

Section 2.5 – Technical Knowledge and Company Structure

Noel Lawler Sand & Gravel Ltd

Facility Management and Staffing

A competent management structure is already in place on site with the Facility Manager - Mr. Noel Lawler, responsible for the overall management of the facility. There are currently 8 no. full-time staff working at the Lawler quarry site, including management, administration, general operatives, drivers and maintenance staff.

All personnel employed on the site are adequately trained in their own personal discipline and will be familiar with the operating conditions relating to the quarry site. The facility manager will have overall responsibility for the infilling and restoration works.

Lawler Ltd. will continually assess the training needs of all involved in the operation of the quarry and carry out such training as required by regulation. Records of staff training will be regularly updated and stored securely on site.

Director/Operations Manager: Mr. Noel Lawler

Mr. Lawler has over 10 years' experience in the management of all activities related to the existing sand and gravel quarry (Lawler Quarry) at Ballitore, Co. Kildare. Mr. Lawler has considerable experience of both the administrative responsibilities and the daily site-based works involved in operating a successful quarry. Mr. Lawler is a local landowner, a part-owner of the existing quarry lands and of much of the land adjacent to the existing quarry. Mr. Lawler and his family also run a successful dairy farm on lands in the vicinity of the quarry site and as such have an intimate knowledge of the existing environment, and are committed to ensuring its protection into the future.

Heavy Machinery Operations: Mr. Robert Wright

Mr. Right has over 15 years' experience in the operation and maintenance of heavy plant and machinery, primarily in quarry operations. He is suitably qualified to operate the heavy machinery (loader, excavator etc.) required as part of the proposed infill and restoration of the Lawler Quarry.

Support Staff – MKO Environmental & Planning Consultants

Company Overview

MKO is a specialist planning and environmental consultancy. Based in Galway but working nationwide, we deliver challenging and complex projects on behalf of our clients. MKO employs over 100 people across the company's six planning, ecology, environmental, ornithology, project

management and land solutions teams. Our multi-disciplinary service offering and broad range of nationwide experience add real value to our client's projects.

MKO company experience spans a wide range of industry sectors, including renewable energy, commercial development, roads and transport infrastructure, ports and marinas, tourism, energy infrastructure, retail, sport and leisure, quarrying and aggregates, manufacturing, education, housing, waste management, water, telecoms and other utilities.

The values of MKO are reflected in how we undertake our work. The requirements of every project are individually assessed to ensure the work proposed is fit for purpose. Our reputation is very important to us, both in the eyes of our clients whose expectations we always want to meet, and in the view of our professional peers who review our work. Our staff approach the most complex challenges with confidence and a can-do attitude. We recognise we must be adaptable and flexible in the work we do to meet ever changing requirements. Where we lead or form part of a project team, we take all the responsibilities that come with being part of a team.

MKO Project Staff

Eoin Hurst BE MSc DIC MIEI

Mr. Hurst is a Project Environmental Engineer with MKO. He has over 12 years of experience in civil and environmental engineering consulting services in the private sector. Mr. Hurst holds a BE Civil Engineering and a MSc in Environmental Technology. Prior to taking up his position with MKO in September 2019, he worked as an Environmental Engineer with Tetra Tech in the United States and held previous posts with Apex Companies (US), Arcadis (UK), CDP (UK) and Egis Projects (Dublin).

Mr. Hurst has specialist knowledge of environmental and geotechnical site investigations, contaminated land remediation, water/groundwater resource management, environmental due diligence, environmental policy development and research. His key strengths and areas of expertise are in the management and planning of complex site assessments, remedial technology appraisal for groundwater, soil, sediment and surface water, environmental risk assessment, data analysis and regulatory compliance. Since joining MKO Mr. Hurst has been involved as a Project Environmental Engineer on a range of renewable energy (wind/solar), transport (roads/greenways), extractive (quarrying), commercial, and residential projects. Within MKO he plays a role in the management and confidence building of junior members of staff and works as part of a multi-disciplinary team to deliver EIA Reports. He currently holds full professional membership with Engineers Ireland (MIEI) and is a former member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Eoin O'Sullivan MSc. CWEM CEnv

Mr. O'Sullivan is a Senior Environmental Consultant with MKO with over 12 years of experience in the assessment of a wide range of energy and infrastructure related projects and working in the fields of environmental and human health risk assessment, waste management, waste policy and permitting. Mr. O'Sullivan has wide experience in the project management of large-scale infrastructure projects and brownfield developments which includes all aspects of geo-environmental and geotechnical investigation.

