at all times during which relevant works are being undertaken.
- 3.19.3 Following the completion of all specified engineering works, the licensee shall complete a construction quality assurance validation. The validation report shall be made available to the Agency on request. The report shall, as appropriate, include the following information:
- (i) A description of the works;
  - (ii) As-built drawings of the works; and,
  - (iii) Any other information requested in writing by the Agency.



- 3.20 Installation security
- 3.20.1 Security and stock-proof fencing and gates shall be maintained at the installation. Subject to the implementation of the Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan the requirement for such installation security may be removed.
- 3.20.2 The licensee shall maintain a CCTV monitoring, system which records all waste vehicle movement into and out of the installation. The CCTV system shall be operated at all times with digital date stamping. Copies of recordings shall be kept on site and made available to the Agency on request.
- 3.20.3 There shall be no unauthorised public access to the installation.
- 3.20.4 Gates shall be locked shut when the installation is unsupervised.
- 3.20.5 The licensee shall remedy any defect in the gates and/or fencing as follows
- (i) A temporary repair shall be made by the end of the working day; and
  - (ii) A repair to the standard of the original gates and/or fencing shall be undertaken within three working days.
- 3.21 Installation Roads and Hardstanding
- 3.21.1 Effective site roads shall be provided and maintained to ensure the safe movement of vehicles within the installation.
- 3.21.2 The licensee shall provide and maintain an impermeable concrete surface in all areas of the installation used for the movement, holding, storage or processing of waste. The concrete surface shall be constructed to British Standard 8110 or an alternative as agreed by the Agency. The licensee shall remedy any defect in concrete surfaces within five working days.
- 3.22 Installation Office
- 3.22.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain an office at the installation. The office shall be constructed and maintained in a manner suitable for the processing and storing of documentation.
- 3.22.2 The licensee shall provide and maintain a working telephone and a method for electronic transfer of information at the installation.
- 3.23 Waste Inspection and Quarantine Areas
- 3.23.1 A Waste Inspection Area and a Waste Quarantine Area shall be provided and maintained at the installation.
- 3.23.2 These areas shall be constructed and maintained in a manner suitable, and be of a size appropriate, for the inspection of waste and subsequent quarantine if required. The waste inspection area and the waste quarantine area shall be clearly identified and segregated from each other.
- 3.23.3 Drainage from these areas shall be directed for collection and safe disposal.
- 3.24 Weighbridge and Wheel Cleaning
- 3.24.1 The licensee shall provide and maintain a weighbridge and wheel cleaner at the installation.
- 3.24.2 The wheel cleaner shall be used by all vehicles leaving the installation as required to ensure that no wastewater, waste or storm water is carried off-site. All water from the wheel cleaning area shall be collected for appropriate treatment, reuse or disposal.
- 3.24.3 The wheel-wash shall be inspected on a daily basis and drained as required. Silt, stones and other accumulated material shall be removed as required from the wheel-wash and disposed of appropriately.



### 3.25 Waste Treatment Infrastructure

- 3.25.1 Waste treatment infrastructure shall at a minimum comprise the following:
- (i) Indoor waste acceptance, inspection, quarantine, storage and treatment/processing areas;
  - (ii) Separate storage areas for all waste treatment outputs including any screened fractions;
  - (iii) Leachate, digestate liquor and waste water management infrastructure;
  - (iv) Biogas handling, storage, treatment and combustion infrastructure; and,
  - (v) Air handling and odorous air treatment infrastructure.
- 3.25.2 Items of plant deemed critical to the efficient and adequate processing of waste at the installation (including inter alia waste loading vehicles and ejector trailers) shall be provided on the following basis
- (i) 100% duty capacity;
  - (ii) 20% standby capacity available on a routine basis; and,
  - (iii) Provision of contingency arrangements and/or back up and spares in the case of breakdown of critical equipment.
- 3.25.3 The odour control system shall be provided on the following basis:
- (i) 100% duty capacity; and
  - (ii) 50% standby capacity.
- 3.25.4 The licensee shall prepare and maintain on site a record detailing the duty and standby capacity, in tonnes per day, of all waste handling and processing equipment to be used at the installation. These capacities shall be based on the licensed waste intake, as per *Schedule A: Limitations*, of this licence.
- 3.25.5 The quantity of waste to be accepted at the installation on a daily basis shall not exceed the duty capacity of the equipment at the installation. Any exceedance of this intake shall be treated as an incident.
- 3.25.6 If sludges/slurry are being accepted the licensee shall ensure that an enclosed tank is provided for storage of sludge/slurry to ensure safe coupling systems for loading/unloading from road tankers.
- 3.25.7 The licensee shall provide shut-off valves on any surface/wastewater discharge lines.

### 3.26 Storm Water Management

Storm water management infrastructure shall be provided and maintained at the installation during construction works, operation, closure, restoration and aftercare at the installation. As a minimum, the infrastructure shall be capable of the following:

- (i) the prevention of discharge of contaminated water, process effluent and/or leachate,
- (ii) the collection/diversion of run-off arising from paved areas.

### 3.27 Constructed Wetland

The licensee may discharge storm water to the constructed wetland, subject to the following:

- 3.27.1 The licensee shall establish, maintain and implement a programme for inspection and maintenance of the constructed wetland to include at least the following:
- (i) regular flow patterns;
  - (ii) water depth and turbidity;
  - (iii) sediment depth, vegetation composition and invertebrate monitoring.

- 3.28 The licensee shall provide and use adequate lighting during the operation of the installation in hours of darkness.

### 3.29 Groundwater wells

- 3.29.1 All wellheads and groundwater monitoring boreholes shall be adequately protected to prevent contamination or physical damage.
- 3.29.2 Groundwater wells shall be labelled in situ with their respective identification number and casing elevation in meters above ordinance datum Malin Head (mAOD Malin Head).
- 3.29.3 Any new groundwater monitoring wells shall be constructed having regard to the guidance given in the *Guidance Note Landfill Manual – Guidance Note on Landfill Monitoring*, which was published by the Agency.

**Reason:** *To provide for appropriate operation of the installation to ensure protection of the environment.*

## Condition 4. Interpretation

- 4.1 Emission limit values for emissions to atmosphere in this licence shall be interpreted in the following way:
  - 4.1.1 Continuous Monitoring
    - (i) No 24 hour mean value shall exceed the emission limit value.
    - (ii) 97% of all 30 minute mean values taken continuously over an annual period shall not exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value.
    - (iii) No 30 minute mean value shall exceed twice the emission limit value.
  - 4.1.2 Non-Continuous Monitoring
    - (i) For any parameter where, due to sampling/analytical limitations, a 30 minute sample is inappropriate, a suitable sampling period should be employed and the value obtained therein shall not exceed the emission limit value.
    - (ii) For flow, no hourly or daily mean value, calculated on the basis of appropriate spot readings, shall exceed the relevant limit value.
    - (iii) For all other parameters, no 30 minute mean value shall exceed the emission limit value.
- 4.2 The concentration and volume flow limits for emissions to atmosphere specified in this licence shall be achieved without the introduction of dilution air and shall be based on gas volumes under standard conditions of:
  - 4.2.1 From non-combustion sources:  
Temperature 273K, Pressure 101.3 kPa (no correction for oxygen or water content).
  - 4.2.2 From combustion sources:  
Temperature 273K, Pressure 101.3 kPa, dry gas; 3% oxygen for liquid and gas fuels, 6% oxygen for solid fuels.
- 4.3 Emission limit values for emissions to sewer/waters in this licence shall be achieved without the introduction of aqueous dilution, and shall be interpreted in the following way:
  - 4.3.1 Continuous Monitoring
    - (i) No flow value shall exceed the specific limit.
    - (ii) No pH value shall deviate from the specified range.
    - (iii) No temperature value shall exceed the limit value.
  - 4.3.2 Composite Sampling
    - (i) No pH value shall deviate from the specified range.



