

Form

Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment of a project

OGN 200 Form 1

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1. Project Details

1(a): Project details where an external party has applied to NRW for any form of authorisation	
Application reference number (if applicable)	EPR/BS6149IQ/V011 PAN-019896
Date application received	<i>Duly Made 21/04/2023</i>
Applicant details	<i>Rockwool limited</i>
Activity proposed	<i>Rockwool limited have applied to vary their environmental permit EPR/BS6149IQ to allow the following changes to their site at Pencoed</i> <i>1. The addition of a desulphurisation plant, which utilise sodium bicarbonate to remove sulphur dioxide from the gas stream. The residual dust is collected by a bag filter</i> <i>2. Extend the waste product returned to Rockwool to include waste product produced by rockwool other sites in Europe (operated by Rockfon)</i> <i>3. The addition of a discharge point to sewer from the settlement tank.</i>
Relevant legislation	<i>• The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016</i> <i>• Industrial Emissions Directive 2010 (Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions)</i>
Location	Site address: Pencoed Rockwool, Wern Tarw, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 6NY SS 96080 84010
Application documents	Internal Referenced see DMS folder here . External please see public register here
Environmental Statement	<i>N/A</i>
Pre-application correspondence	<i>N/A</i>

NRW team responsible for drafting this HRA report, and name of lead officer	<i>William Wallace</i> <i>Permitting Officer, Installations and RSR permitting</i>
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2. Determining the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.1 Is the whole of the project directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more Natura 2000 sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the Natura 2000 site(s) is/are designated?	No
2.2 Is there a possibility that the project could affect a different Natura 2000 site to the one(s) the project is intended to conserve?	No
2.3 Is it necessary to carry out an HRA?	No The only site within screening range are two special areas of conservation (SAC) Blackmill Woodlands (Uk0030090) and Glaswelltiroedd Cefn Cribwr / Cefn Cribwr Grasslands (UK0030113). The proposed variation will not result in any increase of the maximum impact from the site to these designated sites. The conclusions is based on the following: • The new desulphurisation plant on cupola line 3 (emission point A19) will reduce the sulphur emissions from the site to allow it to meet the emission limit of 1400 mg/m³ on emission point A19. The site will have dust abatement installed to capture the residual bicarbonate mixture. This technique is in line with the best available techniques for the glass manufacturing sector. The site already has emission limits for particulate matter which will remain the same. • There are no new point source emissions to air or any increase to existing emissions limits. The proposed changes would not lead to any new emissions of substances.

	• The settlement tank that had previously discharge primarily to surface water has now been connected sewer and will only discharge to surface water in the event of an overflow. The existing emission limits to surface water will remain in the permit. There are no designated sites within 10 km downstream of the site. The proposed changes to the site would either not result in any increase in existing emission and in the case of emissions of sulphur dioxide (acidity resulting from deposition) there would be a decrease the maximum impact from the site on the nearest sensitive receptors. All other existing emissions limits in place would remain the same. As such there is no conceivable impact from the proposed variation that would lead to damage to the designated sites.
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6. Conclusion

HRA is not required because the whole of the project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more Natura 2000/Ramsar sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the site(s) is/are designated, <u>and</u> the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any other Natura 2000/Ramsar sites. (As documented in section 2.1 and 2.2 of this form)	X
HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact pathway to any Natura 2000/Ramsar site (As documented in section 2.3 of this form)	
This project is a renewal of a current permission which complies with NRW agreed criteria for ruling out significant effects of a renewal without conducting a project-specific LSE test. Therefore it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any Natura 2000/Ramsar sites, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. (As documented in section 3.1 of this form)	
The project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects and, taking account of the advice received from protected sites advisors, is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any Natura 2000/Ramsar site (As documented in section 3.2 of this form, or section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of an appropriate assessment, and taking account of the advice received from protected sites advisors, it has been established that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000/Ramsar site, taking into account any conditions or restrictions as applicable, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. (As documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment, it has <u>not</u> been ascertained that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000/Ramsar site, as documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 is applicable. Approval for the project <u>cannot</u> be given unless either: the project specification, and/or the terms under which it might be approved, are modified so as to remove the risk of adverse effects, and a revised HRA report is prepared, or	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">the project satisfies the requirements of Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, an Article 6(4) Statement of Case is prepared (OGN 200 Form 3) and submitted for consideration by the appropriate authority, normally Welsh Ministers | |
| <p>Signed: W Wallace</p> <p>Name: William Wallace</p> <p>Position: Senior Permitting Officer, Installation and RSR permitting</p> <p>Date: 27/06/2023</p> | |