

## Environmental Permit


Environment Planning Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number

**EP 0107/19**

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), hereby authorises:

**Mr Anthony Aquilina o.b.o AA Garages** (hereinafter "Permit Holder")

ID Card Number: 

To operate an installation carrying out maintenance of light and heavy road vehicles and trailers at:


**Plot 99**

**Luqa Industrial Estate, LQA 3000**

The validity of this permit is four (4) years from the granted date below. An application for renewal of this permit is to be submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiry of this permit.

Signed

Date

 <p>Prof. Victor Axiak Chairman</p>	<p>Permit Granted: 7 / 9 / 2021</p>
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**Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority**

## Conditions

### General

The Permitted Installation shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be managed, controlled and operated as described in the EP Application, or as otherwise previously agreed in writing by the Authority.

### Status Log

Detail	Date
<i>EP application</i>	2nd December 2019
<i>Consolidated EP application</i>	6th May 2021
<i>Permit determined by ERA Board</i>	3rd September 2021

### 1.1 Permitted Activity

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

<b>Table 1.1.1</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description of specified activity</b>	<b>Limits of specified activity</b>
Light & Heavy Vehicle Maintenance on road vehicles and trailers	Vehicle/trailer repair and body repair, including restoration, carried out in the dedicated garages within the installation.	From the receipt of vehicle on site to the final delivery of repaired and/or restored item to client.
Storage and retail of vehicle parts, tyres, lubricating oils, and greases.	Storage and retail of vehicle parts, car accessories and tyres.	From receipt of raw materials to storage and distribution of finished product.
Associated activity of storage, treatment and disposal/recycling of waste materials generated on site.	Handling, storage and disposal / recovery of wastes from site	From generation of waste to disposal/ recycling/ recovery offsite at permitted facilities.

### 1.2 Site

- 1.2.1 Only those combustion plants listed in Table 3.8 can be operated at the site and activities authorised under condition 1.1.1 shall not extend beyond the Site boundary, as shown on the Site Map in Schedule 1 to this Permit.
- 1.2.2 All businesses have a duty of care to protect the environment. The operator shall become familiar with his legal obligations and good environmental practice.

- 1.2.3 Staff shall be made aware of the importance of environmental protection and receive appropriate training.
- 1.2.4 The site shall be maintained in a tidy condition, free from litter and waste (whether arising from own activities or external sources).
- 1.2.5 The conditions and obligations of this permit are without prejudice to any other regulation, code of practice, conditions or requirements requested by other Authorities or entities, including but not limited to, the Planning Authority, the Occupational Health and Safety Authority, Transport Malta, and the Regulator for Energy and Water Services (REWS).
- 1.2.6 This permit is granted saving third party rights. The Permit Holder is not excused from obtaining any other permission required by law.
- 1.2.7 A copy of this permit shall be available at all times on site at the permitted facility, including any Variation Notices or amendments to it.
- 1.2.8 In these conditions and their interpretation, all terms shall have the same meaning as that assigned to them in CAP 549 the Environment Protection Act and its subsidiary legislation.
- 1.2.9 The Permit Holder has the sole responsibility to ascertain compliance with legal obligations, permit conditions and to undertake activities on and off site in line with good environmental practices at all times.
- 1.2.10 In the event of cessation of business activity on the site, all wastes (including end-of-life or abandoned machinery, tanks and equipment) and hazardous materials must be removed from the site.

## **2. Waste Management**

- 2.1. Wastes should preferably be collected for recycling/re-use. When practical, recyclable wastes should be segregated to facilitate recycling.
- 2.2. All wastes shall be stored within a designated and controlled storage area(s) prior to ultimate disposal; wastes to be recycled should be stored in a designated container or area and not mixed with other wastes.
- 2.3. The storage of Hazardous Waste should comply with the requirements of SL 549.45 Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations The storage period for hazardous waste shall not exceed 12 months.
- 2.4. Liquid and hazardous wastes shall be stored in a labelled, closed container(s) within a designated and controlled storage area(s) prior to ultimate disposal. Wastes of different natures should not be mixed in the same container.
- 2.5. Batteries must be stored in an upright position in a dry, impervious, secure area. Batteries can only be disposed of through an authorised waste management company or at an authorised site.

