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Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability

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Re: Section 87(3) of EPA Act 1992 as amended in respect of licence review from Milltown Composting Systems Ltd for an installation located at Miltownmore, Fethard, County Tipperary.

To whom it concerns,

We refer to the recent request by the Agency on June 28th for a further extension of the appropriate period by which the Agency must issue a proposed determination to 29th of October 2024 in accordance with Regulation 14(2) of the EPA (Industrial Emissions)(Licensing) Regulations 2013. This is the third extension period sought by the Agency to assess the licence review application since the initial request for a 4 month extension was requested by the Agency on February 15th 2024. This latest extension request to October 29th would bring it more than 8.5 months beyond the initial expected assessment period for the licence review and another 4 months beyond the initial extension that was sought in February 2024 to 14th June 2024.

The licence review application for Milltown Composting has been in process since 2022. The licence review application has been submitted to the Agency since March 2023 and the final planning decision on the site has been submitted to the Agency since December 13th 2023. The continued delay in processing the licence review application is having significant operational, planning and financial impacts on the business in what is a very unpredictable marketplace. Milltown Composting are very keen to progress his review as quickly as possible and so would prefer to not extend the appropriate time period out to October 29th, 2024. To allow the Agency some additional time to process the application Milltown Composting will again reluctantly agree to an extension to September 6th, 2024. This gives the Agency a further 6 weeks to assess the licence review application. However, Milltown are not prepared to extend beyond this date as the continued delays on this matter are having very real and significant impacts on the company's ability to forward plan in terms of existing and future contracts in what is a very volatile sector.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Neil Barry, David Ronan – Milltown Composting Systems Ltd.