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**L-AWTORITÀ TA' MALTA DWAR L-AMBJENT
U L-IPPJANAR**

**MALTA ENVIRONMENT
AND PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**Notifika dwar l-Eżenzjoni minn
Studju tal-Impatt Ambjentali**

**Notification of Exemption of
Environmental Planning Statement**

BI qbil mar-Regolament 3(8) tar-Regolamenti tal-2007 dwar l-Istima tal-Impatt fuq l-Ambjent (Avviż Legali 114 tal-2007), u minhabba li l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar jidhrilha li l-proposta mhux probabbli li jkollha impatti sinjifikanti fuq l-ambjent, id-Direttur għall-Harsien tal-Ambjent jaqbel li l-proposta ma teħtieġx Studju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali (EPS).

IN conformity with Regulation 3(8) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Legal Notice 114 of 2007), and in view of the fact that MEPA has determined that the proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts, the Director of Environment Protection agrees that the proposal does not require the preparation of an Environmental Planning Statement (EPS).

Id-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li giet ipprezentata bhala parti mill-applikazzjoni kkunsidrat b'mod suffiċjenti l-kwistjonijiet li jolqtu l-ambjent u għaldaqstant it-thejjija ta' studju dwar l-impatt ambjentali mhux se jżid informazzjoni ġdida peress li l-Awtorità għandha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa sabiex tiddeċiedi dwar din l-applikazzjoni. Skont l-informazzjoni li giet ipprezentata fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) u fil-valutazzjoni li saret skont l-Iskeda IB tal-istess Regolamenti, ma jidherx li l-proposta se jkollha impatti sinjifikanti fuq l-ambjent.

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 MEPA has all the necessary information to determine the application. From the information presented in the PDS and screening according to Schedule IB of the same Regulations, the proposal is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

Gustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taht:

A detailed justification is presented below:

Numru ta' Referenza: PA06188/08
Post: Gatt Development Ltd, Triq Borg Għarib, Għajnsielem
Proposta: Proposta biex jiġu akkomodati *prestressed elements* u faċilitajiet anċillari f'*batching plant* tal-konkos diġà kopert bil-permess *outline* PA05946/05, xogħol ta' *landscaping*, u s-sanzjonar tal-użu ta' Tarmac Plant f'Għajnsielem

Reference Number: PA06188/08
Location: Gatt Development Ltd, Triq Borg Għarib, Għajnsielem
Proposal: Proposed accommodation of pre-stressed elements and ancillary facilities in concrete batching plant already covered by outline per-mission PA05946/05, proposed landscaping work, and sanctionsanctioning of the Tarmac Plant use in Għajnsielem.

Dawn l-effetti potenzjali fuq l-ambjent, flimkien ma' numru ta' miżuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, ġew identifikati fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li kien sottomess lill-Awtorità fl-10 ta' Settembru 2013 u fil-gustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali li giet sottomessa fis-16 ta' Lulju 2014.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified and mitigation measures proposed in the Project Description Statement (PDS) submitted to MEPA on the 10th September 2013 and the justification for proposal from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted on 16th July 2014.

**Impatti potenzjali
Potential Impacts**

**Rimarki fuq miżuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, eċċ.
Remarks on mitigation measures, etc.**

Tniġġis tal-ilma tal-panjan u fil-wieċ

Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi identifikaw żewġ spieri ġewwa 300 metru mis-sit, u talbet is-sottomissjoni ta' rapport ta' valutazzjoni tar-riskji li jiddeskrivi r-riskji ta' tniġġis tal-ilma tal-panjan. Huwa mifhum li l-kummenti tal-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi u l-impatti waqt l-operat tas-sit se jittaffew u mmanigġati permezz ta' disinn adegwat, kondizzjonijiet operattivi, u monitoraġġ.

