

## Permit with Introductory Note

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549).

Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations (S.L. 549.76).

Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L. 549.77).

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Permit Number  
IP 0001/26

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## Introductory Note

The following Permit is issued under Regulation 7 of the “Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations”, S.L.549.76, to operate an installation carrying out activities covered by the description in Section 4.1 in Schedule 1 of the “Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations”, S.L.549.77, to the extent authorised by the Permit, i.e.

**“Production of organic chemicals, such as: (a) simple hydrocarbons (linear or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic or aromatic)”.**

Aspects of the operation of the installation which are not specifically regulated by conditions in the Permit may also be subject to the condition implied by Regulation 8 of the Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations, which require the Permit Holder to use the best available techniques for preventing or, where that is not practicable, reducing emissions from installation.

Conditions marked with a “∞” shall be construed as conditions which are to be enforced by the Authority responsible for such an issue.

Techniques include both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, managed, operated and decommissioned.

In some sections, the Permit Conditions require the Permit Holder to use Best Available Techniques (BAT), in each aspect of the management of the installation, to prevent and where that is not practicable to reduce emissions. These conditions do not explain what BAT is.

A non-technical description of the installation is given in the application, but the main activity of the installation is as follows:

### **Production of acetylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)**

Note that the Permit requires the submission of certain information to the Competent Authority. In addition, the Competent Authority has the power to seek further information at any time under Regulation 11 of the Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations, provided that it acts reasonably.

## Public Registers

This IPPC Permit and application is available to the public through the Competent Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations. Although certain information may be withheld from the public where it is commercially confidential or contrary to national security, this clause has not been applied to this application and the relevant documentation and permit.

## Variations to the Permit

This Permit may be varied/modified by the Authority at any time in the future. If the Permit Holder wants any of the Conditions of the Permit to be changed, a formal application must be submitted to the Competent Authority.

Any change in operations shall only be implemented following the granting of a variation of the permit by the Authority.

## Surrender of the Permit

Before this Permit can be wholly or partially surrendered, an application to surrender the Permit has to be made to the Competent Authority by the Permit Holder. For the application to be successful, the Permit Holder must be able to demonstrate to the Competent Authority that there is no pollution risk and that no further steps are required to return the site to a satisfactory state.

**Transfer of the Permit or part of the Permit**

The Authority may, on the joint application of a Permit Holder and a proposed transferee, transfer to the proposed transferee of the IPPC permit. The permit shall not be transferred from the Permit Holder without prior approval from the Authority. Upon the Authority's decision to transfer the permit to the transferee, all rights, obligations, liabilities shall subsist onto the transferee.

**End of Introductory Note**

## Permit

Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations, S.L. 549.76;  
Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations, S.L. 549.77;

Permit number  
**IP 0001/26**

Approved Documents:  
**IP 0001/26/32A**

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under Regulation 7 of the Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations, (S.L. 549.76), hereby authorises:

**Poligas Ltd.** (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”),  
Company Registration Number: **C 34853**

Whose Registered Office is at:

Polidano Group  
Hal Farrug Road,  
Luqa  
LQA 3078

To operate an installation at:

**Hal Farrug Road,**  
**Luqa**  
**LQA 3078**

To the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this Permit.

This permit is valid for **ten (10) years** from the *Permit Granted* date below and subject to the conditions overleaf. An application for renewal of this permit is to be submitted at least **nine (9) months** prior to expiry of this permit.

Environment and Resources Authority		
<b>APPROVAL</b>		
Board No. 266	Held on: 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Permit Granted: <u>08/05/2026</u>
Chairman	Secretary	

**Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority**

## Conditions

### 1 General

The Permitted Installation shall be managed controlled and operated in line with the conditions of this Permit or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Authority. This Permit shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 9 or as otherwise defined in S.L. 549.76 and S.L. 549.77.

#### 1.1 Permitted Activities

1.1.1 The Permit Holder is authorised to carry out activities and associated activities specified in Table 1.1.1

<b>Table 1.1.1</b>		
<b>Activity listed in Schedule 1 of Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations</b>	<b>Description of Specified Activity</b>	<b>Limits of Specified Activity</b>
<b>Section 4.1:</b> Production of acetylene by a chemical process	Manufacture of acetylene (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ) in a closed system by means of chemical reaction of calcium carbide with water	From receipt of raw materials and associated chemicals to dispatch of finished product (including packaging)  From generation of calcium hydroxide as a byproduct to the reuse in road construction
Directly associated activities	Collection of cooling/process water in watertight underground cistern for reuse	From generation of wastewater to disposal/recycling

#### 1.2 Site

1.2.1 The activities authorised under Condition 1.1.1 shall not extend beyond the Site, as shown on the Site Plan and Layout Plans in Schedule 3A and Schedule 3B of this Permit.

1.2.2 Site security systems shall be always implemented during the subsistence of this Permit, the objective of which shall be to prevent access, which is not authorised either by the Permit Holder or under legal powers of entry. These shall be installed, operated and maintained, and shall be fully documented and recorded.

#### 1.3 Overarching Management Condition

1.3.1 The Permit Holder shall implement and maintain the Environment Management System (EMS), ISO 14001:2015 (or as amended) and an organisational structure, and allocate resources that are sufficient to achieve compliance with the limits and conditions of this Permit.

1.3.2 The Permit Holder shall submit, as part of the EMS, within the timeframe specified in Condition 7.1.2, the following information as part of the Annual Environmental Report (AER):

- a. Environmental Policy for the installation;
- b. Environmental Performance Report, including an evaluation of the actions implemented to achieve the environmental objectives and targets set for the reporting year;
- c. Environmental Objectives and Targets, and Management Programme for the following year. This shall include the planned actions, implementation schedule, and responsible persons to ensure the achievement of the said objectives and targets;
- d. A copy of a valid EMS certificate; and
- e. The latest available external audit report, where the installation operates under a certified EMS (e.g. ISO 14001 or EMAS).

## 1.4 Operational Changes

1.4.1 The Permit Holder shall seek the Authority's written agreement prior to any operational changes as defined by S.L 549.77 by sending to the Authority:

- a. Written notice of the details of the proposed change, including an assessment of its possible effects (including changes in emissions and waste production) on risks to the environment and public health from the Permitted Installation;
- b. Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings; and
- c. The proposed implementation date.

Operational changes requiring notification shall include but not be limited to installation of new reactors, centrifuges, driers and other equipment.

1.4.2 Any change shall not be implemented until agreed to in writing by the Authority. As from the agreed implementation, the Permit Holder shall operate the Permitted Installation in accordance with that change, and relevant provisions in the Application shall be deemed to be amended.

