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Mr. Martin O'Looney  
On behalf of Woodville Pig Farms Limited

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Reg. No.: P0467-03

Further Notice under the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013, in respect of a licence review from Woodville Pig Farms Limited for an installation located at Woodville and Ballyknockane, Ballymackey, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Dear Mr. O'Looney,

I refer to the EPA's notices of 12 October 2021 and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 requesting information in respect of your licence review application. You are advised that there remains outstanding information, as required under the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013, as amended.

You are therefore required to submit the outstanding information detailed below:

1. The Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening determination issued by the Agency on 23 September 2021 stated that "the potential for adverse impact of emissions to air and their consequential potential impact on sensitive receptors cannot be ruled out due to elevated ammonia levels and/or nitrogen deposition". The impact of nitrogen deposition has not been considered in the submitted NIS. **You must include an assessment of the impacts of nitrogen deposition in the NIS, supported by site specific modelling.**
2. Assessment of the impact of ammonia and nitrogen from the installation on Natura 2000 sites **shall be done in accordance with** the EPA's guidance on "*Assessment Of The Impact Of Ammonia And Nitrogen On Natura 2000 Sites From Intensive Agriculture Installations*", available at <https://www.epa.ie/publications/licensing--permitting/industrial/ied/Assessment-of-Impact-of--Ammonia-and-Nitrogen-on-Natura-sites-from-Intensive-Agriculture-Installations.pdf>.

The NIS should report the process contribution of the installation as a percentage of the critical load/level of ammonia concentration and/or nitrogen deposition and **the total predicted environmental concentration** when assessing the potential for adverse effects on the integrity of Natura 2000 sites or their qualifying interests.

3. As background levels exceed the critical load at the Scohaboy (Sopwell) Bog SAC and Sharavogue Bog SAC, your assessment should begin on Step 4 of the assessment process detailed in Section 4 of the EPA's guidance on "*Assessment Of The Impact Of Ammonia And Nitrogen On Natura 2000 Sites From Intensive Agriculture Installations*".

With a view to advancing this application for determination, the above mentioned information should be submitted to the EPA within **eight weeks** of the date of this notice.

It should be noted that failure to comply with this request may result in the EPA activating Regulation 19 of the EPA (Industrial Emissions)(Licensing) Regulation 2013 which pertains to Withdrawal or Abandonment of application for a licence. Have regard in particular to:

*(2) Where the Agency is of the opinion that an application for a licence or review of a licence has been abandoned it may give to the applicant a notice stating that fact and requiring that person, within a period specified in the notice (being a period of not less than 14 or not more than 28 days beginning on the date of the giving of the notice), to make to the Agency a submission in writing as to why the application should not be regarded as having been abandoned.*

*(3) Where a notice has been given under paragraph (2), the Agency may, at any time after the expiration of the period specified in the notice, and after considering the submission (if any) made to the Agency pursuant to the notice, declare that the application to which the notice relates shall be regarded as having been abandoned.*

Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Yours faithfully,  
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