

03rd June 2021

Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability

By Email

Re: P1069-01 IE Licence Application Connolly's RED MILLS – Progress Update

Dear Sirs and Madam,

We wish to provide the EPA with a progress update in response to your letter dated 13th May 2021.

We have commissioned Malone O'Regan Environmental (MOR) to assist JRE Consulting Ltd in the preparation of the IE licence application (P1069-01) required for our mill facility located at Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny ('the Site'). MOR have extensive licencing experience gained over many years and have successfully worked in this sector on a number of EPA licensed sites e.g. Glanbia Mills. We are satisfied that this experience will greatly benefit this application.

We wish to confirm that the Connolly's Red Mills management have held a number of very constructive meetings on site with senior MOR personnel. In addition, MOR consultants have completed an initial site survey, focusing on surveying emissions to air with a view of progressing air dispersion modelling as soon as possible.

To date, Connolly's Red Mills personnel have used their best endeavours to address the Agency's concerns, but it is acknowledged that there are outstanding issues with the licence application specifically in regards to air dispersion modelling and the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement. We would like to reassure the EPA that an action plan, fully endorsed by Red Mill management, is currently being put in place by MOR to address these matters. Initially the focus will be on the air dispersion modelling. We trust that the Agency appreciate that the accuracy of any

air dispersion modelling needs to be supported by robust input data. Baseline data will therefore need to be generated during the harvest season, which will commence by mid-July, when all dryers are operating. Stack monitoring of particulates will be scheduled during the harvest season. The findings of the air dispersion modelling will then need to be made available in order to complete the NIS.

MOR is currently undertaking a gap analysis of all available relevant information that has been submitted in support of the licence application to-date and also any correspondence issued by the EPA. The key deliverable from this exercise will be a detailed programme of outstanding works. It would be our intention to update the Agency with this programme by the end of June 2021 and to keep open lines of communication with the Agency thereafter.

We wish to reassure the Agency, that Connolly's Red Mills are fully committed to submitting a valid and robust licence application in a timely manner. We trust that this update will reassure the Agency that management at the facility are taking all of Agency's concerns extremely seriously and as such the licence application (P1069-01) should remain active.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,


EUGENE BRENNAN B.Agr.Sc.
EHS Manager.

For inspection purposes only.
Consent of copyright owner required for any other use.