

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0037677

**Permit being assessed:** TP3535LH.

For: Rhymney Alginate Fibres Plant, held by Convatec Ltd

At: Unit 2 Heads of the Valleys Ind. Est , Rhymney, Caerphilly, NP22 5RL.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.  
On 18/02/2021.

Parts of permit assessed: Annual and Waste Returns and annual report

**NRW Lead Officer:** Ian James.

**Report sent to:** Joel Goodchild, EHS Manager on 18/02/2021.

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

| Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)                                                                 | Assessment result        | Permit condition                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| G1 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Monitoring of emissions and environment               | C4 No impact (Suspended) | MCERTS monitoring of A1-A3 was delayed beyond the annual period by 2 weeks. The operator made NRW aware of the delay due to Coronavirus restrictions on the contractor in advance and in alignment with NRW's position statement. |
| E1 - Emissions - Air                                                                                           | Assessed (A)             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| E4 - Emissions - Sewer                                                                                         | Assessed (A)             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales | Assessed (A)             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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                          |

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       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| G1       | Continue to be aware of NRW's position statements communicate issues in advance of them becoming due. | Already completed |

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.

**At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.**

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

### 4. Details of our assessment

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Annual review of reports for 2020.

I have received and reviewed the following monitoring reports for 2020;

Q1 (Jan - Mar 2020) Received on 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020

Q2 (Apr - Jun 2020) Received on 9<sup>th</sup> Jul 2020

Q3 (July - Sep 2020) Received on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

Q4 (Oct - Dec 2020) Received on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021\*\*

- Emissions to air Form Air 1 / 16.10.2006 (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4)\*\*

- Emissions to Sewer Form Sewer 1 / 16.10.2006 (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4)

- Reporting of Performance Indicators 2020 (Form PI1)

- Annual 1 / 16.10.2006

The above submissions have been reviewed and assessed with one issue identified. See below.

Comments;

\*\* The monitoring for Air 1 was not completed within the calendar year. In accordance with NRW's published position statement on notified delays to monitoring due to Coronavirus this is scored as a breach C4, but the score is suspended. Had this situation not been discussed with NRW in advance this would have resulted in a scored breach.

Sewer 1 non-reporting for Acetone and Dichloromethane are covered in previous CAR NRW0037034.

With thanks.

**If you have any questions regarding this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) form, please contact Ian James on 03000 654203 or via email on [ian.james@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:ian.james@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)**

**In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resource Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012.**

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.

## Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

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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
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
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