

## Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number

**EP 0002/22**

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. Ciro Ascione obo Refab Light Blue Partnership**, (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”),  
(Company registration number: **P COMM 202**)

of/whose registered office (or principal place of business) is at:

Central Business Centre,  
Level 0,  
Triq I-Imdina  
Żebbuġ

**To carry out waste management activities as per conditions and limitations stipulated in this authorisation, related to collection, storage, packaging and export of waste clothing and the collection, storage and export of waste edible oil**

at:

**Refab Light Blue Partnership**  
**Attrans Depot, Level 0, Store 5 & Level -1, Store 6**  
**Triq I-Imdina**  
**Żebbuġ**

This permit is valid for **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
Prof Victor Axiak Chairman	Permit Granted: 14 / 06 / 2022

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

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## Conditions

### 1 General

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

#### Status Log

Detail	Date
Application Received	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016
Permit Issued (EP 0015/17/A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018
Variation Notice Issued (EP 0015/17/A/V1)	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Renewal Issued (EP 0108/19)	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Variation Notice Issued (EP 0108/19/V2)	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Variation Notice Issued (EP 0108/19/V1)	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Renewal determined by ERA Board (EP 0002/22)	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

### 1.1 Permitted Activities

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

**Table 1.1.1**

Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Collection, storage, sorting, packaging and export of waste clothing and textiles at Store 5, Level 0 only	Reception of clothes at warehouse, temporary storage and sorting, packing and export	From receipt of waste clothing to dispatch of packed items to authorised waste facilities abroad
End of Waste activity for waste clothes and textiles	Manual checking and sorting of waste clothes and textiles  Cutting of cotton rags	From receipt of waste clothes and textiles to dispatch as product either locally or abroad
Storage of waste edible oil at Store 6, Level -1 only	Receipt and storage of waste edible oil in designated areas	From receipt of waste edible oil to dispatch to authorised waste facilities either locally or abroad

## **1.2 Site**

- 1.2.1 The activities authorised under condition 1.1.1 shall not extend beyond the Site, as shown on the Site Map in Schedule 2 to this Permit.
- 1.2.2 Storage of edible oil may only take place as indicated in the site layout plan in Schedule 2C and is to be strictly placed in the indicated bunding. No additional activities may be carried out in Store no. 6.

## **1.3 General Conditions**

- 1.3.1 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 or site owners.
- 1.3.2 In these conditions and their interpretation, all terms shall have the same meaning as that assigned to them in CAP549 Environment Protection Act and its subsidiary legislation.
- 1.3.3 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.
- 1.3.4 The Permit Holder shall maintain a register of third-party complaints. The register shall record the details of complainant(s) if available, the date, source and nature of the complaint and the corrective action undertaken, where such action proves necessary.
- 1.3.5 All plant, equipment and technical means used in operating the Permitted Installation shall be maintained in good operating condition and without causing polluting emissions, leaks and spillages.
- 1.3.6 The Permitted Installation shall be managed, controlled, supervised and operated by staff who are aware of the importance of environmental protection and suitably trained on the requirements of this Permit, in particular on those permit conditions relevant to their duties. All staff shall be provided with adequate training and written operating instructions to enable them to effectively carry out their duties. Such training shall be recorded and maintained.
- 1.3.7 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.
- 1.3.8 The Authority may carry out regular pre-set or unannounced compliance or monitoring checks that vary in frequency according to the site's compliance with the permit conditions and safeguarding of natural assets. Any checks or audits carried out by the Authority may be made at the Permit Holder's financial expense at the rate and arrangement communicated by ERA.

- 1.3.9 The Authority's representatives may inspect and photograph any part of the site and ask for any closed or locked areas to be opened and may demand to be provided with any proof, documentation, plans, receipts or any other records.
- 1.3.10 The Authority may add, amend, delete or substitute any of the conditions of this permit after notifying the Permit Holder of its intention and after describing the changes to the Permit Holder. This is without prejudice to any prevailing circumstances that would preclude the Authority from following such a procedure.
- 1.3.11 The permit is valid for a period of **four (4) years** from the date of the granting. The Permit Holder may apply for a renewal to this permit expressing his/her intention at least **six (6) months** prior to the expiry of this permit. The permit will be considered renewed once the official renewed permit is issued by the Authority.
- 1.3.12 In accordance to the provisions of Subsidiary Legislation 549.63, this permit is granted against a bank guarantee of **€6,350** which shall be renewed annually. This guarantee will have to be maintained throughout the validity of the permit. Following renewal and/or variations to this permit, the Authority may require amendments to the Bank Guarantee.
- 1.3.13 The Authority may forfeit the full amount of the bank guarantee if any of the permit conditions are not complied with or the Permit Holder fails to comply with any instruction given or any other legal obligation under the Act or its subsidiary legislation. Forfeiture of the bank guarantee does not preclude the Authority from taking any other action to ensure that the conditions of this permit are complied with. Should the Authority forfeit the Bank Guarantee either in part or in full during the validity of the permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that this is replenished without undue delay, in any case not exceeding 2 months from the date of forfeiture. The Bank Guarantee shall only be released upon confirmation of compliance with the permit conditions by the Authority.
- 1.3.14 In cases where the bank guarantee does not cover the expenses incurred by the Authority to take any remedial action on the Permit Holder's behalf, the Permit Holder is to financially reimburse the Authority of all the expenses incurred.
- 1.3.15 A copy of this permit shall be available at all times at the permitted facility, including any Variation Notices or amendments to it.
- 1.3.16 The Authority may suspend or revoke this environmental permit in line with the provisions of CAP549.
- 1.3.17 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.
- 1.3.18 Without prejudice to condition 1.3.17, the Authority may take any action deemed necessary including but not limited to the suspension of any activity/operation until investigations are concluded.