1.4.3 The Director of Regulatory Affairs and any officials to whom this role is delegated are hereby authorised to make decisions on variations to this permit that do not constitute a substantial change in the operations, permit or approved documents. No variations may be undertaken under this clause should these require any statutory consultation or further studies.

## 1.5 General Conditions

1.5.1 This Permit is granted saving third party rights and without prejudice to any other legislation or regulations or authorisations required from any other competent authorities or site owners.

1.5.2 A copy of this Permit shall always be available at the site office, including any Variation Notices or amendments to it.

1.5.3 The Permitted Installation shall be managed, controlled, supervised and operated by staff that are aware of the importance of environmental protection and suitably trained on the requirements of this Permit. All staff shall be provided with adequate training and written operating instructions to enable them to effectively carry out their duties. Such training records shall be maintained in line with Section 5.9. Subcontractors who enter the site shall also be made aware of any obligations arising from the Permit which might affect their duties.

1.5.4 The Authority may carry out pre-set or unannounced compliance or monitoring compliance checks and take any actions necessary in line with CAP 549, at the Permit Holder's expense.

1.5.5 In case of monitoring requirements specified in this Permit, there shall be provided safe means of access to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out by the Authority or third party if necessary.

1.5.6 The Authority may add, amend, delete or substitute any of the conditions of this Permit after notifying the Permit Holder of its intention and after describing the changes to the Permit Holder. This is without prejudice to any prevailing circumstances that would preclude the Authority from following such a procedure.

1.5.7 Further to Condition 1.5.6, the Authority may request information allowing it to assess whether changes to the Permit are necessary due to changes in legislation, emission limit values or any other operational aspect which may be affected by changes in legislation throughout the Permit's validity.

1.5.8 The Permit is issued against a Bank Guarantee of **€14,000** which shall be renewed annually. This Bank Guarantee shall remain in place for the duration of validity of the Permit. Following renewal and/or variations to this Permit, the Authority may require amendments to the Bank Guarantee.

- 1.5.9 The Authority may withdraw the full amount of the Bank Guarantee if any of the Permit Conditions are not complied with or the Permit Holder fails to comply with any instruction given or any other legal obligation under the Act or its subsidiary legislation. Withdrawal of the Bank Guarantee does not preclude the Authority from taking any other action to ensure that the conditions of this Permit are complied with. Should the Authority withdraw the Bank Guarantee either in part or in full during the validity of the Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that this is replenished without undue delay, in any case not exceeding 2 months from the date of withdrawal. The Bank Guarantee shall only be released upon confirmation of compliance with the permit conditions by the Authority.
- 1.5.10 In cases where the Bank Guarantee does not cover the expenses incurred by the Authority to take any remedial action on the Permit Holder's behalf, the Permit Holder is to financially reimburse the Authority of all expenses incurred.
- 1.5.11 Without prejudice to Condition 1.5.9, the Authority may take any action deemed necessary including but not limited to the suspension of any operation until investigations are concluded.
- 1.5.12 The Permit Holder shall submit a fixed annual fee of **€275** on the condition that the environmental management certification referred to in Condition 1.3.1 is maintained. An additional variable fee reflecting the annual number of site inspections, which is determined by the performance of the Permit Holder, shall also be submitted. The total annual contribution must be paid upon the Authority's request.
- 1.5.13 The Authority may suspend or revoke this environmental permit in line with provisions of CAP549.

## **1.6 Off-site Conditions**

- 1.6.1 The Permit holder shall ensure that no chemicals or waste escape to the environment especially when transporting such materials offsite or onsite.

## **2 Operating Conditions**

### **2.1 Emissions to Air**

- 2.1.1 There are no permitted emissions to air from the Installation.
- 2.1.2 Should the Permit Holder intend to install equipment which could lead to additional emissions to air (e.g. boiler, generator etc.), a Variation of this Permit must be secured prior to installation and operation of such equipment.
- 2.1.3 Purging of the process line should not be in excess of 2 kgs for every plant start up.
- 2.1.4 Any roof tanks shall be equipped with adequate rim seals.
- 2.1.5 The Permit Holder shall use BAT to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce fugitive emissions of substances to air from the Permitted Installation, in particular from the:
- Process areas;
  - Storage areas (including solvent storage, raw materials storage and waste storage);
  - Buildings;
  - Pipes, valves and other transfer systems; and
  - Open surfaces;
- provided always that the techniques used by the Permit Holder shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.
- 2.1.6 In the event of, malfunction or breakdown leading to abnormal emissions, the Permit Holder must:

- a. Investigate immediately and undertake corrective action to ensure that compliance is restored;
- b. Adjust the process or activity to minimise those emissions; and
- c. Record the events/actions taken and provide ERA with details of the specific cause of the malfunction and the remedial steps taken or to be taken to address the malfunction.

## **2.2 Emissions to Land**

- 2.2.1 No emission from the Permitted Installation (including any reservoirs) shall be made to land.
- 2.2.2 In the event of contamination of land, the Permit Holder shall notify the Authority within 24 hours. In such cases, a Decontamination Plan shall be forwarded to the Authority for approval and shall be executed within a time frame agreed with the Authority.

## **2.3 Discharges to Groundwater**

- 2.3.1 The Permit Holder shall not allow the introduction into groundwater of any substance included in the Regulations for the Protection of Groundwater against Pollution and Deterioration (S.L. 549.53).
- 2.3.2 Further to Condition 2.3.1 , the Permit Holder shall not allow discharges to groundwater.
- 2.3.3 The operations of the installation shall not hinder the achievement of good chemical and quantitative status of groundwater as prescribed under the Water Policy Framework Regulations (S.L. 549.100).

## **2.4 Discharges to Sewer**

### ***Conditions provided and enforced by the Water Services Corporation (WSC) ∞***

- 2.4.1 The Permit Holder shall ensure the Sewer Discharge Permit from WSC is obtained. The Permit Holder shall supply all information requested by WSC and take all necessary actions as instructed by WSC and/or the Authority. ∞
- 2.4.2 The Permit Holder shall follow the conditions of the Sewer Discharge Permit, as may be updated from time to time by the WSC and the provisions of the Sewer Discharge Control Regulations (S.L. 545.08) or subsequent legislation. ∞
- 2.4.3 No other effluent other than domestic sewage shall be discharged from this premises into the sewer network directly or indirectly unless permitted or otherwise by the WSC. ∞
- 2.4.4 Any accidental release of unauthorised effluent shall be duly treated prior to discharge into sewers (subject to clearance from WSC) or disposed as waste. Records shall be kept of such discharges, including the volume discharged, type of effluent, location of discharge and other parameters, as agreed with WSC, as per the Sewer Discharge Permit. ∞
- 2.4.5 Firewater or water derived from firefighting instances must not be drained to sewer but contained and disposed of as waste in accordance with S.L. 549.63. ∞
- 2.4.6 Rainwater shall not be discharged into the sewer. Foul sewer drains must be strictly segregated from storm water drains. ∞

## **2.5 Fugitive Emissions of Substances to Water and Sewer**

- 2.5.1 Rainwater shall be segregated from all process areas. As far as possible, rainwater shall be reused.
- 2.5.2 Rainwater shall be segregated from all process areas. As far as possible, rainwater shall be reused. The operations of the installation shall not hinder the achievement of good ecological status for surface waters as prescribed under S.L. 549.100.

