

An Taisce  
Tailors Hall  
Back Lane  
Dublin  
D08 X2A3

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF THE BAUXITE RESIDUE DISPOSAL AREA AT AUGHINISH ALUMINA LIMITED, IN THE TOWNLANDS OF AUGHINISH EAST, AUGHINISH WEST, ISLAND MAC TEIGE, GLENBANE WEST, AND FAWNAMORE AT OR ADJACENT TO AUGHINISH ISLAND, ASKEATON, CO. LIMERICK**

## 1.0 Introduction

Please accept this copy of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) planning application made by Tom Phillips + Associates<sup>1</sup> ('TPA'; Planning Consultants) on behalf of Aughinish Alumina Limited.<sup>2</sup> ('AAL') in respect of an SID at an existing alumina facility located in the townlands of Aughinish East, Aughinish West, Island Mac Teige, Glenbane West, and Fawnamore at or adjacent to Aughinish Island, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

The proposed development comprises of:

- An expansion of the Bauxite Residue Disposal Area (BRDA) to increase its disposal capacity in order to accommodate additional bauxite residue resulting in a proposed increase in height of c.12m (to c. 44m OD) above the currently permitted levels. No increase to the existing footprint of the BRDA is proposed.
- An extension to the existing Salt Cake Disposal Cell (SCDC) to accommodate further disposal of salt cake resulting in an increase in height of the cell by c.2.25m. The SCDC is located within the BRDA area.
- An extension of the permitted borrow pit<sup>3</sup>, located to the east of the BRDA, is also proposed. This extension proposes to increase the footprint of the borrow pit from c.4.5ha to c.8.4ha. This extension will provide an additional 380,000m<sup>3</sup> of rock fill material which is needed to satisfy the requirements of the construction and operation of the BRDA.

<sup>1</sup> 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

<sup>2</sup> Aughinish Island, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

<sup>3</sup> Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) Reg. Ref. 17/714; An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Ref. 301011-18



- The continued use of an existing stockpile area at the south east of the subject site to store topsoil in order to satisfy the additional restoration requirements of the extended BRDA.
- Upgrades to the existing water management infrastructure to accommodate the BRDA development to Stage 16 which will also allow for greater Inflow Design Flood (IDF) capacity for the entirety of the BRDA.

## 2.0 Planning Procedure

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic infrastructure development as proposed; or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision; or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision; or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”), 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 during the seven weeks consultation period (commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021) relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development; and
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development; and
- iii. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on the integrity of a European Site if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- I. The name of the person making the submission/observation, the name of the person acting on his/her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- II. The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- III. The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.



### **3.0 Application Contents**

The application comprises, *inter alia*:

- Statutory particulars including cover letter, application form, copies of notices, lists of prescribed bodies.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (including photomontages and appendices) and Natura Impact Statement
- Planning Report.
- Planning Application drawings and Landscape drawings

Please find attached your request for one digital copy of the above information.

In addition, the application contents can be accessed at the following website: [www.brdasid.ie](http://www.brdasid.ie)

### **4.0 Contact Information**

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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**Gavin Lawlor**  
**Director**  
**Tom Phillips + Associates**