

Nru. 243**No. 243****AWTORITÀ GĦALL-AMBJENT U R-RIŻORSI
(ERA)****ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES
AUTHORITY****Notifika dwar l-Eżenzjoni minn Dikjarazzjoni dwar
l-Ippjanar Ambjentali****Notification of Exemption from Environmental
Planning Statement**

Bi qbil mar-Regolament 3(8) tar-Regolamenti tal-2007 dwar l-Istima tal-Impatt fuq l-Ambjent (L.S. 549.46) fir-rigward tal-applikazzjoni msemmija hawn taht, l-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi jidhrilha li l-proposta mhux probabbli li tirriżulta f'impatti ambjentali li jistgħu jiġu indirizzati b'mod effettiv fl-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali. Għalhekk, id-Direttur jaqbel li l-proposta ma tehtiġx Dikjarazzjoni dwar l-Ippjanar Ambjentali (EPS). Dan huwa mingħajr preġudizzju għall-obbligi ambjentali li huma speċifikati fil-kundizzjonijiet tal-proġett propost.

In conformity with Regulation 3(8) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2007 (S.L. 549.46) with respect to the application mentioned hereunder, the Environment and Resources Authority has determined that the proposal is unlikely to result in environmental impacts that can be effectively addressed in an Environmental Impact Assessment. Therefore, the Director agrees that the proposal does not require the preparation of an Environmental Planning Statement (EPS). This is without prejudice to the environmental obligations being specified in the proposed project conditions.

Id-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li giet ipprezentata bħala parti mill-applikazzjoni kkunsidrat b'mod suffiċjenti l-kwistjonijiet li jolqtu l-ambjent u għaldaqstant it-thejjija ta' Dikjarazzjoni dwar l-Ippjanar Ambjentali mhux se żżid informazzjoni ġdida peress li l-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi għandha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa sabiex tiddetermina l-applikazzjoni kif ġie konkluz fl-*screening* tal-proġett skont l-Iskeda IB tal-istess Regolamenti.

The Project Description Statement (PDS) presented as part of the application has considered the environmental issues in a sufficient manner such that the preparation of an EPS would not add any new information and the Environment and Resources Authority has all the necessary information to determine the application as concluded in the project screening according to Schedule IB of the same Regulations.

Ġustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taht:

A detailed justification is presented below:

Numru ta' Riferenza: PA 02540/16 (EA 00015/16)
Post: Art f'(Barriera), Tas-Salvatur,
Is-Sigġiewi, Malta

Reference Number: PA 02540/16 (EA 00015/16)
Location: Site at (Quarry), Tas-Salvatur,
Sigġiewi, Malta

Proposta: Reabilitazzjoni ta' barriera
f'mahžen Klassi 6a

Proposal: Rehabilitation of spent quarry into
storage area class 6a

Dawn l-effetti potenzjali fuq l-ambjent, flimkien ma' numru ta' mizuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, ġew identifikati fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS). Il-PDS flimkien mal-ġustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali ġew sottomessi lill-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi fis-27 ta' April, 2016, u t-12 ta' Jannar, 2017, rispettivament.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified and mitigation measures proposed in the Project Description Statement (PDS). The PDS together with the justification for the exemption from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were submitted to the Environment and Resources Authority on the 27th April, 2016, and 12th January, 2017, respectively.

**Impatti potenzjali
Potential Impact****Rimarki fuq mizura biex jittaffa l-impatt, eċċ.
Remarks on mitigation measures, etc.**

Użu tal-art

Peress li s-sit huwa diġà mharbat, l-iżvilupp propost inkuż l-operat tiegħu mhux mistenni li jhalli impatt sinifikanti fuq il-kundizzjonijiet fiżiċi tas-sit.

Land use

Given that the site is already disturbed, the proposed development including its operations is not expected to exert any significant environmental impacts on the physical properties of the site.

