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Optimal Biogas Ltd Decision Document

Full transfer

The application number is: EPR/AP3033HY/T008

The Applicant is: Optimal Biogas Ltd

The Installation is located at: Mona Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Mona Industrial Estate, Gwalchmai, Isle of Anglesey, LL65 4RJ

We have decided to issue the transfer for Mona Anaerobic Digestion Plant from 4D AD Services Limited to Optimal Biogas Ltd.

The Transfer number is EPR/AP3033HY/T008.

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.

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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Key issues of the decision

Receipt of Application

The Application was accepted as duly made on **19 December 2018**. 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.

Requests for Further Information

In order for us to be able to consider the Application duly made, we needed more information. We requested further information relating to relevant convictions, a copy of the transferee's Opra profile and for the declaration for the transferor to be signed by their administrators, as they have gone into administration. Upon receipt of this information we were able to consider the application Duly Made.

Control of the facility

We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of part of the facility after the transfer of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.

Environment Management System

There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. Management of the site and the management systems used on site will remain the same as per the previous operator. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Technical competence

A WAMITAB Certificate of Technical Competency has been provided with the application. The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Relevant convictions

The National Enforcement Database (COLINS) has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. No relevant convictions were found. The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Financial provision

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

OPRA

The OPRA score at transfer issue is 122. The OPRA score will be used as the basis for subsistence and other charging, in accordance with our Charging Scheme. OPRA is Natural Resources Wales method of ensuring application and subsistence fees are appropriate and proportionate for the level of regulation required..