- (ii) For parameters other than pH and flow, eight out of ten consecutive composite results, based on flow proportional composite sampling, shall not exceed the emission limit value. No individual results similarly calculated shall exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value.

#### 4.3.3 Discrete Sampling

For parameters other than pH and temperature, no grab sample value shall exceed 1.2 times the emission limit value.

- 4.4 Where the ability to measure a parameter is affected by mixing before emission, then, with agreement from the Agency, the parameter may be assessed before mixing takes place.

#### 4.5 Noise

Noise from the installation shall not give rise to sound pressure levels ( $L_{Aeq, T}$ ) measured at the boundary of the installation which exceed the limit value(s).

#### 4.6 Dust and Particulate Matter


Dust and particulate matters from the activity shall not give rise to deposition levels which exceed the limit value(s).

#### 4.7 Compost Quality Test Results

The compost quality standard set out in *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence shall apply to compost after the composting phase and prior to mixing with other materials.

**Reason:** To clarify the interpretation of limit values fixed under the licence.

## Condition 5. Emissions

- 5.1 Emissions may be made from the specified emission points set out in *Schedule B: Emission Limits*, of this licence, subject to compliance with the Emission Limit Values specified in that Schedule.
- 5.1.1 Uncontaminated storm water may be discharged to surface water.
- 5.1.2 Uncontaminated storm water may be emitted to groundwater or to soil.
- 5.1.3 Emissions to air may be made within the limits as set out in *Schedule B: Emission Limits*, of this licence.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding the requirements of Condition 5.1, there shall be no other emissions from the installation.
- 5.3 No emissions, including odours, from the activities carried on at the site shall result in an impairment of, or an interference with amenities or the environment beyond the installation boundary or any other legitimate uses of the environment beyond the installation boundary.
- 5.4 There shall be no clearly audible tonal component or impulsive component in the noise emissions from the activity at any noise sensitive location.
- 5.5 No substance shall be discharged in a manner, or at a concentration, that, following initial dilution, causes tainting of fish or shellfish.
- 5.6 The licensee shall ensure that all or any of the following:
- Vermin
  - Birds
  - Flies
  - Mud
  - Dust
  - Litter
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associated with the activity do not result in an impairment of, or an interference with, amenities or the environment at the installation or beyond the installation boundary or any other legitimate uses of the environment beyond the installation boundary. Any method used by the licensee to control or prevent any such impairment/interference shall not cause environmental pollution.

**Reason:** To provide for the protection of the environment by way of control and limitation of emissions.

## Condition 6. Control and Monitoring

### 6.1 Test Programme

- 6.1.1 The licensee shall prepare to the satisfaction of the Agency, a test programme for abatement equipment installed to abate emissions to atmosphere. This programme shall be submitted to the Agency in advance of implementation.
- 6.1.2 The programme, following agreement with the Agency, shall be completed within three months of the commencement of operation of the abatement equipment.
- 6.1.3 The criteria for the operation of the abatement equipment as determined by the test programme, shall be incorporated into the standard operating procedures.
- 6.1.4 The test programme shall as a minimum:
  - (i) establish all criteria for operation, control and management of the abatement equipment to ensure compliance with the emission limit values specified in this licence; and
  - (ii) assess the performance of any monitors on the abatement system and establish a maintenance and calibration programme for each monitor.
- 6.1.5 A report on the test programme shall be submitted to the Agency within one month of completion.

### 6.2 The licensee shall carry out such sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, maintenance and calibrations as set out below and as in accordance with *Schedule C: Control & Monitoring*, of this licence.

- 6.2.1 Sampling and analysis shall be undertaken by competent staff in accordance with documented operating procedures. Unless otherwise approved by the Agency, sampling and analysis of emissions to atmosphere shall be carried out by ISO 17025 accredited persons/organisations, with accreditation for the relevant scope of sampling and analysis.
- 6.2.2 Such procedures shall be assessed for their suitability for the test matrix and performance characteristics shall be determined.
- 6.2.3 Such procedures shall be subject to a programme of Analytical Quality Control using appropriate control standards with evaluation of test responses.
- 6.2.4 Where any analysis is sub-contracted it shall be outsourced to a competent laboratory.

### 6.3 The licensee shall ensure that:

- (i) sampling and analysis for all parameters listed in the Schedules of this licence; and
  - (ii) any reference measurements for the calibration of automated measurement systems;
- shall be carried out in accordance with CEN-standards. If CEN standards are not available, ISO, national or international standards that will ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality shall apply.

### 6.4 All automatic monitors and samplers shall be functioning at all times (except during maintenance and calibration) when the activity is being carried on unless alternative sampling or monitoring has been agreed in writing by the Agency for a limited period. In the event of the malfunction of any continuous monitor, the licensee shall contact the Agency as soon as



- practicable, and alternative sampling and monitoring facilities shall be put in place. The use of alternative equipment, other than in emergency situations, shall be as agreed by the Agency.
- 6.5 Monitoring and analysis equipment shall be installed, operated and maintained as necessary so that all monitoring accurately reflects the emission/discharge.
- 6.6 The licensee shall ensure that groundwater monitoring well sampling equipment is available or installed on-site at the installation and is fit for purpose at all times. The sampling equipment shall be to Agency specifications.
- 6.7 All treatment/abatement and emission control equipment shall be calibrated and maintained in accordance with the instructions issued by the manufacturer/supplier or installer.
- 6.8 The frequency, methods and scope of monitoring, sampling and analyses, as set out in this licence, may be amended as required or approved by the Agency following evaluation of test results.
- 6.8.1 The dust monitoring point D2, as set out in *Schedule C.5.1 Dust Deposition and Micro-Organisms*, of this licence, shall be relocated to a suitable location to the satisfaction of the Agency, within 1 month of the date of grant of this licence.
- 6.9 The licensee shall prepare a programme, to the satisfaction of the Agency, for the identification and reduction of fugitive emissions using an appropriate combination of best available techniques. This programme shall be included in the Environmental Management Programme.
- 6.10 The integrity and water tightness of all tanks, bunding structures, containers and underground pipes and their resistance to penetration by water or other materials carried or stored therein shall be tested and demonstrated by the licensee within 3 months of the date of grant of this licence. This testing shall be carried out by the licensee at least once every three years, thereafter, and reported to the Agency on each occasion. This testing shall be carried out in accordance with any guidance published by the Agency. A written record of all integrity tests and any maintenance or remedial work arising from them shall be maintained by the licensee.
- 6.11 The stormwater drainage system (i.e., gullies, manholes, any visible drainage conduits and such other aspects as may be agreed) shall be visually inspected weekly, and desludged as necessary. Bunds, silt traps and oil separators shall be inspected weekly and desludged as necessary. All sludge and drainage from these operations shall be collected for safe disposal. The drainage system, bunds, silt traps and oil interceptors shall be properly maintained at all times. The licensee shall maintain a drainage map on site. The drainage map shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
- 6.12 An inspection system for the detection of leaks on all flanges and valves on over-ground pipes used to transport materials other than water shall be developed and maintained prior to the commencement of the activity.
- 6.13 Storm Water
- 6.13.1 A visual examination of the storm water discharges shall be carried out daily. A log of such inspections, shall be maintained.
- 6.13.2 The licensee shall set trigger levels for storm water for total organic carbon, suspended solids, total ammonia and any other parameters as may be directed by the Agency. The licensee shall have regard to the Agency guidance document "*Guidance on the setting of trigger values for storm water discharges to off-site surface waters at EPA IPPC and Waste licensed facilities*" when establishing the suitable trigger levels.
- 6.14 Noise
- The licensee shall carry out a noise survey of the site operations annually. The survey programme shall be undertaken in accordance with the methodology specified in the '*Guidance Note for Noise: Licence Applications, Surveys and Assessments in Relation to Scheduled Activities (NG4)*' as published by the Agency.
- 6.15 Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR)
- The licensee shall prepare and report a PRTR for the site. The substance and/or wastes to be included in the PRTR shall be determined by reference to EC Regulations No. 166/2006 concerning the establishment of the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register. The