## **1.4 Operational Changes**

1.4.1 The Permit Holder may apply for a variation 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 risks to 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) Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings, and;
- d) The proposed implementation date.

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

1.4.2 The 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.

## **2. Site Infrastructure and Operations**

### **2.1 Site Infrastructure**

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

2.1.2 The designated and labelled quarantine area shall be kept within the site boundary to temporarily hold unpermitted waste that may inadvertently enter the site. A non-leaking skip or similar contained structure shall be utilised for the temporary storage of unpermitted waste. The quantity of waste in the quarantine area shall not exceed the capacity of said area at any given time.

2.1.3 The Permit Holder is to ensure that the waste is organised into the designated areas, labelled and with visible physical delineation of these areas shall be put in place.

2.1.4 No waste shall be deposited, stored, treated or otherwise handled in any area of the site that is not impermeable. No liquid wastes are allowed to be kept on site.

2.1.5 In the event of spillages or incidents, which could have led to contamination of land, the Permit Holder shall notify the Authority within 24 hours, forward a decontamination plan for the Authority's approval and execute it within an agreed time frame.

2.1.6 All storage of materials or waste shall take place only in areas with impervious ground and where thorough clean up and site reinstatement can be readily undertaken.

- 2.1.7 All bulk oil and fuel storage tanks shall be provided with an adequately designed bund system with an impermeable base and walls, as per relevant standards. 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.
- 2.1.8 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all secondary containment are of sufficient strength and structural integrity. All process and storage tanks shall be rendered impervious to the substance stored in them.

## **2.2 Permitted Operations on Site**

- 2.2.1 Only waste streams as set out in the European Waste Catalogue codes in Schedule 1 can be accepted and processed on site.
- 2.2.2 Any waste clothes and textile material, which is to achieve end-of waste criteria must adhere to the standards for production as per Schedule 4 and Schedule 4A of this permit.
- 2.2.3 The total amount of waste edible oil that can be stored at any given time cannot exceed the capacity of 15cbm each. Furthermore, the collected waste edible oil can only be stored within the bund as specified in Figure 2.3 within Schedule 2C.
- 2.2.4 Further to Condition 2.2.3, IBCs shall not be stacked on each-other within the bunded areas.
- 2.2.5 No waste activity subject to this permit or ancillary to it, is allowed to be carried out in any place other than within the permitted site as indicated in Schedule 2.
- 2.2.6 Movements of waste outside of the permitted site for the purpose of loading shall not commence prior to the arrival of the truck/container on site. Containers brought to the site shall be loaded and removed within 24 hours.

## **2.3 Equipment on Site**

- 2.3.1 Weighing equipment used in weighing material received on site or removed off site shall be maintained, calibrated and certified by a warranted engineer or by the equipment's manufacturing company once every year. This certificate is to be submitted to the Authority as part of Schedule 3.
- 2.3.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain records of the weight of each waste consignment received and/or removed from the site, and such data is to be collected using properly calibrated equipment.
- 2.3.3 All plant equipment and technical means used in operating the Permitted Installation shall be maintained in a good operating condition and maintenance records of the above shall be kept by the Permit Holder. These must be made available to the Authority upon request.

- 2.3.4 All equipment is to be operated in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations, so as to minimise the release of dust to air, land and water.

### **3. Operating Conditions**

#### **3.1 Emissions to Air**

- 3.1.1 No emissions to air shall take place from the Permitted Installation.
- 3.1.2 The exhaust from the general building ventilation system (e.g. extractors or fans in walls or roofs) shall be vented in such a way as to avoid local adverse environmental effects and in accordance with applicable legislation in this regards.

