

An
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Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Medité Europe DAC
Address:	Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 V584, Ireland
Telephone No:	+353 52 618 2300
Email Address (if any):	Muiris.OSuilleabhain@mdfosb.com

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Gerard Britchfield Neil Foot Grainne McLaughlin
Registered Address (of company)	Redmondstown, Clonmel, Tipperary
Company Registration No.	80984
Telephone No.	+353 52 618 2300
Email Address (if any)	Muiris.OSuilleabhain@mdfosb.com

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	Aislinn O'Brien C/O SLR Consulting Ireland
Address:	7, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Rd, Windy Arbour, Dublin 14, D14 N2Y7, Ireland
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Mobile No. (if any)	+353 87 667 8906
Email address (if any)	aobrien@slrconsulting.com

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [] No: []

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Muiris O’Suilleabhain

086 3642278 or 052 6182300

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Paula McCarthy
Firm / Company:	SLR Consulting
Address:	7, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Rd, Windy Arbour, Dublin 14, D14 N2Y7, Ireland
Telephone No:	087 9230906
Mobile No:	087 9230906
Email Address (if any):	pmccarthy@slrconsulting.com
Please refer to the appended Planning Drawing Register in Addendum 1. 8 hard copies and 2 electronic copies of each drawing are submitted with the application.	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	Medite Europe DAC, Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 V584, Ireland	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	OS MAP 2500 5369D, 5390C, 5430B, 5431A (ITM 624240 E, 624107 N)	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	29.7ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area: Clonmel and Environs Development Plan 2013 DRAFT Clonmel & Environs LAP 2024-2030	GI Zone: General industry: <i>To provide for heavy industry and related uses.</i> <i>GI-General Industry: Provide for heavy/specialised industrial development'.</i>	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing: MDF Production Facility Proposed: MDF Production Facility	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Tipperary County Council	

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupier
	Other	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
N/A		
If you are not the legal owner , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
N/A		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes, please refer to drawing no. 004 – Land Ownership Map, prepared by SLR Consulting.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded? Yes: [<input type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent: Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying? Yes: [<input type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] If yes, please give details:

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [] No: []

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant or Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
211240	Construction of 1.8km of boundary fencing, including access gates and associated works. This application relates to development for the purposes of an activity requiring an Integrated Pollution Control License.	Granted with conditions attached
201256	Retention of 1) First Aid Room (55.7m ²), 2) Warehouse (1212.28m ²), 3) LPG Storage Tank & Pump Shed (20m ²), 4) Overburden Storage Area (3370m ²), 5) Log Storage Area (2.98 Ha), 6) Fuel (Wood Chips) Storage Shed (758m ²), 7) Diesel Stores (44.3m ²), 8) Contract Cabin (22.2m ²), 9) Compressor Room (151.2m ²), 10) Stores Building (89.2m ²) & Fenced Storage area (44.2m ²), 11) Oil Stores (84.6m ²), 12) Maintenance Vehicle Area (22m ²), 13) Bike Shed (20.45m ²), 14) Weighbridge (80m ²), 15) 6 no. Storage Containers (81 m ² = 6.5 m ² x 1 & 14.9 m ² x 5), 16) Boundary Fencing (530m Long, 2m high), 17) Recycle Chip Storage Bay (300m ²) within an application area of 7.0 hectares.	Granted with conditions attached
17-601375	Construction of woodchip reception unit, a woodchip storage structure, woodchip mechanical conveyors and associated works	Granted with conditions attached.
17-600216	Demolition of existing structures consisting of two agricultural sheds, to construct access roads in and use field adjacent to existing factory log storage areas for additional log storage.	Granted with conditions attached.

17-600210	Replace and relocate fencing adjacent to site entrance.	Granted with conditions attached.
15-600381	A chemical store and an extension to a refiner building housing replacement refiner plant and machinery and for permission to maintain and use indefinitely a storage shed (which currently avails of a planning exemption for temporary period).	Granted with conditions attached.
15-600016	Industrial plant comprising "ClassiCleaner" integrated roller screening and separation units, associated conveyors and silo.	Granted with conditions attached.
1292	To construct a new chip storage area consisting of a store 450m ² and an external concrete apron. Permission is also sought for all associated site development works. No changes are required to the existing access and circulation routes within the facility.	Granted with conditions attached.
11302	to install new plant structures within their existing facility and construct two extensions to this facility with a floor area of circa 360m.sq. These works will upgrade MDF production techniques at the facility. Permission is also sought for all associated site development works.	Granted with conditions attached.
001296	to install new plant structures within their existing facility and construct two extensions to this facility with a floor area of circa 360m.sq. These works will upgrade MDF production techniques at the facility. Permission is also sought for all associated site development works.	Granted with conditions attached.
001296	Building extensions and additions to the existing Medium Density Fibreboard manufacturing facility for housing the replacement of Production Line 1.	Granted with conditions attached.
95478	Replacement of existing fibre dryer.	Granted with conditions attached.
P312748	Demolition of farmhouse.	Granted with conditions attached.
P312290	Extension to existing factory and associated works.	Granted with conditions attached.
P312141	Relocation of weighbridge, road re-alignment, chain link fence.	Granted with conditions attached.
P310884	Erection of two storey office and lab extension to plant and erection of signs.	Granted with conditions attached.
P310162	Retention of garage structure and workshop/store.	Granted with conditions attached.

