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Application Number: PA/04360/15
Application Type: Amended development permission
Date Received: 3 September 2015
Approved Documents: PA 4360/15/1A/1E/38A/38B/38C; and supporting document:
National Commission Persons with Disability: PA 4360/15/28A.

Location: Factory HF60, Qasam Industrijali, Birzebbugia, Malta
Proposal: Renewal of approved permit PA6006/06 (additional storey onto office block - factory hf60) and including minor alterations approved layouts.

Environment and Development Planning Act, 2010 Full Development Permission

The Malta Environment & Planning Authority hereby amends development permission granted in application number PA 6006/06, in accordance with the application and documents described above, subject to the following conditions:

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 - a) This development permission is valid for a period of FIVE YEARS from the date of publication of the decision in the press but will cease to be valid if the development is not completed by the end of this validity period.
 - b) This permission relates only to the development as specifically indicated on the approved drawings. This permission does not sanction any other illegal development that may exist on the site.
 - c) Copies of all approved drawings and documents shall be available for inspection on site by MEPA staff at all reasonable times. All works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved drawings, documents and conditions of this permission. Where a matter is not specified, then the conditions of this permission and of Development Control Policy and Design Guidance shall take precedence and shall modify the drawings and documents accordingly.
 - d) Where applicable, all building works shall be erected in accordance with the official alignment and official/existing finished road levels as set out on site by MEPA's Land Surveyor. The Setting Out Request Notice must be submitted to the Land Survey Unit of MEPA when the setting out of the alignment and levels is required.

e) Where an officially schemed street, within the development zone, bordering the site is unopened or unformed, it shall be opened up and brought up to its proper, approved and official formation levels prior to the commencement of any development hereby being permitted.

f) Before any part of the development hereby permitted commences, the enclosed green copy of this development permission shall be displayed on the site. This must be mounted on a notice board, suitably protected from the weather and located not more than 2 metres above ground level at a point on the site boundary where it is clearly visible and can be easily read from the street. The copy of the permission must be maintained in a good condition and it shall remain displayed on the site until the works are complete.

g) A Commencement Notice is to be submitted to MEPA at least FIVE DAYS prior to the date of commencement of the development hereby approved. Failure to serve the Commencement Notice or to serve it within the required timeframe shall result in the imposition of fines according to Schedule D of Legal Notice 277 of 2012, or its amendments, or its replacements.

h) Where applicable, the development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, Legal Notice 295 of 2007 (or subsequent amendments). Any hoarding shall be erected in accordance with Schedule 2 of the same Regulations.

i) All new developments shall conform to the Technical Guidance: Conservation of Fuel, Energy and Natural Resources - Document F [published through Government Notice 1002 of 2006 and any amendments thereto which are prevailing at the time of construction of the development].

j) The height of the development shall not exceed the permitted number of floors and the height in metres as indicated on the approved drawings.

k) Air conditioning units shall not be located on the facades of the building which are visible from a public space/street.

l) There shall be no service pipes, cables or wires visible on the front elevation or on any other elevations of the building which are visible from the street or public space.

2 a) The facades of the building shall be constructed in local unrendered and unpainted stone, except where other materials/finishes are indicated on the approved drawings. Facades indicated to be rendered/finished other than in local stone, are to be painted in local stone colour, unless other colours are indicated on the approved drawings.

b) All external apertures shall not be in gold, silver or bronze aluminium.

c) All services located on the roof of the building shall be clustered together and surrounded by a 1.5 metres high non-solid screen. The services shall not exceed the height of this screen, which shall be set back 2 metres from the front and back edges of the roof of the underlying structures.

3 a) The approved premises shall be used as indicated on the approved drawings or as limited by any condition of this permission. If a change of use is permitted through the Development Planning (Use Classes) Order, 2014 (or its subsequent amendments), and it

is not restricted by a condition of this permission, approval from the National Commission for Persons with Disability may still be required. Reference needs to be made to MEPA Circular 3/10 (with the exception of Appendix A), MEPA Circular 2/14 and their subsequent amendments.

b) No activity is to take place outside the premises, unless clearly indicated on the approved drawings, and no crates or other items are to be stored outside. The placing/installation of any structures or facilities in front of the premises, unless indicated on the approved drawings, must be the subject of a separate clearance/permission from MEPA.

