

Environmental Clearance

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Clearance number

CA 00023/25

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549) and Environmental Permitting (Procedure for Applications and their Determination Regulations (SL 549.172), is hereby clearing:

Attard Brothers Group (Hereinafter “the Clearance Holder”)


Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at:

**Attard Brothers Group,
Mikesand,
Industrial Estate,
Ta’ Qali, ATD 4000**

For the operation of a site at:

**Attard Bros Co. Ltd.,
Mikesand,
Industrial Estate,
Ta’ Qali**

This clearance is valid for **four (4) years** from the clearance granted date below and subject to the conditions overleaf. A renewal application for a permit on which a clearance has been granted must be submitted at least **six (6) months** prior to expiry of this Clearance.

Signed	Date
 <p>Elysia Bugeja Team Manager (Environmental Permitting) f/Director Regulatory Affairs</p>	Clearance Granted: 10.04.2026

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority

General conditions

1. This Clearance is granted without prejudice to third-party rights and does not exempt the clearance holder from compliance with any other applicable legislation, regulations, or the need to obtain authorisations from other competent authorities, entities, or site owners. Upon submission of a renewal application, the Authority reserves the right to request clearances or approval from other relevant entities as it deems necessary.
2. The Clearance Holder is authorised to carry out operations as specified in the below table.

Category	Operation
2.6 of SL 549.172	Manufacture or processing of asphalt or other non-metallic mineral products (including batching plants) but excluding temporary plants
2.11 of SL 549.172	Yards and other premises on land for repair and maintenance of vessels, aircraft and other transport, exceeding 1000 square meters and not covered by Category 1.40
2.12 of SL 549.172	Operations with a discharge of trade effluent to sea, land, storm or rainwater drains or culverts, falling within the scope of the Water Policy Framework Regulations (S.L. 549.100)

3. **Submission of plan indicating the location of any boreholes on site is to be submitted within one (1) month from the granting of this Clearance.**
4. The Authority may request monitoring and/or review of operational practices and may commission any audits/reports as deemed necessary to address any circumstances that may affect the quality of the surrounding environment, at the expense of the Clearance Holder.
5. The site shall be kept clean and free from litter and uncontrolled waste at all time. Any accidental release of waste or materials must be immediately contained, collected, and disposed of properly. Fugitive waste or litter from loading, unloading, or material transfer must be promptly managed to prevent environmental contamination.
6. All plant, equipment, and associated abatement systems used in the operation of the installation shall be maintained in good order and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and maintenance schedules.
7. The access paths and all operational areas are to be regularly wet or otherwise mitigated to prevent dust and waste dispersion/transportation to the surrounding environment.
8. Air emissions shall be prevented, or where not practicable, reduced from process areas, storage (including waste), and transfer systems such as pipes and valves. Processes generating significant airborne contaminants shall have local collection and discharge through a stack or vent, designed to avoid local impact.