P39948	Storage and utilisation of anhydrous ammonia.	Granted with conditions attached.
P38500	New 110 kv electrical sub-station.	Granted.
P38217	Construction of medium density fibreboard (MDF) plant.	Granted with conditions attached.
P37963	Erection of a warehouse 14,400m ²	Granted with conditions attached.
P37826	Site development works Phase II - West of line AA for M.D.F. plant	Granted with conditions attached.
P37801	Site development (consist of general site clearance, bulk excavation, site contouring and hardcore placing and rolling).	Granted with conditions attached.
P37509	Outline permission for the construction of a factory to manufacture medium density fibreboard from native Irish forest thinning.	Granted with conditions attached.
<p>If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.</p>		
<p>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</p>		
<p>Yes: [<input type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]</p> <p>If yes please specify</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____</p>		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The proposed development will consist of the following:</p> <p>The replacement of the existing three wood biomass fired thermal energy systems serving MEDITE's two production lines with, 2 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heaters with thermal capacity of 60MW and 30MW respectively. The proposed development will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The decommissioning of the two existing wood biomass fired boilers (18MW each) that serve Production Line 1 (Existing Height 39m). This equipment will be retained on site.• The decommissioning of the existing single wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater (19MW) serving Production Line 2 (Stack Height 19.3m). This existing Thermal Fluid Heater equipment for Line 2 will be dismantled and removed from the site.• The existing LPG Storage Tank will be decommissioned and retained on site.• An existing silo will be dismantled and retained on site.• The construction of 1 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater with thermal input capacity of 60MW, this Line 1 Energy Plant is 442m², with a stack height of 33m. Other infrastructure proposed to support the proposed Line 1 energy plant will include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 no. Line 1 Wet Fuel Metering Bin (254.5m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Energy System Fuel Feed Conveyor (38.0m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Dry Electrostatic Precipitator (286.9m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Hot Gas Duct (286.9m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Start Up Stack (10.8m² and height 30m)○ 1 no. Line 1 Sander Dust Silo (28.3m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Thermal Fluid Piping (10.9m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Steam Generator (47.5m²)○ Modifications to Line 1 Dryer System (505.7m²)○ 1 no. Line 1 Bunded Oil Storage (66.5m²)• The construction of 1 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater with thermal input capacity of 30MW, this Line 2 Energy Plant is 109m², with a stack height of 18.5m). Other infrastructure proposed to facilitate the operation of the proposed Line 2 energy plant will include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 no. Line 2 Dry Electrostatic Precipitator (25.6 m²)○ 1 no. Line 2 Hot Gas Duct (86.9m²)○ 1 no. Line 2 Start Up stack (23.0m² and height 30m)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 no. Line 2 Thermal fluid Piping (21.4m²) • The development of new wood biomass fuel reception infrastructure adjacent to the existing wood biomass fuel reception area which will require the development of 1 no. Fuel Reception Unit (35m²), 1 no. Fuel infeed hopper (18.6m²), 1 no. Walking Floor Infeed System (202.3 m²), 1 no. conveying System(#1) (520m²), 200m in length of conveying with height varying from ground to 20.8m, Conveying Systems #2 (from Storage Building to energy Systems), (245m²) to Line 1 Energy Plant, 266m length of conveying with height varying from ground to max of 22.5m, and to Line 2 Energy Plant (77.5m²) 44m length of conveying with height varying from ground to max of 20.9m. • Modifications to existing pneumatic (Dry Fuel) Systems, including blowers, fans & filters, and associated infrastructure. These modifications will include new pneumatic Transport Ducts, #1 Length = 161.5m x Ø150mm pipe, #2 Length = 202.9m x Ø150mm pipe, Edge Trim Silo, including associated filter plant (38.4m²). The Ø150mm pipe that currently connects the production process to the existing Edge Trim Silo which will be redirected to the new Edge Trim Silo. The existing hopper within this area will be removed. <p>The development will also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other ancillary development including all pipes/ducts and supporting infrastructure necessary to connect the renewable energy systems to the existing facility enabling the transfer of thermal energy to the production lines and the provision of a new steam generator and steam piping to connect the new energy system to the existing steam pipe infrastructure. <p>Ancillary development will also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of 2 no. temporary construction compounds, including hardstanding, car-parking and staff welfare facilities. • Removal of 0.42ha. of existing mixed woodland at the western portion of the site and the planting of 0.42ha. of native woodland along the northern boundary of the Site. • The provision of additional non-permeable hardstanding within the site covering a total area of 1.1ha. • All associated site works including engineering, landscaping, connections to existing surface water and wastewater systems, services and boundary treatment, necessary to facilitate the development. <p>This application relates to development for the purposes of an activity requiring an Industrial Emissions Licence. This</p>
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	application is also accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The proposed development is located within close proximity to a site on the Record of Monument and Places RMP sites, including RMP TS083-010 Ringfort-Rath, which bounds the site to the east.
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10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m ²
Class 8	5801m ² (external plant floorspace)

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	41,269 m ² (existing buildings)
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ² (External Plant Floorspace)	5801m ² (proposed external energy plant floorspace)
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	678 m ² (Existing Plant)

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: N/A

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses							
Apartments							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:		Proposed:		Total:	

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
n/a
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
n/a
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
n/a

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
	Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?		✓
	Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?		✓
	Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?		✓
	Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.	✓	
	Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?	✓	
	Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?	✓	
	Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?	✓	
	Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?		✓
	Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license	✓	
	Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?		✓
	Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?		✓
	Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?		✓
	Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?		✓

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:

Existing connection: [] New Connection: []

Public Mains: [] Group Water Scheme: [] Private Well:[]