#### **3.2 Effluent Discharges**

- 3.2.1 No discharges to surface water or groundwater shall take place from the Permitted Installation.

#### **3.3 Emissions to Land**

- 3.3.1 No emission from the Permitted Installation shall be made to land.
- 3.3.2 In the event of contamination of land, the Permit Holder shall notify the Authority within 24 hours, forward a decontamination plan for the Authority's approval and execute it within an agreed time frame.

#### **3.4 General Waste Acceptance, Storage and Handling**

- 3.4.1 The Permit Holder shall apply the precautionary principle to safeguard the environment whilst carrying out the permitted activities and shall immediately refuse the entry of waste that is suspected to be in breach of the conditions of this permit.
- 3.4.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all waste management operations authorised in accordance with this Permit are carried out in an orderly manner and in such a way as not to cause adverse impact on the environment.
- 3.4.3 All wastes shall be stored within a designated and controlled storage area(s) prior to removal from site to an authorised facility either locally or abroad. Any unpermitted wastes that may inadvertently enter the site must be stored in the quarantine area prior to removal from site.
- 3.4.4 All wastes leaving the site after storage and must only be sent to authorised facilities licensed to accept the individual waste stream, either locally or abroad. In this regard, in the case of local facilities, the Permit Holder shall only make use of disposal/recovery sites that are duly permitted by the Competent Authority, as set in the Subsidiary Legislation 549.63 – the Waste Regulations or by authorised waste management facilities abroad.

- 3.4.5 An audit trail is to be maintained for the waste received and sent for treatment, recovery or disposal to another facility locally or abroad, which audit trail shall cover all waste from the point of generation or collection to the end recovery facility abroad.
- 3.4.6 No storage of waste destined for disposal is permitted for a period exceeding 12 months. No storage of waste destined for recovery or treatment is permitted for a period exceeding 3 years.
- 3.4.7 The Permit Holder is to prevent litter or other wastes escaping from the site boundaries particularly during loading/unloading. Any such escape of waste shall be collected immediately upon detection.
- 3.4.8 Only registered waste carriers as per activity 38 of Schedule 1 in S.L. 549.45, the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations are allowed to transport waste to and from this site.
- 3.4.9 Should the Permit Holder require the services of a waste broker, it shall be ensured that any such broker is a duly registered waste broker in accordance with S.L. 549.45.
- 3.4.10 Transboundary movement of waste shall be carried out in accordance with the following regulations, as amended from time to time:
- a. Regulation (EC) N° 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste as implemented through S.L. 549.65;
  - b. Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1418/2007 of 29 November 2007 concerning the export for recovery of certain waste listed in Annex III or IIIA to Regulation (EC) N° 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council to certain countries to which the OECD Decision on the control of transboundary movements of waste does not apply, and
  - c. Any other applicable legislation.
- 3.4.11 The Permit Holder shall ensure to provide:
- a. A receipt at the point of acceptance indicating the facility name, permit number, date, time and weight of the consignment, and should also bear a unique sequential number.
  - b. A declaration for all the consignments of waste accepted and removed on Site shall also be issued indicating the facility name, permit number, type (by EWC code), weight and final destination of the waste removed, also bearing a unique sequential number.

In cases of non-waste carriers or domestic sources, a receipt would suffice.

- 3.4.12 Disposal and/or recovery certificates and any documentation related to transfer of waste to and from the site and/or related to its end disposal and/or recovery shall be kept on record and made available for inspection for a period of at least 5 years from date of their issue. Copies of such certificates shall be submitted on an annual basis as part of the AER.

- 3.4.13 The Permit Holder shall maintain records of the weight of each waste consignment received and/or removed from the site, and such data shall be collected using properly calibrated equipment.
- 3.4.14 All hazardous waste transferred to and/or from the site and every individual movement of hazardous waste shall be accompanied by a valid consignment permit and consignment note obtainable from the Competent Authority.
- 3.4.15 The Authority may stop any consignment/s of waste in transit from the site should the Authority require any checks and/or investigations on such a consignment/s.
- 3.4.16 The Permit Holder shall also ensure and take all precautions in his competence to avoid any leakages or spills from liquid material that can cause environmental harm. Waste liquid tanks and drums found to be leaking or damaged shall either be immediately transferred to a larger over-container or shall have their contents immediately transferred to an alternative tank/drum.
- 3.4.17 Minor spillages of liquid waste shall be cleaned up immediately.
- 3.4.18 Upon first notification by the Authority in the event of adverse odour impacts from the operations, the Permit Holder shall within one month of the notification submit a proposal for the abatement of such impacts for the Authority's approval and implement it in the timeframe prescribed by the Authority.

