

Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number

EP 00022/26

Approved Documents:

EP 00022/26/DOC30A

EP 00022/26/DOC37A

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549) and its subsidiary legislation, hereby authorises:

WasteServ Malta (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”)

Company Registration number: **C 30560**

To operate an installation at:

**Ecohive Complex,
Triq Tul Il-Kosta,
Naxxar, NXR 9030,
Malta**

The permit is valid for **four (4) years** from the date below and subject to the conditions overleaf. An application for the renewal of this permit is to be submitted at least **six (6) months** prior to expiry of this permit.

Signed

Date

Nathalie Ellul Unit Manager f/Director Regulatory Affairs	Permit granted: 28/09/2026
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Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority

Conditions

1. General

The Permitted Installation shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be managed, controlled and operated in line with these conditions and shall not extend beyond the site area indicated in the approved site plan.

1.1 Permitted Operations

1.1.1 The Permit Holder is authorised to carry out the operations and the associated operations specified in Table 1.1.1.

Table 1.1.1

Operations	Description of specified operation	Limits of specified operation
Category 2.11: 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	Maintenance activities of vehicles, engines, and engine parts namely mechanical repairs, overhauling of complete engines and engine sub-assemblies, minor welding works, and washing of vehicles and engine parts	From receipt of vehicles to their maintenance (checking, repairing and servicing) and re-assembly.
Associated operation of storage, and disposal/recycling of waste materials offsite	Handling, storage of waste generated from installation prior to dispatch offsite.	From generation of waste to dispatch offsite for disposal or recovery (including recycling) by a registered waste carrier to an authorised facility either locally or abroad.

1.2 Pre-Operational Conditions

1.2.1 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority upon the installation and commissioning of the oil-water interceptor certified to be compliant with MSA EN858. Any activity resulting in the generation of effluent shall not commence until the interceptor has been fully installed, commissioned, and brought into operation.

1.3 Improvement Programme

- 1.3.1 The Permit Holder shall complete the improvements specified in Table 1.3.1 by the date specified in that table, and shall send communication of completion on ceu.notifications.era@era.org.mt.

Table 1.3.1		
IP Number	Requirement	Deadline
1	Installation of appropriate bunding of the chemical storage area and the waste oil storage area as per condition 2.3.1. Submission of certification of integrity by an independent and warranted engineer of such bunds as per condition 2.3.1.	Within three (3) months from granting of the permit

1.4 Conditions to be enforced by other Entities

- 1.4.1 The conditions to be imposed and enforced by the Environmental Health Directorate are outlined in approved document **EP 00022/26/DOC30A**.
- 1.4.2 The conditions to be imposed and enforced by the Water Services Corporation are outlined in approved document **EP 00022/26/DOC37A**.

2. Site Infrastructure and Equipment

2.1 General Site Infrastructure

- 2.1.1 The site must be well secured at all times. During non-operating hours the site shall be securely closed and totally inaccessible to third parties, both by vehicle and on foot.

2.2 Equipment on Site

- 2.2.1 All plant equipment and technical means used in operating the Permitted Installation shall be maintained in a good operating condition and without causing polluting emissions, leaks and spillages. Maintenance records of the above shall be kept by the Permit Holder and shall be made available to officers of the Authority for review upon request.

2.3 Storage Areas

- 2.3.1 All liquid storage tanks shall have a roofed bund with an impermeable base and walls, meeting the following:
- Capacity of at least 110% of the largest tank or 25% of the total tank volume, whichever is greater.
 - All filling and off-take points within the bund.
 - Certification of integrity by a warranted engineer upon installation and upon renewal of the permit thereafter.