Other (please specify):

Anner River – Process water (existing abstraction registered with EPA)

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):

Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:

Existing: [] New:[]

Public Sewer: [] Conventional septic tank system: []

Other on site treatment system: [] Please Specify:

Wastewater treatment plant

All foul water is treated in the WWTP and discharged to the Anner River.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain:[] Soakpit:[]

Watercourse: [] Other: [] Please specify: Existing discharge to the river

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
National Paper - Irish Times: 15 th February 2024 The Nationalist – Published 15 th February 2024 Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[]
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Date of erection of Site Notices: 15 th February 2024 Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[]
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All documentation is available to view on the dedicated website: website name: https://www.meditessid.com

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. Enclosed: Refer to Addendum 2 & 3 of the Planning Application form Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[] Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Refer to Addendum 7 of the Planning Application form Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[]

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.

A copy of the notice is attached and the EIA Portal ID is 2024021.

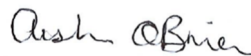
20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000 (Paid by EFT on 31st of January 2024, copy of payment receipt enclosed)

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed:
(Applicant or Agent as appropriate)



Date:

15/02/2024

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

September 2018

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Addendum 1
Schedule of Planning Drawings

Addendum 2
Pre – Planning and Public Consultation

TABLE 1 -Q18 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FORM –PRE-PLANING DATES, BODY & ATTENDEES -REFER TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE EIAR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

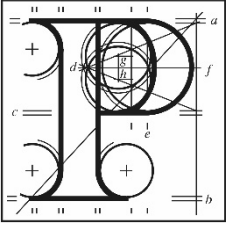
DATE	BODY	ATTENDEES	DETAILS
28 JANUARY 2022	TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL	TCC: JONATHAN FLOOD, PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND EOIN POWELL, ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT. APPLICANT: MICHAEL NICHOL, MEDITE PROJECT MANAGER, MUIRIS O'SUILLEABHAIN - MEDITE CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER, TIM PAUL, DIRECTOR, SLR CONSULTING, AISLINN O'BRIEN, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, SLR CONSULTING	SEE ADDENDUM 3 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FORM
8 FEBRUARY 2022	AN BORD PLEANÁLA	SECTION 37B OF P&D ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) - ABP REF: 311991-21 ABP: BRENDAN WYSE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING (CHAIR), UNA CROSSE, SENIOR PLANNING INSPECTOR, KIERAN SOMERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER. APPLICANT: MICHAEL NICHOL, MEDITE, MUIRIS O'SUILLEABHAIN, MEDITE, TIM PAUL, SLR CONSULTING, AISLINN O'BRIEN, SLR CONSULTING.	SEE ADDENDUM 3 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FORM.
2022-2023	SCOPING CONSULTEES	REFER TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE EIAR (TABLE 1-1)	REFER TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE EIAR (TABLE 1-1)

TABLE 2 -Q18 OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FORM – PUBLIC CONSULTATION METHODS, DATES & VENUES-REFER TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE EIAR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

DATE	METHOD	PARTIES	DETAILS
27 JUNE 2022 TO 27 JULY 2022	INFORMATION LEAFLET	RESIDENTS AND RECEPTORS	REFER TO APPENDIX 1.4 OF THE EIAR

	WEBSITE	PUBLIC	MEDITE – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE (MEDITEENERGY.IE)
	DOOR-TO-DOOR CALLS	RESIDENTS & RECEPTORS	PROJECT TEAM CALLED TO 169 HOUSES IN THE AREA. EACH HOUSE WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE INFORMAITON LEAFLET AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE TEAM.
	BESPOKE EMAIL ADDRESS	PUBLIC	MEDITEENERGY@MDFOSB.COM .
	ONE-TO-ONE MEETINGS	PUBLIC UPON REQUEST	REFER TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE EIAR

**Addendum 3
Record of Meeting Minutes**



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Record of Meeting ABP-311991-21 1st meeting

Case Reference / Description	ABP-311991-21 Replacement of existing biomass-fired boilers and other works at Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	1 st		
Date	08/02/22	Start Time	11.10 a.m.
Location	N/A	End Time	12.10 p.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Staff Members
Brendan Wyse, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)
Una Crosse, Senior Planning Inspector
Kieran Somers, Executive Officer
Representing the Prospective Applicant
Michael Nichol, Medite
Muiris O'Suilleabhain, Medite
Tim Paul, SLR Consulting
Aislinn O'Brien, SLR Consulting

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant requesting pre-application consultations and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an

information-gathering exercise for the Board; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters it wished to receive advice on from the Board. The Board mentioned general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process as follows:

- The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Board once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Board will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Board and public consultations may also be directed by the Board.
- The Board may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Board in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or any legal proceedings.

The Board's representatives also noted the fact that there was a previous pre-application consultation request in respect of the subject site which was subsequently withdrawn by the prospective applicant.

Presentation by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant provided a background to the existing MDF plant that is situated approximately three kilometres to the east of the town of Clonmel, County Tipperary (also in close proximity to the county boundary with Waterford).

The site is zoned for 'general industry' in the current Clonmel and Environs Development Plan whereby the objective is to 'provide for heavy industry and related uses.' The draft Tipperary County Development Plan continues to support Clonmel as a location for large scale industry, including manufacturing, and the Clonmel and Environs Development Plan is due to be replaced shortly by a new LAP.

