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Mr. Jason McGrath  
On behalf of Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited

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Reg. No.: P0447-02

Further Notice under the EPA (Industrial Emissions) (Licensing) Regulations 2013, in respect of a licence review from Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited for an installation located at Ashleigh House, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, County Waterford, X35 T181

Dear Mr. McGrath,

I refer to the EPA's notice of 23 June 2023 requesting further 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. An explanation has not been provided for the low ratio of weaners to sows at the proposed stocking level. At the proposed number of 900 sows and 2,200 weaners, there is a ratio of 2.4 weaners per sow, approximately half the value observed at comparable installations, including the Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited installation with licence ref. no. P1096-01.

You are required to provide an explanation for the weaner to sows ratio at the proposed stocking level and provide documentation to support your explanation where available.

2. The stock numbers on which the assessment described in the EIS submitted with this application (and the application for the existing licence, P0447-01) are given in Table 1, as are the proposed stocking numbers. The environmental impact of a production pig (finisher) is significantly higher than that of a weaner. Therefore, an environmental impact assessment (EIA) of the installation at the proposed stocking rate has yet to be carried out.

Submit an EIAR for the installation at the proposed stocking capacity, to include an assessment of the likely impacts of the installation's increased odour and ammonia emissions.

**Table 1.**

<i>Pig category</i>	<i>Sows</i>	<i>Weaners</i>	<i>Production pigs (finishers, fattening pigs)</i>	<i>Boars</i>	<i>Maiden gilts</i>
<b>EIS</b>	900	3,100	4,500	20	65
<b>Proposed</b>	900	2,200	5,500	NA	NA

3. Any new stormwater sampling point must be located within the site boundary. Revise the location of either the proposed sampling point or the site boundary accordingly.

With a view to advancing this application for determination, the above-mentioned information should be submitted to the EPA by **8 weeks**.

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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