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Dear Ms Griffin,

Re: Befesa Salt Slags Ltd

Thank you for your prompt response.

I can advise that we intend to proceed in accordance with the method advised to the previous owner in the letter sent to Stuart Irvine by Julia Frost on 1 July 2022 which states;

".....Another potential pollution source that needs to be cleared from site is the contents of the surface water lagoon.

NRW advised that they consider there are two options available to Befesa in relation to this.

1) to tanker off the liquid content (to a suitably permitted site). This option could commence as soon as a suitably permitted site has been located to accept the waste water.

2) apply for a permit variation to allow the discharge of the liquid to the controlled water. Discharge would not be able to commence until the variation had been determined and the impact fully considered. There is no guarantee that permission would be granted for this and pre-treatment of the effluent may be required.

Once the effluent has been removed the lagoon would need to be de-sludged (and the material sent to a suitably permitted site) and liner removed before it is backfilled with suitable material.

We will be electing to decommission as per option 1, and your previous advice was that this could proceed as a soon as a suitably permitted disposal facility had been located. I can advise that a suitably permitted site has been located and further to providing them with a sample of the

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lagoon contents to ensure that the material meets their waste acceptance criteria, we are now negotiating costs.

We expect the decommissioning to take between 6 to 10 weeks, and once completed, we intend to open up the site drainage system as confirmed by NRW in the email from Berwyn Williams to Stuart Irvine on 5 August 2022, see excerpt below for ease of reference;

"Good morning Stuart

To follow up as discussed previously at the meeting, you stated that once the lagoon had been fully decommissioned (by either of the mechanisms described in our letter) and all other pollution sources had been removed from site, that the drainage system could be opened to allow direct discharge of surface water. I can confirm that this is our position; however we also expect the other points covered by our letter to be addressed. "

We are very keen to progress with the decommissioning of the water lagoon as soon as possible and would welcome a meeting with you to discuss. We would hope the above information would provide NRW with the necessary information and reassurance to allow us to start the decommissioning as soon as we have agreed costs, we will advise on our expected start date as soon as we have concluded cost discussions. We are however available at your convenience to discuss with NRW in advance of starting, and if you are not personally available due to time constraints, perhaps one of the colleagues you mention might be available? If easier, we can set up a Teams call rather than a site visit?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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