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Mr. Paraic Fay

On behalf of Millrace Poultry Limited

09 January 2023

Reg. No.: P1158-01

Regulation 10(2)(b)(ii) of the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013, in respect of a licence application from Millrace Poultry Limited for an installation located at Tullyard, County Monaghan.

Dear Mr. Fay,

I refer to the application for a licence received by the EPA on 20 July 2021.

Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with the above mentioned legislation. You are therefore requested, in accordance with the regulations, to supply the information detailed below.

**1. Planning permission:**

- a) Confirm the current status of the development works as permitted by planning permission reference numbers 20/194 and 20/546.
- b) Where the development works have been completed, confirm whether the associated infrastructure is operational and the capacity in terms of animal numbers of same; and
- c) where the development works have not yet been completed, provide a proposed development schedule for construction works on site.
- d) Confirm that licensable activities have not yet commenced.

**2. Odour:** Provide an assessment of the odour emissions from the activity and the impact on local residents.

- a) Provide a map showing the location and distance from the installation boundary to the closest sensitive receptors. The map should also highlight which sensitive receptors are family dwellings, and which are third party dwellings.

**3. Fit and proper person:** To assist in determining whether or not the applicant can be regarded as a fit and proper person, please provide the following:

- a) The names of the Directors of Millrace Poultry Limited. It is noted that Liam McCague is listed as a Director of Millrace Poultry Ltd and Siobhán McCague has signed the financial declaration on behalf of Millrace Poultry Ltd.
- b) Details of any other EPA licences held by the applicant. The application further states that the applicant also has another licence from the EPA to operate a poultry rearing installation.
- c) Details of the applicant's technical knowledge and / or qualifications, along with that of any other relevant employees. The application form states that the Mr. Liam McCague, Director of Millrace Poultry Ltd., "is an experienced poultry farmer and has managed this site to a very high standard", with additional expertise provided by fields people and veterinary support employed by Manor Farm. However, the application documentation states that installation is a greenfield site with no poultry rearing occurring at present.

**4. Generator:** Provide details of the storage location of the back-up generator onsite and provide details of the associated bunding and protections.

**5. Fuel tanks:**

- a) Provide details of the capacity, location, bunding and protection of any existing/proposed fuel storage facilities onsite (including gas and diesel).
- b) Provide estimate of annual gas usage.

**6. BAT:**

It is noted that the documentation regarding the BAT conclusions from the Commission Implementing Decision (CID) document for the Intensive Rearing of Poultry or Pigs (2010/75/EU, Feb 2017) has not been fully completed. Clearly identify the specific technique that will be used for BAT 3 and BAT 4.

**7. Site plan:**

- a) The site plan provided with the application appears to show the installation boundary encompassing part of a road. Provide clarification on the reason for this (and update site plan if relevant).
- b) Amend the site plan legend to clarify what the broken pink line (running roughly parallel to the road in a north/south direction) relates to;
- c) Update the site plan to indicate the location of each discharge point;
- d) Update the site plan to indicate the location of the soakaway; and
- e) Provide the correct national grid reference (12 digit - 6E, 6N) for any existing storm water discharge points.

**8. Organic fertiliser:**

a) **Wash water:** The application proposes two wash water storage tanks on site (capacity 115m<sup>3</sup>) but also states that 26 weeks of storage capacity are not provided on site. Please clarify this conflicting information by providing wash water information as follows:

- i. Confirm the capacity of the tanks (total capacity minus the freeboard);
- ii. Clarify how the 26 weeks' storage capacity requirement will be met; and
- iii. If the storage capacity is to be supplemented by off-site storage, identify the type, capacity and location of the off-site storage.

In order to assist you in compiling this information, a table has been provided. Complete Table 1 appropriately.

Table 1:

<b>Wash water</b>	<b>Proposed Activity</b>
Number of wash water tanks	
Capacity of <u>each</u> wash water tank (m <sup>3</sup> ) (total capacity minus the freeboard)	
Type, location and total capacity of off-site storage (m <sup>3</sup> ) (total capacity minus the freeboard).	
Number of weeks of wash water storage available	

b) **Organic fertiliser:** In relation to poultry litter produced by the activity, conflicting information has been provided in the application on how poultry litter will be managed with both landspreading and composting being referred to individually in different sections of the application.

- i. Confirm whether all poultry litter for the existing activity is going for landspreading or composting or both.
- ii. Confirm how poultry litter from the proposed activity will be managed.
- iii. Clarify that there will be no landspreading of organic fertiliser (poultry litter or wash water) from the activity within the site boundary.
- iv. Provide an updated letter from the contractor who will remove the poultry litter from the installation. The letter provided as part of the application refers to a development of one poultry house whereas the application being reviewed by the EPA is for two houses. This letter should include the following:
  - 1. The contractor's DAFM registration details;
  - 2. The destination/use of the poultry litter;

3. Confirmation if the contractor will remove **all** poultry litter from the installation; and
4. Assurance that the transport of poultry litter will be in accordance with the Animal By-product Regulations

**9. Water Supply:** In the application, there is contradictory information provided regarding water sources and expected usage quantity. With regards to the water supply for the installation, provide the following:

- a) Clarify the total expected annual water usage for the activity,
- b) Clarify the proposed sources of water to be used for the activity and the quantity of water usage expected per annum from each source;
- c) Clarify the location(s) on the site map, including the grid reference of any existing/proposed groundwater well(s). If a private well is utilised and is inside the site boundary, submit any monitoring results available.
- d) Provide the name of the Group Water Scheme, if applicable.

In addition to the above, please also provide an updated non-technical summary (Application Form, and EIAR where applicable) to reflect the information provided in your reply, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

The requested information should be submitted to the Agency within *8 weeks* of the date of this notice, in order to allow the Agency to process and determine your application.

It should be noted that the eight-week period within which the Agency is to decide the proposed determination will commence on the day on which this notice has been complied with. If you have any further queries please contact [licensing@epa.ie](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

In the case where any drawings already submitted are subject to revision consequent on this request, a revised drawing should be prepared in each case. It is not sufficient to annotate the original drawing with a textual correction. Where such revised drawings are submitted, provide a list of drawing titles, drawing numbers and revision status, which correlates the revised drawings with the superseded versions.

Your response to this request is to be submitted via EDEN. Guidance on how to use this portal is available on the EPA website at [IE Licence application guidance | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#).

Please direct any queries to [licensing@epa.ie](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

Yours faithfully,

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