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Date: 3rd April 2017

Re: Consultation under Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, in respect of a proposed use of alternative fuels development by Irish Cement Limited at Platin Cement Works, County Meath.

Response to Record of 4th Meeting

Dear Mr. Somers,

We acknowledge receipt of the written record dated 27th March 2017, of the 4th pre-application consultation meeting held on 21st March 2017. In the following we seek to provide clarification on a number of points contained in the record.

COMMENTS ON RECORD OF 4TH MEETING

Page 2 of 5: Middle Paragraph:

The record states that....

'...the prospective applicant clarified that a Natura Impact Statement will not be lodged as part of the formal planning application. A Stage 1 Assessment has been carried out and its conclusion was that a Stage 2 Assessment was not required.'

We wish to draw the Board's attention to the fact that the applicant was responding to an open query in relation to the presence or not of Natura Impact Statement arising from the record of the meeting between the Board and the Meath County Council. This was in reference to the previous application to Meath County Council and not any future application.

As such, to correct the record it should have stated that:

*'...the prospective applicant clarified that a Natura Impact Statement ~~will not be~~ **had not been** lodged as part of the ~~formal~~ **previous** planning application **to Meath County Council**. A Stage 1 Assessment ~~has had~~ **had** been carried out and its conclusion was that a Stage 2 Assessment was not required.'*

Pages 2 & 3 of 5: Last sentence page 2 of 5 and first paragraph page 3 of 5:

The record states that....

'It pointed out that the Agency was quite instrumental in suggesting the potential quality of material to be processed so as to avoid the necessity for repeat licence applications in the event market conditions dictating such. The prospective applicant also commented that examples of similar plants in Europe influenced its decision on the proposed 600,000 tonnage figure.'

However, the above statement does accurately reflect the comments of the applicant who stated that...

The EPA was supportive of the applicant taking a longer-term view of its likely requirements for the use of alternative fuels as this would avoid the necessity for repeat licence applications. In determining the maximum quantity of alternative fuels to be included in the planning application, the applicant reviewed the maximum fuel requirement for the cement plant operating at maximum production output. In determining the range of alternative fuels to be included in the planning application the applicant carried out a review of similar cement plants in Europe and Ireland that already had permission for the use of a wide range of alternative fuels.

Page 3 of 5: Third sentence of fourth paragraph ends as follows:

'....would relate to storage facilities.'

This should read*would relate to storage, **handling and introduction facilities.***

We trust that the above is in order, however please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Burns." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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