

## Notice of Variation

### Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Variation number

**EP 0048/20/V1**

Permit number

**EP 0048/20**

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 Joseph Ellul (I.D. 133871M) & Mrs Esther Ellul (I.D. 465844M)**

(hereinafter “the Permit Holder”)

For the excavation of softstone mineral from a softstone quarry, crushing of mineral for recycling purposes and production of aggregate and to backfill an excavation void at:

**SM51, Ta Bonu Iz-Zghir,  
Triq il-Belt Valleta,  
Zurrieq**

This variation is valid until the expiry of the permit EP 0048/20 which is **four (4) years** from the ‘permit granted’ date below. An application for renewal is to be submitted at least **six (6) months** prior to expiry of EP 0048/20.

Signed	Date
Prof. Victor Axiak Chairman	<u>Permit granted: 13 / 08 / 2020</u> <u>Variation notice granted: 29/09 /2022</u>

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

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## Introductory Note

The enclosed notice of variation shall be read in conjunction to the permit with reference to EP 0048/20 and shall take effect as of the date indicated above.

The Authority is hereby varying the Section 1, Section 4 and Schedule 2, and introducing Schedule 5 as specified hereunder.

## Section 1 – General

a) Status log in condition 1 shall be replaced by the following:

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Permit Issued (EP 016/17/A)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
<i>Permit renewal determined by ERA Board</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<i>Renewal Permit Issued (EP 016/17/B)</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<i>Permit renewal and variation determined by ERA Board (EP0048/20)</i>	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<i>Permit renewal and variation issued (EP0048/20)</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
<i>Variation issued (EP0048/20/V1)</i>	As per covering page

## Section 2 – Site Infrastructure and Equipment

No changes

## Section 3 – Operational Procedures

No changes

## Section 4 – Site Management

### **4.4 Reporting**

Inclusion of the following conditions:

4.4.5 As part of the Annual Environment Report in Schedule 2, the Permit Holder shall include an Annual Declaration (template of which is found in Schedule 5) by an

independent body (an independent warranted architect, engineer or environment consultant) confirming that waste used for backfilling was suitable inert waste substituting non-waste materials. Such declaration is to be supported by a concise report carried out also by an independent body and which shall include:

- a. A Quarterly review of the data on waste collected by the Permit Holder at acceptance stage on site, and
- b. Details of associated site visits carried out by the independent body on a quarterly basis.

In cases where during the reporting year, no backfilled material was accepted within the facility from outside sources, a declaration by the permit holder stating such shall suffice.

4.4.6 The Permit Holder shall within one (1) month from the date of this variation provide details to the Authority via [ced.facilities@era.org.mt](mailto:ced.facilities@era.org.mt) for approval of the appointed independent body that shall be responsible for the carrying out of the site visits, quarterly review and the provision of the Annual declaration. Should the Permit Holder for any reason require to appoint a different independent body other than the one originally notified to the Authority, the Authority is to be informed about such change immediately of their appointment.

**Section 5 – Cessation of Activity**

No changes

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

No changes

**Schedule 2 – Annual Environment Report and Submissions**

The following Table shall be amended as follows:

**S2.4 Submission of certificates**

Submission of weighbridge certification every year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submission of Annual Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Schedule 3 - Submissions of certification and documentation**

No changes

Schedule 4- Site Map

No changes

Schedule 5 – Annual Declaration Template

Schedule 5 shall be included as follows:

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**Schedule 5**  
**Annual Declaration Template**

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I, the undersigned, appointed by \_\_\_\_\_ as an independent body hereby declare that the waste used for backfilling at \_\_\_\_\_ during the year \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> was suitable non-hazardous waste substituting non-waste materials.

I hereby also attach a report substantiating the above as per condition 4.4.5.

I certify that the above information is complete, correct and to my best knowledge:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**END OF NOTICE**

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<sup>1</sup> Previous year declaration for the year 2022 submitted with the AER of 2023 is only required for the quarter October to December 2022.