

## Environmental Clearance

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Clearance number

**CA 00016/25**

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) Environmental Permitting (Procedure for Applications and their Determination) Regulations (S.L. 549.172), hereby authorises:

**Class Optical Manufacturing Ltd.** (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”),

Company Registration number: **C 6387**

whose Registered Office (or principle place of business) is at:

**UBT 13/14,  
San Gwann Industrial Estate,  
San Gwann,  
SGN3000**

to operate an installation for the manufacture of computer, electronic and electrical equipment and optical products (Category 2.5) at:

**UBT 13/14,  
San Gwann Industrial Estate,  
San Gwann,  
SGN3000**

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 the expiry of this Clearance.

Signed	Date
f/Director Regulatory Affairs	Clearance Granted:  <b>26.11.2025</b>

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

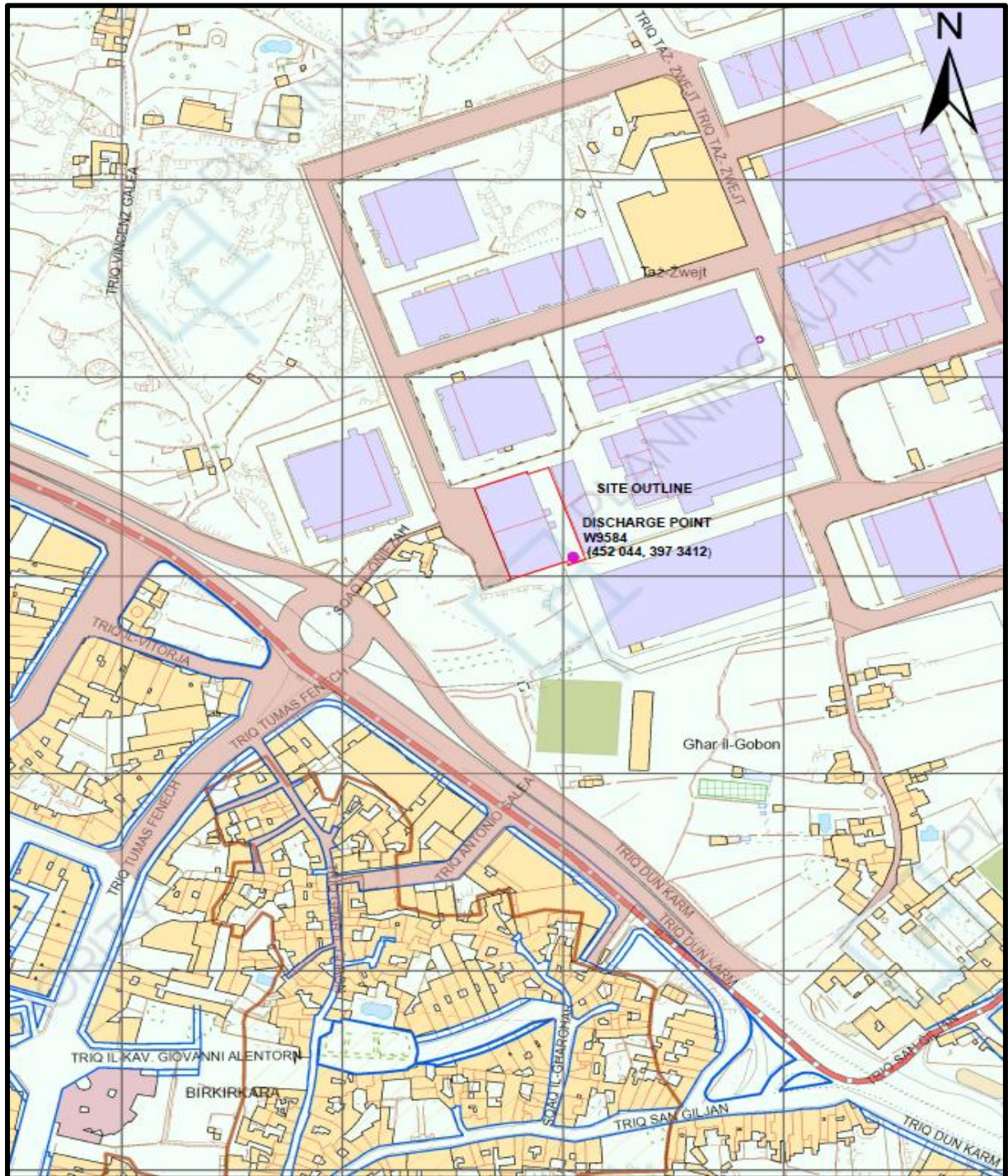
**Conditions:**

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 site shall be kept clean and free from litter and uncontrolled waste at all times. 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.
3. All plant, equipment, and associated abatement systems used in the operation of the installation shall be maintained in good working order and in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and maintenance schedules.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. ERA recommends that only diesel (gas oil) shall be used for any combustion plants such as generators, which shall have a sulfur content not greater than 0.1%. In such cases certification by an independent warranted engineer showing that the combustion plant is in good working condition shall be submitted upon application for an Environmental Permit.
7. All abatement equipment and ducting shall be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis (as per manufacturer specifications) and records of such maintenance are to be kept.
8. 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. Chemicals and flammable, toxic and hazardous substances of different properties shall be stored as specified in respective SDS sheets. Maintenance of safety critical equipment should correspond to manufacturer specifications.
9. 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.
10. Bulk liquid storage tanks shall have a roofed bund with an impermeable base and walls, meeting the following requirements:
  - 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. Monthly visual inspections and certification of integrity by a warranted engineer every four years.
11. Solvent-contaminated waste, such as contaminated absorbent materials, and other hazardous wastes shall be stored in sealed containers. Liquid wastes shall be kept in bunded areas.