PRTR shall be prepared in accordance with any relevant guidelines issued by the Agency and shall be submitted electronically in specified format and as part of the AER.

- 6.16 The licensee shall, within six months of the date of grant of this licence, develop and establish a Data Management System for collation, archiving, assessing and graphically presenting the monitoring data generated as a result of this licence.
- 6.17 Dust and Odour Control
- 6.17.1 The road network in the vicinity of the installation shall be kept free from any debris caused by vehicles entering or leaving the installation. Any such debris or deposited materials shall be removed without delay.
- 6.17.2 The licensee shall install and provide adequate measures for the control of odours and dust emissions, including fugitive dust emissions, from the installation.
- 6.17.3 Dust curtains (or equivalent approved by the Agency) shall be maintained on the entry/exit points from the waste building. All other doors in this building shall be kept closed when not in use.
- 6.17.4 All buildings, including airlocks, for the storage, holding or treatment of residual, food and odour-forming waste shall be maintained at negative air pressure with ventilated gases being subject to treatment.
- 6.17.5 The licensee shall prepare, maintain and implement a programme to demonstrate negative pressure and building envelope integrity throughout all buildings where residual, food or other odour-forming waste is deposited, stored or treated to ensure that there is no significant escape of odours. The programme shall also maintain all criteria for the operation and control of negative pressure. This programme shall be reviewed at least annually.
- 6.17.6 The licensee shall undertake, within six months of the date of grant of this licence and thereafter at a frequency to be agreed or directed by the Agency, and in any case no less than once every three years, an odour impact assessment. The assessment shall identify and quantify all significant odour sources at the installation and shall include an assessment of the suitability and adequacy of the odour control system. Any recommendations arising from the odour impact assessment shall be implemented following agreement by the Agency.
- 6.17.7 In dry weather, the licensee shall minimise airborne dust emissions by spraying water on site roads and any other areas used by vehicles.
- 6.18 Litter Control
- 6.18.1 All loose litter or other waste, placed on or in the vicinity of the installation, other than in accordance with the requirements of this licence, shall be removed, subject to the agreement of the landowners, immediately and in any event by 10.00am of the next working day after such waste is discovered.
- 6.18.2 The licensee shall ensure that all vehicles delivering waste to and removing waste and materials from the installation are appropriately covered.
- 6.19 Nuisance Monitoring
- The licensee shall, on a daily basis, inspect the installation and its immediate surrounds for nuisances caused by vermin, birds, flies, mud, dust and odours. The licensee shall maintain a record of all nuisance inspections.
- 6.20 Odour Management Programme
- 6.20.1 The licensee shall, within three months of the date of this licence, maintain and implement an Odour Management Programme (OMP) for the installation.
- 6.20.2 The OMP shall include measures to ensure all potential sources of odour at the installation are identified and potentially odorous emissions and nuisance caused by odour are prevented.
- 6.20.3 The OMP shall identify the steps to be taken by the licensee in the event that an odour complaint is received, such steps shall include an investigation to identify whether the

installation is the source of the odour and, if it is, to implement appropriate measures to ensure that the odorous emission is ceased and prevented from recurring.

- 6.20.4 The OMP shall include provisions to ensure adequate resources and training on-site to provide for the maintenance, monitoring and operation of the air extraction systems and biofilters.

**Reason:** *To provide for the protection of the environment by way of treatment and monitoring of emissions.*

## Condition 7. Resource Use and Energy Efficiency

- 7.1 The licensee shall carry out an audit of the energy efficiency of the site within one year of the date of grant of this licence. The audit shall be carried out in accordance with the guidance published by the Agency, "Guidance Note on Energy Efficiency Auditing".
- 7.2 The audit shall identify all practicable opportunities for energy use reduction and efficiency and the recommendations of the audit will be incorporated into the Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets under Condition 2 above.
- 7.3 The licensee shall identify opportunities for reduction in the quantity of water used on site including recycling and reuse initiatives, wherever possible. Reductions in water usage shall be incorporated into Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.
- 7.4 The licensee shall undertake an assessment of the efficiency of use of raw materials in all processes, having particular regard to the reduction in waste generated. The assessment should take account of best international practice for this type of activity. Where improvements are identified, these shall be incorporated into the Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.

**Reason:** *To provide for the efficient use of resources and energy in all site operations.*

## Condition 8. Materials Handling

- 8.1 The licensee shall ensure that waste generated in the carrying on of the activity shall be prepared for re-use, recycling or recovery or, where that is not technically or economically possible, disposed of in a manner which will prevent or minimise any impact on the environment.
- 8.2 Disposal or recovery of waste on-site shall only take place in accordance with the conditions of this licence and in accordance with the appropriate National and European legislation and protocols.
- 8.3 Waste sent off-site for recovery or disposal
- 8.3.1 Waste sent off-site for recovery or disposal shall be transported only by an authorised waste contractor. The waste shall be transported from the site of the activity to the site of recovery/disposal only in a manner that will not adversely affect the environment and in accordance with the appropriate National and European legislation and protocols.
- 8.3.2 Waste sent off-site for recovery or disposal shall be transferred only to an appropriate facility.
- 8.4 The licensee shall ensure that, in advance of transfer to another person, waste shall be classified, packaged and labelled in accordance with National, European and any other standards which are in force in relation to such labelling.
- 8.5 The loading and unloading of materials shall be carried out in designated areas protected against spillage and leachate run-off.