- 2.3.2 All storages of oils and chemicals used for everyday maintenance operations shall be equipped with a containment system such as drip trays to prevent leakages or spillages.
- 2.3.3 The storage of other liquids in drums or containers, other than those mentioned in the application is prohibited.
- 2.3.4 **Waste mechanical** parts shall only be stored on site within a closed structure built on impervious ground capable of containing spills of fuels, oils, or hazardous materials. Storage duration shall not exceed three (3) months or one truckload in volume. Operations involving grit, sand, or glass blasting are strictly prohibited.
- 2.3.5 **Mechanical parts** containing oil shall be stored in a closed structure with impermeable ground to contain spills.
- 2.3.6 Waste oils must be transported in robust, leak-proof drums by a registered waste carrier holding a valid Class D3 permit to a licensed facility authorised to accept such waste. Transfer receipts and disposal documentation must be retained and provided upon request. The volume of waste oils on site shall not exceed two (2) 200 litre tanks.

3. Operational Procedures

- 3.1.1 Upon arrival on site, vehicles intended for maintenance, servicing, repair, or cleaning shall be directed to the designated operational areas identified for such activities.
- 3.1.2 All vehicle and equipment maintenance including cleaning, is to be carried out on an impervious surface where a thorough clean-up of fuels, oils or any other hazardous materials can be readily undertaken, and which is equipped with the appropriate environmental protection containment measures.
- 3.1.3 An adequate supply of appropriate spill kits shall be maintained and be readily accessible at designated critical areas.
- 3.1.4 Staff shall immediately contain and clean up any spillages or leakages arising during vehicle maintenance, servicing, repair, or cleaning operations. Any contaminated materials generated from such incidents shall be managed as waste and disposed of through an authorised waste management operator/facility.
- 3.1.5 Any activities that involve grit, sand or glass blasting are strictly prohibited.

3.2 Waste Management

- 3.2.1 All waste generated on site shall be stored in one designated area on impervious ground. Waste tyres are to be segregated from other waste, and the area is to be equipped with properly serviced fire extinguishers. At any time, waste tyres shall not exceed 1,230 kg located in Area G, as per Schedule 3B.
- 3.2.2 Any wastes generated from vehicle maintenance, servicing, repair, or cleaning activities, including but not limited to waste oils, oily rags, spent filters, batteries, contaminated absorbents, and wastewater residues, shall be collected, stored, and managed in accordance with the applicable permit conditions and relevant waste management legislation.

- 3.2.3 The incineration of any type of waste or any other material on site is strictly prohibited. On-site disposal of unpermitted wastes by any means including disposal to drain, groundwater or surface water, burying or deposition on land is prohibited.
- 3.2.4 The Permit Holder shall make use of the services of a registered waste carrier for the transport of waste from the site in accordance with S.L. 549.45. Where the company removes wastes using its own transport the vehicle(s) must also be registered as a waste carrier in accordance with S.L. 549.45. All hazardous waste transferred off the site shall be done via a valid consignment permit.
- 3.2.5 Records shall be kept for the disposal of all hazardous waste generated from the processes and operations on site, including EWC Code, description, quantities, date of removal, contractor name (including for transport), consignment note number and place of disposal / recovery. Disposal and/or recovery certificates shall be kept on record and made available for inspection for a period of at least 5 years from date of their issue.

3.3 Emissions to Air & Effluent Discharges

- 3.3.1 No emissions to air shall take place from the Permitted Installation other than natural ventilation through existing windows and mechanical ventilation through extractors.
- 3.3.2 All abatement equipment and ducting shall be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis to retain optimum abatement efficiency, as per manufacturer specifications. Records of such maintenance shall be kept in accordance with Condition 4.2.1.
- 3.3.3 No discharges to surface or ground water shall take place from the Permitted installation.
- 3.3.4 An oil-water separator compliant with MSA EN858 shall be installed, certified and operated to treat the effluent generated by the operations on site. It shall be certified by an independent warranted engineer as per MSA EN 858 at least once per annum thereafter. The independent warranted engineer shall amongst other things inspect the interceptor for efficiency of operation. The provision of this certification to the Authority shall take place as part of the Annual Environmental Report.
- 3.3.5 The oil-water separator and associated gutters and drainage infrastructure shall be maintained in good working order and always kept accessible for inspection, cleaning, maintenance, and monitoring purposes.
- 3.3.6 The Permit Holder shall maintain records of all inspections, maintenance works cleaning operations, certifications and waste removals associated with the oil-water separator. Such records shall be made available to the Authority upon request and associated waste removal shall be reported as part of the Annual Environmental Report.