## 2.6 Odour

- 2.6.1 The Permit Holder shall use BAT to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce odorous emissions from the Permitted Installation, in particular by:
- a. Limiting the use of odorous materials;
  - b. Restricting odorous activities;
  - c. Controlling the storage conditions of odorous materials;
  - d. Controlling processing parameters to minimise the generation of odour;
  - e. Optimising the performance of abatement systems;
  - f. Timely monitoring, inspection and maintenance; and
  - g. Employing, where appropriate, an approved odour management plan;
- provided always that the techniques used by the Permit Holder shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.
- 2.6.2 There shall be no significant offensive odour, as perceived by an Authorised Officer of the Competent Authority, outside the boundary of the permitted installation.
- 2.6.3 In case of complaints regarding odours which upon investigations are verified, the Authority may require the Permit Holder to submit an odour management plan, which would include recommendations for abatement of the odour and timeframes for implementation.

## 2.7 Noise

- 2.7.1 The Permit Holder shall use BAT to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce emissions of noise and vibration from the Permitted Installation, in particular by:
- a. Equipment maintenance (e.g. circulating pumps, extraction fans, compressors);
  - b. Use/maintenance of appropriate attenuation (e.g. silencers, barriers, enclosures);
  - c. Appropriate timing and location of noisy activities and vehicle movements;
  - d. Periodic checking of noise emissions, either qualitatively or quantitatively;
  - e. Mounting equipment/machinery which may cause substantial vibrations on rubber mountings or other specialized vibration reduction mountings in order to reduce vibration impacts; and
  - f. Maintenance of building fabric;
- provided always that the techniques used by the Permit Holder shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.
- 2.7.2 Emergency generators/alarms/sirens/release valves shall only be tested between the hours of 10:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday and not on any Public Holiday.
- 2.7.3 The level of noise emitted from the installation at all operational times shall not exceed the background noise level by 5dB.
- 2.7.4 The Authority shall reserve the right to request a noise monitoring analysis, at the expense of the Permit Holder. In this regard, the locations, measurements and assessment must be made according to BS 4142:2014, all the series of ISO 1996, ISO 9613 and any other standard methodology stipulated by the Authority. This shall be subject to the submission of a method statement in line with ERA's Terms of Reference on noise monitoring, as may be amended and published by ERA from time to time, and subsequent approval by the Authority prior to the commencement of any monitoring.
- 2.7.5 Based on the results of the noise monitoring, the Permit Holder may be requested to submit a proposal for an action plan aimed at reducing noise from those sources which have resulted in

significantly high noise levels. The proposal for an action plan is to be submitted and approved by the Authority, which reserves the right to request any additional measures as deemed necessary.

## **2.8 Storage**

- 2.8.1 The calcium hydroxide slurry reservoir is to be emptied frequently to prevent above ground overflow above ground.
- 2.8.2 Chemicals of different properties shall be stored and handled as specified in respective SDS sheets. Such sheets shall be made available and accessible to personnel responsible for the management of the storage areas and for inspection by the Competent Authority.
- 2.8.3 Underground settling pits onsite must be tested and certified leak-proof by an independent, warranted civil architect or engineer every 5 years, and repeated before any renewal of this IPPC permit. Such certification shall be also submitted as part of the AER by end of March after the end of each year when testing has occurred.

## **3 Waste**

### **3.1 Waste Storage and Handling**

- 3.1.1 The Permit Holder shall use BAT in the design, maintenance and operation of all facilities for the storage and handling of waste on site such that there are no releases to water or land during normal operation and that emissions to air and risk of accidental release to water or land are minimised.
- 3.1.2 All operations concerning the management of waste are subject to S.L. 549.63 and the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations (S.L. 549.45).
- 3.1.3 The Permit Holder shall be committed to reduce waste generation where possible.
- 3.1.4 Waste produced at the Permitted Installation shall be reused, recycled or recovered unless technically and/or economically impossible.
- 3.1.5 The Permit Holder is to prevent litter or other wastes escaping from the site boundaries, particularly during loading/unloading. Any such escape of waste shall be collected immediately upon detection.
- 3.1.6 Waste shall be stored in designated and controlled storage areas prior to ultimate disposal/recovery.
- 3.1.7 Liquid and hazardous wastes shall be stored in labelled, closed container(s) within designated and controlled storage area(s) prior to ultimate disposal which shall be appropriately contained to ensure no contamination of the environment in case of spillage. Wastes of different natures and having different European Waste Catalogue codes as established by Commission Decision 2000/532/EC and any subsequent amendments should not be mixed in the same container.
- 3.1.8 Packaging and containers which were in contact with hazardous substances shall be regarded as hazardous waste and shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 3.1.9 On-site disposal of wastes by any means including burning, disposal to drain or surface water, burying or deposition on land is prohibited. This excludes treated wastewater discharged into sewer in line with the Sewer Discharge Permit.
- 3.1.10 No storage of waste, equipment or materials is permitted on property outside the site premises.
- 3.1.11 All storage of materials or waste shall take place only in locations where thorough clean-up and site reinstatement can be readily undertaken.

- 3.1.12 No storage of waste destined for recovery is permitted for a period exceeding 3 years. No storage of waste destined for disposal is permitted for a period exceeding 12 months.
- 3.1.13 All wastes leaving the site after storage and/or processing must only be sent to facilities licensed to accept the individual waste stream, either locally or abroad.
- 3.1.14 The Permit Holder shall ensure that waste transferred to another person is packaged and labelled in accordance with national, European and any other standards which are in force in relation to such labelling. While awaiting collection, recovery or disposal all waste shall be stored in designated areas protected, as may be appropriate, against spillage, leachate run-off and accidental damage. The waste is to be clearly labelled and appropriately segregated.

