

Extract from the Minutes of the 981st Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 26 November 2019, in in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
G O'Leary, M Lehane, M Crowe, E Cotter (via Video Conference) & T Ryan (via Video Conference).

6. **Recommended Determination of an Application for an Industrial Emissions Licence**

Licensee: **AbbVie Ireland NL B.V.**
Old Bundoran Road
Ballytivnan
Sligo

Register of Licence No: **P1087-01**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability that the Agency approve the Recommended Determination to grant an Industrial Emissions Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Determination; a Report of the Inspector dated 19 November 2019; and three Third party submissions.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Jennifer Cope and Marie O'Connor gave verbal presentations.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report.

Recommended Determination

Decision & Reasons for the Decision

Amend the first sentence of the seventh paragraph and insert punctuation as indicated to the bullet points, to read as follows: **'Having regard to the examination of environmental information in the Inspector's Report, and in particular to the content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and supplementary information provided by the applicant, and the submissions from the planning authority, and the third parties in the course of the application, it is considered that the potential significant direct and indirect effects of the activity on the environment are as follows:**

- **Generation of effluent and discharge to sewer;**
- **Emissions to air;**
- **Noise emissions; and**
- **Accidental leakages or spills.'**

Amend the third bullet point of the eight paragraph, to read as follows:

Having assessed those potential effects, the Agency has concluded as follows:

- **'Noise emissions will be mitigated through: imposing daytime, evening-time and night-time noise limits at noise sensitive locations; and implementing monitoring, maintenance and control measures; and'**

Amend the ninth paragraph to read as follows: ‘Having regard to the effects (and interactions) identified, described and assessed throughout ~~this~~ *the Inspector’s* report, it is considered that the monitoring, mitigation and preventative measures proposed will enable the activity to operate without causing environmental pollution, subject to compliance with the licence. The conditions of the licence and the mitigation measures ~~proposed~~ will significantly reduce the likelihood of accidental emissions occurring and limit the environmental consequences of an accidental emission should one occur.’

Conditions

6.15.1 Replace the condition to read as follows: ‘The licensee shall, within twelve months of the date of grant of this licence, arrange for the carrying out, by an appropriately qualified consultant/professional, of a comprehensive hydrogeological investigation of the site. The scope, detail and programme, including report structure and reporting schedule for this investigation must be approved by the Agency prior to implementation. Any recommendations arising from a report or reports on this investigation shall be submitted to the Agency for approval and must be implemented within such a period to be approved by the Agency.’

6.15.2 Replace the condition to read as follows: ‘The licensee shall assess groundwater monitoring data to determine compliance with the *Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010* as amended. The assessment shall be submitted to the Agency. Monitoring shall be carried out in accordance with *Schedule C.6 Groundwater Monitoring*.’

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant a licence, as modified, to AbbVie Ireland NL B.V., for their installation at Old Bundoran Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo, Register of Licence No P1087-01, subject to the conditions as set out in the licence.