

The Executive Chairperson  
Planning Authority  
St Francis Ravelin  
Floriana

Date: 06/05/2026

Dear Sir,

**PA Reference no.:** PA/00578/24

**Project Title:** To demolish existing stores and garages as approved in PA/5849/09, excavate site and construct 3 levels of basement parking, ground floor warehouses Class 6A and Class 4A office. Application includes placing of pv panels at roof level.

**Location:** St. Joseph Yard, Triq l-Imqabba, Mqabba.

**PA Reference no.:** PA/04375/23

**Project Title:** To demolish existing garages, office block and stock bays (approved via PA5849/09), excavate site in area of garages to construct 2 levels of basement parking, ground floor garages and overlying ancillary Class 4A offices. Proposal includes relocation/construction of new stock bays, repositioning of Weigh Bridge and construction of ancillary Class 4A office adjacent to stock bays. Additionally pv panels will be installed over roof level.

**Location:** Zahra Group, Triq l-Imqabba, Triq tas-Sejba and, Triq Tas-Sejba, Sqaq Nru.2, Mqabba.

**PA Reference no.:** PA/00363/24

**Project Title:** To sanction removal of part-of fill from old quarry (the latter to be mostly used as recycled stone for the construction of rubble walls) and formation of underground link between old quarry and existing Plant approved by PA 5849/09. Application proposes the removal of the remaining fill (to be used as recycled stone for rubble walls), placing of mobile crusher to recycle general excavation clean-waste and refilling of old quarry with excess unrecyclable material over an estimated period of 20 years. Application also includes the placing of top-soil once quarry is backfilled, reconstruction of existing rubble boundary-walls and sanctioning of gate.

**Location:** Ex-quarry, Tax-Xaghri L-Imqalleb, Mqabba

Reference is made to the PDS submitted for the above applications, which the ERA received via email on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 with a revised version on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The development involves the construction of garages, warehouses, offices and parking within the existing *obnoxious plant* along with the extraction, recycling and backfilling of an existing quarry south of said plant. The proposal falls within the scope of Schedule I of the

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46), notably Category II Section 9.0.2.3 Restoration and after use of existing or disused quarries or mines, other than for restoration of the site back to its pristine state. Therefore, the proposal was screened in terms of the EIA Regulations.

EIA screening (Annex I) concluded that the environmental impacts of the proposed project are unlikely to be significant, and no further assessment is required. In this regard, ERA does not object to the proposal from an environmental point of view. The conditions annexed with this document (Annex II) are to be included as part of the development permit.

Yours sincerely,

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Environment Protection Officer  
f/Director Regulatory Affairs

***Screening Disclaimer***

*The above screening results, the ensuing conclusions and recommendations are without prejudice to any required changes or updates should the development proposal be eventually modified or should the information/assumptions provided turn out to be incorrect. Any deviations of the proposal from this submission would need to be re-assessed and the merits of this screening would need to be re-opened.*