The River Anner flows to the east of the site, connecting to the River Suir, which is part of the Lower River Suir SAC. The Bulmers industrial facility is located to the south of the site. Land use in the wider vicinity comprises predominantly low density residential and agricultural uses. The site is accessed from the N24 via a local road. The existing biomass boilers and biomass thermal fluid heater are approaching the end of their design life and their replacement is necessary for future operations at the plant. The proposed replacement and upgrade would result in longer term energy efficiencies and reduced in carbon emissions. The proposal would also reduce exposure to volatile energy prices.

The proposed development comprises the replacement of the existing biomass boilers, biomass thermal fluid heater and the gas-fired thermal fluid heater. The new renewable energy plants would have a rated thermal input capacity of up to 60 megawatts and 30 megawatts for Line 1 and Line 2 production lines respectively. The new renewable energy plants will take the form of biomass-fired thermal fluid heaters providing energy to the manufacturing process and would be located within the confines of the existing plant site. Throughput will be increased from the current 111,000 tonnes per annum to 169,000 tonnes per annum with a design capacity of up to 186,000 tonnes per annum. A range of biomass fuels would be utilised, including by-products from the manufacturing process and wood biomass. Of the proposed 169,000 tonnes per annum, 69,000 tonnes would be comprised of by-products from the MDF manufacturing process generated on-site and 100,000 tonnes would comprise biomass wood transported to the site. The net increase of 58,000 tonnes per annum (as proposed) would be transported to the site resulting in an approximate increase of 2.9% in truck movements. The proposed development would be located on three parcels of land within the confines of the existing plant site (Development Area 1, Development Area 2 and Development Area 3). Development Area 1 is proposed to accommodate the fuel reception, screening and storage equipment and will be located at the western side of the existing site. Development Area 2 is proposed to accommodate the main energy plant which will be located to the south of the existing site. Development Area 3 is proposed to accommodate the new Line 2 energy plant which will be located adjacent to the existing Line 2 energy plant. A ten-year permission would be sought with Development Areas 1 and 2 to proceed upon receipt of planning consent; Development Area 3 would proceed a few years later.

With respect to the project's potential SID status, the prospective applicant referred to the heading of Energy Infrastructure under the Seventh Schedule of the 2000 Act which provides for 'An installation for the disposal, treatment or recovery of waste with a capacity for an annual intake greater than 100,000 tonnes.' With regard to the criteria set out under Section 37A(2) of the Act, the proposed development would be of strategic economic importance to the region in question and would also contribute substantially to objectives set out in the National Planning Framework (Objectives 53, 55 and 56) and the RSES for the Southern Region 2019-2031. The prospective applicant also noted targets set out under the Climate Action Plan.

In relation to the receiving environment of the proposed development, proximity to the River Anner, which is as a tributary to the River Suir, a European Site, was noted.

Details on intended locations for the baseline monitoring of air and noise were outlined. The River Anner and the River Suir were referenced with regard to potential effects on the water environment and water sampling is already underway. Some examples of intended viewpoints for the LVIA were outlined, noting that some of these viewpoints occur within County Waterford.

With regard to consultations to date, an information leaflet has been distributed within a radius of one kilometre of the subject site (approximately 170 homes). A pre-submission website will be available and one-to-one meetings will be facilitated on request.

The proposed planning application would include an EIAR and NIS and the current intention is to lodge the application in Quarter 3 2022.

Board's queries/advice:

In relation to the question of whether or not the proposed development constitutes SID the Board's representatives noted, in particular, that the proposal involves the complete replacement of the existing energy infrastructure at the plant and that the capacity of the new infrastructure, at up to 186,000 tonnes of waste material, easily exceeds the 100,000 tonnes threshold in the relevant class of development in the 7th Schedule and as referenced by the prospective applicants. On this basis, and having regard to the prospective applicant's submission in relation to the s37A(2) tests, the Board's representatives indicated their preliminary opinion that the proposed development would constitute SID.

With regard to Stage 2 AA, the prospective applicant said there are potential pathways to the SAC with regard to water and air and these potential pathways would inform the context of the NIS. The Board outlined the importance of clearly articulating the pathways and their potential effects on the QI's for the relevant sites. The Board advised that the biodiversity section of the EIAR should also provide a comprehensive analysis of the area.

The Board noted the proximity of a greenway along the River Suir and advised that landscape assessments should have due regard to any potential impacts on this.

Cumulative Impacts in the EIAR and in-combination effects in the NIS should take account of relevant developments within the area including the proximate industrial development sites.

The prospective applicant advised that it had met with the relevant planning authority. The Board referred to some of the prescribed bodies, such as the NPWS, TII and Inland Fisheries Ireland, that the prospective applicants might wish to engage with. The prospective applicant said that it intended to seek a meeting with TII and also noted the Board's recommendations vis-à-vis other relevant prescribed bodies. The prospective applicant also intends to meet with the EPA in relation to any potential requirement to review the existing

licence on the site. The Board will provide a list of recommended prescribed bodies to be notified of the planning application at the conclusion of the pre-application consultation process.

With regard to the possible options available in respect of technologies which might be employed in relation to the proposed development, the Board advised that each option should be robustly addressed within the EIAR and other relevant documents. The Board noted the implications of the recent Derryadd High Court judgement with regard to this matter.

Conclusion:

The record of the instant meeting will issue in the meantime and will form part of the public record when the pre-application consultation process is concluded. The prospective applicant was advised that it would be a matter for it to decide if it requires a further meeting as part of the instant pre-application consultation process or if it wishes to formally close consultations and seek a SID determination from the Board. Procedural advice will be available following the closure of consultations and the prospective applicant was encouraged to seek advice from the Board's staff on matters such as draft public notices.