#### **4. Site Management**

##### **4.1 Staff obligations and Responsibilities**

- 4.1.1 All employees authorised by the Permit Holder to undertake waste management activities 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.
- 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.
- 4.1.3 Where the Permit Holder is also the designated TCP for the facility, a delegate TCP should also be appointed to represent the Permit Holder/TCP during the times when the Permit Holder/TCP will not be available.
- 4.1.4 The TCP is responsible for the implementation of all the obligations stipulated in this permit, must supervise the rest of the staff on site and is completely responsible to ascertain that all permit conditions are being adhered to and that unauthorised waste does not enter the site.
- 4.1.5 In the event of any short or long periods of leave of absence taken by the TCP, for a period exceeding 10 days, or change in the TCP, the Permit Holder is obliged to find a replacement for that member of staff without delay and the Authority informed accordingly.

- 4.1.6 All the staff on site shall be fully aware of the procedures to be taken to contain any environmental hazard which may arise related to the activities being carried out on site.

## **4.2 Accident Prevention and Control**

- 4.2.1 An Emergency Response Plan shall be maintained containing details of the location, nature and quantity of chemicals, oils and fuels stored, any special hazards, a drawing showing location of drains and the emergency phone numbers of the Permit Holder and relevant authorities. It shall also include actions to be taken in the case of incidents which could affect the environment, such as fires and chemical/fuel spills. The emergency plan shall indicate that accidental releases of chemicals and fires caused by chemicals are to be managed as specified in the respective SDS.
- 4.2.2 In the case of an accident (including chemical spills, etc.), the Permit Holder shall follow the Emergency Response Plan referred to in Condition 4.2.1 and shall notify the Authority within 24 hours.
- 4.2.3 Spillages of chemicals 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. Kits for the collection of liquid and powder spills shall be available on site at strategic locations.
- 4.2.4 Small leaks or spills shall be cleared up immediately by the application of absorbent materials. All used absorbent materials shall be disposed of as hazardous waste at facilities permitted to accept such waste. Transfer of this waste shall be carried out as per conditions specified in section 3.4 of this permit.
- 4.2.5 The Permit Holder shall have in storage an adequate supply of suitable absorbent material to absorb any spillage.

## **4.3 Site Records & Archive**

- 4.3.1 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 5 years:
- a. Total amount of waste in tonnes accepted on site;
  - b. Total amount of waste in tonnes removed from site for disposal or further treatment;
  - c. Total amount of waste in tonnes refused entry on site;
  - d. Total amount in tonnes of unaccepted material sent to the quarantine area and by which registered waste carrier it was transported;
  - e. 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;
  - f. Any other incidents that the Permit Holder deems important to record in the Site daily operations log and
  - g. Any complaints related to the operations at the site.

Each record shall be compiled within 24 hours of the relevant event. The records kept in the site daily operations log shall be made available for inspection at any time when the Authority representative request to inspect them.

4.3.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain a record of the skills and training requirements for all staff whose tasks in relation to the Permitted Installation may have an impact on the environment and shall keep records of all relevant training.

4.3.3 The Permit Holder may wish to establish an Environmental Management System (EMS) to facilitate compliance with permit conditions and to assist in formalising procedures required by this permit. An EMS can take the form of a standardised system (e.g. EN ISO 14001:1996 or EMAS) or a non-standardised (“customised”) system, provided that is properly designed and implemented. Guidance for a non-standardised (“customised”) system is included in schedule 5 of this permit.

#### **4.4 Closure and Decommissioning**

4.4.1 The Permit Holder shall notify the Authority prior to ceasing operations permanently in part or full, whereby an application for cessation of operations shall be made to the Authority and shall include a decommissioning plan.

4.4.2 In the event of cessation of operations on the site, the Permit Holder shall remain responsible for all wastes and hazardous materials on site, which shall be removed from the site in accordance to good environmental practice and in such a manner that minimises environmental risks.

4.4.3 The Decommissioning Plan shall be implemented once approved by the Authority and within 12 months of final cessation of operations or as agreed with the Authority in writing.

4.4.4 The obligations arising from this permit shall subsist until the Authority confirms in writing that the decommissioning plan has been implemented to its satisfaction.

4.4.5 When deemed necessary, the Authority may require the Permit Holder to take such additional measures as it considers necessary with respect to after care obligations in relation, but not limited to the remedial action, rehabilitation, and monitoring of the waste management or waste production site.

#### **4.5 Reporting**

4.5.1 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Authority an Annual Environmental Report (AER) of the previous year by not later than the 31st of March of each year, providing the information listed in the ERA website and in the format specified therein <https://era.org.mt/era-topic-categories/reporting-obligations/>. It shall also be ensured that all reporting, certification and documentation as per Schedule 3 are submitted in accordance with their relevant timeframes.

