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Mr Steve Harries
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Decision on your Transitional Licence application

Licence number: WA/061/006/00021
Application number: PAN-004462
Site name: Blaencilgoed and Gelli Halog Quarries

Dear Mr. Harries,

We are pleased to tell you that your application for a transfer licence to authorise a previously exempt abstraction has been successful.

Please read your licence carefully as it is a legal document. You will have to keep to the conditions shown on it.

Your abstraction licence will remain in force until 31/3/2037, in line with our policy on setting time limits. The time limit is linked to future reviews of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) area. At the end of the time limit, we should be able to renew the licence if:

- there is no damage to the environment;
- the need for the abstraction can still be justified;
- water is being used efficiently; and
- you still meet the usual legal requirements for getting a licence.

We do not guarantee that we will renew the licence. We will contact you before your licence ends to tell you about the renewal process.

Compliance

We regularly make routine visits to make sure that the terms of licences are up to date and that any work to abstract water keeps to the licence conditions. One of our representatives will contact you, before they visit, to discuss the terms of the licence. They may visit you again later without giving you notice. If you have any queries regarding the future regulation of your licence then please contact the Pembrokeshire Environment team.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the water you abstract is suitable for the purpose it will be used for. You must continue to monitor the water to make sure you are using it efficiently. It is also your

responsibility to make sure that you have any other permission (for example, planning permission) you need in connection with your proposed work.

If you wish to apply to increase your application abstraction quantities you should do this through our normal application procedure, details of which are available on the following webpage:

[Home](#) > [Permits and Permissions](#) > [Water abstraction and impoundment licences](#) > [Apply for a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

Monitoring

As this application is for a transfer licence and no quantities are specified within the licence, no conditions are required relating to the measurement or assessment of the actual volume of water abstracted.

However, it is understood from the information submitted with your application that each abstraction pump has a meter that is read at intervals of up to 28 days, from which daily and monthly totals are calculated and reported to the MPA each hydrometric year. Therefore we recommend that these records continue to be kept as they may be required to support any application to vary or renew the licence in the future.

In addition, our Geoscience team have recommended that daily rainfall data would be useful to assess the relative contributions of rainfall, runoff and groundwater to the volumes of water pumped from the sumps. They have suggested this data could be obtained by installing a rainfall tipping bucket with a datalogger. As above, this data may be required to support any application to renew / vary your licence in the future.

Biosecurity

Any work undertaken should take account of biosecurity risks, and mitigation measures should be put in place. The most important measure is to ensure that all equipment (plant, tools, footwear etc) that come to site, arrive clean, and are cleaned again before leaving site. This applies to all sites, not just those where an invasive non-native species (INNS), pest or disease has been previously identified. Information on how to assess biosecurity risks; simple steps to reduce risks; and specific measures for higher risk activities can be found on the [GBNNS website](#) for INNS, or for tree health on [our website](#). If you need any further help, please feel free to contact our [INNS and Biosecurity](#) team or our [Tree Health](#) team.

EU Exit

Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licences in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licences and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

Right of Appeal

If you are not satisfied with the conditions set on your licence, you can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate at the following address:

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW)
2nd Floor West
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff

CF10 3NQ
Phone: 02920 823857

You can get a standard notice of appeal from the address above. You must return the notice of appeal **within 28 days** of the date of this notice, and send a copy to us. The notice must give the reasons for the appeal and you must also send:

- the application it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent us with the application;
- this decision notice; and
- any other relevant correspondence.

You must send written notice of the appeal and the documents listed above to the PEDW at the address above. At the same time you must send us a copy of the notice and documents to:

Permitting Service Manager
Permitting Service
Natural Resources Wales
Tŷ Cambria
29 Newport Road
Cardiff CF24 0TP
Phone: 0300 065 3000

You can withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made. In exceptional circumstances, PEDW have the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

If you have any questions about your licence, please contact me on the details provided below.

Yours sincerely



Senior Permitting Officer

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