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2 Sisters Poultry Llangefni Site
Industrial Trading Estate
LLANGEFNI
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Dear Stuart

We are in receipt of your Compliance Assessment Report of 12th July 2013 regarding your Site Inspection on 27th June and follow up visit on 1st July.

We have noted the comments made in your report, paying particular attention to those which show a breach against the site's Permit.

1. Blood

During your inspection you noticed that the drain cover and its concrete surround had sustained damage and this had resulted in the drain's seal being broken and the drain cover being bent out of shape thus allowing odours to emit.

This damage was not evident during G Jones' inspection of the area made the afternoon previously, in advance of your visit. No report of any Fork Lift Truck (the type of damage could only have been caused by FLT strike) damaging this had been received.

The drain has since been repaired by creating a raised, concreted cover surrounded by a brick outer wall with a steel reinforced concrete infill between the two.

That the drain down liquor was odorous is primarily due to its function as the scrubbing medium. The air venting from the tank has odour removed by means of exchange with the scrubbing liquor, this is then discharged by solenoid control to the site foul drain – essentially a closed system drain down. The damage caused to the drain seal, cover and surrounding concrete damaged this closed system. The repairs to the drain cover effectively return this to a closed system.

In the absence of inline RedOx equipment (such as installed on the Scald De-feather Scrubber) we shall carry out some trials to see whether increasing the dosing of the Hypo and Caustic from present levels has any beneficial effect.

The solenoid fault on the fresh water infeed resulted in a continuous flow of fresh water which, in turn, overflowed from the scrubber reservoir into the overflow bin. The continuous inflow of fresh water negated the efficacy of the dosed chemicals; the reason for the contents of the overflow bin being odorous, in that the chemicals which would, under normal operation, have been circulated around the Packed

Column Scrubber to clean and counter odours were instead being flushed straight out of the scrubbers' reservoir.

We can now confirm that the scrubber is now operating normally.

We can also confirm that a 2nd person has been appointed to run the ETP and associated operations (including scrubber checks) (*see also point 5*)

A full review of the procedures for operating, maintaining and monitoring the scrubber during production periods is underway.

It is expected that this will be completed by 5th August 2013. Copies will be forwarded upon completion.

2. Carbon Filters

The Carbon Filters are condition checked weekly. This check consists of a visual check only. The Carbon filter connected to the Blood Tank is the back-up to the Packed Column Scrubber which is connected to the air vent via a T-valve. On the day of the visit the Carbon had been removed because it had become waterlogged (and therefore spent). This is to be replaced by Site Engineering.

Copies of the PM records for the Carbon Filters will be forwarded.

3. Scald Defeather Scrubber

Maintenance Schedules for Medium and Long-term maintenance will be obtained from Parsons Engineering.

4. Housekeeping

The area examined is currently undergoing major civil engineering works causing some congestion in the yard which had resulted in a poorer washdown than we would have wished.

We can confirm that this area has now been cleaned of all the detritus witnessed.

Skips have been cleaned (and will continue to be cleaned post use) and are stored under cover whenever possible.

General Yard cleansing is an ongoing process both during Production phase of operation and the nightly Hygiene phase. Particular attention will be given to the areas you have highlighted.

5. Staff Resources

We can confirm that a 2nd Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) Operative has been recruited and has commenced work. This means that the site now has permanent cover for operation of the ETP for both Live intake shifts.

Management on the Back Shift are to be trained in Odour Investigation. It is anticipated to have this completed by mid-August.

Maintenance of Site Scrubbers is carried out by members of the site Engineering Team during the course of their scheduled PM checks.

6. Bird / Vermin control

Following some advice given by a Pest Control company we had tried application of large plastic strips which had a 3D Holographic effect hanging from the netting. Whilst fine in theory the physical nature of the plastic was not strong enough to withstand winds gusting in the yard. We are now applying 4m lengths of black/yellow plastic chain suspended from the netting which should provide a visual and physical deterrent to the birds.

7. Odour Management Plan

The submitted Odour Management Plan (Llangefni OMP V2) will be reviewed and amended where necessary to reflect the installation of the large scale Parsons scrubber used to control Scald De-feather Odours following the BAT Review as well as the Site's increased Live Bird throughput, a return to extended working hours (double shift) and the civil engineering that has taken place on site to accommodate Controlled Atmosphere Stunning.

To provide sufficient time to complete works mentioned elsewhere in this document it is requested that the OMP Review be given a date for submission of end August 2013.

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