4.5.2 In the event where operations cease temporarily (2 weeks or more), the TCP or Permit Holder are obliged to notify the Authority within two (2) days and are also to inform the Authority with regards to when the works are intended to resume.

**Schedule 1**

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**Complete List of Permitted Waste on Site**

- 20 01 10**      **Clothes** - Storage of this EWC code is strictly limited to Level 0, Store 5
- 20 01 11**      **Textiles** - Storage of this EWC code is strictly limited to Level 0, Store 5
- 20 01 25**      **Edible Oil and Fat** - Storage of this EWC code is strictly limited to Level -1, Store 6

Schedule 2A  
Site Map

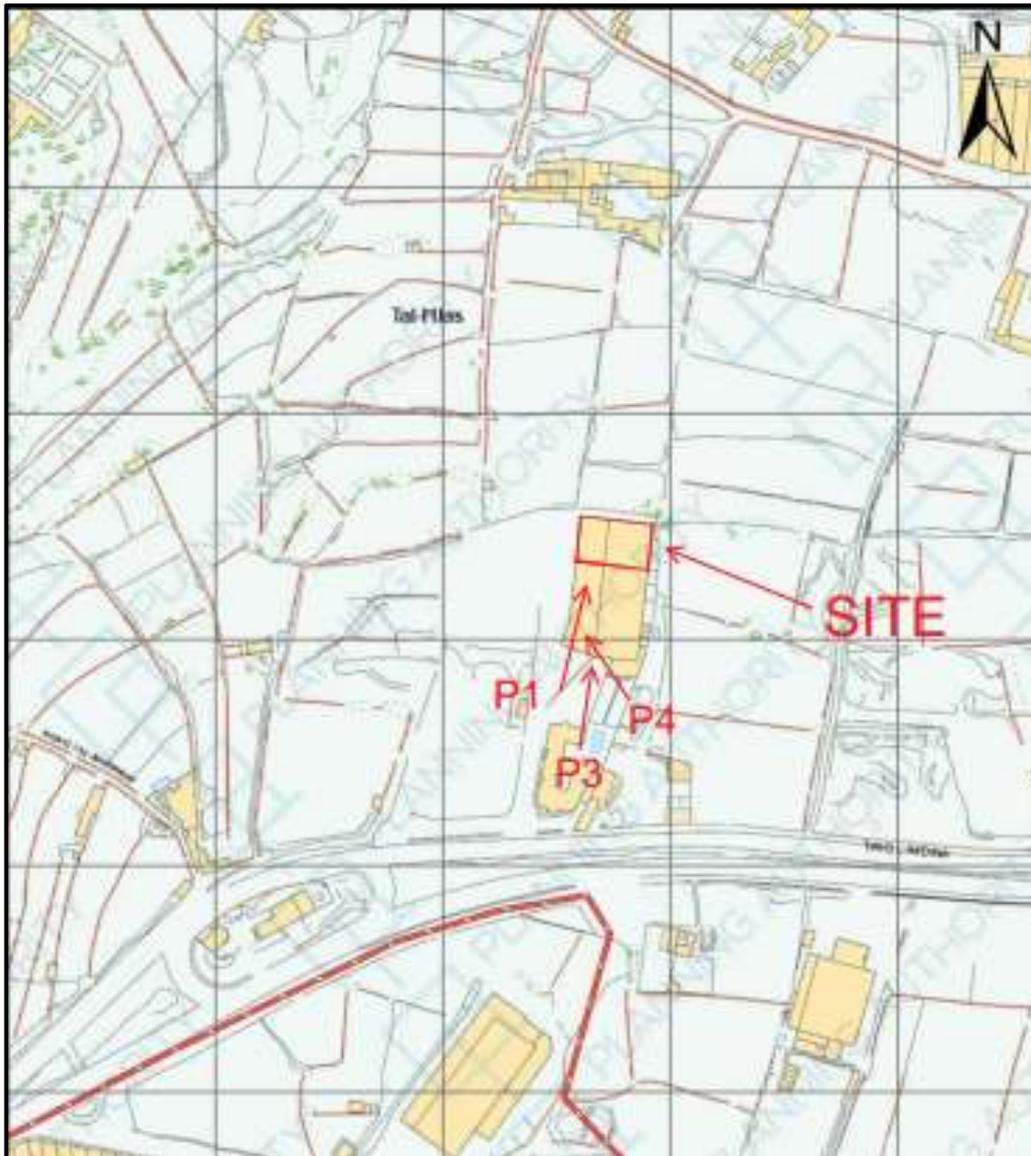


Fig. 2.1: Site of permitted installation, showing the permitted buildings in red, for the carrying out of the activities specified in condition 1.1.1. The extent of the site boundary is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes.