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- 8.6 Waste and materials shall be stored in designated areas, protected as may be appropriate against spillage and leachate run-off. The waste and materials shall be clearly labelled and appropriately segregated.
- 8.7 Waste for disposal/recovery off-site shall be analysed in accordance with *Schedule C: Control & Monitoring*, of this licence.
- 8.8 Unless approved in writing, in advance, by the Agency the licensee is prohibited from mixing a hazardous waste of one category with a hazardous waste of another category or with any other non-hazardous waste.
- 8.9 The licensee shall neither import waste into the State nor export waste out of the State except in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14th June 2006 on shipments of waste and associated national regulations.
- 8.10 **Waste Storage**  
Unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, the maximum quantity of waste stored at the installation at any one time shall be restricted by the Waste Storage Plan as required under Condition 8.14.
- 8.11 **Waste Acceptance and Characterisation Procedures**
- 8.11.1 The licensee shall within three months of the date of grant of this licence develop and thereafter maintain and implement detailed written procedures and criteria for:
- (i) basic characterisation, compliance testing, acceptance, on-site verification and handling of all wastes arriving at the installation;
  - (ii) rejection of unacceptable incoming waste; and,
  - (iii) ensuring adequate storage capacity exists in advance of waste acceptance.
- 8.11.2 Waste shall be accepted at the installation from known waste producers or new waste producers subject to initial waste profiling and basic characterisation off-site. The written records of this off-site waste profiling and characterisation shall be retained by the licensee for all active waste producers and for a two year period following termination of licensee/waste producer agreements.
- 8.11.3 Waste shall only be accepted at the installation from local authority waste collection or transport vehicles or holders of valid waste collection permits, unless exempted or excluded, issued under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. Copies of these waste collection permits shall be maintained at the installation.
- 8.11.4 No hazardous waste shall be accepted at the installation.
- 8.11.5 No treated wood shall be accepted as waste at the installation, except where it is to be used in the treatment of organic fines that are, following treatment, dispatched for recovery or disposal at a landfill facility.
- 8.11.6 Waste accepted for biological treatment at the installation shall be conducive to biological treatment, shall facilitate the achievement of any relevant output quality standards and shall be compatible with the appropriate end-use for the biologically treated material.
- 8.11.7 Waste arriving at the installation shall be inspected and have its documentation checked at the point of entry to the installation and, subject to this verification, shall be weighed, documented and directed to an appropriate area within the waste building. Each load of waste arriving at the waste building shall be inspected upon tipping within the building. Only after such inspections shall the waste be processed.
- 8.11.8 A record of all inspections of incoming waste loads shall be maintained.
- 8.11.9 Any waste deemed unsuitable for processing at the installation and/or in contravention of this licence shall be immediately separated and removed from the installation at the earliest possible time. Temporary storage of such wastes shall be in the designated Waste Quarantine Area. Waste shall be stored under appropriate conditions in the quarantine area to avoid odour nuisance, the attraction of vermin and any other nuisance or objectionable condition.

## 8.12 Operational Controls

- 8.12.1 Other than the treatment of green waste in designated outdoor areas, all waste treatment shall be carried out inside buildings or enclosed vessels.
- 8.12.2 All residual, food and other odour-forming waste accepted at the installation shall be treated within 72 hours of its arrival at the installation or removed from the installation.
- 8.12.3 The floor and surfaces of the waste reception area shall be cleaned from waste debris daily or when cleared of waste and in any event every 72 hours.
- 8.12.4 All waste treatment equipment shall be cleaned from waste at least weekly, or as otherwise required by the Agency.
- 8.12.5 Scavenging shall not be permitted at the installation.
- 8.12.6 The biological treatment facility shall be dedicated to one biological treatment process at any one time, i.e. composting of source segregated biowaste or aerobic biological treatment of residual waste. Only waste conducive to the production of quality compost or residual waste which is being subjected to aerobic biological treatment shall be stored and treated in the biological treatment facility at any one time.
- 8.12.7 The biodrying of waste shall only be undertaken with the prior written agreement of the Agency.
- 8.12.8 There shall be no mixing of:
- organic fines (and other feedstocks not conducive to the production of high quality compost suitable for direct land application), or
  - bio-stabilised residual waste, with
  - separately collected biowaste (and other feedstocks intended to be used in the production of high quality compost suitable for direct land application), or
  - compost that complies with the quality standard set out in *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence, or an alternative quality standard.

## 8.13 Waste and Compost Storage

Waste and compost shall be stored in designated areas, protected as may be appropriate against spillage, leachate run-off and dust and odour emissions. Waste and compost shall be clearly labelled and appropriately segregated.

## 8.14 Waste and Materials Storage Plan

- 8.14.1 The licensee shall, within three months of the date of grant of this licence, develop and thereafter maintain and implement a Waste and Materials Storage Plan for all waste, other feedstocks, compost, topsoil and other materials and waste water stored and held at the installation.
- 8.14.2 The Waste and Materials Storage Plan shall be adequate to ensure compliance with all conditions of this licence.
- 8.14.3 The Waste and Materials Storage Plan shall be to the satisfaction of the Agency at all times.
- 8.14.4 The Waste and Materials Storage Plan shall incorporate:
- (i) the recommendations of the Fire Risk Assessment required by Condition 9.6 of this licence;
  - (ii) a limit on the total quantity of waste to be stored at the installation at any one time;
  - (iii) maximum stockpile sizes in designated storage areas or vessels including maximum volume, height, length, width and area, and minimum separation distances;

- (iv) a limit on the maximum storage or holding period for each type of waste in designated storage areas or vessels;
  - (v) limitations, as may be necessary, on waste storage arrangements to be used to prevent odours arising;
  - (vi) a drawing or plan of the location of each waste type and the means of storage for each waste type (e.g. as loose waste, baled, in sealed containers);
  - (vii) details of the drainage system super-imposed on the above drawing or plan; and
  - (viii) a designated fire quarantine area that is
    - available at all times to aid separation and management of wastes during a fire incident; and,
    - is different to the quarantine area set aside for unacceptable wastes.
- 8.14.5 Waste storage and holding practices at the installation shall comply at all times with the Waste and Materials Storage Plan.
- 8.14.6 Waste accepted or generated at the installation, including compost and waste water, shall be stored or held only in designated areas or vessels that have been identified in the Waste and Materials Storage Plan.
- 8.14.7 All designated areas or vessels for storage or holding of waste, compost and waste water shall be:
- clearly labelled;
  - appropriately segregated; and
  - visibly or physically delineated by walls, dividers, painted lines or marks on the ground or other methods acceptable to the Agency.
- 8.14.8 The Emergency Response Procedure as required under Condition 9 of this licence shall include an up-to-date copy of the Waste and Materials Storage Plan:
- 8.15 Quality of Compost
- 8.15.1 Compost shall comply with the quality standard as set out in *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence, or an alternative quality standard.
- 8.15.2 An alternative quality standard for compost may be used, subject to the agreement of the Agency. The use of any agreed alternative quality standard for compost shall not cause direct or indirect adverse impacts on human animal or plant health and shall not cause environmental pollution.
- 8.15.3 Treated waste that fails to meet the quality standard for compost as set out in the Tables D.1 Maximum Respiration Activity, D.3 Pathogenic Organism Content Limits, D.4 Impurity Content Limits and D.5 Organic Matter Content Limit of *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence, may be reused in the process or treated as waste. Treated bio-waste that fails to meet the quality standard for compost as set out Table D.2 Maximum Metal Concentration Limits of *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence, shall be handled as waste and shall not be reused in the process. A record shall be kept on site of all batches that do not meet the relevant quality standard. Where handled as a waste details shall be recorded as per Condition 11 of the licence.
- 8.15.4 Compost shall be suitable for agricultural/horticultural improvement or ecological benefit without causing direct or indirect adverse impacts on human, animal or plant health and without causing environmental pollution.
- 8.15.5 Where an alternative compost quality standard is agreed by the Agency, in accordance with Condition 8.15.2 above, the compost monitoring programme associated with the agreed alternative compost quality standard may be employed in lieu of the compost quality monitoring requirements of this licence provided that details and results of the alternative monitoring programme are maintained on-site for inspection by the Agency and are reported to the Agency in accordance with the reporting requirements of this licence.