Brendan Wyse

Assistant Director of Planning

11th February 2022

Addendum 4
Letter to Tipperary County Council

8 February 2024

Tipperary County Council
Planning Department,
Civic Offices,
Emmet Street,
Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary

SLR Project No: 501.00785.00001

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**Addendum 5
EFT Payment Receipt**

Payment Reference No: **202331123**

Printed On: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 02:10:31 PM**

Payment Type: **SEPA Payment**

Payment Status: **Payment Pending**

Pay From:

Account Name	SLR IRELAND CURRENT ACCOUNT
Location	103 UPR LEESON ST DUBLIN 4
Account Number	47355482

Pay To:

Account Name	AN BORD PLEANALA
Location	AIB BANK
Account Number	00316067

Payment Details:

Payment Currency	Euro
Payment Type	Standard
Payment Amount	€100,000.00
Payment Date	01/02/2024
End To End Reference	SLR CONSULTING IRE
Payment Message	ABP 311991 21

**Addendum 6
EIA Portal Confirmation**

Aislinn O'Brien

From: Housing Eiaportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: 07 February 2024 16:02
To: Aislinn O'Brien
Subject: EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2024021

You don't often get email from eiaportal@housing.gov.ie. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Aislinn,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 07/02/2024 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 07/02/2024 under EIA Portal ID number 2024021 and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

Portal ID: 2024021

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: Medite Europe DAC

Location: Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary E91 V584, Ireland

Description: 10yr permission for the replacement of existing three wood biomass fired thermal energy systems serving MEDITE's 2 production lines with, 2 no renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heaters with thermal capacity of 60MW and 30MW respectively.

Linear Development: No

Date Uploaded to Portal: 07/02/2024

Regards,

Emmet

EIA Portal team

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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Department of Housing,
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Addendum 7
Schedule of Prescribed Bodies & Letters

Prescribed Bodies

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Development Applications Unit)

Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Tipperary County Council

Waterford City and County Council

The Southern Regional Assembly

Environmental Protection Agency

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Fáilte Ireland

An Taisce

The Heritage Council

Inland Fisheries Ireland

Irish Water

8 February 2024

Minister for Housing, Local Government, Heritage
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage,
Custom House,
Dublin,
D01 W6X0

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Department of the Environment Climate and Communications
Minister's Office, Department of Communications, Climate action and Environment,
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin
D02 X285

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c/o The Manager,
Development Applications Unit,
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Dublin 2,
D02 TD30

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In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Aislinn O'Brien should you require any further clarification or information on the planning application.

Regards,

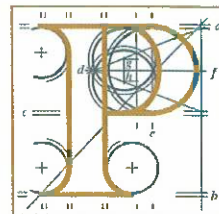
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Addendum 8
Final SID notification

Our Case Number: ABP-311991-21

Your Reference: Medite Europe DAC



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Aislínn O'Brien
SLR Consulting Ireland
7 Dundrum Business Park
Windy Arbour
Dublin 14
D14 N2Y7

Date: 1st September 2022

Re: Replacement of existing biomass-fired boilers, biomass-fired thermal fluid heater and gas-fired thermal fluid heater at Medite's manufacturing plant.
Redmondstown, Clonmel. County Tipperary

Dear Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Please note that as only one Pre-Application meeting took place, a fee refund in the amount of €3,500 will issue under separate cover.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Tel	Tel	(01) 858 8100
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Facs	Fax	(01) 872 2684
Láithreán Gréasáin	Website	www.pleanala.ie
Ríomhphost	Email	bord@pleanala.ie

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde	64 Marlborough Street
Baile Átha Cliath 1	Dublin 1
D01 V902	D01 V902

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



Doina Chiforescu
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737133

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**Addendum 9
Site Notice**

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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Signed:



Aislinn O'Brien

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Date of Erection of Site Notice: 15th of February 2024

**Addendum 10
Newspaper Notice**

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Councillors seek review of Clonmel bypass decision

Two councillors have voiced deep disappointment that a new Clonmel bypass is not proposed for the N24 Cahir to Waterford upgrade project and are pressing for the decision to be reviewed.

Clonmel Cllrs Siobhán Ambrose and Pat English criticised the decision to upgrade the existing Clonmel Inner Relief road instead of building a new bypass at Tipperary County Council's February meeting on Monday.

Their condemnation of the N24 design team's decision was issued in the wake of the announcement of the Preferred Transport Solution for the 60km stretch of the national route between Cahir and Waterford.

Instead of a new bypass for Clonmel, the N24 design team is proposing to upgrade the N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road and divert traffic on its most congested section between the Fethard and Cashel Roads roundabouts by constructing new link roads and a road overbridge at one of these two busy junctions.

Cllr Ambrose described January 19, the day the N24 Cahir to Waterford Preferred Transport Solution was unveiled, as a "dark day" because what was proposed wasn't what they wanted.

She reminded council management that Clonmel is the county's capital town and it was "hugely regrettable" that a new bypass was not proposed.

The Fianna Fáil councillor noted that land in the town's hinterland had been sterilised for planning approvals for 20

years because it may be required for a bypass. And she pointed out it was proposed that sections of the N24 on either side of Clonmel will be upgraded to dual carriageway size but the Clonmel Inner Relief Road will be a single carriageway. This was a point Cllr Pat English also raised as he too declared he was very disappointed with the proposals for the N24 in Clonmel and complained a bypass was proposed for every other town and village along the route.

