

Natural Resources Wales Permitting Decisions

Curvolt Ltd (Curvolt Ltd)

Decision Document

Application for a Full Transfer

The application number is: PAN-029174

The permit variation number is: EPR/BJ6968IY/T004

The Transferor is: IQE Silicon Compounds Limited

The Transferee is: Curvolt Ltd

The Installation is located at: Curvolt Ltd, Beech House, Cypress Drive, St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 0LW

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise, we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

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1. Executive summary

1.1. Application summary

Application has been made to transfer the environmental permit for Curvolt Ltd from IQE Silicon Compounds Limited (the “transferor”) to Curvolt Ltd (the “transferee”) in full.

1.2. Our decision

We have decided to grant the transfer for Curvolt Ltd from IQE Silicon Compounds Limited to Curvolt Ltd.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

2. Receipt of the application

The application was received on 06/05/2025. In order for us to be able to consider the application duly made, we needed more information. We requested the following:

- Questions relating to operator competence to be completed.
- Clarification on a claim for confidentiality.
- Correct declaration for the proposed permit holder
- OPRA spreadsheet

A letter requesting this information was sent to the applicant on 10/11/2025. Upon receipt of this information, on 21/11/2025, we were able to consider the application duly made. This means we considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination, but not that it necessarily contained all the information we would need to complete that determination.

3. Confidential information

A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has been made. We have not accepted the applicants claim for commercial confidentiality and the relevant information has not been excluded from the public register. The decision was taken in

accordance with our guidance on commercial confidentiality. A Notice confirming this was issued to the applicant on 08/12/2025 and is available on the public register to view.

4. Legislation

The transfer will be granted under Regulation 21 of the EPR. The Environmental Permitting regime is a legal vehicle which delivers most of the relevant legal requirements for activities falling within its scope. In particular, the regulated facility is an *installation* as described by the IED.

We address the legal requirements directly where relevant in the body of this document. NRW is satisfied that the decision on this application is consistent with its general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) in relation to Wales and applying the principles of SMNR. In particular, NRW acknowledges that it is a principle of sustainable management to take action to prevent significant damage to ecosystems. We consider that, in granting the transfer a high level of protection will be maintained for the environment and human health through the operation of the Installation in accordance with the permit conditions.

5. Operation of the installation

5.1. Operator competence

The new operator will be is the sole operator of the Installation.

We are satisfied that the new operator is the person who will have control over the operation of the Installation after the permit is transferred and that they will be able to operate the Installation so as to comply with the conditions included in the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator¹.

Relevant Convictions

The new operator has declared they have no relevant convictions.

NRW's COLINS Database has been checked to ensure to confirm are no relevant convictions.

No relevant convictions were found.

The new operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence².

¹ [RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of 'operator' \(naturalresources.wales\)](#)

² [regulatory-guidance-note-5-operator-competence.pdf \(naturalresources.wales\)](#)

Financial Provision

The new operator has declared they have no current or past bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding against them.

There is no known reason to consider that the new operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

5.2. Environmental Management System

The new operator has stated in the application that the management structure will stay substantially the same following the transfer and that activities will be managed in largely the same way as they currently are. Evidence has been provided of this with the application.

The new operator has stated in the application that they will implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) that will meet the requirements for an EMS in our “How to comply with your environmental permit guidance”³.

The proposed management system is ISO 14001. The applicant has submitted a summary of the EMS with their application (EMS1-1 EMS Manual).

We have reviewed the application and are satisfied that appropriate management systems and management structures will be in place for this Installation, and that sufficient resources are available to the operator to ensure compliance with all the permit conditions.

6. The Permit Conditions

There have been no changes to the permit’s conditions as a result of the transfer.

7. OPRA

The OPRA score has changed as a result of this transfer. The new agreed score is now 67 (was 52). This will form the basis for ongoing subsistence fees for the new permit holder.

³ [Natural Resources Wales / Guidance to help you comply with your environmental permit](#)