- 8.15.6 In the event of failure to achieve a quality standard parameter for compost as set out in *Schedule E: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence:
- (i) The licensee shall evaluate any feedstock and/or process changes relevant to the sampled batch of material prior to the sampling date and specify the corrective actions taken including any re-sampling or reuse of the failed material back into the composting process.
  - (ii) Subsequent batches of treated biowaste shall be tested against all parameters in *Schedule E: Standards for Compost Quality*, of this licence, in order to re-validate the process. Only following the pass of three successive batches through the process can the process be deemed to be stable and the normal compliance monitoring programme re-instated. The licensee shall notify the Agency when the process has been revalidated and deemed to comply with the requirements of this condition.
  - (iii) A test failure shall be treated as an incident.
- 8.16 Compost Monitoring
- 8.16.1 Compost quality monitoring shall be undertaken to demonstrate compliance with the quality standard as set out in *Schedule D: Standards for Compost Quality* of this licence.
- 8.16.2 Compost analysis shall be carried out at the frequency specified below, unless otherwise agreed or instructed by the Agency.
- a) Every six months where more than 500 and up to 1,000 tonnes of compost is produced per year.
  - b) At intervals of at least every 1,000 tonnes of 'compost produced or every 3 months, whichever comes first, where more than 1,000 and up to 10,000 tonnes of compost is produced per year.
  - c) Every month where more than 10,000 tonnes of compost is produced per year.
- 8.16.3 If the composition of the feedstock changes significantly or if significant modifications are made to the process, the process shall be re-validated by testing batches until three successive batches achieve the relevant standard.
- 8.17 Outputs, other than quality compost, of biological treatment.
- 8.17.1 Treated material resulting from the treatment of:
- Organic fines,
  - Municipal waste, or
  - Other feedstocks not conducive to the production of high quality compost suitable for direct land application,
- shall be classified and handled as waste.
- 8.17.2 Organic fines shall only be used to make bio-stabilised residual waste.
- 8.17.3 Bio-stabilised residual waste shall be treated as waste and shall be dispatched only for recovery or disposal at a landfill facility unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.
- 8.17.4 In the case of bio-stabilised residual waste, stabilisation means the reduction of the decomposition properties of the waste to such an extent that offensive odours are minimised and the respiration activity after four days is <7mg O<sub>2</sub>/g DM.
- 8.17.5 Bio-stabilised residual waste shall meet the requirements of Condition 8.18.4 or an alternative protocol as may be agreed by the Agency based on biological treatment process parameters (e.g. validated residence time and temperature parameters at the treatment installation).
- 8.18 Bio-stabilised Residual Waste Monitoring
- 8.18.1 Bio-stabilised residual waste analysis shall be carried out at the frequency specified below, unless otherwise agreed or instructed by the Agency.
- (a) Every 500 tonnes of bio-stabilised residual waste dispatched from the installation.

- 8.18.2 The frequency of monitoring may be reduced if agreed by the Agency on foot of an alternative protocol being in place that empirically correlates biological treatment process parameters (e.g. validated residence time and temperature parameters at the treatment facility) with respiration activity.
- 8.19 No waste classified as green list waste in accordance with the EU Shipment of Waste Regulations (Council Regulation EEC No. 1013/2006, as may be amended) shall be consigned for recovery without the agreement of the Agency.
- 8.20 Unless agreed by the Agency the licensee shall not dispose of any waste that has been accepted at the installation for the purpose of a recovery activity. This condition shall not apply to non-recyclable waste that is separated for disposal by the licensee from the incoming waste.
- 8.21 The licensee shall record the movement of all compost from the installation. The record of each movement shall as a minimum include the date of movement, quantity, transporter, final recipient/user and location and off-site storage location.
- 8.22 Each load of waste dispatched to landfill shall be accompanied by documentation verifying the type of treatment carried out on the waste and, in the case of bio-stabilised residual waste, biodried waste, municipal waste or treated municipal waste, its biodegradable content.

**Reason:** *To provide for the appropriate handling of material and the protection of the environment.*

## **Condition 9. Accident Prevention and Emergency Response**

- 9.1 The licensee shall, within six months of date of grant of this licence, ensure that a documented Accident Prevention Procedure is in place that addresses the hazards on-site, particularly in relation to the prevention of accidents with a possible impact on the environment. This procedure shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
- 9.2 The licensee shall, within six months of date of grant of this licence, ensure that a documented Emergency Response Procedure is in place, that addresses any emergency situation which may originate on-site. This procedure shall include provision for minimising the effects of any emergency on the environment. This procedure shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
- 9.3 Incidents
- 9.3.1 In the event of an incident the licensee shall immediately:
- (i) carry out an investigation to identify the nature, source and cause of the incident and any emission arising therefrom;
  - (ii) isolate the source of any such emission;
  - (iii) evaluate the environmental pollution, if any, caused by the incident;
  - (iv) identify and execute measures to minimise the emissions/malfunction and the effects thereof;
  - (v) identify the date, time and place of the incident;
  - (vi) notify the Agency as required by Condition 11.3 of this licence.
- 9.3.2 Where an incident or accident that significantly affects the environment occurs, the licensee shall, without delay take measures to limit the environmental consequences of the incident or accident and to prevent further incident or accident.
- 9.4 The licensee shall arrange, within six months of the date of this licence and every three years thereafter or as directed by the Agency, for the completion, by an independent and appropriately qualified consultant, of a fire risk assessment for the facility. The assessment shall examine all relevant factors on site that impinge on fire risk and prevention. The assessment shall have regard to the EPA Guidance Note: *Fire Safety at Non-Hazardous Waste Transfer Stations, 2013*



and the EPA *Guidance on Fire Risk Assessment for Non-Hazardous Waste Facilities, 2016*. Any recommendations in the fire risk assessment report shall be implemented by the licensee within twelve months of the date of this amendment.

**Reason:** *To provide for the protection of the environment.*

## Condition 10. Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management

- 10.1 Following termination, or planned cessation for a period greater than six months, of use or involvement of all or part of the site in the licensed activity, the licensee shall, to the satisfaction of the Agency, decommission, render safe or remove for disposal/recovery any soil, subsoil, buildings, plant or equipment, or any waste, materials or substances or other matter contained therein or thereon, that may result in environmental pollution. A final validation report to include a certificate of completion to demonstrate there is no continuing risk to the environment shall be submitted to the Agency within three months of termination or planned cessation of the activity.

**Reason:** *To make provision for the proper closure of the activity ensuring protection of the environment.*

## Condition 11. Notification, Records and Reports

- 11.1 The licensee shall submit the reports, proposals and submissions required by this licence by the deadlines specified. The licensee shall not be in compliance with the requirements of this condition unless and until it has submitted every report, proposal and submission, the deadline for which has passed.
- 11.2 The licensee shall carry out every action required by the Agency, and arising out of such reports, proposals or submission, by such deadline as the Agency may specify. The licensee shall not be in compliance with the requirements of this condition unless and until it has carried out every such action.
- 11.3 The licensee shall notify the Agency by both telephone and either email or webform, to the Agency's headquarters in Wexford, or to such other Agency office as may be specified by the Agency, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any of the following:
- (i) an incident or accident as defined by the glossary;
  - (ii) any release of environmental significance to atmosphere from any potential emissions point including bypasses;
  - (iii) any breach of one or more of the conditions attached to this licence;
  - (iv) any malfunction or breakdown of key environmental abatement, control or monitoring equipment; and
  - (v) any incident or accident as defined in the glossary requiring an emergency response by the Local Authority.