The Workers & Unemployment Action Group councillor argued that the proposed link roads will only help with removing local traffic from Clonmel's Inner Relief Road and not the traffic passing through the town.

He said he didn't believe traffic study findings that 83% of the traffic travelling on the Inner Relief Road was staying in Clonmel. "I don't believe that for one minute. A town the size of Clonmel needs a bypass." Cllr English called on council management to request the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan and TII to review the N24 design proposal in relation to Clonmel and requested the council seek a meeting with them about the issue. Cllr Ambrose, meanwhile, indicated she had requested a meeting with the Transport Minister and argued "nothing was set in stone". Council CEO Joe MacGrath responded that he needed to first check whether a request has already been submitted for a meeting with the Minister and give him an opportunity to respond to that request.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD ROADS ACT, 1993-2015, (SECTION 75 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993) ROADS REGULATIONS, 1994 INTENTION TO CLOSE THE L75121-0 CROUGH UPPER, GOATENBRIDGE, CO. TIPPERARY

NOTICE is hereby given that Tipperary County Council proposes to make an Order closing:

ROAD TO BE CLOSED:	The L75121-0 Crough Upper, Goatenbridge, Co. Tipperary.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE:	00:00hrs on Monday 18 March 2024 to 00:00hrs on Monday 15 April 2024.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:	Alternative HGV route access to water treatment plant and forestry via Coillte access road. Local Access will be in place.
REASON FOR CLOSURE:	To facilitate Watermain installation.

Objections to the proposed temporary closure may be submitted in writing to Road Closures, Roads & Transportation, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh not later than 12 noon on Thursday 22 February 2024 or by e-mail to roadclosures@tipperarycoco.ie

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Gotti family still making headlines for all the wrong reasons

In the fifth season of *The Sopranos*, Tony's sister Janice gets arrested for attacking another parent at her stepdaughter's soccer game.

The kids involved are nine- and 10-year-old girls, and the story makes the *New Jersey* evening news, replete with footage and a reporter hamming up the mob connection, describing the incident as "a mafia-related hit".

On Long Island last Thursday night, a high school basketball game between Locust Valley and Oyster Bay went viral after the daughter-in-law and granddaughter of the notorious godfather John Gotti (the so-called Teflon Don) were arrested for allegedly tag-teaming a mother from the opposing side in the stands. Life imitates art.

That Joe Gotti put up a team-high 20 points for Oyster Bay in their 72-47 loss to their neighbours is one of the few aspects of the fractious evening not under dispute. A video clip shows him making a free throw then walking off the court towards a disturbance in the bleachers and, while everything after that is a nervy camera mess of pulling and dragging, the fracas culminated in his mother Kimberly (55) and sister Gianna (23) being taken away by police.

two affluent towns trying to make baskets. Which, unfortunately, around here, it is.

Brawls at high school games are so commonplace in America now that they rarely cause any significant ripple beyond their own locality.

A trawl of the police blotter reveals similar incidents occurred on basketball courts in Georgia, Rochester, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Louisiana over the past month alone.

This one garnered headlines because of the enduring national obsession with the mob. More than two decades after John Gotti died in prison while serving a life sentence for racketeering and murder, the family name still resonates in the media. Of course, the coverage gets amplified when those involved play up the stereotype.

"They refused to press charges against the lady who assaulted my wife first," said John Gotti jr., who succeeded his father as reputed head of the Gambino family between 1991 and 1999. "That's the only reason why we're here: Because they're stand up."

Speaking outside the arraignment court, Gotti seemed quite proud to assert his wife and daughter were in legal peril merely because they adhered to long-standing family protocol when it came to involving police in their business. As in, they didn't.

Racketeering
Supposedly the youngest capo in organised crime history, he claims to have retired from the mafia after serving six years in jail for racketeering and associated crimes. Yet the judge in the case has issued a stay-away order, banning the Gottis from any contact with the victim in this case.

To be fair, this branch of the Gotti tree has lately been more known for its sporting pedigree than its hard-earned place in mobster lore. Before her arrest, Gianna played basketball at Brooklyn College, doing well enough to earn a pro contract with Clube Dos Galitos in Portugal.

Aside from excelling at hoops, Joseph is apparently also a standout defensive end on the high school gridiron field, and John Gotti III, his older brother, amassed a 5 & 1 record as a mixed martial artist before switching to pro boxing and fighting an exhibition against Floyd Mayweather Jr in Florida last June.

That encounter didn't go as planned. Outclassed for most of the contest, Gotti III refused to accept the referee's decision to stop the bout in the sixth due to, and this may sound familiar, excessive trash-talking.

He continued to chase Mayweather around the ring, prompting supporters and trainers from both corners to brawl inside and outside the ropes. His part in the debacle led to the temporary loss of his licence, and the fallout included Nicolette, another of John Jr's children, threatening one of Mayweather's daughters on social media. Charming.

When a nephew of his was facing jail time for arson and bank robbery back in 2018, John Gotti Jr petitioned the court on his behalf, arguing the young man deserved clemency because he "grew up bearing the name 'Gotti', with all the connotations and condemnations that the name bears".

Connotations and condemnations continue.

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Aside from being accused of calling Locust Valley players "f**gots and p**sies", the ladies spent a night behind bars and face charges of third-degree assault with intent to cause physical injury at a March 6th court appearance.

"I felt my hair being pulled and I felt my wig come off, which was held on by three clips and Velcro," said the 47-year-old victim in her statement to police about her suffering at the hands of the Gottis.

