

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 16/07/2015	Venue: NRW Office, St Mellons
Those present: Gwyn Jones (NRW) Ahli Hashm (RPS) David Neal (Neals Soils Suppliers Limited) Amy Powell (RPS)	
Project name: Neal Soils Suppliers Limited	Project reference: JCD0170
Subject of meeting: Discussion on Pre-Operational Conditions	

Item:	Action:
1.0 GJ welcomed all to the meeting, and provided introductions. AP has recently joined RPS, and will be working with DN regarding the permits currently in force at Neal Soils. GJ noted there was no official agenda set for the meeting, the intention of the meeting is to discuss errors found within the existing permits and a general discussion on the site.	
2.0 AH noted that in the existing permit regulating the site, there is discrepancy in relation to the conditions for storage of hazardous waste. Activity Table S.I.1 refers to the wash plant requiring "Storage of all hazardous wastes shall be on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency as set out in pre-operational condition 1 of table S.I.4B. However, Table S.I.4B refers to the Soils Processing Activity rather than the Wash Plant "storage of non-hazardous waste other than on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage in connection with the soil processing activity". GJ reviewed the permit conditions, and thanked the AH for bringing this to the regulators attention. GJ agreed the permit would require an administrative change to amend the wording of the permit. The application will be free of charge. RPS/DN to apply for an administrative change to the permit.	RPS/DN
2.1 AH submitted reports to the regulator in 2014, with regard to pre-operation conditions found in Table S.I.4a. GJ noted that he and Jonathan Atkinson signed off one condition in relation to the wash plant. AH has submitted a further report "Soil Processing Activity-Storage and treatment of Non-hazardous Waste-Neal Soil Suppliers Limited-Version 4 2012", combining conditions 1 and 4 referenced in Table S.I.4A. For the purposes of clarity, GJ confirmed NRW require all reports submitted to support conditions found within S.I.4A and S.I.4B must be discrete reports individual reports, clearly outlining which condition the report relates to. AH will review and submit reports at a later date.	AH
3.0 AOB DN provided an overview in terms of future aspirations for the site. The current regulated wash plant is working well but in need of improvement to enhance its performance. Sands produced on site are in high demand. DN wishes to improve the current wash plant on site by upgrading and at the same time increasing the throughput. The proposed will see a barrel wash installed, with two filter line cakes (one extra than currently housed on site). The barrel wash will contain a power float and install an orejig mineral separator. The technology is utilised on the Continent with success. The technology has mainly been deployed at concrete and recycling facilities, with products washed recovered and converted to a usable product – concrete.	

On the aggregate line, NSSL will look to remove the trash screen and replace with a static electric screen, additional press and potentially a thickening tank, where flocculants will be added. Water use will be limited, recycling wash water during the process. NSSL are also in discussions with Western Power regarding electric connection, with the intention of reducing the sites reliance on diesel.

The proposals will represent an improvement on site, in terms of energy consumption and overall output.

Design drawings for the new proposed activity will be ready by August 15, NSSL then hope to meet with NRW to discuss the permit requirements, submit a planning application to Cardiff City Council, with the ambition of becoming fully operational in the Spring 2016.

GJ suggested the activity may require a new permit in its entirety rather than a substantial variation. This will need to be discussed in detail at a pre-application meeting, with NRW permitting staff present.

NSSL/RPS to arrange a pre-application meeting post following receipt of design drawings. NSSL/RPS

Concrete works at the Atlantic Site are progressing well. DN proposes Atlantic will be fully compliant by the end of the year. Next year the focus will be moved to Neals Soils.

AH has submitted a proposal to extend the concreted area, the current planning application is to extend the concreted area 360 degrees around the wash plant. Cardiff City Council is waiting for a consultation response from NRW. **GJ will discuss internally to provide a consultation response to CCC.** GJ

GJ commented on potential issues with run offs from the concrete pad at the wash plan. AH commented that the concrete pad has a kerb to prevent run offs. DN committing to do more concrete, in the companies drive for permit compliance. No issues have been noted since works have been complete.

In 2014 a variation application was submitted to the regulator to make changes to the NSSL site. The application was withdrawn following advice from the regulator. GJ confirmed an application to increase storage capacity cannot be determined by NRW until storage on site is within the permitted limit of 250,000 tonnes. The Hearing scheduled in September will clarify NRW positions.