The licensee shall include as part of the notification, date and time of the incident, summary details of the occurrence, and where available, the steps taken to minimise any emissions. All details required to be communicated must be in accordance with any Guidance provided by the Agency.

- 11.4 In the event of any incident which relates to discharges to sewer having taken place, the licensee shall notify Irish Water and the Local Authority in a manner prescribed by Irish Water, as soon as practicable after such an incident.

- 11.5 The following shall be notified, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident which relates to a discharge to water:
- (i) Inland Fisheries Ireland in the case of discharges to receiving waters.
- 11.6 The licensee shall make a record of any notification made under Condition 11.3. This record shall include details of the nature, extent, and impact of, and circumstances giving rise to, the incident or accident. The record shall include all corrective actions taken to manage the incident or accident, minimise wastes generated and the effect on the environment, and avoid recurrence. In the case of a breach of a condition, the record shall include measures to restore compliance.
- 11.7 The licensee shall record all complaints of an environmental nature related to the operation of the activity. Each such record shall give details of the date and time of the complaint, the name of the complainant (if provided), and give details of the nature of the complaint. A record shall also be kept of the response made in the case of each complaint.
- 11.8 The licensee shall record all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence and all other such monitoring which relates to the environmental performance of the installation.
- 11.9 The licensee shall as a minimum ensure that the following documents are accessible at the site:
- (i) the licences relating to the installation;
  - (ii) the current EMS for the installation including all associated procedures, reports, records and other documents;
  - (iii) the previous year's AER for the installation;
  - (iv) records of all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence and all other such monitoring which relates to the environmental performance of the installation;
  - (v) relevant correspondence with the Agency;
  - (vi) up-to-date site drawings/plans showing the location of key process and environmental infrastructure, including monitoring locations and emission points;
  - (vii) up-to-date Standard Operational Procedures for all processes, plant and equipment necessary to give effect to this licence or otherwise to ensure that standard operation of such processes, plant or equipment does not result in unauthorised emissions to the environment; and,
  - (viii) any elements of the licence application or EIA documentation referenced in this licence.
- This documentation shall be available to the Agency for inspection at all reasonable times.
- 11.10 A record shall be kept at the installation of the programme for the control and eradication of vermin and fly infestations at the installation. These records shall include as a minimum the following:
- (i) the date and time during which spraying of insecticide is carried out;
  - (ii) contractor details;
  - (iii) contractor logs and installation inspection reports;
  - (iv) details of the rodenticide(s) and insecticide(s) used;
  - (v) operator training details;
  - (vi) details of any infestations;
  - (vii) mode, frequency, location and quantity of application; and
  - (viii) measures to contain sprays within the installation boundary.
- 11.11 The licensee shall submit to the Agency, by the 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year, an AER covering the previous calendar year. This report, which shall be to the satisfaction of the Agency, shall include as a minimum the information specified in *Schedule F: Annual Environmental Report*, of this licence and shall be prepared in accordance with any relevant guidelines issued by the Agency.

- 11.12 A full record, which shall be open to inspection by authorised persons of the Agency at all times, shall be kept by the licensee on matters relating to the waste management operations and practices at this site. This record shall be maintained on a monthly basis and shall as a minimum contain details of the following:
- (i) the tonnages and LoW Code for the waste materials imported and/or sent off-site for disposal/recovery;
  - (ii) the names of the agent and carrier of the waste, and their waste collection permit details, if required (to include issuing authority and vehicle registration number);
  - (iii) details of the ultimate disposal/recovery destination facility for the waste and its appropriateness to accept the consigned waste stream, to include its permit/licence details and issuing authority, if required;
  - (iv) written confirmation of the acceptance and disposal/recovery of any hazardous waste consignments sent off-site;
  - (v) details of all waste consigned abroad for Recovery and classified as 'Green' in accordance with the EU Shipment of Waste Regulations (Council Regulation EEC No. 1013/2006, as may be amended). The rationale for the classification must form part of the record;
  - (vi) details of any rejected consignments;
  - (vii) details of any approved waste mixing;
  - (viii) the results of any waste analyses required under *Schedule C: Control & Monitoring*, of this licence; and
  - (ix) the tonnage and LoW Code for the waste materials recovered/disposed on-site.
- 11.13 The licensee shall maintain a computer-based record for each load of waste arriving at and departing from the installation. The licensee shall record the following:
- (i) the date and time;
  - (ii) the name of the carrier (including if appropriate, the waste carrier registration details);
  - (iii) the vehicle registration number;
  - (iv) the trailer, skip or other container unique identification number (where relevant);
  - (v) the name of the producer(s)/collector(s) of the waste as appropriate;
  - (vi) the name of the waste facility (if appropriate) from which the load originated including the waste licence or waste permit register number;
  - (vii) a description of the waste including the associated LoW codes;
  - (viii) the quantity of the waste, recorded in tonnes;
  - (ix) details of the treatment(s) to which the waste has been subjected;
  - (x) the classification and coding of the waste, including whether MSW or otherwise;
  - (xi) whether the waste is for disposal or recovery and if recovery for what purpose;
  - (xii) the name of the person checking the load; and
  - (xiii) where loads or wastes are removed or rejected, details of the date of occurrence, the types of waste and the facility to which they were removed.
- 11.14 The licensee shall submit report(s) as required by the conditions of this licence to the Agency's Headquarters in Wexford, or to such other Agency office as may be specified by the Agency.
- 11.15 All reports shall be certified accurate and representative by the installation manager or a nominated, suitably qualified and experienced deputy.

**Reason:** *To provide for the collection and reporting of adequate information on the activity.*

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## **Condition 12. Financial Charges and Provisions**

### **12.1 Agency Charges**

12.1.1 The licensee shall pay to the Agency an annual contribution of €9,701, or such sum as the Agency from time to time determines, having regard to variations in the extent of reporting, auditing, inspection, sampling and analysis or other functions carried out by the Agency, towards the cost of monitoring the activity as the Agency considers necessary for the performance of its functions under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended. The first payment shall be a pro-rata amount for the period from the date of grant of this licence to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, and shall be paid to the Agency within one month from the date of grant of the licence. In subsequent years the licensee shall pay to the Agency such revised annual contribution as the Agency shall from time to time consider necessary to enable performance by the Agency of its relevant functions under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended, and all such payments shall be made within one month of the date upon which demanded by the Agency.

12.1.2 In the event that the frequency or extent of monitoring or other functions carried out by the Agency needs to be increased, the licensee shall contribute such sums as determined by the Agency to defray its costs in regard to items not covered by the said annual contribution.