12. Spill kits and spill response equipment shall be made available at all times and shall be readily available for use.
13. 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 or water body.
14. Rainwater shall be segregated from all process areas that are potentially contaminated. Where this is not possible, rainwater from areas where contamination by oil or chemicals is likely shall pass through an adequately sized interceptor or other suitable filtration equipment.
15. 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.
16. The infrastructure used for the catchment, treatment, and storage of industrial wastewater shall be maintained as per the requirements of S.L. 549.45 Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations.
17. In case of emission filters, when they are found to have reached the limit indicated by filter manufacturer, these shall be immediately replaced and where applicable, damaged filters shall be treated as hazardous waste as per S.L. 549.63, the Waste Regulations.
18. 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 time to prevent cross-contamination and to ensure proper handling, storage, and disposal in accordance with applicable waste management regulations.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Waste intended for export shall follow the procedures established under 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.
22. 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

23. 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.
24. 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.
25. In the event that the installations VOC solvent consumption increases considerably, the Authority shall be notified immediately and the applicability of solvent consumption thresholds and emission limit values as specified in CAP 549.79 shall be established. If this is the case, the clearance would not remain valid for the whole duration and an Environmental Permit would be required.
26. Spray painting shall only be carried out in a spray booth or dedicated area which shall be vented to the atmosphere through a designated stack or vent fitted with appropriate filters, positioned to avoid adverse impacts on the surroundings.
27. In the event of non-compliance causing immediate danger to human health and/or the environment, operations must be suspended and the relevant Competent Authorities informed within 24 hours.
28. Producers of packaging shall register/renew with the Authority as a producer of such and provide the required information, as well as achieve targets as set out in Subsidiary Legislation, S.L. 549.43, S.L. 549.89 and/or S.L. 549.54. Documentation shall be maintained for a period of 5 years and shall be made available upon request by the Authority.

Schedule 1  
Site plan



**Fig. S1.1: Site (UBT13 and UBT14) of the permitted installation, showing the extent of the area outlined in red. The extent of the site is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes. Not to scale.**