Schedule 2B  
Site Layout Plan

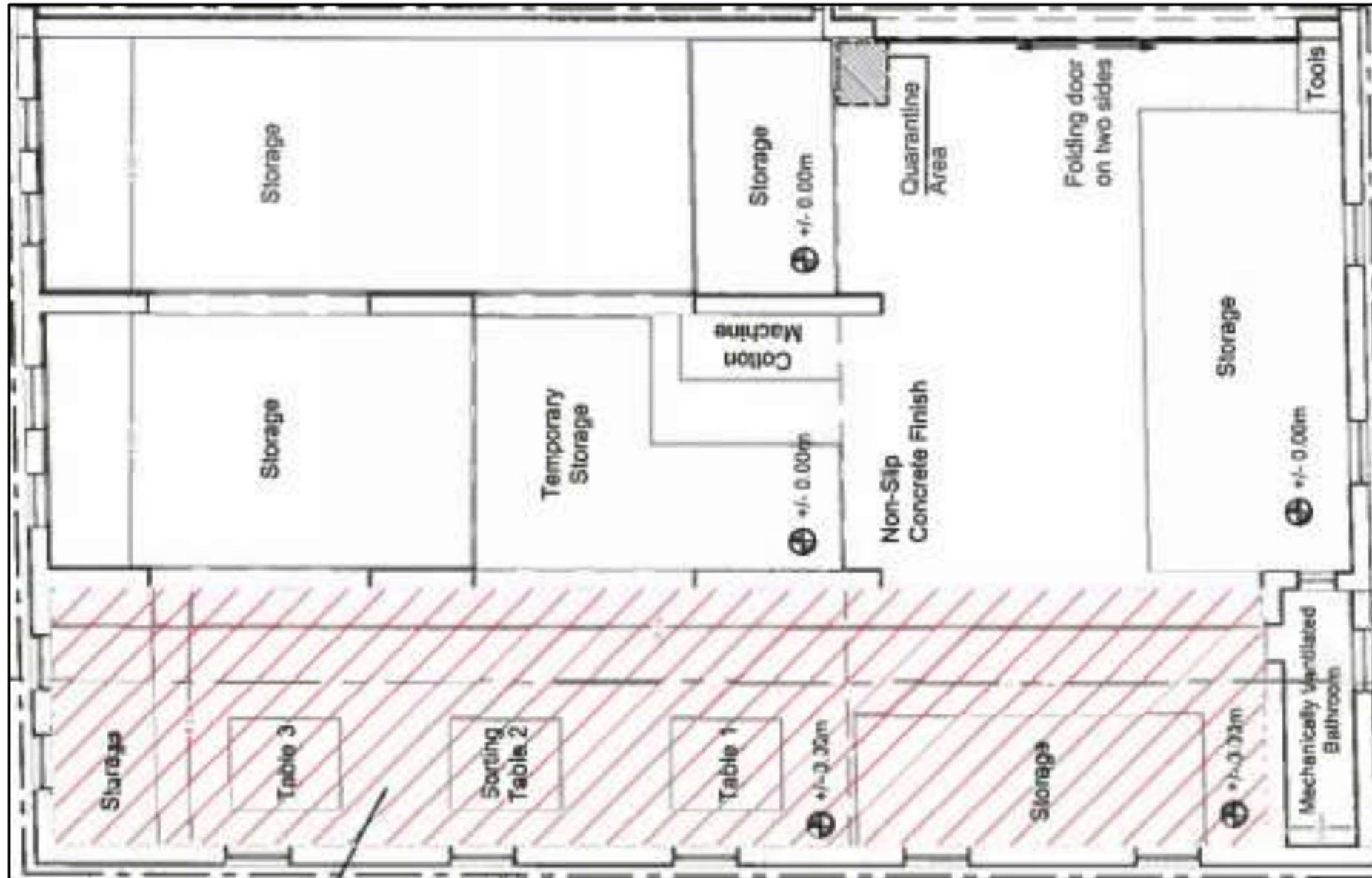


Fig. 2.2: Site Layout showing the permitted facility for the carrying out of the activities specified in condition 1.1.1. The extent of the site boundary is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes. The permitted activities pertaining to clothes and textiles are limited to the Store 5, Level 0.