### **3.2 Transport of Waste**

- 3.2.1 Transboundary movement of waste shall be carried out in accordance with the following regulations, as amended from time to time:
- Regulation (EC) N° 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste as implemented through S.L. 549.65;
  - Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1418/2007 of 29 November 2007 concerning the export for recovery of certain waste listed in Annex III or IIIA to Regulation (EC) N° 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council to certain countries to which the OECD Decision on the control of transboundary movements of waste does not apply; and
  - Any other applicable legislation.
- 3.2.2 Waste sent off-site for recovery or disposal shall be conveyed only by an authorised waste carrier as per Activity 38 of Schedule 1 of S.L.549.45. The waste shall be transported only from the site of the activity to the site of recovery/disposal in a manner which shall not adversely affect the environment and in accordance with all relevant National and European legislation.
- 3.2.3 Transport of hazardous waste within the Maltese Islands shall be accompanied by the necessary waste transfer permits issued by the Authority. Applications for such permits are made through the hazardous waste consignment permit procedure available from the Authority's Offices.
- 3.2.4 Should the Permit Holder require the services of a waste broker, it shall be ensured that any such broker is a duly registered waste broker in accordance with S.L.549.45.

### **3.3 Waste Records**

- 3.3.1 Permit Holder shall ensure to keep records for every consignment of wastes removed from the Site indicating the EWC Code, description, quantities, date of removal, contractor name (including for transport), consignment note number (where applicable) and manner and place of final disposal/recovery. Waste receipts should be made available upon request.
- 3.3.2 In the case of waste sent for treatment/recovery to another facility locally or abroad, the audit trail shall cover all waste from the point of generation or collection to the end recovery or disposal facility.
- 3.3.3 Disposal and/or recovery certificates and any documentation related to transfer of waste to and from the site and/or related to its end disposal and/or recovery shall be kept on record and made available for inspection for a period of at least 5 years from date of their issue. Copies of such certificates shall be submitted on an annual basis as part of the AER.
- 3.3.4 As part of the AER for the installation, the Permit Holder shall produce a report on the off-site transfers of waste and wastes recycled/ recovered at the Permitted Installation over the previous calendar year, providing the information listed in Schedule 2.

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## **4 Site Management and Technically Competent Person**

### **4.1 Technically Competent Person(s)**

- 4.1.1 One member of the staff shall be nominated as the Technically Competent Person (TCP) of the site, whereby this person is to physically represent the Permit Holder during the times when the Permit Holder will not be available.
- 4.1.2 The TCP is responsible for the obligations stipulated in this Permit, must supervise the rest of the staff on site and shall be the Permit Holder's technical focal point for the implementation of the conditions of this Permit.
- 4.1.3 The TCP is to always be present on site and in her/his absence a delegate TCP shall be nominated. If a TCP terminates her/his employment, another person shall be appointed as a TCP immediately and the Authority shall be informed of this change.
- 4.1.4 Any changes in TCP(s) and the name of any incoming person together with evidence that such person has the required technical competence shall be submitted to the Authority in writing within 5 working days of the change in management.
- 4.1.5 In the event of any leave of absence taken by the TCP and delegate conjointly for a period exceeding 10 days, the Permit Holder is obliged to find a replacement for that member of staff without delay and inform the Authority accordingly.
- 4.1.6 All the staff on site should be fully aware of the procedures to be taken to contain any environmental hazards which may arise related to the activities being carried out on site.

### **4.2 Maintenance**

- 4.2.1 All plant, equipment and technical means used in operating the Permitted Installation shall be maintained in good operating condition and without causing polluting emissions, leaks and spillages.
- 4.2.2 Any vehicle/equipment mechanical parts stored on site shall not be dismantled within the installation but transferred to facilities permitted for such an operation.
- 4.2.3 The Permit Holder shall keep a record of plant and equipment covered by Condition 4.2.1, and for such plant and equipment:
- a. A written or electronic maintenance programme; and
  - b. Records of its maintenance (including filter changes).

### **4.3 Incidents and Complaints**

- 4.3.1 The Permit Holder shall maintain and implement written procedures for:
- a. Taking prompt remedial action, investigating and reporting to the Competent Authority actual or potential non-compliance with operating procedures or emission limits and if such events occur;
  - b. Investigating incidents, (including any malfunction, breakdown or failure of plant, equipment or techniques, down time, any short-term and long-term remedial measures and near-misses) and prompt implementation of appropriate actions; and
  - c. Ensuring that detailed records are made of all such actions and investigations.
- 4.3.2 The Permit Holder shall record and investigate complaints concerning the Permitted Installation's effects or alleged effects on the environment and public health. The record shall give the date and

time, nature of complaint, name of complainant (if given), a summary of any investigation and the results of such investigation and actions taken.

- 4.3.3 As part of the AER, the Permit Holder shall provide a summary record of incidents and complaints as specified in Schedule 2 by not later than end of March after the end of each reporting year.

#### **4.4 Accident Prevention and Control**

- 4.4.1 The Emergency Response Plan shall be reviewed every 2 years or as soon as practicable after an accident, whichever is earlier, and the Authority notified of the review results within 2 months of its completion.

- 4.4.2 In the event of any incident of environmental significance, the Permit Holder shall also take immediate action as may be directed by the Authority. The Authority may request any studies, measures, or actions it deems necessary, including but not limited to investigations, risk assessments, remedial works, and preventive measures to ensure the protection of the environment.

- 4.4.3 In the case of an accident (e.g. fire, chemical spills, etc.), the Permit Holder shall follow the Emergency Response Plan referred to in Condition 4.4.1 and shall notify the Authority within 24 hours.

##### ***Conditions provided and enforced by the Civil Protection Department (CPD) ∞***

- 4.4.4 The Permit Holder shall ensure that the fire plan is adhered to, the evacuation routes are kept clear, and the fire extinguishers are always kept accessible. ∞

- 4.4.5 The fire hydrant and the installed ring main connected to own reservoirs, shall be kept appositely full and in a manner to be able to supply a pressure of 5 bar. ∞

- 4.4.6 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all fire extinguishers are in place at all times and are regularly maintained, as per manufacturer/supplier specifications. ∞

- 4.4.7 The Permit Holder is to notify the CPD in the event that the fire hydrant system is not operational. The notification shall also include other measures which will be put in place until the fire hydrant system is rendered operational. ∞

##### ***Conditions provided and enforced by the Occupation Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) ∞***

- 4.4.8 All Occupational Health and Safety hazards present at this place of work are covered by a suitable, sufficient and systematic risk assessment carried out as required under S.L. 424.18 and by other relevant OHS regulations, particularly those related to the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work. Subsequent to this risk assessment, the employer shall take all necessary measures to prevent occupational risks to health and safety and shall control those factors which are likely to give rise to accidents or which create a risk to OHS. ∞

- 4.4.9 The employer shall designate a competent person on OHS matters to assist that employer on the measures needed to safeguard OHS. ∞

- 4.4.10 All work equipment used at this site shall comply with the relevant OHS regulations particularly but not limited to the provisions of S.L. 424.35. ∞

