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Re: Application for Substitute Consent for Quarry at Shannapheasteen, Co. Galway S.131 Correspondence - Galway County Council Notice Reference QSP83

Dear Sirs,

We refer to your letter dated 12th July 2013 in relation to the above application for substitute consent for a quarry operation at Shannapheasteen, Co. Galway. Your letter is seeking comments in relation to submissions received in connection with the application. On behalf of our clients, **Connemara Granite Teoranta** and **Stephen Larkin**, we wish to make the following comments.

Our clients have advised that the submission from Catherine O Ceoinin is inaccurate and it may be that she is mistaking our clients' quarry with Larkin Quarries Limited (County Council Reference: QSP82), which is 3 miles from the subject quarry. Our clients are not, nor ever were, Larkin Quarries Limited. Our clients have confirmed that they were never involved in litigation. They are not operating in any commonage and they are absolute title owners of the subject quarry lands.

We understand that the third party objector's address is Rusheenamanagh, Carna, which is over 30 miles away by road from the application quarry. Her submission appears to refer to at least three quarries, one of which is S&M O Cualain in Carna. We understand that this might be her primary concern and that she has mistakenly referred to our clients' quarry. Our clients are disappointed with the content of the third party submission. However, they also note that she has not raised any specific planning or environmental concerns in relation to the subject quarry.

We have no comments to make on the County Council's submission, other than to note its positive recommendation.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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