4. Site Management

4.1 Staff Obligations and Responsibilities

- 4.1.1 All employees authorised by the Permit Holder to undertake waste management operations on his/her behalf, shall be fully conversant with the obligations of this permit and shall be individually aware of their responsibilities and liabilities in observing the conditions of this

permit. They shall be provided with adequate professional technical development and training and written operating instructions to enable them to effectively carry out duties.

- 4.1.2 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.

4.2 Site Records, Archive & Reporting

- 4.2.1 A site daily operations log shall be made in a legible manner and kept on site and be made available for inspection by the Authority at any reasonable time. The following information shall be recorded on a daily basis and retained for five (5) years:

- a. Total amount in tonnes and specific waste stream transferred from site;
- b. 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;
- c. Maintenance records as per condition 3.3.2 and condition 3.3.5; and
- d. Any complaints related to the operations at the site.

Each record shall be compiled within 24 hours of the relevant event and shall be made available for inspection by the Authority upon request.

- 4.2.2 Any incident including accidental release of liquid, solid or gaseous materials from the site that could be regarded as causing environmental damage, or as posing a threat of environmental damage, shall be reported not later than within 24 hours to ERA.

- 4.2.3 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all records required to be kept by this Permit and any other records required by it 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 in the format requested;
- c. Be legible;
- d. Indicate any amendments which have been made and shall include the original record; and
- e. Be retained at the Permitted Installation, or other location agreed by the Authority in writing, for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date when the records were made, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

5. Cessation of Operations

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.

- 5.1 In the event that the permitted operations cease unexpectedly and the Permit Holder is no longer interested in pursuing them, the Permit Holder is to notify the Authority within seven (7) days.
- 5.2 When the Authority deems it necessary, prior to the cessation/closure of the site, the Permit Holder shall carry out any monitoring tests as indicated by the Authority, which will determine whether the Permit Holder can be released from the obligation of this permit.

- 5.3 All obligations of this permit shall subsist until such time that the Authority notifies the Permit Holder in writing that all obligations and conditions of the permit have been fulfilled to its satisfaction.

6. General Conditions

- 6.1 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, landowners or site managers.
- 6.2 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; during which any part of the site can be accessed and photographed and may request any documentation as necessary. Any checks or audits carried out by the Authority may be made at the Permit Holder's financial expense at a rate and arrangement communicated by ERA.
- 6.3 The Authority may amend any of the conditions of this permit.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 Upon the joint application of a Permit Holder and a proposed transferee, the Permit Holder may request to transfer an environment 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.
- 6.6 This permit is issued against a bank guarantee of **€7,000**. The guarantee is covered in accordance with the Letter of Undertaking covering Government Projects ref MF35/05/160. This guarantee shall be maintained throughout the validity of the permit and may require amendments following renewal and/or modifications and/or variation.
- 6.7 The Authority may withdraw funds from the bank guarantee for any breach of permit conditions, instructions or any other non-compliance. This does not preclude further enforcement action by ERA. If funds are withdrawn, the Permit Holder shall replenish the guarantee within two (2) months. Release of the Bank Guarantee is subject to the Authority's confirmation of full compliance.
- 6.8 In cases where the bank guarantee does not cover the expenses incurred by the Authority to take remedial action on the Permit Holder's behalf, the Permit Holder is to financially reimburse the Authority for such expenses incurred.
- 6.9 A copy of this permit shall be available at all times at the site office, including any Modification Notices or amendments to it.
- 6.10 The Authority may request monitoring and/or review of operational practices and 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 Permit Holder.