- 4.4.11 The Permit Holder shall maintain and implement all health and safety measures in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act (Chapter 646 of the Laws of Malta) and all subsidiary legislation, to the satisfaction of the OHSA. ∞

- 4.4.12 The Permit Holder is to keep the Authority updated on any major changes in operations that may impact on the health and safety of the employees. ∞

- 4.4.13 The Permit Holder is to make Health and Safety documentation freely available. ∞
- 4.4.14 The Permit Holder shall have sufficient employees trained to deal with any emergency that may arise, e.g. firefighting, spills and first aid. ∞

#### **4.5 Energy Efficiency**

- 4.5.1 As part of the AER, the Permit Holder shall produce a report on the energy consumed at the Permitted Installation over the previous calendar year, by the end of March of each year, providing the information listed in Schedule 2.
- 4.5.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain and operate the Permitted Installation to secure energy efficiency, in particular by:
- a. Ensuring that the appropriate operating and maintenance systems are in place;
  - b. Ensuring that all the plant is adequately insulated to minimise energy loss or gain;
  - c. Ensuring that the type of lighting used is energy-efficient;
  - d. Ensuring that all appropriate containment methods (e.g. Seals) are employed and maintained to minimise energy loss; and
  - e. Maintaining and implementing an energy efficiency plan which identifies energy-saving techniques that are applicable to the activities and their associated environmental benefit and prioritises them.

#### **5 Closure and Decommissioning**

- 5.1 The Permit Holder shall maintain and operate the Permitted Installation to prevent or minimise any pollution and public health risk, including the generation of waste, on closure and decommissioning in particular by:
- a. Attention to the design of new plant or equipment;
  - b. The maintenance of a record of any events which have, or might have, impacted on the condition of the site along with any further investigation or remediation work carried out; and
  - c. The maintenance of a Decommissioning Plan as per Condition 5.2.
- 5.2 The Permit Holder shall endeavour to carry out a full review of the Outline Decommissioning Plan for the installation, at least every 5 years. This plan shall at least include the following information:
- a. A waste management strategy which shall include:
    - i. The identification and characterisation of sources and types of wastes (including equipment, tanks, fuels and by-products);
    - ii. Criteria for segregation of wastes;
    - iii. Proposed treatment, conditioning, transport, storage and disposal/ recovery methods;
    - iv. Potential reuse/ recycling of such wastes; and
    - v. Details on decommissioning and disposal of equipment;
  - b. A qualitative assessment of the potential for contamination of land and groundwater pollution which might arise from the historical and current processes carried out at the installation; and
  - c. The Identification of potential sources of emissions to the atmosphere, land and water (both seawater and groundwater) pollution which might arise from the decontamination process and corresponding mitigation measures to minimise the likelihood of such emissions.
- 5.3 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority immediately upon a decision being taken to decommission all or part of the site, or planned cessation for a period greater than 6 months, of all or part of the permitted activities. The Authority may impose further requirements in the case of planned cessation for a period greater than 6 months.

- 5.4 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority prior to ceasing operations permanently in part or in full, whereby an application for cessation of operations shall be made to the Authority and shall include a Decommissioning Plan.
- 5.5 In the event where operations cease temporarily (2 weeks or more), the TCP or Permit Holder are obliged to notify the Authority within 2 days and are also to inform the Authority with regards to when the works are intended to resume.
- 5.6 Following termination, or planned cessation for a period greater than 6 months of use or involvement of all or part of the installation in the permitted activity, the Permit Holder shall to the satisfaction of the Authority, decommission, render safe or remove for disposal/recovery, any land, subsoils, buildings, plant or equipment, or any waste, materials or substances or other matter contained herein or thereon, that may result in environmental pollution and that may pose a health risk.
- 5.7 One year before the planned decommissioning of all or part of the site, the Permit Holder shall submit for approval to the Authority a full Decommissioning Plan which shall at least include:
- a. If requested by the Authority, land and groundwater monitoring results (as per the approved monitoring proposal in Condition 5.9) showing the state of land and groundwater upon cessation of activities;
  - b. A detailed land and groundwater monitoring strategy which will illustrate how the Permit Holder will measure the current levels of various pollutant in the land and groundwater in comparison to the monitoring results delineated in Condition 5.7(a);
  - c. The levels to which the site and any affected land and groundwater will have to be decontaminated;
  - d. Where the contamination of land and groundwater at the site poses a significant risk to human health or the environment as a result of the activities carried out by the Permit Holder, the Permit Holder shall submit a report indicating the actions to be taken for removal, control, containment or reduction of relevant hazardous substances so that the site, taking into account its current or approved future use, ceases to pose such a risk;
  - e. The methods which will be used to decontaminate the land (such methods may also include isolation);
  - f. A detailed waste management strategy which shall be based on the strategy submitted as per Condition 5.2(a); and
  - g. The identification of potential sources of emissions to the atmosphere, land and water (both seawater and groundwater) pollution which might arise from the decontamination process and corresponding mitigation measures to minimise the likelihood of such emissions.
- 5.8 The approved Decommissioning Plan shall be implemented within 12 months of final cessation or decommissioning of the Permitted activities or part thereof or according to a timeframe as may be agreed with the Authority.
- 5.9 If requested by the Authority, the land and groundwater monitoring strategy referred to in Condition 5.2 shall fulfil the requirements of the Authority's 'Terms of Reference for Site Clearance and Land Contamination Investigations' as may be updated from time to time.

## **6 Records**

- 6.1 A daily operations log shall be kept on site in which the following information is recorded on a daily basis:
- a. Any incidents that took place on site such as mechanical faults in the machinery or equipment used on site, any spills, fires, etc. and the remedial action taken;
  - b. Any maintenance and inspections carried out on machinery and equipment;
  - c. Any defects or damage to the Site Security System; and

d. Any other incidents that the permit holder deems important to record.

Each record shall be compiled within 24 hours of the relevant event. The records kept in the daily operations log shall be available for inspection at any time when the Authority representatives request to inspect them.

6.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all records required to be made by this Permit and any other records made in relation to the operation of the Permitted Installation shall:

- a. Be made available for inspection by the Authority upon request;
- b. Be supplied to the Authority on demand and without charge and in the format requested;
- c. Be legible;
- d. Indicate any amendments which have been made and shall include the original record wherever possible; and
- e. Be retained at the Permitted Installation, or other location agreed by the Authority in writing, for a minimum period of 5 years from the date when the records were made, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

6.3 The Permit Holder shall maintain a register of third-party complaints. The register shall record the name and address of the complainant(s) if available, the date, source and nature of the complaint and the corrective action undertaken, where such action proves necessary.

6.4 The Permit Holder shall maintain a record of the skills and training requirements for all staff whose tasks in relation to the Permitted Installation may have an impact on the environment and shall keep records of all relevant training.