- 2.6. Waste oils must be stored in a secure leak proof container and may only be disposed of through a company authorised for the collection of waste oils or at an authorised site. Where waste oil generation exceeds 500 litres per year, a record must be maintained of the quantities, nature, manner and date of dispatch of the oil.
- 2.7. No storage of waste is permitted for a period exceeding 12 months.
- 2.8. Non-hazardous waste awaiting collection may be placed outside the site premises for a period not exceeding 12 hours.
- 2.9. On-site disposal of wastes (including tyres, car parts, hydraulic fluids) by any means including burning, disposal to drain or surface water, burying or deposition on land is prohibited, unless specifically approved by a permit from ERA or the Water Services Corporation (WSC).
- 2.10. Off-site disposal or recycling of wastes may only take place at a facility licensed for that purpose.
- 2.11. Records shall be maintained for the disposal of all hazardous waste, including quantities, dates, contractor name and manner of disposal. The records should be maintained for a period of 2 years and be made available, upon request, by ERA.

### **3. Emissions to Atmosphere**

- 3.1. Abatement equipment shall be installed where significant emissions to air are envisaged including areas used for the testing of vehicles, or where vehicles are left idling during engine warm-up.
- 3.2. Fuel unloading operations shall be carried out in compliance with the scheme regulated by the REWS.
- 3.3. Minor exhausts, such as wall grills, shall discharge above head height and be directed upwards.
- 3.4. The exhaust from general building ventilation (e.g.: extractors or fans in walls or roofs) shall be vented in such a way as to avoid local nuisance.
- 3.5. In the event of a local nuisance from emissions to air, the operator must, at the written request of ERA and within 30 working days, identify the specific cause of the nuisance and examine means for its elimination or minimisation including:
  - Relocating / redesigning the stack(s) or vent(s) to a point where nuisance is minimised.
  - Use of additional abatement steps.
  - Replacement of fuel by a lower sulphur content or cleaner burning fuel.
  - Closure of certain doors or windows.

- 3.6. All abatement equipment and ducting shall be cleaned and maintained on a regular basis and records kept of any such maintenance.
- 3.7. No spray painting is authorised to be carried out on site unless otherwise permitted by ERA through a variation application.
- 3.8. The Permit Holder shall submit certification for the emergency generator (PS1) referred to in Table 3.8 by an independent warranted engineer within three (3) months of the granting of the permit and every four (4) years thereafter, showing that the generator is in good working condition. Furthermore, applicant shall submit to the Authority every year by 31<sup>st</sup> March the fuel consumption in litres for the previous year.

<b>Table 3.8.: Emission points to air</b>	
<b>Emission point references</b>	<b>Source</b>
PS1	Generator

#### **4. Effluent Discharge**

- 4.1. Foul sewer drains must be strictly segregated from stormwater drains.
- 4.2. The discharge of any type of effluent (including washing or wet sanding of cars and equipment) to land or stormwater drains is prohibited, unless specifically approved under a permit issued by ERA.
- 4.3. Contaminated discharges to the land and foul sewer (including wash water from the maintenance area) shall be prohibited unless otherwise permitted by ERA. Effluent should pass through an adequately sized and well-maintained interceptor.

#### **5. Storage**

- 5.1. No storage of waste, equipment or materials is permitted on property outside the site premises.
- 5.2. All storage of materials or waste shall take place only in locations where thorough clean-up and site reinstatement can be readily undertaken.
- 5.4. All bulk oil and fuel storage tanks shall be provided with an adequately designed bund system with an impermeable base and walls. The capacity of the bund shall be a minimum of 110% of the largest tank within the bund or 25% of the total volume of all the tanks within the bund. Filling and off-take points shall be located within the bund. The Permit Holder shall also ensure and take all precautions to avoid any leakages or spills from liquid or solid material.
- 5.3. The construction of fuel tanks shall comply with relevant REWS standards.