<p><b>Reason:</b> <i>To provide for adequate financing for monitoring and financial provisions for measures to protect the environment.</i></p>
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## SCHEDULE A: Limitations

### A.1 Processes Authorised

The following waste related processes are authorised:

- (i) Reception, sorting, separation, bulking, shredding, screening, storage and transfer of waste;
- (ii) Composting of bio-waste, green waste and biodegradable waste and associated processes including:
  - o waste pre-treatment and preparation for composting;
  - o storage of waste and compost; and
  - o processes for the management and mitigation of environmental emissions including the operation of an integrated constructed wetland for the treatment of non-process roof and yard water.
- (iii) Aerobic biological treatment of municipal waste, organic fines and other feedstocks not conducive to the production of quality compost and associated processes including:
  - o waste pre-treatment and preparation for biological treatment;
  - o storage of waste including the outputs of biological treatment; and
  - o processes for the management and mitigation of environmental emissions.

No additions to these processes are permitted unless agreed in advance by the Agency.



### A.2 Waste Acceptance

**Table A.2 Waste Categories and Quantities**

Waste Type <sup>Note 1</sup>	LoW Codes <sup>Note 1</sup>	Maximum <sup>Note 2</sup> (Tonnes Per Calendar Year)
<b>Biowaste and other biodegradable waste</b>	02 01 03; 02 01 06; 02 01 07; 02 01 99; 02 03 99; 02 04 99; 02 05 01; 02 05 99; 02 06 01; 02 06 99; 02 07 01; 02 07 02; 02 07 04; 02 07 99; 19 08 01; 19 08 02; 19 08 09; 19 08 99; 19 12 07; 19 12 12; 20 01 01; 20 01 08; 20 01 25; 20 02 01; 20 03 03; 20 03 06	50,000
<b>Industrial non-hazardous sludges</b>	02 01 01; 02 03 01; 02 03 04; 02 03 05; 02 04 03; 02 05 02; 02 06 03; 02 07 05; 03 03 11; 19 08 12; 19 08 14;	
<b>Sewage sludge</b>	19 08 05; 20 03 04;	
<b>Municipal solid waste</b>	20 03 01; 20 03 02;	

**Note 1:** Any proposals to accept other compatible non-hazardous waste types must be agreed in advance by the Agency.

**Note 2:** This maximum refers to the quantity of material, whether classified as waste or not, that can be accepted at the installation for composting and/or anaerobic digestion.



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### A.3 Waste and Materials Storage

Maximum amount of waste and compost that may be stored at the installation at any one time	10,559 tonnes <sup>Note 1, 2</sup>
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**Note 1:** Including waste undergoing processing in composting tunnels and outdoor windrows, and finished compost, but excluding storage of topsoil.

**Note 2:** The maximum amount may be amended after the completion of the Waste Storage Plan (Condition 8.14) and subject to agreement by the Agency.



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**SCHEDULE B: Emission Limits**

**B.1 Emissions to Air**

**B.1.1 Emission Limit Values for Biofilters**

**Emission Point Reference No:** A 2-1 Biofilter  
**Location:** E615717; N633439  
**Minimum discharge height:** 0.5m  
**Volume to be emitted:** Maximum rate per hour: 41,884 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

Parameter	Emission Limit Value
Odour	750 Ou <sub>E</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>



**Emission Point Reference No:** A 2-2 Biofilter  
**Location:** To be agreed by the Agency  
**Minimum discharge height:** 3m  
**Volume to be emitted:** Maximum rate per hour: 80,865 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

Parameter	Emission Limit Value
Odour	750 Ou <sub>E</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>



**B.2 Emissions to Water**

There shall be no process emissions to water.



**B.3 Emissions to Sewer**

There shall be no process effluent emissions to sewer.



**B.4 Noise Emissions**

Daytime dB L <sub>A1,T</sub> (30 minutes)	Evening time dB L <sub>A1,T</sub> (30 minutes)	Night-time dB L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> (15-30 minutes)
55	50	45 <sup>Note 1</sup>

**Note 1:** There shall be no clearly audible tonal component or impulsive component in the noise emission from the activity at any noise-sensitive location.



## SCHEDULE C: Control & Monitoring

### C.1.1 Control of Emissions to Air

**Emission Point Reference No:** A 2-1 (E615717; N633439) (Biofilter 1, to the south of Shed 1)  
 A 2-2 (to be agreed by the Agency) (Biofilter 2, to the north of Shed 2)

**Description of Treatment:** Biofiltration

Control Parameter	Monitoring	Key Equipment <sup>Note 1</sup>
<b>Air Management and Treatment</b>		
<b>Air extraction</b>	Continuous with alarm/call-out	Pumps/ engines Pressure gauges
<b>Biofilters</b>		
<b>Ammonia</b>	Monthly (at inlet and outlet)	Colorimetric indicator tubes <sup>Note2</sup>
<b>Hydrogen sulphides</b>	Monthly (at inlet and outlet)	Colorimetric indicator tubes <sup>Note2</sup>
<b>Mercaptans</b>	Monthly (at inlet and outlet)	Colorimetric indicator tubes <sup>Note2</sup>
<b>Amines</b>	Monthly (at inlet and outlet)	Colorimetric indicator tubes <sup>Note2</sup>
<b>Bed Media <sup>Note 3</sup></b>		
<b>Odour assessment <sup>Note 4</sup></b>	Daily	Subjective impression
<b>Condition and depth of bed media</b>	Daily	Visual inspection
<b>Moisture content</b>	Monthly	Agreed method
<b>pH</b>	Bi-annually	Agreed method
<b>Ammonia</b>	Bi-annually	Agreed method
<b>Total viable counts</b>	Bi-annually	Agreed method
<b>General</b>		
<b>Fan</b>	Daily visual check	System is operational
<b>Negative pressure across biofilter</b>	Monthly	Air current tubes SCADA control system

**Note 1:** The licensee shall maintain appropriate access to standby and/or spares to ensure the operation of the abatement system.

**Note 2:** Or an alternative method agreed by the Agency.

**Note 3:** The biofilter shall be examined to ensure that no channelling is evident. Turning, restructuring and the addition of supplementary bed materials or total replacement of bed materials shall be carried out as required subject to bed performance.

**Note 4:** Odour assessments should be carried out in accordance with the EPA guidance document "Odour Impact Assessment Guidance for EPA Licensed Sites (AG5)" (2010).



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**C.1.2 Monitoring of Emissions to Air**

Emission Point Reference No: A 2-1, A2-2

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique
Odour	Quarterly	To be agreed by the Agency

**C.2.1 Control of Storm Water Emissions**

Emission Point Reference No: SW1a

Emission/Monitoring Point Location: As per drawing titled 'Site Plan of Milltown Composting Ltd, Facility' dated January 2017, Drawing Number 3201-003

Control Parameter	Monitoring	Key Equipment
Oil removal	Mineral oil concentration in water at prior to the Integrated Constructed Wetland	Class I full retention oil separators Shut-off valve
Suspended solids	Suspended solids concentration in water at discharge point	Silt trap

**C.2.2 Monitoring of Storm Water Emissions**

Discharge Point Reference No: SW1a (E615530 N633447)

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique <small>Note 1</small>
pH	Monthly	Standard method
Suspended Solids	Quarterly	Standard method
Total Ammonia	Quarterly	Standard method
Total Organic Carbon	Quarterly	Standard Method
Visual Inspection	Daily	Sample and examine for colour and odour <small>Note 2</small>

**Note 1:** Analysis to be carried out by a competent laboratory, using standard and internationally accepted procedures.**Note 2:** Where there is evidence of contamination, additional samples should be analysed and the full suite of parameters shown tested.

