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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: ABP 319 281-24

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 4/7/25
from

EPA

I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000
be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): No new issues raised.

E.O.: Cathy Carlton

Date: 18/7/25

For further consideration by SEO/SAO

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

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Please prepare BP _____ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached
submission

to: _____ Task No: _____

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CORRESPONDENCE FORM

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Date: <u>18/7/25</u>	Date: <u>18/7/25</u>

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Your Ref: ABP-319281-24

Planning Authority Ref: 23/60115

Notification of Planning Application: Construction of approx. 5,719 sq. m. gross floor area (GFA) main building to house hot dip metal galvanising plant and all associated site works. Hibernia Steel (Manufacturing) Limited, Mell, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your correspondence received 17 June 2025 requesting comments from the Agency on the planning application (appeal) and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the above referenced development. In accordance with Section 87(1F) of the EPA Act 1992 as amended (hereafter referred to as the EPA Act), the Agency makes the below observations.

The development proposed may require a licence under Class 3 'Metals' of the EPA Act. The Agency has not received a licence application relating to the development described above.

It is noted that the planning application was accompanied by an EIAR. Should the Agency receive a licence application for the development, the applicant will be required to submit the associated EIAR to the Agency as part of the licence application. The EIAR will be considered and assessed by the Agency and the Agency shall ensure that before the licence is granted, the licence application will be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency and in accordance with Section 83(2A) and Section 87(1G)(a) of the EPA Act. In addition, consultation on the licence application and EIAR will be carried out in accordance with Section 87 (1B) to (1H) of the EPA Act as appropriate. All observations from the planning authority will be taken into account as part of the Agency's assessment and before making a decision in relation to the licence application. Please also note that you will be requested to provide the documentation relating to the EIA you have carried out to the Agency under Section 173A(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Should a licence application be received by the Agency all matters to do with emissions to the environment from the activities proposed, the licence application documentation and EIAR will be considered and assessed by the Agency.

Where the Agency is of the opinion that the activities, as proposed, cannot be carried on, or cannot be effectively regulated under a licence then the Agency cannot grant a licence for such an activity. Should the Agency decide to grant a licence in respect of the activity, as proposed, it will incorporate conditions that will ensure that appropriate National and EU standards are applied, and that Best Available Techniques (BAT) will be used in the carrying on of the activities.

Finally, please note that in accordance with Section 87(1D)(d) of the EPA Act, the Agency cannot issue a Proposed Determination on a licence application which addresses the development above until a planning decision has been made.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning matters, please contact eiaplanning@epa.ie.

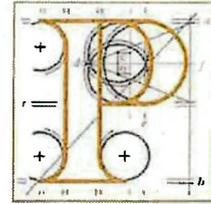
Yours Sincerely,
Marian Doyle

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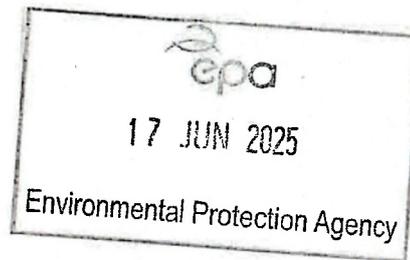
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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Environmental Licencing Programme
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Date: 16 June 2025

Re: Construction of approx. 5,719 sq. m. gross floor area (GFA) main building to house hot dip metal galvanising plant and all associated site works. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) were submitted with the application. The proposed development will require an Industrial Emissions (IE) Licence under the EPA Act 1992, as amended.
Mell, Drogheda, Co. Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the above-mentioned proposed development which is the subject of a current planning appeal submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

The planning application, along with other documents relating to the planning authority decision, and copies of the appeal made to the Board, are available for inspection at the offices of the planning authority in accordance with section 38 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Article 68 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001.

Details are also available at the following website address:
<https://www.eplanning.ie/LouthCC/AppFileRefDetails/2360115/0>.

A copy of the environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) including the natura impact statement (NIA) is also available on the Planning Authority website.

In accordance with section 87 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as inserted by Article 5 (1F) of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012 you are requested to:

(i) Confirm to An Bord Pleanála that the proposed development, the subject of the application for permission, is development for the purposes of an activity requiring a licence or a review of a licence on the application, as referred to under section 83 or under section 90(1)(b) of the Act.

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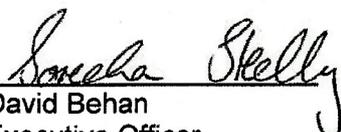
(ii) If a licence or a review of a licence is required, you are also requested to submit to An Bord Pleanála any observations you may have on the application for permission including any observations you may have on the environmental impact assessment report.

Accordingly, your response and any observations you may have in relation to the proposed development should be received by An Bord Pleanála not later than **4 weeks** from the date of this request i.e. not later than 5.30 p.m. on the **14 July 2025**.

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

Please quote the above-mentioned ABP reference number in any further correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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David Behan
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