

Notice of Variation

Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Variation number

EP 0122/20/V1

Permit number

EP 0122/20

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 Christopher Bondin (I.D. 520780M)

(hereinafter "the Permit Holder")

For the extraction of softstone mineral and backfilling of an excavation void at:

SM32

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This variation is valid until the expiry of the permit EP 0122/20 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 0122/20.

Signed	Date
Prof. Victor Axiak Chairman	<u>Permit granted: 14 / 12 / 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 0122/20 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 4 as specified hereunder.

Section 1 – General

- a) Status log in condition 1.1 shall be replaced by the following:

Detail	Date
Application EP	20 th June 2011
Permit Issued (EP 0026/11/A)	26 th February 2012
Renewal Issued (EP 0026/11/B)	14 th March 2016
Renewal Issued (EP 0026/11/C)	14 th August 2017
Renewal Issued (EP 0026/11/D)	14 th November 2018
Renewal Issued (EP 0122/20)	14 th December 2020
Variation Issued (EP 0122/20/V1)	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 4) 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 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

Certification of Weighbridge Calibration every year ³	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submission of Waste Records every year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification of Generators every four years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submission of Annual Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>

Schedule 3A & 3B – Site Map & Site Layout Plan

No changes

³ If required as per condition 2.3.1

Schedule 4 – Annual Declaration Template

Schedule 4 shall be included as follows:

Schedule 4
Annual Declaration Template

I, the undersigned, appointed by _____ as an independent body hereby declare that the waste used for backfilling at _____ during the year _____⁴ 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

⁴ Previous year declaration for the year 2022 submitted with the AER of 2023 is only required for the quarter October to December 2022.