## **7 Reporting and Monitoring**

### **7.1 Reporting**

7.1.1 All reports and written and/ or verbal notifications required by this Permit and notifications required by Regulation 7 of the Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations shall be made and sent to the Authority using the contact details notified in writing to the Permit Holder by the Authority.

7.1.2 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Authority an AER of the previous year to the Competent Authority by the end of March of each year. The AER shall contain all the information listed in Schedule 2 of this Permit and in the format specified therein. The AER shall be forwarded to the Authority in electronic format.

7.1.3 The European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) report for the installation shall be submitted as part of the AER, by end of March annually, in accordance with EC Regulation 166/2006 (as amended by Implementing Decision EU/2019/1741 and Implementing Decision EU/2022/142) and EC Regulation EU/2024/1244. All quantities shall be reported, even when these do not exceed the thresholds mentioned in EC Regulation 166/2006. The format used for reporting shall be that established by Legislation, notably S.L. 549.47 and G.N 138 of 2017 or as may be amended from time to time.

7.1.4 The Permit Holder shall, within 6 months of receipt of written notice from the Authority, submit to the Authority a report assessing whether all appropriate preventive measures continue to be taken against pollution, in particular through the application of the best available techniques, at the installation. The report shall consider any relevant published technical guidance current at the time of the notice which is either supplied with or referred to in the notice and shall assess the costs and benefits of applying techniques described in that guidance, or otherwise identified by the Permit Holder, that may provide environmental improvement.

## **7.2 Monitoring**

- 7.2.1 The Authority may request monitoring of any emissions to air, water, or ground; noise and vibration, should the Authority determine that this is required.
- 7.2.2 Should this be required by the Authority at any point throughout the lifetime of the Permit, sampling and analysis of all pollutants, as well as reference measurement methods to calibrate automated, continuous measurement systems shall be carried out as specified by the appropriate CEN standards. If CEN standards are not available, ISO standards, national or international standards, which will ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality, as agreed in writing with the Authority, shall apply.
- 7.2.3 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the monitoring requirements in Condition 7.2.1 of this Permit shall be from a certified or accredited laboratory or laboratory in the process of accreditation, as confirmed by the NAB-Malta. As part of the AER, the Permit Holder shall provide evidence of certification or accreditation of laboratories used.
- 7.2.4 The Permit Holder shall maintain records of all monitoring taken or carried out (this includes records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys) and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data, for at least 5 years. Such records may be requested at any time by the Authority.

## **7.3 Notifications**

- 7.3.1 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority without delay of:
- The detection of an emission of any substance which exceeds any limit or criterion in this Permit specified in relation to the substance;
  - The detection of any fugitive emission which has caused, is causing or may cause exceedances of the emission limit values stipulated in the Permit;
  - The detection of any malfunction, breakdown or failure of plant or techniques which has caused, is causing or has the potential to cause exceedances of the emission limit values stipulated in the Permit; and
  - Any accident which has caused, is causing or has the potential to cause significant pollution and/or public health risk.
- 7.3.2 When submitting notifications under 7.3.1, the Permit Holder shall send the following:
- The information listed in Schedule 1 of this Permit within 24 hours of such notification; and
  - The information listed in Table S2.7.1 of Schedule 2 and such information shall be in accordance with that Schedule as part of the AER.
- 7.3.3 The Permit Holder shall give written notification as soon as practicable prior to any of the following:
- Permanent cessation of the operation of part or all the Permitted Installation;
  - Cessation of operation of part or all the Permitted Installation for a period likely to exceed 6 months; and
  - Resumption of the operation of part or all the Permitted Installation after a cessation notified under Condition 7.3.3(b).
- 7.3.4 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority, as soon as practicable, of any information concerning the state of the site which affects or updates that provided to the Authority as part of the Site Report submitted with the application for this Permit.
- 7.3.5 The Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing within 10 working days of their occurrence:

- a. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
- b. Any change to the particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity; and
- c. Any steps taken with a view to the Permit Holder going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

## 8 Environmental Health Directorate Conditions ∞

- 8.1 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the conditions listed in Approved Document IP 0001/26/32A.

## 9 Interpretation

- 9.1 In this Permit, the following expressions shall have the following meanings assigned to them, except where the context otherwise requires. All other terms shall have the same meaning as that assigned to them in the Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L. 549.77), the Industrial Emissions (Framework) Regulations (S.L. 549.76), or any statutory provisions or regulations amending or replacing them:

*"Authorised Officer"* means any officer of the Authority authorised in writing pursuant to the Environment Protection Act 2016 to exercise any of the powers specified therein.

*"BREF"* means the latest version of BAT reference document published by the European Commission.

*"Fugitive Emission"* means an emission to air or water (including sewer) from the Permitted Installation which is not controlled by an emission or background concentration limit under Section 1.6 of this Permit.

*"Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations"* means the Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L.549.77) and words and expressions defined in the Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations shall have the same meanings when used in this Permit save to the extent they are specifically defined in this Permit. It shall include any future amendments or superseding legislation.

*"Monitoring"* includes the taking and analysis of samples, instrumental measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys.

*"Permitted Installation"* means the activities and the limits to those activities described in Table 1.1.1 of this Permit.

*"Sewer"* means the sewerage system owned by the Water Services Corporation.

*"Staff"* includes employees, directors or other officers of the Operator, and any other person under the Operator's direct or indirect control, including contractors.

*"Technically Competent Person"* means a person possessing the qualifications, experience and technical competence to abide by the conditions of the Permit.

*"The Authority"* or *"the Competent Authority"* or *"ERA"* means the Environment and Resources Authority or such other body or person as the Minister responsible for the environment may by order in the Gazette prescribe.

*"The Permit Holder"* means the Permit Holder specified in the Permit or other person to whom the Permit has been transferred in accordance with the Industrial Emissions (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (S.L.549.77) and any statutory provisions or regulations amending or replacing them.

## Schedule 1

### Notification of Abnormal Emissions and Significant Adverse Environmental Effects

This page outlines the information that the Permit Holder must provide to satisfy Conditions 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 of this Permit.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the Industrial Emissions (IPPC) Regulations.

#### Part A

<b>Permit Number</b>	IP 0001/26
<b>Name of Permit Holder</b>	Poligas Ltd.
<b>Location of Installation</b>	Hal Farruġ Road, Luqa LQA3078
<b>Location of the Emission</b>	
<b>Time and Date of the Emission</b>	

<b>Substance(s) Emitted</b>	<b>Media (e.g. air, groundwater)</b>	<b>Best Estimate of the Quantity or the Rate of Emission (include units)</b>	<b>Time between which the Emission took place</b>

<b>Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission</b>	
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#### Part B

More accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment or harm to human health which has been or may be caused by the emission.	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the installation in the preceding 24 months.	

