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Dear Mr Hannah,

## **Invalid transitional abstraction licence application**

**Application Number:** PAN-009000

**Applicant:** Mountjoy Farms Ltd

**Site:** Mountjoy Farm

We have received your application for a new transitional water resources licence, however further information is required before we can accept it as valid. Please see below outlining what further information is required.

### **Abstraction History and Evidence**

#### Evidence to demonstrate abstraction has occurred during the qualifying period

You have not provided supporting evidence to demonstrate that you have previously abstracted water within the qualifying period (1 January 2011 and 31 December 2017) in accordance with the Water Resources (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017.

Evidence could include photos of the borehole and / or pumping equipment, photos of any dairy units, any paper work relating to the installation / construction of the borehole e.g. drilling log, receipt / invoice for work / installation of any pumping equipment.

#### Evidence to demonstrate abstracted quantities during the qualifying period

You have provided calculations to demonstrate how your quantities have been estimated, based on 350 cows and 200 youngstock. Please could you provide evidence of this quantity of stock within the qualifying period (1 January 2011 and 31 December 2017).

Evidence could include agricultural records e.g. British Cattle Movement Service records, a signed veterinary letter confirming the quantity of livestock or details of milk sales during qualifying period etc.

## Discharge information

Please confirm if any of the abstracted water is discharged, and if so, where the water is discharged to.

## Abstraction duration

You have advised that you require a longer duration licence (18 years onwards). Any licence issued is likely to be limited to the common end date for the catchment, which is **31st March 2037 (applying the skipping principle)**. This time limit is linked to future reviews of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) area. At the end of the time limit, we should be able to renew the licence if:

- there is no damage to the environment;
- the need for the abstraction can still be justified;
- water is being used efficiently; and
- you still meet the usual legal requirements for getting a licence.

We do not guarantee that we will renew the licence. We will contact you before your licence ends to tell you about the renewal process.

Please confirm you wish to proceed with an application on this basis. However, if you require a licence for a longer duration (as indicated) you will be required to submit a business case.

Within this business case you must address the following points:

- Explain how the lifetime of the infrastructure is inseparably associated with the licence and will extend over the desired duration of the licence.
- Explain the continuous need for the service or product the infrastructure supplies throughout the proposed duration of the licence.
- Assess the likely environmental and economic changes that may affect the abstraction over the proposed duration period and that the assessment shows no significant concerns.
- Explain how the infrastructure contributes to sustainable development.

## Note:

In light of the Welsh Government's intention to phase out time limits, and because of the additional evidence requirements for applicants to support a valid long duration licence application, the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) do not generally expect applicants to apply for long duration licences.

## Fee

As noted in my correspondence (email) dated 23/01/2020, I intended to cancel the refund of your returned application ref: **PAN-008227** and allocate the fee submitted to support this transitional licence application ref: **PAN-009000**.

Unfortunately the refund was processed before I was able to cancel it, it should be referenced on your bank statement between 2 - 48 hours from 23/01/2020 and will have the reference 'Natural Resources Wales' or 'World Pay'. As such, a fee is now required to support this application. You may send a cheque for £135 made payable

to Natural Resources Wales or pay electronically. Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

If we do not receive the information requested above, or we are unable to validate your application by **28/02/2020**, and you wish to continue abstracting, you will need to apply for a licence under our standard application process. Prior to this application you will need to apply for a Groundwater Investigation Consent (GIC) to carry out a pumping test. You can visit our website which explains the purpose of a GIC in more detail:

[Home > Permits and permissions > Water abstraction and impoundment licences > What to do before applying for a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

If you have any questions about your application, please contact me (see below for details).

Yours sincerely,

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