"I allowed my head to go back and I felt as if my scalp was going to be ripped off and I observed the lady in the grey jacket pulling my hair. The female punched me and then an unknown female began to punch me too."

The Gottis offer a different version of events. Denying any homophobic or misogynistic slurs were uttered, they claim the victim threw the first punch and had been abusing Joe throughout the game.

In a sentence that captures so much of what is wrong with youth sport in this country, the family lawyer downplayed what happened. "They were making fun as he was playing, and then there was a little bit of a verbal thing that went back and forth between the fans - both sets of parents."

As if that is normal and acceptable behaviour while watching teenage boys from

Racing News



■ Patrick Mullins with his grandmother Maureen Mullins after he won the Unibet Morgiana Hurdle on Sharjah at Punchestown in November 2021. PHOTOGRAPH: CAROLINE NORRIS/INPHO

Maureen Mullins dies aged 94

Irish racing's great matriarch helped build up legendary training business along with her late husband Paddy

SARAH SLATER

Tributes are being paid to the matriarch of the famous horse racing family, Maureen Mullins, who died in the early hours of yesterday morning, aged 94.

The mother to Willie, Tony, Tom, George and Sandra and grandmother to jockeys Danny and Patrick, along with David, Charlie and Emmet.

The Co Kilkenny woman, died at home just outside Goresbridge surrounded by her family. Her son Tony confirmed her death yesterday morning.

Mrs Mullins had been living with dementia for the past couple of years and was last seen in public at Gowran Park racecourse in January. Her funeral is expected to take place in Goresbridge this weekend.

Along with her late husband Paddy, who died in 2010 at the age of 91, the couple built up a training business spanning more than 50 years.

All of her five children rode winners on the track and four have had winners as trainers, while George operates a world-renowned horse transport business.

Willie Mullins has been cham-

pion jumps trainer in Ireland yearly since the 2008-09 season and continues to dominate with 94 Cheltenham Festival successes, while Tony and Tom are also both Grade One and Cheltenham Festival-winning handlers, as is her grandson Emmet.

Mrs Mullins was also a winning rider herself, steering Razzo Forte to glory in a female riders' event at Gowran Park in 1982, a race which her daughter also rode in.

Tramore Racecourse paid tribute to her legacy. "This morning, a wave of sadness engulfed the community with the news of Mrs Maureen Mullins' passing. As the mother of Tramore Racecourse Director Willie Mullins, Mrs Mullins was not only a beloved matriarch within her family but also a shining supporter of Tramore.

"The community now grapples with the void left by her departure, mourning the loss of a woman who touched the hearts of many. In these moments of grief, heartfelt condolences are extended to the Mullins family."

They added that she embodied the spirit of resilience, warmth, and unwavering support. "Her presence as a mother and pillar of strength within the Mullins family added a unique dimension to the vibrant tapestry of Tramore. As the community reflects on her legacy, it is clear that Mrs Mullins leaves behind a trail of beautiful memories and a legacy of kindness."

Danny Mullins posted on X (formerly Twitter): "What a woman, such an inspiration. RIP."

CLASSIFIED EXTRA

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Tipperary

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, MEDITE Europe DAC give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission, for development comprising of the replacement of existing energy systems and all associated works on a site of c.29.7ha at the existing Medite Europe DAC facility at Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

The proposed development will consist of the following:
The replacement of the existing three wood biomass fired thermal energy systems serving MEDITE's two production lines with, 2 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heaters with thermal capacity of 60MW and 30MW respectively. The proposed development will include:

- The decommissioning of the two existing wood biomass fired boilers (18MW each) that serve Production Line 1 (Existing Height 39m). This equipment will be retained on site.
- The decommissioning of the existing single wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater (19MW) serving Production Line 2 (Stack Height 19.3m). This existing Thermal Fluid Heater equipment for Line 2 will be dismantled and removed from the site.
- The existing LPG Storage Tank will be decommissioned and retained on site.
- An existing silo will be dismantled and retained on site.
- The construction of 1 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater with thermal input capacity of 60MW, this Line 1 Energy Plant is 442m2, with a stack height of 33m. Other infrastructure proposed to support the proposed Line 1 energy plant will include:
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Wet Fuel Metering Bin (254.5m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Energy System Fuel Feed Conveyor (38.0m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Dry Electrostatic Precipitator (286.9m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Hot Gas Duct (286.9m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Start Up Stack (10.8m2 and height 30m)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Sander Dust Silo (28.3m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Thermal Fluid Piping (10.9m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Steam Generator (47.5m2)
 - o Modifications to Line 1 Dryer System (505.7m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 1 Bunded Oil Storage (66.5m2)
- The construction of 1 no. renewable energy, wood biomass fired Thermal Fluid Heater with thermal input capacity of 30MW, this Line 2 Energy Plant is 109m2, with a stack height of 18.5m. Other infrastructure proposed to facilitate the operation of the proposed Line 2 energy plant will include:
 - o 1 no. Line 2 Dry Electrostatic Precipitator (25.6 m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 2 Hot Gas Duct (86.9m2)
 - o 1 no. Line 2 Start Up stack (23.0m2 and height 30m)
 - o 1 no. Line 2 Thermal Fluid Piping (21.4m2)
- The development of new wood biomass fuel reception infrastructure adjacent to the existing wood biomass fuel reception area which will require the development of 1 no. Fuel Reception Unit (35m2), 1 no. Fuel infeed hopper (18.6m2), 1 no. Walking Floor Infeed System (202.3 m2), 1 no. conveying System(#1) (520m2), 200m in length of conveying with height varying from ground to 20.8m, Conveying Systems #2 (from Storage Building to energy Systems), (245m2) to Line 1 Energy Plant, 266m length of conveying with height varying from ground to max of 22.5m, and to Line 2 Energy Plant (77.5m2) 44m length of conveying with height varying from ground to max of 20.9m.
- Modifications to existing pneumatic (Dry Fuel) Systems, including blowers, fans & filters, and associated infrastructure. These modifications will include new pneumatic Transport Ducts, #1 Length = 161.5m x Ø150mm pipe, #2 Length = 202.9m x Ø150mm pipe, Edge Trim Silo, including associated filter plant (38.4m2). The Ø150mm pipe that currently connects the production process to the existing Edge Trim Silo which will be redirected to the new Edge Trim Silo. The existing hopper within this area will be removed.