- 6.11 Without prejudice to Condition 6.10, the Authority may take any action deemed necessary, including the suspension of any activity or operation, pending the outcome of investigations or where non-compliance with permit conditions is identified.
- 6.12 Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.
- 6.13 The Permit Holder may apply for a modification in permit and shall seek the Authority's written agreement prior to any operational changes, 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 the environment from the Permitted Installation;
 - b. Any relevant supporting information (e.g. chemical/fuel consumption, technical details, changes in the type/use of substances/mixtures, etc.);
 - c. Assessments and drawings, and;
 - d. The proposed implementation date.

Any such change shall only be implemented following the issue of a modification/variation of the permit by the Authority.

- 6.14 Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing at least 10 working days prior to their occurrence:
- a. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
 - b. Any change to particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity.

7. Submissions

- 7.1 All reports and submissions required by this Permit shall be made and sent to the Authority addressed to the Compliance and Enforcement Unit on ceu.notifications.era@era.org.mt.
- 7.2 The Permit Holder shall also submit to the Authority an Annual Environmental Report (AER) of the previous year by not later than end of March of each year, providing the information listed in Schedule 2 of this Permit and in the format specified therein. It shall also be ensured that all certification and documentation as per Schedule 2 are submitted according to the relevant timeframes therein.

Schedule 1**Complete List of Permitted Waste on Site**

WM Code	Description of Waste	European Waste Codes
WM1	Welding wastes (non-hazardous)	12 01 13
WM2	End-of-Life tyres	16 01 03
WM3	Oil filters (hazardous)	16 01 07*
WM4	Components not otherwise specified	16 01 22
WM5	Brake pads not containing asbestos (non-hazardous)	16 01 12
WM6	Lead batteries (hazardous)	16 06 01*
WM7	Vehicle components not otherwise specified	16 01 99
WM8	Mineral based non-chlorinated engine, gear and lubricating oils	13 02 05*
WM9	absorbents, filter materials (including oil filters not otherwise specified), wiping cloths, protective clothing contaminated by hazardous substances	15 02 02*
WM10	Brake fluids	16 01 13*
WM11	Oil from oil / water separators	13 05 06*
WM12	Oily water from oil / water separators	13 05 07*

Schedule 2**Annual Environment Report and Submissions****Important note**

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

S2.1 Introduction

Environmental Permit Number	
Reporting Year (Calendar Year: 1 January to 31 December)	
Name and locality of Site	
Brief description of operations at the site	

S2.2 Waste Records

S2.2.1 Waste Records (waste removed from site)

Waste Type		Amount (tonnes / number)	Location of Disposal	
Tyres				
Scrap metal				
Others (please specify):				
Hazardous waste type	EW Code ¹	Consignment note number	Destination	Quantity (tonnes)
Off-site transfers of hazardous waste (please specify, eg: Waste Oils, Batteries):				

S2.3 Incidents and Complaints

S2.3.1 Non-Compliance Incidents during Reporting Year

Date of incident	Brief description of Incident	Cause	Corrective action

Total number of non-compliance incidents for the current reporting period:

S2.3.2 Complaints made by the public or through Authority

Date of complaint	Description of complaint	Actions taken

Total number of complaints for current reporting period:

¹ European Waste Codes Catalogue

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02000D0532-20150601&qid=1475495799963&from=EN>

S2.4 Submission of Certifications and Documentation

Please attach supporting documents with the following:

Documentation	Submission Date	Tick (✓)
Submission of oil-water separator certification as per MSA EN 858 as per condition 3.3.4	Every year	

1.1.1. 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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ID Card Number

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on behalf of / in my own name
(in block letters)