<i>Groundwater pollution and Surface Runoff</i>	<i>The Malta Resources Authority have identified the proximity of two boreholes within a 300 metre radius of the site, and requested the submission of a certified risk assessment report that outlines the potential threats to groundwater pollution. Operational phase impacts and concerns raised by the Malta Resources Authority will be further mitigated and adequately managed through a combination of standard design specifications, operational conditions, and monitoring parameters.</i>
Holqien ta' skart	L-ammont ta' skart solidu li x'aktarx jiġi ġġenerat mill-proġett kemm waqt il-bini kif ukoll waqt l-operat mhux se jkun sinifikanti, speċjalment meta wieħed iqis in-natura tal-proġett. L-iskart mill-operat se jkun ġestit permezz ta' permiss għall-operat.
<i>Waste generation</i>	<i>The amount of solid waste likely to be generated by the project during construction and operation is not likely to be significant considering the nature of the project. Operational waste will be managed through an environmental permit.</i>
Impatt fuq il-kwalità tal-arja	Huwa probabbli li jkun hemm trab waqt il-kostruzzjoni, u emissjonijiet ta' <i>Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)</i> minn vetturi tal-kostruzzjoni. Madankollu, l-ebda impatt sinifikanti ma huwa previst sakemm Regolamenti ta' l-2007 dwar l-Immaniġġar Ambjentali tas-Siti tal-Kostruzzjoni (Avviż Legali 295 tal-2007) huma rispettati. Trab huwa mistenni li jiġi ġġenerat mill- <i>asphalt plant</i> u mit-traffiku matul l-operat. Dan jista' jittaffa b' mod suffiċjenti permezz tad-disinn tal-impjant xieraq (li jinkludi, l-operat tal-industrija proposta tinzamm ġewwa, <i>dust filters</i> , tindif tas-sit mit-trab b' mod regolari, tixrib regolari tas-sit b' ilma u faċilità biex jinhaslu r-roti fid-daħla/hruġ tas-sit), immaniġġar adegwat tal-iskart u miżuri oħra li jistgħu jiġu mmaniġġati permezz ta' <i>operational permit</i> . <i>Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)</i> mit-traffiku operattiv mhux mistenni li jkun sinifikanti.
<i>Impact on air quality</i>	<i>During construction, fugitive dust from site clearance and excavation, and Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) emissions from construction vehicles are likely to be generated. However, no significant impact is envisaged as long as the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations (Legal Notice 295 of 2007) are adhered to. During operation, dust will be generated from the asphalt plant and from operational traffic. Dust generation during concrete production can be sufficiently abated through proper plant design (including, retaining industrial operations indoors, dust filters, regular sweeping, water spray and a wheel wash facility at the entrance/exit of the site), adequate waste management and other measures which could be managed through an operational permit. Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) from operational traffic is not expected to be significant.</i>
Storbju u vibrazzjonijiet	Storbju u vibrazzjoni waqt il-kostruzzjoni huwa assoċjat ma' dak li huwa tipiku ta' sit ta' kostruzzjoni. Matul l-operat, l-istorbju u vibrazzjonijiet se jiġu ġġenerati mill- <i>asphalt plant</i> , madankollu peress li l- <i>asphalt plant</i> jinstab fil-limiti ta' batching plant eżistenti, u f' distanza ta' madwar 200 metru miż-żona ta' żvilupp, l-istorbju ġġenerat jista' jittaffa u immaniġġati permezz ta' disinn adegwat, kondizzjonijiet operattivi, u monitoraġġ.
<i>Noise and vibrations</i>	<i>Noise and vibration during construction are expected to be limited to those typically associated with normal construction site activities. During operation, noise and vibrations will be generated by the asphalt plant, however given the location of the plant within the limits of an existing batching plant, and at a distance of approximately 200 meters from the development zone, the generated noise can be effectively mitigated through proper plant design and through additional measures which could be adopted through an operational permit.</i>
Impatt permezz ta' dawl	Emissjonijiet ta' dawl matul il-lejl mhux mistennija li jkollhom impatt partikolari meta mqabbla mas-sitwazzjoni diġà eżistenti. Barra minn hekk, l-impatti potenzjali jistgħu jitnaqqsu bl-użu ta' <i>down lighters</i> , u billi l-ammont ta' dawl matul il-lejl jitnaqqas għal-livelli minimi.
<i>Light pollution</i>	<i>Light emissions during night time is not likely to be significant over the current baseline situation. Furthermore, any potential impacts may be reduced with the use of down-lighters and minimisation of nocturnal lighting.</i>

Minkejja dak imsemmi hawn fuq, l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar iżzomm id-dritt li titlob lill-applikant li jissottometti informazzjoni oħra kif jista' jkun meħtieġ biex tiddeciedi l-applikazzjoni.

Notwithstanding the above, the Malta Environmental and Planning Authority reserve the right to request the applicant to submit additional information as may be necessary to determine the application.