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**C.3 Waste and compost testing**

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method /Techniques
Digestate and compost	Per conditions of this licence.	Standard method.
<b>Municipal waste dispatched to landfill:</b> <b>Biodegradable Waste content</b> <b>Municipal</b>	As may be specified by the Agency or as required to generate a site specific BMW factor.	Waste characterisation or other methods as may be specified.

**C.4 Noise Monitoring****Location:**

NSL E615299; N634033

Period	Minimum Survey Duration <sup>Note 2</sup>
<b>Daytime</b> (07:00 to 19:00hrs)	A minimum of 3 sampling periods at each noise monitoring location.
<b>Evening-time</b> (19:00 to 23:00hrs)	A minimum of 1 sampling period at each noise monitoring location.
<b>Night-time</b> <sup>Note 1</sup> (23:00 to 07:00hrs)	A minimum of 2 sampling periods at each noise monitoring location.

**Note 1:** Night-time measurements should be made between 2300hrs and 0400hrs, Sunday to Thursday, with 2300hrs being the preferred start time.

**Note 2:** Sampling period is to be the time period T stated as per *Schedule B.4 Noise Emissions, of this licence*. This applies to day, evening and night time periods.

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**C.5 Ambient Monitoring**

**C.5.1 Dust Deposition and Micro-Organisms**

**Location:** **Dust**  
 D1 On ditch south of the main processing area.  
 D2 To be agreed by the Agency, as per Condition 6.8.1.  
 D3 On north eastern boundary of the site.

**Micro-Organisms**  
 At upwind and downwind locations to be agreed by the Agency or at any other locations as may be required by the Agency.

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique
Dust deposition	Quarterly <sup>Note 1</sup>	VDI 2119 (Bergerhoff method)
Bacteria	Quarterly	Grab sample <sup>Note 2</sup>
Aspergillus fumigatus	Quarterly	Grab sample <sup>Note 2</sup>

**Note 1:** Twice during the period May to September concurrently with all of the above.  
**Note 2:** Enumeration of colonies to be carried out as described in 'Standardised Protocol for the Sampling and Enumeration of Airborne Micro-organisms at Composting Facilities' - The Composting Association (1999) or alternative method and/or frequency as may be agreed by the Agency.



**C.5.2 Groundwater Monitoring**

**Location:** GW1 E615574 N633476  
 GW2 E615613 N633431  
 GW3 E615818 N633515

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Techniques
pH	Annually	pH electrode/meter
Nitrate	Annually	Standard Method
Total Ammonia	Annually	Standard Method
Total Nitrogen	Annually	Standard Method
Conductivity	Annually	Standard Method
Chloride	Annually	Standard Method
Organic Compounds <sup>Note1</sup>	Annually	Standard Method

**Note 1:** Screening for pollutant list substances (such as US EPA volatile and/or semi-volatile compounds).



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## SCHEDULE D: Standards for Compost Quality

### Compost Quality

The following criteria are deemed a quality standard for the use of compost as a soil improver if applied to land in accordance with statutory obligations and requirements under any other enactments or regulations. The following criteria should not be deemed as criteria for fertiliser. Compost for other end uses may require stricter and/or additional criteria to be achieved.

N, P, K, NH<sub>4</sub>-N, NO<sub>3</sub>-N, pH and dry matter content shall be measured and reported upon in compost quality reports in order to facilitate the end use of the compost.

The criteria apply to the compost just after the final phase of treatment and prior to mixing with any other materials.

#### 1. Stability

*Table D.1- Maximum Respiration Activity*

Parameter	Quality Limit
Stability	Oxygen Uptake Rate (OUR), ≤ 13 mmol O <sub>2</sub> /kg organic solids/hour

#### 2. Metals Note 1, 2 & 3

*Table D.2 – Maximum Metal Concentration Limits*

Parameter (mg/kg, dry mass)	Compost Limit (mg/kg dry matter)
Cadmium (Cd)	1.5
Chromium (Cr)	150
Copper (Cu)	150
Mercury (Hg)	1
Nickel (Ni)	75
Lead (Pb)	150
Zinc (Zn)	400

**Note 1:** These limits should not be taken as an indication of suitability for addition to soil as the cumulative metal additions to soil should be first calculated.

**Note 2:** Incoming sludges (other than sewage sludges) shall be monitored quarterly (on a client by client basis) for the parameters outlined in this table and also for selenium (Se) and molybdenum (Mo).

**Note 3:** Monitoring of arsenic (As) is required if waste timber is used in the composting process.

### 3. Pathogens

If this installation is regulated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Animal By-products Regulation and the compost has been sanitised in accordance with that Department's requirements, there is no requirement for further testing, provided that records of the testing form part of the compost quality records maintained in accordance with this licence.

If the above does not apply, the pathogenic organism content shall not exceed the limits for the following indicator species:

**Table D.3 – Pathogenic Organism Content Limits**

Species	Limit	Sample Number (n)
Salmonella spp.	Absent in 25g	n=5
Escherichia coli	≤ 1000 CFU per gram of fresh mass	n=5

Where n = Number of samples to be tested.

### 4. Impurities

**Table D.4 – Impurity Content Limits**

Parameter	Compost Limit
Impurities <sup>Note 1</sup> > 2 mm	< 0.5%
Gravel and Stones > 5 mm	< 5%
Sharps	Compost shall not contain any sharp impurity measuring over a 2 mm dimension that could cause damage or injury to humans, animals or plant during, or resulting from, its intended use.

Note 1: Impurities generally refer to macroscopic fragments of glass, metals, plastics or similar non-biodegradable materials.

### 5. Organic Matter

**Table D.5 – Organic Matter Content Limit**

Parameter	Compost Limit
Organic Matter	≥ 20%

### 6. Miscellaneous

**Table D.6 – Maturity Test**

Parameter	Compost Limit
Viable Weed Seeds	< 3 viable weed seed per litre
Other	As may be agreed by the Agency

**SCHEDULE E: Specified Engineering Works**

Specified Engineering Works
Any other works notified in writing by the Agency.



**SCHEDULE F: Annual Environmental Report**

Annual Environmental Report Content <sup>Note 1</sup>
<p>Emissions from the installation.</p> <p>Waste management record.</p> <p>Resource consumption summary.</p> <p>Complaints summary.</p> <p>Schedule of Environmental Objectives and Targets.</p> <p>Environmental management programme – report for previous year.</p> <p>Environmental management programme – proposal for current year.</p> <p>Pollutant Release and Transfer Register – report for previous year.</p> <p>Pollutant Release and Transfer Register – proposal for current year.</p> <p>Noise monitoring report summary.</p> <p>Ambient monitoring summary.</p> <p>Tank and pipeline assessment report.</p> <p>Reported incidents summary.</p> <p>Energy efficiency audit report summary.</p> <p>Report on the assessment of the efficiency of use of raw materials in processes and the reduction in waste generated.</p> <p>Report on progress made and proposals being developed to minimise water demand and the volume of trade effluent discharges.</p> <p>Development/Infrastructural works summary (completed in previous year or prepared for current year).</p> <p>Amount of compost and bio-stabilised residual waste produced per annum.</p> <p>Destination and uses of compost and bio-stabilised waste produced.</p> <p>Report on the Standards for Compost Quality, in accordance with Schedule D of this licence</p> <p>Any other items specified by the Agency.</p>

Note 1: Content may be revised subject to the approval of the Agency.



**Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.**

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

  
 Tara Gillen, Authorised Person