Mr. O'Sullivan holds a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science & Technology and a MSc in Environmental Engineering. Prior to taking up his position with MKO in July 2017 he worked as a Chartered Senior Engineer with CGL in Surrey, UK. Prior to this Mr. O'Sullivan worked as a Project Engineer with RPS Consulting Engineers in Belfast. He has wide experience in the project management of large-scale brownfield developments and has routinely undertaken detailed quantitative risk assessment for the protection of controlled waters and ground gas risk assessments. Eoin has also experience in completing PPC Permit Applications and in the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements/Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for renewable energy projects, quarries and a number of non-hazardous landfill sites and anaerobic digesters for both public and private clients. Other key strengths and areas of expertise include remediation options appraisals, remediation method assessments and waste management planning. Mr. O'Sullivan is a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management and Chartered Environmentalist with the Society of Environment.

Sean McCarthy BSc. (Hons) MURP MRTPI

Mr. McCarthy is a Senior Planner with MKO with over 6 years of experience in both private practice and local authorities. Mr. McCarthy holds BSc. (Hons) in Property Studies and a Masters in Regional & Urban Planning. Prior to taking up his position with MKO in 2015, he worked as a Planning Officer with the Western Isles Council in Scotland in the UK and prior to that worked as a Graduate Planner with Tipperary County Council. Mr. McCarthy is a chartered town planner with specialist knowledge in one off rural housing, renewable energy developments, quarry consents and retail planning and development.

Since joining MKO Mr. McCarthy has been involved as a Planning Consultant on a significant range of energy infrastructure, commercial, housing, retail and residential projects in addition to project managing circa 26MW of solar energy planning applications through the statutory planning system, with more projects in the pipeline. He holds chartered membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Management Structure / Organisational Chart

The below organisational chart (Figure 2.5.1) outlines the relationships between the applicant and support staff.

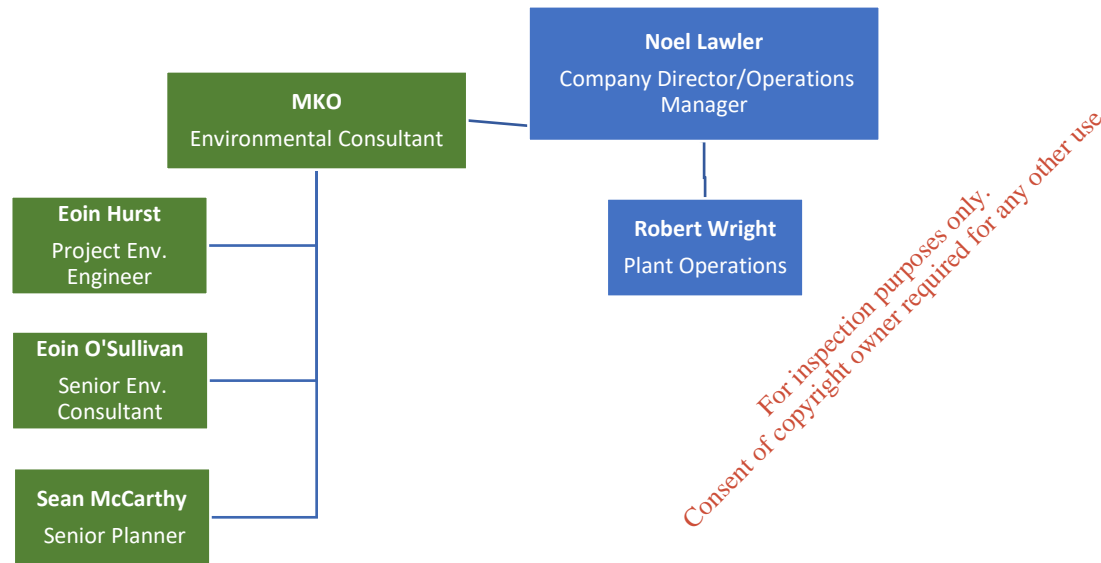


Figure 2.5.1 Company Organisational Structure