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Signature

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Date

Schedule 3A
Site Map

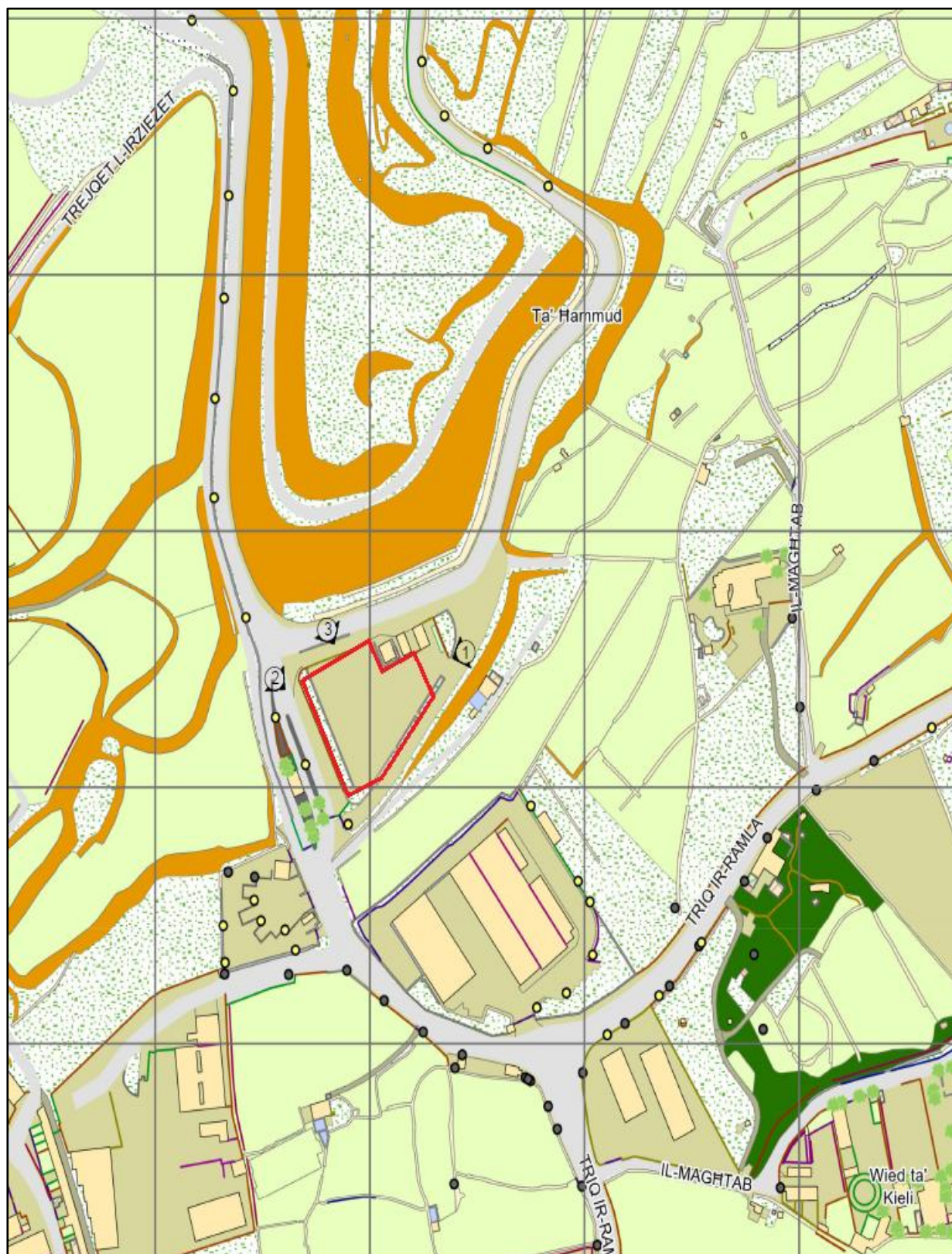


Figure 3.1: Site of installation outline in red, showing extent of area authorised for operation for the carrying out of the operations specified in Condition 1.1.1. The extent of the site boundary shall not be used for interpretation purposes

