

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0037300

**Permit being assessed:** TB3590HJ.

For: Parrys Quarry Waste Transfer & Reprocessing Centre, held by Mold Investments Limited

At: Alltami, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6NY.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 03/12/2020 between 14:00 and 15:15.

Parts of permit assessed: storage, handling, labelling and segregation; site security; reporting and notification

**NRW Lead Officer:** Steven White, accompanied by Amy Henderson, David Morris.

**Report sent to:** Steven Amos, Director on 08/01/2021.

### 1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

| Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)                                                                 | Assessment result | Permit condition |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation                                          | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| D1 - Incident Management - Site security                                                                       | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales | C4 No impact      | 6.2.2            |

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

| Total number of non-compliances recorded | Total non-compliance score |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1                                        | 0.1                        |

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 2. What action is required?

| Criteria | Action needed                                                                                       | Complete by |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| G4       | Submit missing waste returns (2019 -annual, 2020 quarters) by 2020 submission deadline (01/02/2021) | 01/02/2021  |

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

### 3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

**You are non-compliant with your permit.**

**We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.**

#### 4. Details of our assessment

Due to Covid-19 precautions this was a pre-announced inspection carried out by Senior Environment Officer Steven White, Environment Officer Amy Henderson (who will be taking over as regulating officer for the site) and David Morris (Waste Carriers Officer). Present representing Parry's Quarry were: Steve Amos, Andrew Jacks and Mathew Holloway

The site is well secured with good fencing around the perimeter and a number of CCTV cameras on the site. Permitted area is a clean, concreted yard, wastes observed on site were of the types designated on the permit. No more than estimated 200 tonnes on site at the time of inspection, permit allows 100K tonnes storage. Site was not operating at the time of the inspection.



Concrete yard



Waste piles on site

Large piles of material in the main quarry as seen in the far distance in the above

photograph (and visible from eastbound A55) are historic piles of material produced from the quarry (previous inspection photos show this) and not subject to waste controls unless they are removed from site.

An area to north of permitted site (in the main quarry, not the permitted area) looks as though it has been filled in with a large quantity of soils, the soils looked of a different composition to the rest of the quarry.



Area to north of permitted site with different coloured soils observed (on right of picture)

The area between the permitted site and the quarry was heavily tracked (e.g. caterpillar) - this area was flattened previously (as visible on previous photos/aerial imagery) as part of access into the main quarry.



Heavily tracked area between permitted site and quarry void

When the area of the quarry with the fresh-looking soils was brought up in a post-inspection meeting Andrew Jacks stated that this was produced from the main quarry floor when work on the groundwater levels/ponds was carried out within the past 6 months. Further information will be requested on this material.

Reporting and Notification

The site has not submitted waste returns for 2019 or 2020, these have previously been submitted as annual returns however, the relevant permit condition (6.2.2) requires waste returns to be submitted on a quarterly basis. This has been scored as a C4 breach against the above permit condition.

Action required:

Site is to submit an annual return for 2019 and separate quarterly returns for Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 2020. The deadline for submission of Q4 2020 returns is **1st February 2021** - this will be the deadline for submission of all the missing waste returns mentioned above. Details on how to do this have been sent to site (emailed on 08/12/2020) but can be found on the NRW website by searching for 'waste returns'.

Thank you for your time during the inspection, please find my contact details below.

Regards

**Steven White**

**Senior Environment Officer (NE Waste Regulation Team)**

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If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.



## Important information

### Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm of the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

### Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

| Assessment result | Description                                                       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assessed (A)      | Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found |
| Action only (X)   | Action only relating to the activity assessment                   |
| Ongoing (O)       | Ongoing non-compliance, not scored                                |

| Non-compliance category    | Description                                                                                                                 | Score |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| C1 Major                   | Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property | 60    |
| C2 Significant             | Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property                                 | 31    |
| C3 Minor                   | Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property                            | 4     |
| C4 No environmental impact | Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property       | 0.1   |

### How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

**What are suspended scores?**

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

**Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):****A: Permitted activities**

- A1 Specified by permit

**B: Infrastructure**

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

**C: General management**

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

**D: Incident management**

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

**E: Emissions**

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

**F: Amenity**

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

**G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting**

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

**H: Resources efficiency**

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

## Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

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- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
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