9. In the event of abnormal emissions, the Clearance Holder shall investigate immediately, take corrective action, adjust operations to reduce emissions, and record the incident and actions taken.
10. Any silo point sources present on site shall be equipped with a filter mechanism to reduce/prevent dust emissions, up to the satisfaction of the Authority. Silos are to be regularly maintained in good working order and any leaks or other issues detected are to be fixed without delay upon detection. Once any leaks are detected, the Authority is to be notified immediately.
11. Stockpiles of inert material are to be located and managed in such a way as to avoid emissions through wind and run off.
12. All raw materials/waste shall be stored and handled as specified in respective SDS sheets in clearly designated and appropriately labelled areas. Storage shall be segregated and contained in a manner that prevents spills, leaks, or the generation of litter. Incompatible materials/waste shall be stored separately to prevent adverse chemical reactions.
13. Spillages of chemicals or hazardous materials/waste must be addressed immediately to prevent contamination and disposed of appropriately. An adequate supply of appropriate spill kits shall be maintained and be readily accessible at designated critical areas.
14. All storage of materials, fuels, oils and waste shall take place only in contained areas with impervious ground and where thorough clean up and site reinstatement can be readily undertaken.
15. Bulk liquid storage tanks shall have a roofed bund with an impermeable base and walls, meeting the following:
 - a. Capacity of at least 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total tank volume, whichever is greater.
 - b. All filling and off-take points within the bund.
 - c. Certification of integrity by a warranted engineer every four years.
16. Discharges to land from site operations are strictly prohibited and any such incidents shall be reported to the Authority within 24 hours. The Clearance Holder shall implement all necessary measures to prevent the release of materials that may contaminate the environment, including waste oils, lubricants and cement sludge.
17. Rainwater from areas where contamination may occur shall be appropriately treated prior to discharge into the environment.
18. Wastewater generated from industrial processes shall not be diluted prior offsite transfer and shall be segregated from all other wastewater streams, including domestic wastewater and stormwater. Under no circumstances shall any effluent be discharged to surrounding land, subsoil, groundwater, or sea.
19. All oil interceptors shall be monitored and maintained to ensure efficient operation. Interceptors shall be inspected by an independent warranted architect or engineer as per EN858, at least once every three years.

20. The infrastructure used for the catchment, treatment, and storage of industrial wastewater shall be maintained as per the requirements of SL549.45 Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations.
21. Effluent discharges to the marine environment shall only take place through the discharge points specified in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: Discharge points to the marine environment		
Emission reference	Effluent type and source	Geo-referenced co-ordinates in decimal degrees (WGS84)
ED1	Reverse Osmosis brine	35°52'56.1"N 14°30'02.1"E

22. Prior to each discharge carried out at the authorised discharge point located as indicated in Table 3.1, the Compliance and Enforcement Unit are to be informed on ceu.notifications.era@era.org.mt. An annual record of the total volume of brine reject discharged to sea shall be submitted by 31st March of each year covering the previous calendar year.
23. The operations shall not hinder the achievement of the environmental objective of any protected area or for the relevant water body as established in the Water Policy Framework Regulations (S.L. 549.100) and the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (S.L. 549.44).
24. In case of contamination of the seawater body (including but not limited to scum, foam, particulates or other residual matter) resulting from the permitted operations at the installation, the operator is to ensure:
- The polluting operation is immediately stopped;
 - Contamination is contained, collected and disposed of at authorised facilities; and
 - The Authority is informed immediately on ceu.notifications.era@era.org.mt.
25. Waste intended for recycling or recovery shall be segregated by waste stream and stored in clearly designated and appropriately labelled areas. Hazardous waste shall be strictly segregated from non-hazardous waste at all times to prevent cross-contamination and to ensure proper handling, storage, and disposal in accordance with applicable waste management regulations.
26. Waste generated on site shall be transported to authorised waste management facilities, either locally or abroad, using a waste carrier that holds the necessary permits for waste transportation. If a waste broker is required to facilitate the management of waste, only waste brokers authorised by the ERA shall be engaged.

27. Hazardous waste transferred from the site to local authorised waste management facilities shall be accompanied by a valid consignment permit and consignment note obtainable from the Authority.
28. Waste intended for export shall follow the procedures established under Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006.
29. Records shall be maintained for any waste transfers, maintenance, complaints, certification and incidents and shall be kept for five years and made available to the Authority upon request
30. In the event of cessation of operations either in part or in full, all equipment, materials and waste must be removed from the site and managed in an environmentally sound manner according to relevant legislation. ERA shall be notified prior to such cessation and the intended fate prior to removal from the site.

