

The Executive Chairperson
Planning Authority
St. Francis Ravelin,
Floriana

Date: 11th June 2018
Our Ref: EA 00010/16

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Ref.: PA 3996/16
Description Proposal: Proposed extension to existing Quarry HM23
Location: Quarry HM 23, Targiet Ghomor, Naxxar, Malta

Reference is made to the revised Block Plan at document 52a.

ERA's recommendation and representation on the said development proposal are being lodged in its capacity as an external consultee and an interested party in accordance with the Development Planning Act and the Development Planning (Procedure for Applications and their Determination) Regulations, 2016 (Legal Notice 162 of 2016).

This application has been re-evaluated in light of the revised EIA Regulations, 2017 (S.L.549.46). Following review of the Project Description Statement (PDS), this application has been subject to EIA screening in line with the provisions of the EIA Regulations, 2017. Screening concluded that the environmental impacts from the development are unlikely to be significant and the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required as long as the valley remnant illustrated in PA/03996/16/52a is safeguarded.

ERA requests that the conditions included with this reply under Appendix I, are included as an approved document to the development permit.

Yours faithfully,

Ryan Busuttill
Assistant Environment Protection Officer
f/Director Environment & Resources

Appendix I

Conditions:

1. No extraction shall take place within the remnant of Wied il-Ghasel as depicted in the Blockplan (PA/03996/16/52a). This area shall be safeguarded from quarrying and from any related risk or damage. The applicant shall be responsible to retain and conserve the said feature.
2. Applicant shall submit an updated EP application and request for variation of EP 048/12 to the ERA, compiled to their satisfaction. This shall cover all operational aspects of the applicant's site including related operations not necessarily covered by this development application.

Disclaimer

The above comments are being issued without prejudice to any additional issues which are regulated by ERA through any relevant environmental permitting and, or compliance mechanisms, as well as to any environmental considerations that may be beyond the scope of the application under consideration.

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