<b>Name<sup>i</sup></b>	
<b>Post</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

<sup>i</sup> Authorised to sign on behalf of Permit Holder.

## Schedule 2

### Annual Environmental Report

#### Important Note

By this submission, you confirm that you give your explicit consent for the entire contents of this Annual Environment Report to be made available on the Authority's public website.

#### S2.1 Introduction

<b>IPPC Permit Number</b>	IP 0001/26
<b>Name and Location of Site</b>	Poligas Ltd., Luqa
<b>Brief Description of Activities at the Site</b>	Manufacturing of Acetylene
<b>Reporting Year</b>	01 January (Year) – 31 December (Year)

#### S2.2 Environment Management System & Reporting

Please attach a supporting document (as per Condition 1.3.2) with the following:

1. Environmental Policy
2. Environmental Performance Report (for the reporting year)
3. Environmental Objectives and Targets, & Environmental Management Programme
4. Valid Environmental Management Certification
5. External ISO 14001 Audit Report
6. European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Report (as per Condition 7.1.3)<sup>i</sup>.

Tick (✓)

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#### S2.3 Process Data

##### S2.3.1 Annual Summary

	Units	Previous Reporting Year	Current Reporting Year
Quantity of product	Tonnes		
Total Annual Energy Consumption (from electricity and other sources)	MWh		
Electricity from renewable energy sources	MWh		
Energy consumption per unit product	MWh/tonne of product		
Annual water consumption	m <sup>3</sup>		
Water consumption per unit product	m <sup>3</sup> /tonne of product		
Annual quantity of waste produced	Tonnes		
Annual quantity of calcium hydroxide slurry reused	Tonnes		
Waste produced per unit product	tonne waste/ tonne product		

<sup>i</sup> The format used for reporting shall be that published in the Government Gazette (<http://www.doi.gov.mt/EN/gazetteonline/2007/07/gazts/GG%2013.7.pdf>)

**S2.3.2 List of Raw Materials**

Raw Material	Risk Phrase	Annual Quantity Used (kg)

**S2.4 Off-site Transfers (including Exports) of Waste**

Date of Transfer	EWC Code <sup>i</sup>	Quantity of Waste (kg)	TFS/CP Number	Ultimate Destination

**S2.5 Testing of Underground Settling Pit**

Number of Underground Settling Pits on Site	1
Date of Last Test	
Testing Due On (Date)	

Additional documentation to be submitted if test was carried out during previous reporting year:

Tick (✓)

1. Certification by independent, warranted civil architect or engineer

**S2.6 Testing of Wash Water Reservoir**

Reservoir Identifier	Test Date	% Lower Explosive Limit	% O <sub>2</sub>

**S2.7 Incidents and Complaints****S2.7.1 Non-Compliance Incidents during Reporting Year**

Date of Incident	Brief Description of Incident	Cause	Corrective Action

Total number of non-compliance incidents for previous year:

Total number of non-compliance incidents for current reporting year:

**S2.7.2 Complaints made by the Public**

Date of Complaint	Description of Complaint	Actions Taken

Total number of complaints for previous year:

<sup>i</sup> European Waste Catalogue Code (Reference: Commission Decision 2000/532/EC:  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1521709045135&uri=CELEX:02000D0532-20150601>)

Total number of complaints for current reporting year:

## S2.8 Submission of Certifications and Documentation

Please attach supporting documents with the following:

Documentation	Submission Date	Tick (✓)
Certification of underground settling pits onsite to be leak-proof.	2028 (and 5 years thereafter)	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Permit Holder's Declaration

*I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all the above information is correct and substantiated.*

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**Name**  
*(in block letters)*