Schedule 1
Site Map of Installation

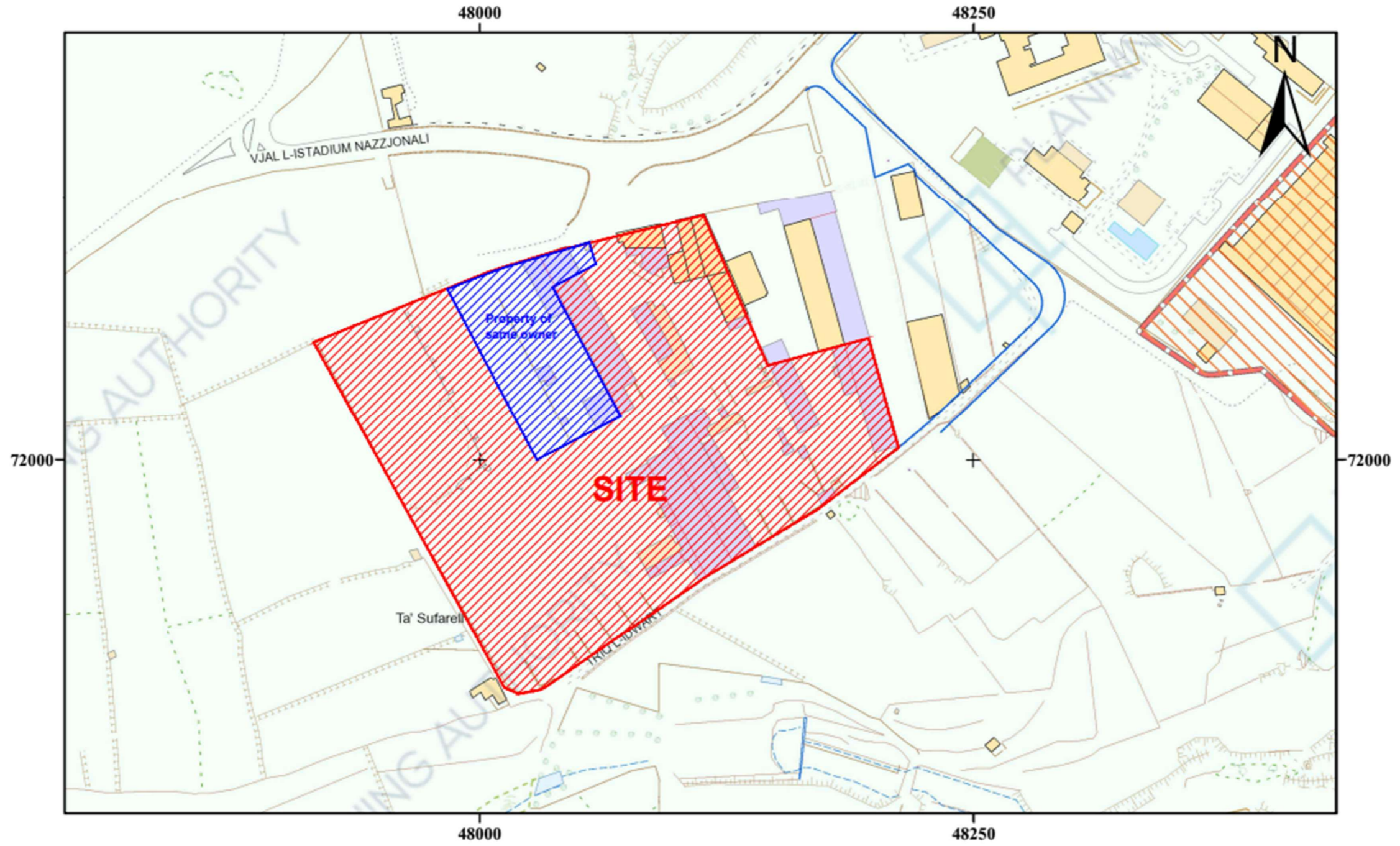


Fig 1. Site of installation outlined in red, showing extent of area authorised for operation. The extent of the site boundary is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purpose.

Schedule 2
Site Map of Permitted Discharge Point



Fig 2. Discharge point marked in blue, showing location of area authorised for operation. The extent of the site location is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purpose.

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