Extract from the Minutes of the 615th Licensing Meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency, held on 20th April 2010 at Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford

5. Objection to Proposed Determination of an Application for an IPPC Licence

Licensee: Western Brand Group Limited
Knock Road
Ballyhaunis
County Mayo
Register of Licence No: P0831-01

The Directors considered the following documentation: Proposed Determination issued on 27 November 2009; one First Party objection and the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee, Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

P Byrne gave a verbal presentation.

**Technical Committee Report**

The Directors noted the Technical Committee Report and approved the recommendations of the Technical Committee with the following amendments:

**A.1, A.2 and A.3 – Schedule B.2 Emissions to Water Volume Flow**

The Directors recommended that the maximum volume of effluent to be emitted is increased to 570 m³/day.

**A.2 - Ammonia Emission Limit Values**

The Directors recommended that there is no reduction in the emission limit value for ammonia from 1 June 2010.

6.14.2 The Directors recommended that the 1st sentence is amended to read: The report on the investigation shall include proposed trigger and action levels for discharges from SW1 and any other recommendations, including changes to the emission limit value and discharge load for ammonia, required to protect groundwater.

**A.6 – Schedule C.2.1 Control of Emissions to Water**

Amend monitoring frequency for Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids, Sludge Volume Index and F/M ratio to twice-weekly.

**A.7, A.8, A.9 and A.10 – Schedule C.2.2 Monitoring of Emissions to Water**

The Directors recommended a reduction in the number of control parameters and reduced frequency of monitoring. It was noted that the Technical Committee will review Schedule C.2.2 with L Burke, Director, OCLR.

**A.11 – Schedule C.2.3 Monitoring of Storm Water Emissions**
The Directors recommended a reduction in the frequency of monitoring. It was noted that the Technical Committee will review Schedule C.2.3 with L Burke, Director, OCLR.

**A.17 – Condition 3.8**
The Directors recommended that the requirement to direct all storm water through an oil separator in advance of discharge is not necessary.

**A.19 – Condition 3.14**
The Directors recommended that condition 3.14 is amended to read:
Within six months of date of grant of this licence, all discharges of trade effluent shall receive tertiary treatment, *to meet the emission limit values specified in Schedule B.2*, as a minimum prior to discharge including:

(i) Ferric Sulphate dosing or equivalent as agreed by the Agency.
(ii) Sand Filtration or equivalent as agreed by the Agency prior installation.
(iii) UV Treatment or equivalent as agreed by the Agency prior to installation.
(iv) Any other equipment necessary to meet emission limit values as specified in Schedule B.2. Emissions to Water of this licence.

**A.21 – Condition 5.5**
The Directors recommended that condition 5.5 is amended to read: Within *six months* of the date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall submit an odour management programme, for the agreement of the Agency, with timeframes for the implementation of the recommendations of the ‘Odour Assessment of Western Brand Chicken Processing and Waste Water Treatment Facility’ report. *The odour management programme shall be implemented within twelve months of date of grant of licence.*

**A.26 – Condition 8.8**
The Directors requested clarification that this is the standard condition for this sector.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant a licence, as modified, to Western Brand Group Limited for their facility at Knock Road, Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, Register of Licence No P0831-01, subject to the conditions as set out in the licence.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 10 November 2009**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November were approved with the following amendments to:

- Item 3(i) regarding the IPPC Licence Application relating to Western Brand Group Ltd, Register of Licence No P0831-01:

  **Recommended Determination**

  **Introduction**

  Insert new 4th paragraph to read: Condition 3.14 of the licence requires an upgrade of the WWTP from secondary to tertiary treatment. Condition 6.14 of the licence requires the licensee to monitor the receiving environment to ensure the discharge is not having a deleterious effect on the receiving waters. These measures will aid in achieving the target of good water quality by 2015 under the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC).

  **Condition**

  3.14 Amend this condition to detail equipment required for tertiary treatment and include requirement for any other equipment necessary to meet emission limit values as specified in Schedule B2.
3. **Recommended Determination of an Application for an IPPC Licence**

   (i) **Licensee:** Western Brand Group Limited  
       Knock Rd  
       Ballyhaunis  
       Co Mayo  
       *Register of Licence No:* P0831-01

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use that the Agency approve the Recommended Determination to grant an IPPC Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Determination; one Third Party submission; and summary report of the Inspector.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

F Clinton gave a verbal presentation.

