

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Decision Document Runtech Limited

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Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Key issues of the decision

Receipt of application

Partial transfer

We have decided to grant the partial transfer for Port Talbot Steelworks from Harsco Metals Group Limited to Runtech Limited.

Permit number BP3635MR will continue to be operated by Harsco Metals Group Limited.

Permit number EPR/AB3595FF will now be operated by Runtech Limited.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Background

Harsco Metals Group Limited currently holds an installation permit (reference EPR/BP3635MR). The main purpose of the Harsco activities at the Port Talbot Steelworks are to serve Tata Steel UK Limited steelworks processes. The activities are considered waste treatment activities and require regulation under Section 5.4 Part A(1) (b) (iii) of the EPR. One of Harsco's Directly Associated Activity (DAA) is the scarfing of steel slabs. Harsco Metals have successfully tendered for and awarded to Runtech to commence the scarfing operation. Therefore Runtech Limited have send Natural Resources Wales an application to transfer the scarfing operation.

The application was received at Natural Resources Wales on 7th July. It consisted of application forms Part A, D2 and F1, 2 site plans, supporting information, ISO 14001 2004 and ISO9001 2008 Certificates. The next step was to assess whether the application could be duly made or not. An application is duly made once we have determined that it is complete and contains all the information we need to begin determination. The application was deemed duly made on the 24th July 2017.

During the determination process, informal requests for further information were made, both relating to site plans, to which the operator responded in due course once the information was available.

Control of the facility

We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of part of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.

The regulated facility

The permitted regulated facilities have changed as a result of the partial transfer. The part transfer will extract all permitting activities and limits associated to the scarfing operation from the permit EPR/BP3635MR, held by Harsco Metals Group Limited and insert them into the new permit for Runtech Limited.

Activities, limits and requirements that will be specified in the new permit for Runtech Limited are therefore:

- DAA A5 Scarfing of steel slabs.
- Limits on point source to air from emission point AS2
- Monitoring data reporting requirements for Ash Road North site emission references
- Reporting requirements for annual production/treatment and performance parameters

The original permit will then only contain activities, limits and requirements that relate to Harsco's original permit.

These are:

- Activities A1 (Section 5.4 Part A(1) (b) (iii) Recovery or a mix of recovery and disposal of non-hazardous waste in an installation with a capacity of over 75 tonnes per day (or 100 tonnes per day if the only waste treatment activity is anaerobic digestion) involving one or more of the following activities, and excluding activities covered by Council Directive 91/271/EEC - treatment of slags and ashes.)
- DAA – A2-A6 (Scrap handling and storage R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced) R4: Recycling / reclamation of metals and metal compounds, Storage of intermediate, waste and final products, cutting and hammering of steel skulls and rejected rolled steel coils, Production of waste oxide briquettes for re-use in steel production process.
- Limits on point source emissions to air from emission point reference AS1-3

- Limits on point source emissions to water from emission point reference GWS1-6
- Monitoring data reporting requirements for Ash Road South site emission references
- Reporting requirements for annual production/treatment and performance parameters

This permit applies to only one part of the installation. The names and permit numbers of the operators of other parts of the installation are detailed in the permit's introductory note.

Changes to permit conditions

The permit conditions have changed as a result of the partial surrender.

Following the part transfer, Runtech Limited will be issued with a new Directly Associated Activity permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

The only changes that have been made to the Harsco permit is removing the conditions that are linked to the scarfing operation. All other condition will remain.

Extent of the site of the facility

The extent of the facility has changed as a result of the partial transfer.

Runtech s permit boundary will only comprise of the scarfing operation. This can be seen the site layout plan in the permit.

The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.

Environment Management System

There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Technical competence

The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Relevant convictions

The National Enforcement Database (COLINS) has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared.

No relevant convictions were found.

The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

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