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AWTORITÀ GĦALL-AMBJENT U R-RIŻORSI
(ERA)ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES
AUTHORITYNotifika dwar l-Eżenzjoni minn Dikjarazzjoni dwar
l-Ippjanar AmbjentaliNotification of Exemption from Environmental
Planning Statement

BI QBIL mar-Regolament 3(8) tar-Regolamenti tal-2007 dwar l-Istudju Dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali (L.S. 549.46) fir-rigward tal-proposta 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 għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi jaqbel li l-proposta ma teħtiġx Dikjarazzjoni dwar l-Ippjanar Ambjentali. Dan huwa mingħajr preġudizzju għal kwalunkwe obbligu ambjentali.

IN conformity with Regulation 3(8) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2007 (S.L. 549.46) with respect to the proposal 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 of Environment and Resources agrees that the proposal does not require the preparation of an Environmental Planning Statement (EPS). This is without prejudice to any other environmental obligations.

Id-Dikjarazzjoni tal-Metodu tar-Restawr li ġiet ippreżentata bħala parti mill-proposta kkunsidrat b'mod suffiċjenti l-kwistjonijiet li jolqtu l-ambjent u għaldaqstant it-tnejn 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 tiddeċiedi dwar din l-applikazzjoni kif ġie konkluz fl-*screening* tal-proġett skont l-Iskeda IB tal-istess Regolamenti.

The Restoration Method Statement presented as part of the proposal 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.

Gustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taht:

A detailed justification is presented below:

Numru ta' Riferenza: EA 00013/17
Post: Sit fil-Qasam il-Kbir, is-Sigġiewi
Proposta: Dikjarazzjoni tal-Metodu tar-Restawr – Riabilitazzjoni ta' barriera tal-qawwi eżistenti li tinsab fil-Qasam il-Kbir.

Reference Number: EA 00013/17
Location: Site at il-Qasam il-Kbir, Sigġiewi
Proposal: Restoration Method Statement – Rehabilitation of existing hard stone quarry located at il-Qasam il-Kbir.

Dawn l-effetti potenzjali fuq l-ambjent, flimkien ma' numru ta' miżuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, ġew identifikati fid-dikjarazzjoni tal-metodu tar-restawr sottomessa lill-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi fis-26 ta' April, 2017, u mill-gustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali sottomessa fit-3 ta' Mejju, 2017.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified through the restoration method statement submitted to ERA on the 26th April, 2017, and from the justification for exemption from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted on the 3rd May 2017.

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

Użu tal-art

Is-sit, se jiġi restawrat biex ikun kompatibbli mal-bqija tal-pajsaġġ eżistenti, permezz tad-depożizzjoni ta' materjal inert u tal-bini u twaqqiġh.

Land use

The site will be restored to be compatible with the existing surrounding landscape, through the deposition of inert material and construction and demolition waste.

Impatt viżiv

Is-sit jiffirma parti minn Żona ta' Pajsaġġ ta' Valur Għoli, għalhekk huwa importanti li l-isfreġu fil-pajsaġġ li hemm preżenti bħalissa jiġi mmitigat sewwa. Il-livelli finali se jsegwu t-topografija generali u l-kontorni naturali tal-pajsaġġ tal-madwar. L-użu finali tas-sit se jkun suġġett għal permess ta' żvilupp u se jkun konformi mal-pjan ta' ġestjoni rilevanti għas-sit tan-Natura 2000.

<i>Visual amenity</i>	<i>The site forms part of an Area of High Landscape Value, thus it is important that the landscape scar currently present is well mitigated. The finished levels will follow the general topography and natural contours of the surrounding landscape. The final use of the site will be subject to a development permit and will be in line with the relevant management plan for the Natura 2000 site.</i>
Impatti fuq il-kwalità tal-arja, storbju u vibrazzjonijiet	<p>Impatti fuq kwalità tal-arja, mill-istorbju u l-vibrazzjoni matul il-proċess ta' rdim huma mistennija li jkunu limitati għal attivitajiet tipikament assoċjati ma' attivitajiet ta' rdim u limitati għall-madwar immedjat. Il-proposta mhix mistennija li jkollha impatt sinifikanti fuq l-istorbju minhabba li l-operat huwa limitat għall-barriera li tinstab taht il-livell tat-triq. Kull hoss se jiġi mtaffi/rifless mill-ħitan tal-barriera nfushom.</p> <p>Wara r-restawr, il-proġett se jkollu impatt sinifikanti ta' benefiċċju fuq is-sit u l-ambjent tal-madwar peress li l-barriera se tiġi restawrata.</p> <p>Il-kwalità tal-arja, l-istorbju u l-impatti relatati ma' vibrazzjoni waqt restawr jistgħu jittaffew aktar permezz tal-applikazzjoni ta' miżuri ta' mitigazzjoni identifikati fid-Dikjarazzjoni tal-Metodu tar-Restawr u fil-permess ambjentali.</p>
<i>Air quality, noise and vibrations</i>	<p><i>Impacts on air quality, noise and vibration during the infilling process are expected to be limited to those typically associated with normal infilling activities and limited to the immediate surroundings. The proposal is not expected to have a significant impact on noise given that the operations are limited to the quarry void, below road level. Any noise will be screened/ reflected by the quarry walls themselves.</i></p> <p><i>After restoration, the project will have a significant beneficial impact on the site and its surrounding environment given that the quarry will be restored.</i></p> <p><i>Air quality, noise and vibrations related impacts during restoration can be further mitigated through the application of mitigation measures identified in the Restoration Method Statement and the environmental permit.</i></p>
Kwalità tal-ilma	Taħlita ta' miżuri standard ibbażati fuq disinn u l-operat għandhom ikunu biżżejjed biex jiżguraw li ma jkunx hemm riskji ta' kontaminazzjoni tal-art jew ilma minn rilaxx ta' sustanzi li jniġġsu. Huwa previst li dawn il-miżuri se jiġu integrati fil-permess. F'dan ir-rigward, l-impatti mhux meqjusa li jkunu sinifikanti.
<i>Water quality</i>	<i>A combination of standard design-based and operational measures should be sufficient to ensure that there are no risks of contamination of land or water from the release of pollutants. It is envisaged that such measures will be duly factored directly into the permitting mechanism. In this instance, the impact is not considered to be significant.</i>
Impatt permezz ta' dawl	Matul il-lejl, emissjonijiet mid-dawl huma mistennija li jkunu minimi minhabba li r-restawr tal-barriera (irdim) ser isir matul il-gurnata.
<i>Light pollution</i>	<i>During night time, minimal light emissions are expected to be generated given that quarry restoration (infilling) will take place during the day.</i>

Minkejja dak li jissemma hawn fuq, l-Awtorità għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi żżomm id-dritt li titlob lill-applikant li jissottometti informazzjoni addizzjonali kif jista' jkun meħtieġ.

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