- 4 The development hereby permitted shall be subject to Final Compliance (Completion) Certification, verifying that the development has been carried out in full accordance with the approved drawings, documents and conditions imposed in this development permission. Prior to the issuing of the Final Compliance Certificate for this development, the applicant shall submit to MEPA a clearance from the National Commission for Persons with Disability verifying that the development fully satisfies the accessibility standards and/or any conditions imposed by the Commission in its Accessibility Audit report PA 4360/15/28A.

Should a partial compliance certificate be requested, a Bank Guarantee of EUR 10,000 shall be imposed to ensure that clearance is obtained from the National Commission Persons with Disability.

A third party may have the right of appeal against this permission. Any action taken on this permission when such an appeal has been made, or until the time limit for the submission of such an appeal has expired, is undertaken at the risk that this permission may be revoked by the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal or quashed by the Court of Appeal.

Where the approved drawings and/or documents are dimensioned, then the declared dimensions shall prevail over the actual size as depicted on the approved drawings and/or documents.

Developers are advised to check the invert level to the sewer main with the Water Services Corporation as they would have to make their own arrangements where a gravity service connection is not possible. In these cases, the architect has to indicate the solutions envisaged and to indicate on the plan what needs to be carried out and obtain approval from WSC. Developers are further reminded that connection of storm water into main sewers is not allowed.

If the declaration of ownership, as contained in the application form, is determined as incorrect by a Court of Law, then the said Court of Law can declare this development permission as null and void. This development permission does not remove or replace the need to obtain the consent of the land/building owner to this development before it is carried out. Furthermore, it does not imply that consent will necessarily be forthcoming nor does it bind the land/building owner to agree to this development. Where the land/building is owned or administered by the Government of Malta a specific clearance and agreement must be obtained for this development from the Land and/or Estate Management Departments.

This development permission is granted saving third party rights. This permission does not exonerate
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the applicant from obtaining any other necessary permission, license, clearance or approval required from any Government department, local council, agency or authority (including MEPA), as required by any law or regulation.

This development permit does not authorise any storage of substances listed in Occupational Health and Safety Authority Act (Cap. 424) - Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations, 2003, as amended, in quantities that would render this site an establishment within scope of these regulations. The storage and handling of said substances may require a new or amended development permission in line with current policies and regulations.

For any non-residential uses hereby being approved, prior to commencement of any works on site or any eventual permitted change of use, the applicant shall be required to contact the Environment Protection Directorate (within MEPA) to obtain any necessary operational permit or registration. This requirement does not apply to Class 2B, 2C, 4A and 4B uses as listed in the Development Planning (Use Classes) Order 2014, or its subsequent amendments.

This decision is being published on 9 March 2016.

Claudine Faure
Head EPC Secretariat
Environment and Planning Commission

Notes to Applicant and Perit

Right for reconsideration

Where applicable, you have a right to submit a request for reconsideration to the Authority in terms of regulation 10 of Legal Notice 514 of 2010.

Right for appeal

You have a right to submit an appeal, against the decision, to the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal in terms of article 41 and the Second Schedule of the Environment and Development Planning Act, 2010.

Time limits

Requests for reconsideration or appeals must be made within 30 days from the publication of the decision notification in the local press as required by regulation 6(6) of Legal Notice 514 of 2010.

Fees to submit a request for reconsideration or appeal

In either case, there is a fee to be paid which should accompany the request for reconsideration or the appeal. The fees are as follows:

For reconsideration - 3% of the Development Permit Fee paid in respect of the original application, subject to a minimum of €69.88.

For appeal - 5% of the Development Permit Fee paid in respect of the original application, subject to a minimum of €186.35.

Submission of request for reconsideration or appeal

With regards to requests for reconsideration, Form MEPA 6/10 must be used for submission. All fields of the Form must be filled in as appropriate. Requests for reconsideration can only be submitted electronically.

With regards to appeals, as required by the Second Schedule of the Act, the submission must include the detailed grounds for appeal and the requests being made by the appellant. Appeals must be submitted physically at the offices of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal, St. Francis Ditch, Floriana.

Submission of an appeal — General Services Board

If this application has been refused on sanitary issues, an appeal to the General Services Board may be submitted within one month from publication of Decision Notification on the press.

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