L-impatt fuq l-idroloġija u l-idrogeoloġija u kontaminazzjoni tal-art	Prattiki ta' kostruzzjoni tajba skont ir-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġjar Ambjentali tas-Sit tal-Kostruzzjoni, 2007 (S.L. 552.09) se jiġu implimentati sabiex jiġi mnaqqas kull impatt potenzjali matul il-kostruzzjoni. L-ebda impatt sinifikanti mhu mistenni matul l-operat meta jiġi kkunsidrat li kwalunkwe impatt possibbli jista' jiġi mitigat biżżejjed bl-implimentazzjoni ta' miżuri ta' mitigazzjoni li jinkludu l-art tal-konkrit impermeabbli, separatur taż-żejt u tal-ilma, ġbir ta' żejt u batteriji ġo <i>bunded pallets</i> , u <i>spill kits</i> f'każ ta' emerġenza.
<i>Impact on hydrology and hydrogeology and land contamination</i>	<i>Good construction practices in accordance with the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, 2007 (S.L. 552.09) will be followed to minimise any potential impacts during construction. No significant impacts are envisaged during operation when considering that any possible impacts may be sufficiently mitigated through the application of mitigation measures including impermeable concrete flooring, an oil/waste separator, collection of spent oils and batteries in bundled pallets and the keeping of spill kits on site in case of emergencies.</i>
Impatt fuq il-kwalità tal-arja u l-impatti minn storbju u vibrazzjonijiet	Livelli tat-tniġġis mill-arja, l-istorbju u vibrazzjonijiet iġġenerati matul it-tindif tas-sit, tħaffir u kostruzzjoni tal-iskema mhumiex mistennija li jkunu sinifikanti meta jiġi kkunsidrat in-natura u l-lokalità tal-proposta. Prattiki ta' kostruzzjoni tajba skont ir-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġjar Ambjentali tas-Siti tal-Kostruzzjoni, 2007 (S.L. 552.09) se jiġu implimentati sabiex jittaffa kwalunkwe impatt probabbli. Il-miżuri ta' mitigazzjoni proposti fil-PDS, bħal vetturi li jkunu fi stat ta' tiswija tajba u bl- <i>acoustic suppression</i> installat, huma immirati lejn it-tnaqqis ta' kwalunkwe effett probabbli u sinifikanti fuq l-ambjent. Barra minn hekk, l-iżvilupp jinsab ġo barriera taht il-livell tat-triq u dan għandu jtaffi aktar xi impatti mill-istorbju tal-proposta.
<i>Impact on air quality and impacts from noise and vibrations</i>	<i>The amount of air emissions, noise and vibrations generated during site clearance, excavations and construction of the scheme are not expected to be significant given the nature and location of the proposal. Good construction practices in accordance with the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, 2007 (S.L. 552.09) will be implemented to mitigate any likely impacts. The mitigation measures proposed in the PDS, such as the keeping of well-serviced vehicles fitted with appropriate acoustic suppression are aimed at reducing any likely significant effects on the environment. Additionally, the development will be located within a spent quarry below street level, which should further mitigate some of the noise impacts envisaged.</i>
Immaniġġjar tal-iskart	L-ebda impatt sinifikanti mhuwa mistenni meta tikkunsidra li kwalunkwe impatt probabbli jista' jkun mitigat bil-prattiki ta' kostruzzjoni tajba skont ir-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġjar Ambjentali tas-Siti tal-Kostruzzjoni, 2007 (S.L. 552.09).
<i>Waste management</i>	<i>No significant impacts are envisaged when considering that any possible impacts may be sufficiently mitigated through the provisions laid down in the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, 2007 (S.L. 552.09).</i>

Minkejja dak li jissemma hawn fuq, l-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi żżomm id-dritt li titlob lill-applikant li jissottometti informazzjoni oħra kif ikun meħtieġ biex tinforma l-proċess tad-deċiżjoni.

Notwithstanding the above, the Environment and Resources Authority reserves the right to request the applicant to submit additional information as may be necessary to inform the decision making process.