The development will also include:
• Any other ancillary development including all pipes/ducts and supporting infrastructure necessary to connect the renewable energy systems to the existing facility enabling the transfer of thermal energy to the production lines and the provision of a new steam generator and steam piping to connect the new energy system to the existing steam pipe infrastructure.

Ancillary development will also include:
• The provision of 2 no. temporary construction compounds, including hardstanding, car-parking and staff welfare facilities.
• Removal of 0.42ha. of existing mixed woodland at the western portion of the site and the planting of 0.42ha. of native woodland along the northern boundary of the Site.
• The provision of additional non-permeable hardstanding within the site covering a total area of 1.1ha.
• All associated site works including engineering, landscaping, connections to existing surface water and wastewater systems, services and boundary treatment, necessary to facilitate the development.

This application relates to development for the purposes of an activity requiring an Industrial Emissions Licence. This application is also accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The proposed development is located within close proximity to a site on the Record of Monument and Places RMP sites, including RMP T5083-010 Ringfort-Rath, which bounds the site to the east.

The planning application, EIA and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 15th of February 2024 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The Offices of Tipperary County Council, Emmet Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 N512

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://www.mediteseid.com>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects on a European site of the proposed development, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 3rd of April 2024. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details please see 'A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to: (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists" - Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Sports briefs

Athletics

Virgin to broadcast Diamond League and World Indoors

Virgin Media has announced extensive television coverage of live athletics over the coming months, including all 15 of the top-end Diamond League meetings such as the Oslo Bislett Games and the Zurich Weltklasse.

It will also have live coverage from all three days of the World Indoor Championships in Glasgow next month, returning that event to Irish terrestrial television for the first time in decades, and the World Cross-Country Championships in Belgrade, set for March 30th.

This Sunday's Seville Marathon, where a number of Irish athletes are chasing Paris Olympic qualification, will also go out live on Virgin.

The move follows the success of their live coverage of the nine-day World Championships in Budapest last August, also returning that event to Irish terrestrial television for the first time in decades. The largest sporting event in the world last year, featuring around 2,000 athletes from over 200 nations, it also saw some notable Irish success, Rhasadat Adeleke and Ciara Mageean finishing fourth in their 400m and 1,500m finals respectively.

The World Indoor Championships in Glasgow, set for March 1st to 3rd, aren't in the plans of either Adeleke or Mageean this year, given the focus on the Paris Olympics.

Rugby

Munster confirm signing of Kilgallen from Connacht

Munster have confirmed the signing of 23-year-old winger Diarmuid Kilgallen on a two-year deal ahead of the 2024/25 season. The Kildare native has scored 12 tries in 22 appearances for Connacht to date.

He started out at Naas RFC before playing schools rugby for Cistercian College Roscrea on the Tipperary-Offaly border. He joined the Connacht Academy in 2019 and made his debut against Munster in 2020. A tall, athletic winger, he scored five tries in eight appearances last season and has five tries in six appearances so far this year.

Meanwhile, hooker Eoghan Clarke has signed a one-year deal for next season



■ Diarmuid Kilgallen: two-year deal ahead of 2024/25 season

after rejoining Munster in November. The 25-year-old hooker has signed on for next year after impressing since returning to the province in November.

In other contract news, prop Keynan Knox has completed his time at the province after scoring three tries in 33 appearances.

Soccer

Shelbourne's €1.5m repurchase of Tolka Park facing vote

Shelbourne FC's €1.5 million repurchase of Tolka Park from Dublin City Council will be voted on by councillors next Monday.

The Drumcondra club, currently managed by Damien Duff, will pay €1 million in three instalments up to December 2026 to secure a 250-year lease that requires an additional annual rent of €100.

DCC and Shels have agreed to put the other €500,000 into five years of salary for two "football in the community" officers. Both employees would be paid €50,000 a year and one must be "dedicated"

to women's and girl's football. As part of the deal, Shelbourne agree to fund two phases of works on Tolka Park, starting with the Drumcondra and Ballybough stands before upgrading the north and south stands, in particular repairs to the roof. Renovations are to be completed by December 2026.

If the councillors vote through the lease agreement, it would end a long-running saga since the club sold the ground to property developer Ossie Kilkenny in 2005.

Shelbourne will require private funding to fix up a dilapidated Tolka Park.



■ John Gotti Jr: 'They refused to press charges against the lady who assaulted my wife first,' said the man who succeeded his infamous father as reputed head of the Gambino family. PHOTOGRAPH: TODD MAISEL/NY DAILY NEWS VIA GETTY IMAGES