- 5.4. Bulk storage tanks for liquids and associated bunding and pipe work shall be visually inspected at least once a month and certified by a warranted engineer on an annual basis.
- 5.5. Drums and containers of solvents/chemicals/resins/oils shall be stored in designated and secure storage areas. Storage areas shall be bunded or otherwise designed so that surface and ground waters cannot be contaminated by spillages.
- 5.6. Spillages of oil or other hazardous material shall receive immediate attention to prevent escape to drain, surface water or land. Spilled material shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 5.7. The integrity of underground storage tanks for petrol and oil shall be examined by a qualified person at least every 5 years. Records of the examination shall be retained for inspection by ERA.
- 5.8. Vehicle engine and body parts shall be stored on impervious ground where contamination of underlying substrate is not envisaged.
- 5.9. The cleaning of vehicle engine and body parts shall be carried out on an impervious surface such as sealed asphalt or cement. Water soluble engine washing fluids shall be recycled or disposed of through a company authorised to accept such waste.
- 5.10. All vehicle maintenance is to be carried out on an impervious surface such as sealed asphalt or cement, where a thorough clean up of any spillages of oil, lubricants etc can be readily undertaken.

### Schedule 1 Site Plan

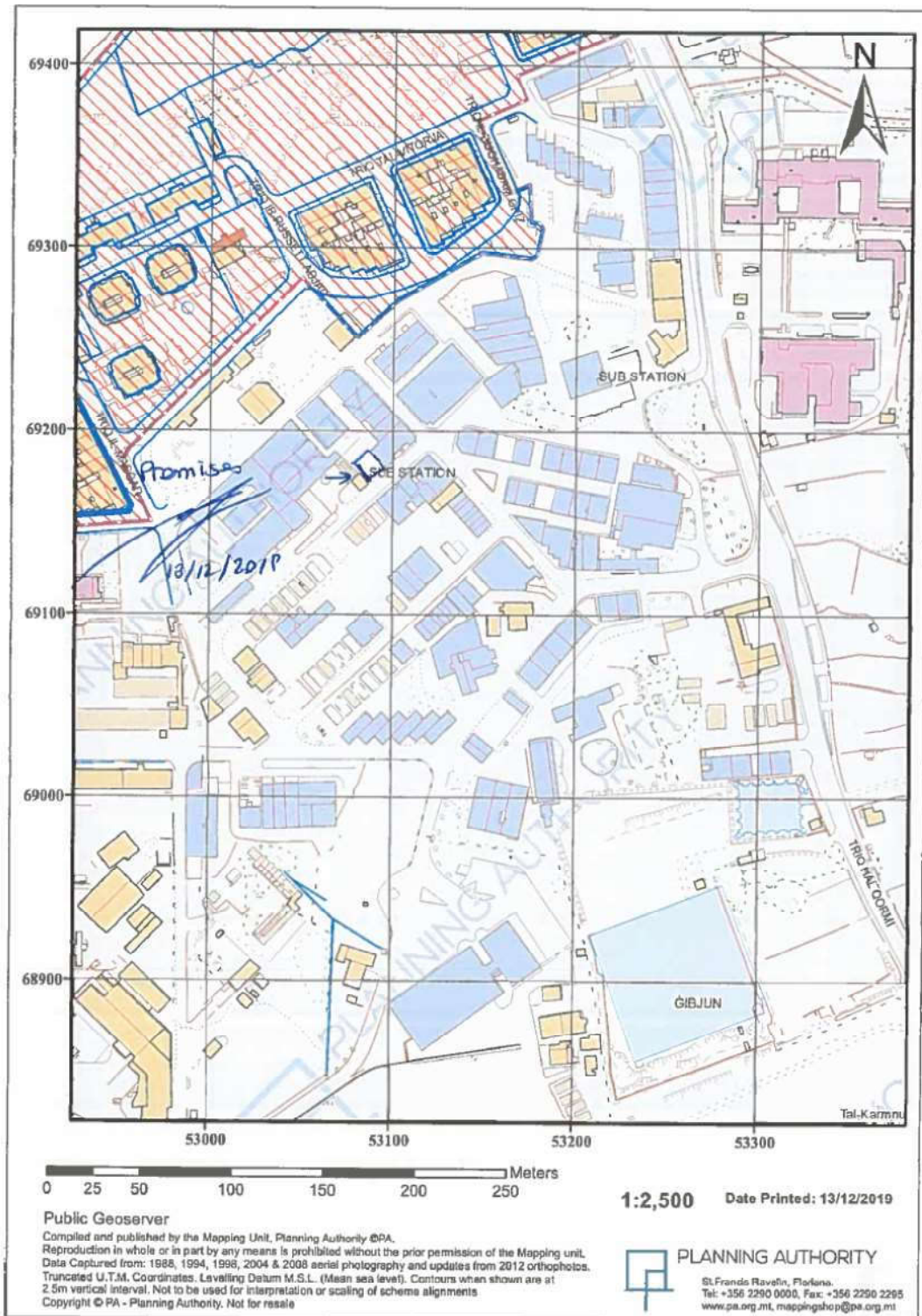


Fig S1.1 Site of permitted installation in Qormi, showing the extent of the area for the carrying out of the activities specified in condition 1.1.1. The extent of the site boundary is indicative and should not be used for interpretation purposes.

### Schedule 2 Site Layout Plan

Fig. S2.1: Layout plan showing roof emergency generator

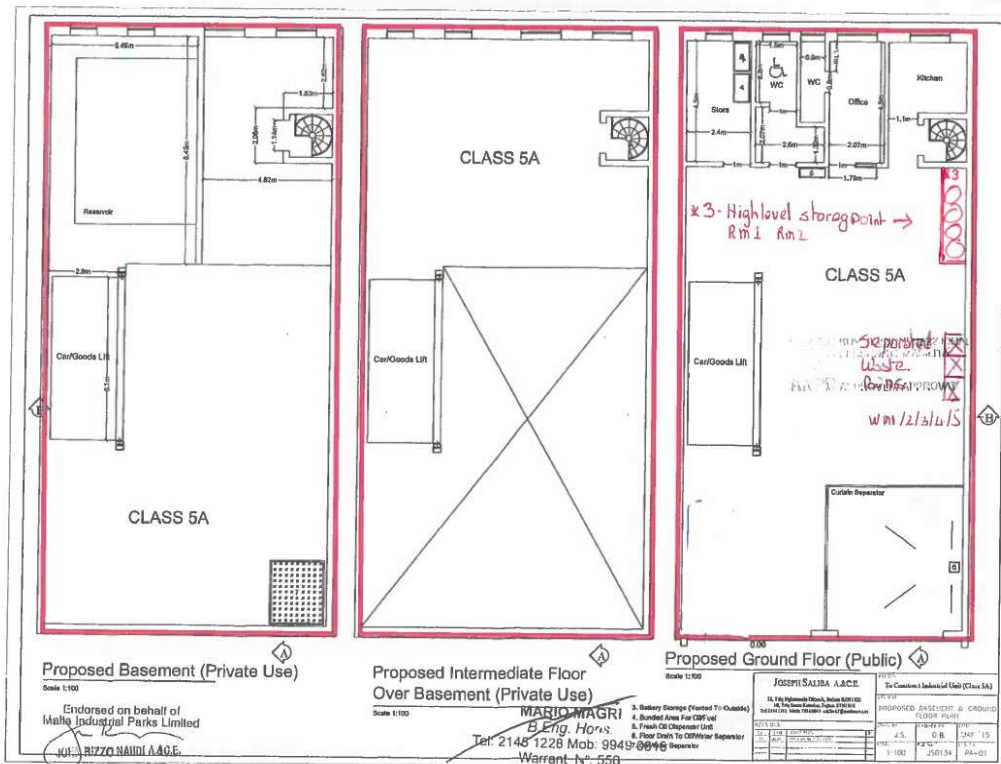


Fig S2.2 Layout plan showing general workshop areas, wastes & raw materials

