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Dear Mr Simmons

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

Application: PAN-002038 (variation) for an additional odour scrubber to ensure efficient capture and treatment of emissions from the Befesa Fine Aggregate (BFA) storage area, at Befesa Salt Slags Ltd, Fenn's Bank, Whitchurch, Wrexham, SY13 3PA

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this permit application. This assessment is based on actual or potential health risks from environmental exposures to chemicals, noise from the proposed operations including emergencies and extreme environmental events such as flooding.

We have consulted with our colleagues at the Environmental Public Health Service (delivered collaboratively through Public Health Wales' Health Protection Team and Public Health England's Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards Wales).

Any recommendations are for consideration by the Regulator and be reflected in any permit conditions made (see rationale below).

We note that public health concerns have been raised by some local residents with regard to alleged emissions and odours and we have been mindful of these in producing this response.

Proposed Operations

An additional odour scrubber to support environmental measures already in place at the specialist waste treatment site to ensure efficient capture and treatment of emissions from the Befesa Fine Aggregate (BFA) storage area.

Overall Conclusion

We have no grounds for objection based upon the public health considerations contained within the application.

Improved emission abatement is to be encouraged.



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Public Health Risk Assessment

The established operation is a novel, specialised waste treatment facility designed to treat and recover metallic aluminium and aluminium oxide.

The proposal seeks to improve odour and emission abatement in accordance with Best Available Techniques (BAT). Operations will be subject to an externally accredited environmental management system.

The additional abatement capacity is intended to address local odour emissions that otherwise were not efficiently captured.

Any additional information obtained by the Regulator in relation to these comments should be sent to us for consideration. Such information could affect the comments made in this response.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Owen'.

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