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1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Planning Application for Substitute Consent under Section 177C of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the unauthorised continuation of quarrying operations and associated ancillary development to include the extraction of mineral (limestone) and the unauthorised continued use and/or operation of buildings, structures, plant and machinery at Cartron Quarry, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Further to the Leave to Apply for Substitute Consent granted by the Board for the above referenced development dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Board Order Ref ABP-306155-19) and the subsequent grant of an extension of time to apply for Substitute Consent granted by the Board on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (Board Ref ABP-308837-20), it is with pleasure that I can now submit the substitute consent application for the above site.

In order to assist the Board in determining the application and in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), please find enclosed:

- Completed Substitute Consent Application Form;
- A cheque for the sum of €8,182.40, the required application fee;
- Copy of site notice and a photograph of the signed version as erected on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- The relevant page of the Newspaper advertisement (Connacht Tribune), as advertised on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- 1 Copy of the Confirmation Notice from the EIA Portal, dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- 6 copies of all plans as referenced in the attached schedule of drawings. The scales of the drawings have been confirmed as acceptable to the Board via email from Senior Administrative Officer, Mary Holohan dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (see enclosed) ;
- 6 copies of a Remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report, to include as a separate document the Non-Technical Summary;
- 6 Copies of a Remedial Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report prepared by Woodrow Sustainable Solutions;
- 6 copies of a Statement of Exceptional Circumstances Document, prepared by Quarryplan Ltd; and
- 1 Electronic searchable copy of the entire submission pack on a CD (pdf).

With regards to the requirements of article 227 (2) (d) of the above referenced Regulations, it is confirmed that the site utilises chemical toilets which are cleaned out on a weekly basis.

Please note the Statement of Exceptional Circumstances Document enclosed provides information which the applicant considers material for the purposes of the Board satisfying itself as to the existence of exceptional circumstances in accordance with Section 177K (1A)(a) of the PDA.

I trust the above is satisfactory however should you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CTinsley', is positioned above the typed name.

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Senior Town Planning Consultant  
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Enc.

cc. G McTigue, McTigue Quarries Ltd