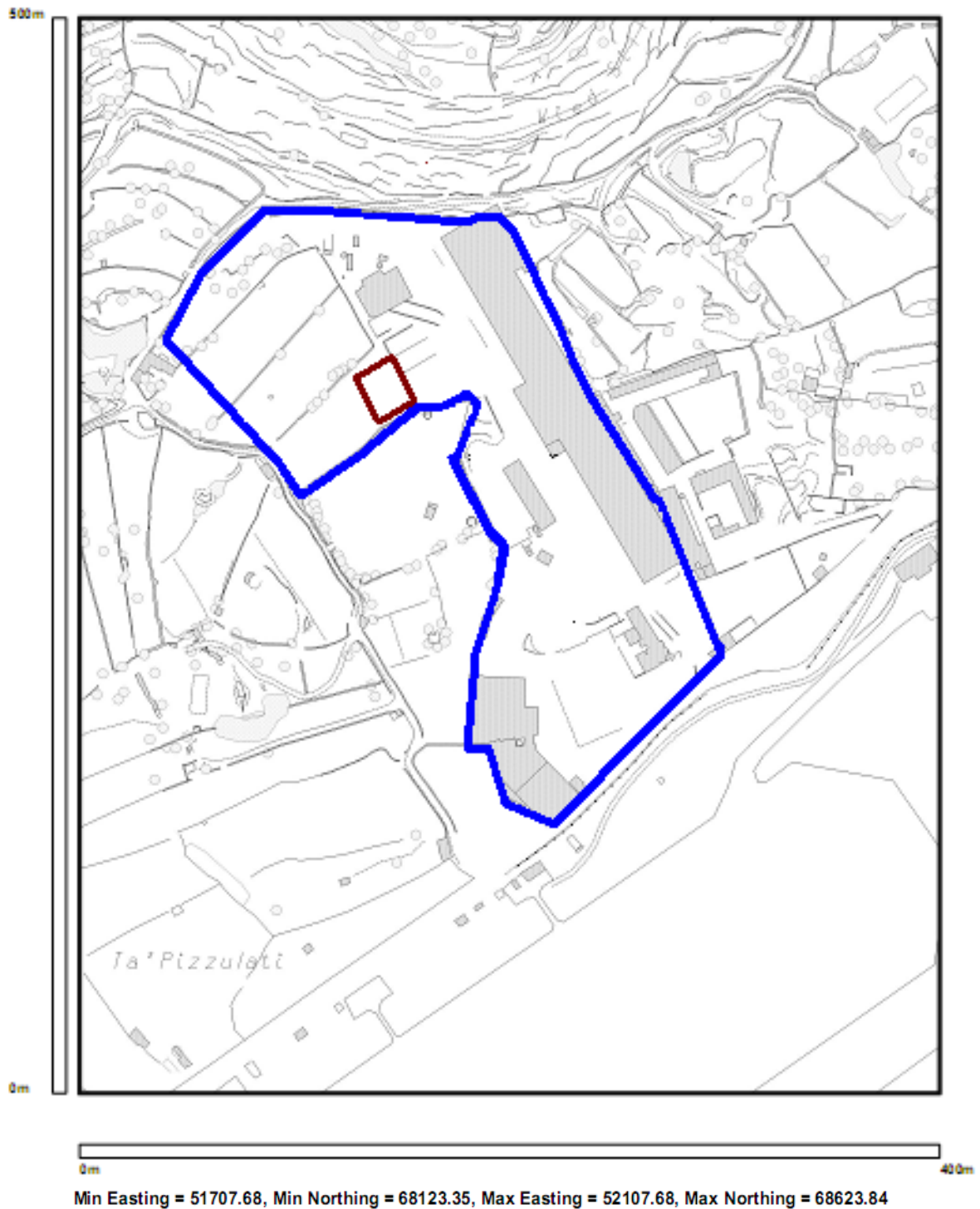
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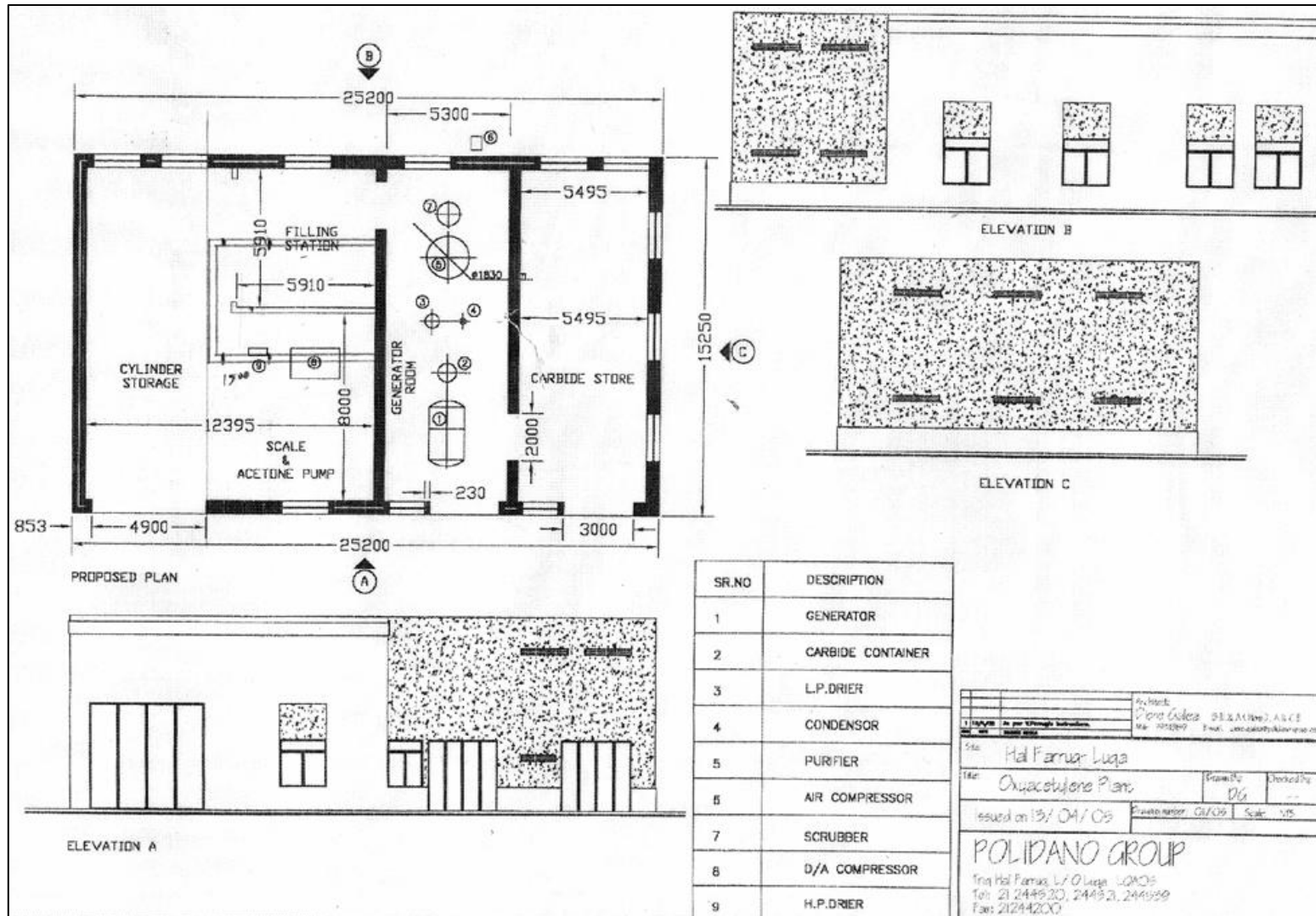
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Schedule 3A  
Site Plan



**Fig. S3.1:** Site of installation, showing extent of area (outlined in red) authorised for operations specified in Condition 1.2.1. *The extent of the site boundary is indicative and should not be used for interpretation purposes.*

### Schedule 3B Site Layout Plan



END OF PERMIT



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Our Ref. :  
Your Ref. : IP 0001/26

Tuesday, 03 March 2026

The Chairperson  
Environment & Resource Authority  
Hexagon House  
Spencer Hill  
Marsa.

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** IP 0001/26

**LOCATION:** Poligas Ltd Hal Farrug Road Hal Luqa

**PROPOSAL:** Renewal application of the IPPC permit for the production of acetylene at Poligas Ltd.

With reference to the consultation request dated February 2026 on the subject in caption, please be informed that this Directorate would like to provide the following comments:

1. All the sanitary laws and regulations are to be adhered to.
2. Disposal of waste including hazardous waste and biproducts should be disposed in accordance to regulations in suitable enclosed containers to avoid any contamination from spillages and emission of gases. No accumulation of waste should be left in the surrounding areas.
3. No foul water shall exit the site.
4. Only clean rainwater is to be allowed to discharge into the street from reservoir.
5. An effective pest control programme shall be implemented and maintained at all times.
6. The reservoir-harvested rainwater should not be used for human consumption and/or personal hygiene. Reservoir overflow should be directly discharged onto the street. If the water from the rainwater reservoir will be used for washing of floor and/or equipment and for flushing apparatus this must be treated with a biocide prior use.



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7. Moreover, the applicant is to immediately address any other unpredicted impacts and nuisances which may arise from this operation and that may have a significant adverse effect on public health and make sure that all the necessary mitigation measures taken.
8. Complaints lodged by the public regarding any adverse impacts/nuisances should be immediately addressed by the applicant. All complaints lodged and actions taken are to be recorded and such records are to be readily available to the Competent Authorities when requested.

Environmental Health Directorate