Schedule 3B
Site Layout Plan

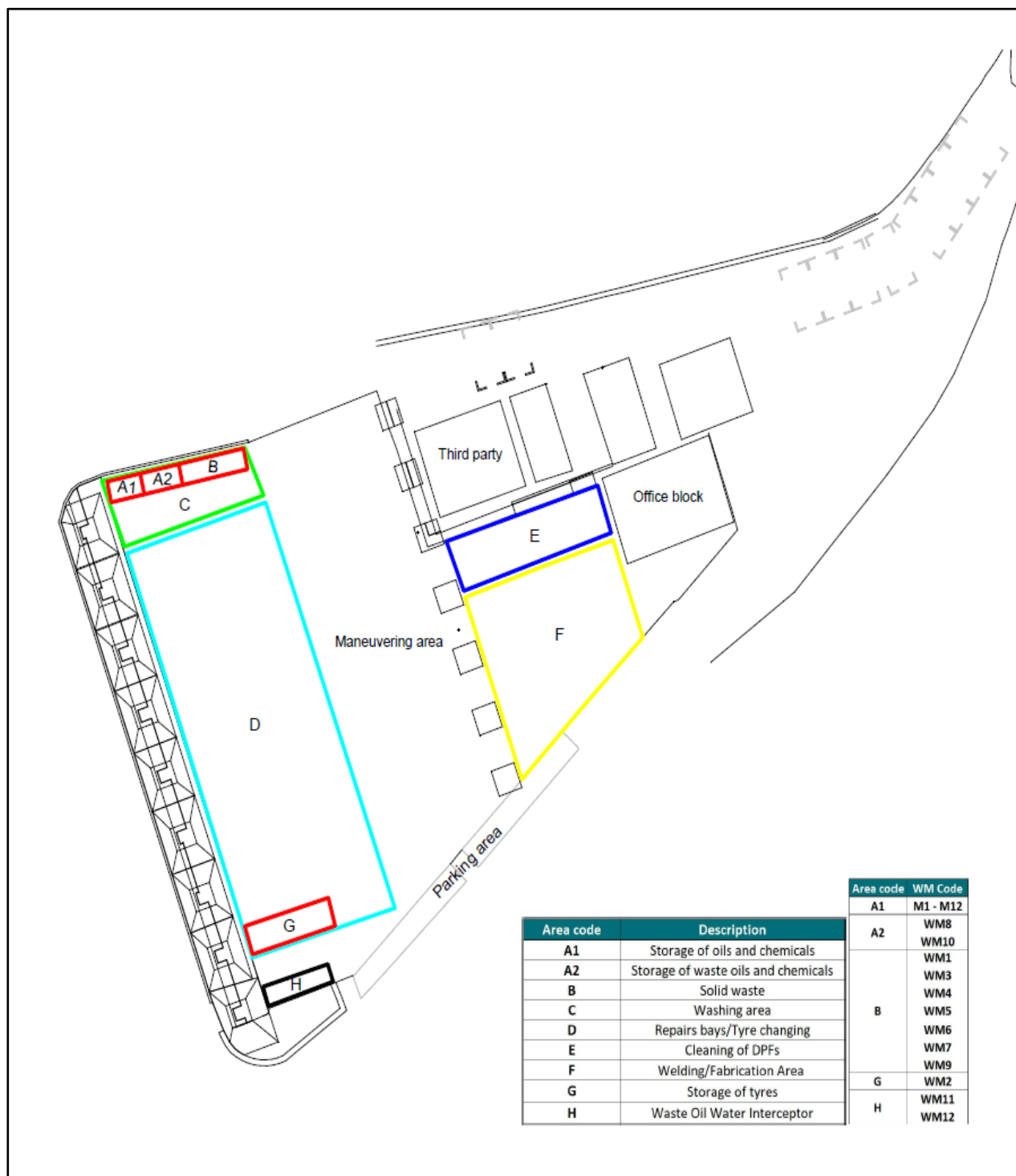


Figure 3.2: Site Layout plan for the carrying out of the activities specified in condition 1.1.1.
The extent of the site boundary is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes.

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