**Inspector’s Report**

The Directors noted the Inspector’s Report. The Directors sought clarification regarding the current emissions (limits and volumes) from the plant.

**Recommended Determination**

*Introduction*

Amend 2nd paragraph to read: Western Brand Group Ltd. is a producer and processor of poultry products and commenced operation in Ballyhaunis in 1958. *This licence relates to the processing of poultry. The company takes in over 200,000 live chickens per week and produces 300 tonnes of fresh and frozen whole chickens, chicken portions and added value products per week.*

Amend 1st sentence in 3rd paragraph to read: The Western Brand installation is located 5km from Ballyhaunis town and operates 24 hours a day, five days a week.

Insert new 4th paragraph to read: *Condition 3.15 of the licence requires an upgrade of the WWTP from secondary to tertiary treatment.*

*Condition*

3.14 Amend this condition to detail equipment required for tertiary treatment and include any other equipment necessary to meet emission limit values as specified in Schedule B2.

3.15 Delete this condition and renumber conditions 3.16 through to 3.18 accordingly.

5.5 Amend to read: *Within 3 months of the date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall submit an odour management programme, for the*
agreement of the Agency, with timeframes for the implementation of the recommendations of the 'Odour Assessment of Western Brand Chicken Processing and Waste Water Treatment Facility' report. The recommendations are to be implemented within 12 months of date of grant of licence.

5.6 Insert new condition to read: The odour management programme shall be reviewed annually and amendments thereto notified to the Agency for agreement as part of the Annual Environmental Report (AER). A report on the programme, including the success in controlling odour emissions from the site, shall be prepared and submitted to the Agency as part of the AER.

5.7 Insert new condition requiring a new odour assessment within 6 months of the submission of the first AER.

6.14 Ground Water – Amend to read:

6.14.1 The licensee shall, within nine months of date of grant of this licence, have carried out, by an appropriately qualified consultant/professional, a comprehensive hydrogeological investigation of the installation site, the Marsh Area and the discharge of treated waste water from the site. The scope, detail and programme, including report structure and reporting schedule, for this investigation shall take account of a proposal submitted with the IPPC licence application, entitled 'Hydrogeological Study of Potential Impact of Treated Waste Water on Ground Water at Western Brand Group Ltd.'. Within two months of date of grant of this licence, the licensee shall submit a proposal to the Agency for the establishment of groundwater monitoring locations to facilitate this investigation. The licensee shall ensure that groundwater monitoring well sampling equipment is available/in stalled on-site within four months of date of grant of licence and is fit for purpose at all times. The sampling equipment shall be to Agency specifications.

6.14.2 The report on this investigation shall include proposed trigger and action levels for discharges from SW1 and any other recommendations required to protect groundwater. Any recommendations arising from a report or reports on this investigation must be submitted to the Agency for agreement and shall include proposed dates for implementation of the recommendations.

6.14.3 The licensee shall submit a proposal for the transportation of trade effluent for appropriate treatment at an alternative location, where action levels agreed under Condition 6.1.2 have been exceeded.

6.14.4 The licensee shall, within six months of date of grant of this licence, submit a proposal to the Agency for the establishment of permanent surface water and groundwater monitoring locations to monitor the impact of discharges from SW1 on the Marsh Area. Those monitoring locations specified in the 'Hydrogeological Study of Potential Impact of Treated Waste Water on Ground Water at Western Brand Group Ltd.' shall be included in this proposal. The licensee shall ensure that groundwater monitoring well sampling equipment is available/installed on-site and is fit for purpose at all times. The sampling equipment shall be to Agency specifications.
6.15 Delete existing condition 6.15 and renumber conditions 6.16 through to 6.19 accordingly.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant a licence, as modified, to Western Brand Group Ltd for their facility at Knock Road, Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo, Register of Licence No P0831-01, subject to the conditions as set out in the licence.