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Subject: RE: Minto - Request for RTS
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Andrew

I have liaised with JWM and provide the following comments in response to the submissions made by the 4 referral agencies:

OEH

It is noted that OEH have no comments to make on the application and therefore there are no issues raised by them which we need to respond to.

RMS

It is noted that RMS have no objection to the modification subject to a Construction Traffic Management Plan (TMP) being prepared prior to, and implemented during, construction. JWM are happy to commit to this requirement and we assume a condition of consent with this requirement will be imposed on the approval accordingly.

EPA

The EPA advises that the current operations are the subject of an Environmental Protection License (EPL) (Number 20062) and that the modifications proposed must not result in any significant increase in the environmental impacts authorised/controlled by this EPL and must meet the conditions of the EPL. JWM confirms that this requirement is understood and can be met. They are happy for a condition along these lines if it is necessary given EPL compliance is an ongoing operational requirement irrespective of any planning approval requirements.

The EPA also requires that Group 6 air emission discharge requirements must be applied if the development is approved and accordingly JWM accepts that a condition with this requirement may be imposed. Again however, this requirement is enforced by the EPA through the EPL in any event and does not need to be a condition of approval to the s75W modification given the proposed development will have no impact on emissions and the EPA's requirements are controlled and enforced through the EPL.

We agree with the EPA's comments that any conditions imposed on the approval should be consistent with the EPL. JWM will liaise with the EPA to determine if any EPL variations are required associated with the additional silos. However, the EPL is subject to separate legislative controls and does not need to be the subject of controls or conditions imposed in the approval of the s75W application sought under the EP+A Act.

Finally the requirements to be addressed in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) are noted and will be complied with as applicable.

Campbelltown Council

It is noted that the Council does not object to the proposal but raises the issues of potential for additional noise from the overhead conveyors and visual impact. In discussions with the Council in following up on the referral response, the issue of potential increased traffic was also raised with Cardno. We respond to these 3 issues as follows:

Additional Conveyor Noise

The extended conveyors will operate to the same noise levels as the existing conveyors. Furthermore:

- there is no increase in production volume, so the same grain volume will be “Outloaded” through the conveyor system;
- conveyors will continue to be operated only during daylight hours with no change to or increase in operating times proposed; and
- as part of the original approval conditions JWM are required to carry out annual noise surveys to ensure noise levels are not exceeding approval requirements (2 such surveys have been completed to date). These surveys will continue post construction of the proposed new silos to ensure approved noise levels are maintained.

Accordingly, it is contended that noise levels from the conveyors will not alter as a result of this application and will comply with the noise level requirements in the existing approval.

Visual Impact of the Silos

As outlined in the EA, JWM have selected silos the same diameter, height and material of existing silos to minimise the visual effect – if any.

From an analysis undertaken by JWM based on the proposed new silo locations, they will only be visible in part from Qube operations (the adjoining industrial development which forms part of the operations of the JWM facility) and not from any other property in the vicinity.

Furthermore, this issue was discussed on site with Council’s assessment office, Andrew MacGee. Andrew confirmed that he had viewed the site from the public roads in the area from which the site is visible and he did not believe the proposed silos would be visible from any public vantage points. Furthermore, the silos were of an industrial scale and appearance appropriate in the Minto industrial area. Accordingly, Cardno was advised that this would be unlikely to be an issue raised by the Council.

However, we are happy to meet with the Department and/or Council onsite again to view the proposed silo locations from surrounding public areas to confirm this is the case if required.

Increased Traffic Volumes

As advised in the EA, there will be no increase in production volume and therefore in the volume of material delivered to or dispatched from the site. Furthermore the majority of product to and from the site is, and will continue to be, delivered by rail. Specifically, barley to the site is delivered by rail and 80% of the malt produced on site is loaded into export containers transported to the dock by Qube thru the rail system. The balance 20% of malt comprises domestic sales to the Lion Nathan Group in Sydney with dispatch volume requirements unaltered by the additional storage capacity which will result from the additional silos proposed.

It is also relevant to note that traffic volumes and delivery and dispatch patterns have largely remained unaltered since the first day of operations and no changes are anticipated as a result of the proposed development. This month marks the second year of JWM operations at the site and it is understood that the Council has not received any complaints about the traffic or noise volumes arising from the operations, nor are any anticipated in response to the proposed new silos.

Andrew, I hope this adequately addresses issues raised in submissions. If not, please give me a call to discuss. As outlined above, we consider the issues raised in submissions are either unfounded or can be addressed by appropriate conditions. You indicated that you should have draft conditions available this week and it would be appreciated if they could be forwarded to Cardno for review by us/JWM. We will respond in a timely manner.

Thanks and regards

Jenny

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Hi Jenny

Further to my email yesterday please find Council's submission attached.

It would be appreciated if you could provide a response to all submissions.

regards AH

>>> Andrew Hartcher 5/05/2014 9:47 AM >>>
Hi Jenny

I have attached EPA's, OEH's and RMS's submissions.

No significant issues have been raised at present but it would be appreciated if you could provide a short response to submissions.

We are expecting Council's submission later today.

I will forward you Council's submission once received but I don't expect there will be any issues.

I think we should be in a position to provide draft conditions in a week or so.

regards AH

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>>> On 2/05/2014 at 4:28 PM, <Jenny.Smithson@cardno.com.au> wrote:

Hi David

I know you have been on leave but I wondered if you could give me an update on the progress of this s75W application for JWM Minto?

As I understand it the only referral agencies were the Council and the EPA and their responses were due on April 17. Can you confirm if that have responded and if so if there are any issues. If not, and you can provide contact details, we will follow up with them next week.

Could you also advise when we are likely to get draft amended conditions?

Thanks David.

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