Schedule 2C  
Site Layout Plan

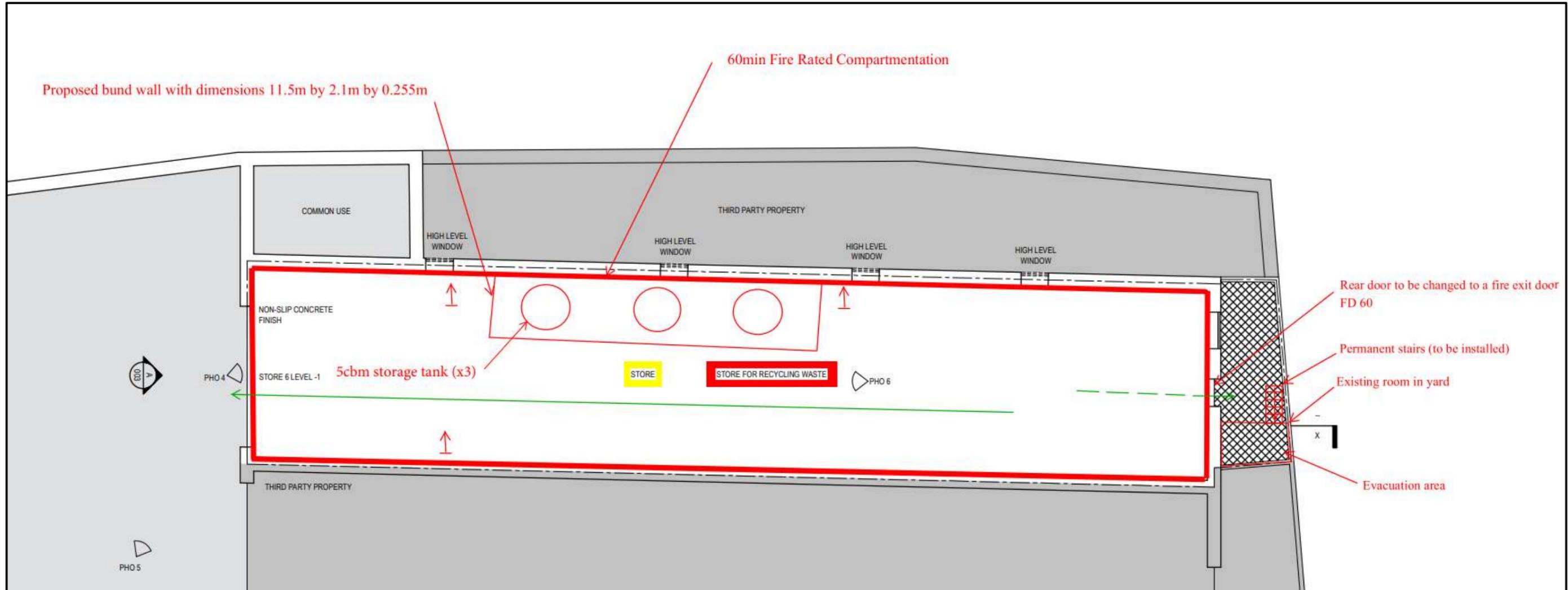


Fig. 2.3: Site Layout showing the permitted facility for the carrying out of the activities specified in condition 1.1.1. The extent of the site boundary is indicative and shall not be used for interpretation purposes. The permitted activities pertaining to edible oil and fat are limited to the Store 6, Level -1.

### Schedule 3

#### Annual Environment Report and Submissions

**Important note**

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

**S3.1 Introduction**

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

**S3.2 Waste Records**

As per condition 4.5.1, the Permit Holder shall submit to the Authority information on waste records of the previous year by not later than end of March of each year, providing the information listed in the ERA website and in the format specified therein (<https://era.org.mt/era-topic-categories/reporting-obligations>).

**S3.3 Submission of certificates/reports**

Submission of bunding certification yearly as per conditions 2.1.7 & 2.1.8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weighing equipment certificate yearly as per condition 2.3.1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statement of conformity of all consignments of waste clothes and textiles every year as per condition 2.2.2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submission of Annual Environmental Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

**S3.4 Incidents and Complaints**
**S3.4.1 Non-Compliance Incidents during Reporting Year**

Date of incident	Brief description of Incident	Cause	Corrective action

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

**S3.4.2 Complaints made by the public or through Authority**

Date of complaint	Description of complaint	Actions taken

Total number of complaints for previous reporting year:	
Total number of complaints for current reporting period:	

<b>Applicant's declaration</b>		
<i>I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all the above information is correct and substantiated.</i>		
..... <b>Name</b> <i>(in block letters)</i>	..... <b>ID Card Number</b>	..... <b>on behalf of / in my own name</b> <i>(in block letters)</i>
..... <b>Signature</b>	..... <b>Date</b>	

#### Schedule 4

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#### End of Waste Criteria for Waste Clothes and Textiles

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Following the review of the documentation submitted by the applicant it was concluded that:

- since the recovered clothes and textiles are commonly used for specific purposes;
- since a market exists for such recovered clothes and textiles; and
- since the use of the recovered clothes and textiles will not lead to overall adverse environmental or human health impacts;

the material would no longer be classified as waste and therefore no longer subject to the legislation regulating waste, further provided that:

- (i) waste clothes under EWC code 20 01 10 & waste textiles under 20 01 11 are treated according to the permit conditions; and
- (ii) the recovered clothes and textiles fulfils the technical requirements, if applicable, for the specific purposes and meets the existing national and European Union legislation and standards applicable to these materials.

