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Mr. Paraic Fay

On behalf of Knockronaghan Farm Limited

12 July 2023

Reg. No.: P1160-01

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

Dear Mr. Fay,

I refer to the application for a licence received by the EPA on 10 September 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. With regards to planning permission 18/444:
 - i. Confirm whether any development works were completed; and
 - ii. If so, provide details on the extent of the development works.
- b. With regards to planning permission 19/27:
 - i. Confirm the current status of the development works for each of the three poultry houses;
 - ii. Where development works have been completed, confirm the associated maximum animal numbers per poultry house; and
 - iii. Where the development works have not yet been completed, provide a proposed development schedule for construction works on site.

2. Stormwater:

- a. Provide a map outlining the surface water pathway(s) between storm water discharge points and the local land drains/watercourses; and
- b. Update the site plan to include an indicative location and labelling of the storm water discharge points.

3. Appropriate Assessment:

- a. Clarify whether any of the poultry houses were operational in May 2021, prior to the publication of the EPA’s guidance document “*Assessment of the impact of ammonia and nitrogen on Natura 2000 sites from Intensive Agriculture Installations*” and provide the following supporting information:
 - i. Confirm the date that each of the existing house(s) was first stocked;
 - ii. The corresponding number of birds per house; and
 - iii. Documented evidence to support this in the form of dated receipts from the processor of receipt of broilers for slaughter from this farm.
- b. Provide confirmation from an engineer that the housing systems to be fitted in the applicable animal houses can be retrofitted/installed to meet the housing standard specifications.

4. Poultry Litter:

- a. Provide an updated letter from the contractor who will remove the litter from the installation confirming their agreement with the applicant. This letter should include the following:
 - i. The contractor’s DAFM registration details;
 - ii. The destination/use of the poultry litter;
 - iii. Confirmation that the contractor will remove all poultry litter from the installation; and
 - iv. Assurance that the transport of poultry litter will be in accordance with the Animal By-product Regulations.
- b. Provide a copy of the Record 3 form (as required under Article 23 of the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017 as amended, for the previous year (2022).

5. Water Abstraction:

With regards to the water supply for the installation, provide the following:

- a. Clarify whether the well referred to in the application is existing or proposed.
- b. Clarify the location(s) including the grid reference of any existing/proposed groundwater well(s).

6. Wash water:

Sufficient detail has not been provided in relation to the wash water generated as part of the proposed activity. In order to assist you in compiling this information, a table has been provided. Complete Table 1 in full.

Table 1:

Wash water	Proposed
Number of wash water tanks	
Capacity of each wash water tank (m ³) (total capacity)	

minus the freeboard)	
Type, location and total capacity of off-site storage (m ³) (total capacity minus the freeboard)	
Number of weeks of wash water storage available	

In addition to the above, please also provide an updated non-technical summary (Application Form, and EIS 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.

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.

Yours faithfully,
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