

Ceased Licence Memo

DATE:	19/11/2021
То:	Tom Ryan
FROM:	Cian O'Rourke
SUBJECT:	Propose to Cease Licence Waste Licence Reg. No W0297-01

1. RECOMMENDATION

As the carrying on of the activity to which Waste Licence Reg. No. W0297-01 relates has not been substantially commenced within a period of 3 years beginning on the date on which the licence was granted, I recommend the following:

- 1. That the OEE issue a letter of notification to the Licensee under Section 49(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended stating that the licence has ceased to have effect from 25/07/2021 and the activity cannot now commence under this licence.
- 2. That the OEE notifies South Dublin County Council of the above.
- 3. That the OEE make the relevant amendments to the OEE database and notifies the other internal offices [OES, ELP, ORM Environmental Monitoring, OCCS Accounts payable/receivable] to reflect the change in the licence's status to Ceased.

2. SUMMARY

Name of Licensee	Harp Refrigerants Limited
Registration Number	W0297-01
Facility Address	Unit 2, Whitestown Industrial Estate, Whitestown Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Dublin.
Class of Activity	R3: "Recycling /reclamation of organic substances whch are not used as solvents(including cornposting and other biological transformation processes), whichincludes gasification and pyrolisis using the components as chemicals."
	R12: "Exchange of waste for submission to any of the operations numbered R 1 to R 11 (if there is no other R code appropriate, this can include preliminary operations prior to recovev including pre-processing such as, amongst others, dismantling, sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising, drying, shredding, conditioning,repackaging, separating, blending or mixing prior to submission to any of the operations numbered R1 to R1 1).
	R13 : "Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R 1 to R 12 (excluding temporary storage (being prehinary storage according to the definition of collection in section 5(1)), pending collection, on the site where the waste is produced).
Dated Licence Issued	25/07/2018
Date Licence Ceased	25/07/2021

3. FACILITY LOCATION

The facility is located in an industrial estate in Tallaght, Dublin 24. The nearest residential properties are located in Killinarden and Old Bawn approximately 400m west and east of the site respectively. The Whitestown Stream is located 110m to the south of the site and the Whitestown Way Road is located 190m to the east of the site. The Facility location can be viewed here: <u>Location</u>

4. FACILITY HISTORY

On the 25/07/2018, Harp Refrigerants Ltd was issued Waste licence Reg. No. W0297-01 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reclaim waste refrigerant gases in addition to the storage and transfer activities already authorised under a Certificate of Registration (COR-DS-15-0003-04) issued by South Dublin County Council.

When the licence was issued, the licensee outlined to the Agency that they will not be commencing the licensable activity for some time. An Agency site visit carried out on the 01/11/2019 concluded, in so far as could be established, the licensable activity was not taking place at the time of the site visit (SV17210 refers). On the 15/03/2021 correspondence was received from the licensee confirming they had no intention of commencing with the licensed activity.

5. CONDITION OF SITE

Known contamination:

There is no known contamination at the site.

Remediation

There is no remediation plan with the Agency associated with the facility.

Other Environmental Liabilities:

There are no other known environmental liabilities associated with the facility.

6. AGENCY'S ASSESSMENT

The most recent Agency inspection was carried out on the 01/11/2019 in order to verify if the licensed activity had commenced. The site inspection report concluded that, in so far as could be reasonably established, the licensable activity was not being carried out.

The Agency tried to arrange for access to the site in 2021 however the licensee indicated that there was no staff available in the country to enable access at the time. As such, the current environmental condition of this site has not been assessed however as the waste activity did not commence following grant of the licence, there are no environmental liabilities associated with the licensable activity at the site.

Based on the Agency's site visit and an assessment of available documents, it is considered that the activity to which Waste Licence Reg. No W0297-01 relates has not been commenced within a period of 3 years beginning on 25/07/2018, the date on which the licence was granted. As the licensed activity never commenced, the Agency can treat the license as having ceased to have effect pursuant to Section 49 of the Waste Management Act 1996.

7. FINANCIAL CHARGES & ACCOUNTS

Liaison with the OEE Financial Charges Contact and Accounts has confirmed that there are no outstanding financial charges relating to this licence.

Cian O'Rourke, OEE Inspector Signed: Date: 11/11/2021

Reviewed: Darragh Page, Programme Manager Date: 24/11/2021

Approved:

Tom Ryan, Director Date: 16/12/2021