The end-of-waste approval by the Environment and Resources Authority does not automatically imply that it is not a waste in:

- (i) other EU Member States, given that no end-of-waste criteria for waste clothes have been established at an EU level; and
- (ii) third countries.

In this context, the applicant is to ensure in cases of exports, that the countries of transit and country of destination do not classify the material as waste under their national legislation.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:

- a) This procedure/approval would no longer be valid once end-of-waste criteria for waste clothes and/or textiles would be established by the EU.
- b) This procedure/approval is valid only for the processing of the following EWC codes: 20 01 10 (clothes) and 20 01 11 (textiles).
- c) The applicant shall maintain a record for each consignment by issuing a "Statement of Conformity with the End-of-Waste Criteria" (Schedule 4A) with each consignment. These documents shall be kept for a minimum of three years and made available to the Competent Authority upon request.
- d) The applicant is to submit a copy of all the Statements of Conformity as laid down in Schedule 4A issued in a particular year together with the facility's annual report to be submitted to ERA in accordance with permit.

- e) The applicant shall ensure that waste clothes and textiles used as input are kept permanently separate from the contact with any other waste.
- f) The applicant shall ensure that all waste clothes and textiles that have ceased to be waste are exclusively intended to be worn as clothes and that no further treatment prior to use other than normal industrial practice is required.
- g) The applicant shall ensure that waste clothes that cease to be waste comply with all relevant product legislation.

## Schedule 4A

## Statement of Conformity with the End-of-Waste Criteria laid down in Schedule 4

1.	Producer of end-of-waste clothes and textiles  Name:  Address:  Contact person:  Telephone:  Fax:  E-mail:
2.	The name or HS code of the recovered clothes or textile
3.	Quantity of the consignment (in kg):
4.	The recovered clothes and textiles comply with all relevant product legislation.
5.	This consignment meets the criteria/conditions referred to in Schedule 4.
6.	The material in this consignment is intended exclusively to be worn as clothes and no further treatment prior to use other than normal industrial practice is required
7.	Declaration of the producer of the end-of-waste clothes and textiles:  I certify that the above information is complete and correct and to my best knowledge:  Name: _____ Date: _____  Signature: _____

## Schedule 5

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### Minimum requirements for an Environment Management System (EMS)

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An EMS may include, as a minimum, the following elements:

#### 1. Management and Reporting Structure

This shall in particular include the name of the person who will be responsible for managing environmental aspects of the installation. Relevant qualifications and experience shall be listed, together with contact details (including a mobile number for emergency purposes).

#### 2. Environmental Objectives and Targets

The section shall include a review of all operations and processes, a commitment by the Permit Holder to continuous improvement, and identification of priority areas where improvement to the operations is necessary and practicable, such as:

- a. recycling of materials;
- b. minimisation of waste;
- c. efficient use of resources (especially water and energy);
- d. use of biodegradable chemicals;
- e. minimising use of solvents;
- f. procedures to minimise noise disturbance to neighbours;

Targets shall be set for priority areas identified (e.g. minimising waste generation by \_\_\_% annually).

#### 3. Environmental Management Programme (EMP)

This shall include a time schedule for achieving the Environmental Objectives and Targets prepared under point 2 above. The time schedule shall cover a period of 5 years. The EMP shall include:

- a. designation of responsibility for targets;
- b. the means by which they may be achieved;
- c. the time within which they may be achieved.

Targets and performance shall be reviewed annually as part of the EMS.

#### 4. Documentation

A system of documentation shall be established to ensure that records are kept of the priority areas chosen according to point 2. In addition, the Permit Holder shall issue a copy of the environmental permit to all relevant personnel whose duties relate to any condition of the permit.

#### 5. Corrective Action

The Permit Holder shall establish procedures to ensure that corrective action is taken shall the specified requirements of the environmental permit not be fulfilled. The responsibility

and authority for initiating further investigation and corrective action in the event of a nonconformity with the environmental permit shall be defined.

6. Awareness and Training

The Permit Holder shall establish and maintain procedures for identifying training needs, and for providing appropriate training, for all personnel whose work can have an effect on the environment. Appropriate records of training shall be maintained.

7. Maintenance Programme

The Permit Holder shall establish and maintain a programme for maintenance of all plant and equipment based on the instructions issued by the manufacturer/supplier or installer of the equipment. Appropriate record keeping and diagnostic testing shall support this maintenance programme.

The licensee shall clearly allocate responsibility for the planning, management and execution of all aspects of this programme to appropriate personnel.

**End of Permit**