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Dear Mr Ball

**Proposed Upgrade and Expansion to the Amcor Paper Mill, Matraville, Randwick Local Government Area**

I refer to your correspondence of 9 September 2005, with which you seek adoption of the Director-General's requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the above proposal as Environmental Assessment requirements under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Pursuant to clause 8J(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the Director-General hereby adopts the requirements issued on 24 May 2005, as Environment Assessment Requirements under section 75F(3) of the Act. These requirements have been recast to include administrative matters under Part 3A of the Act, and are attached.

It should be noted that the Director-General's requirements have been prepared based on the information provided to date. Under section 75F(3) of the Act, the Director-General may alter or supplement these requirements if necessary and in light of any additional information that may be provided prior to the proponent seeking approval for the project.

You should ensure that you consult with the Department prior to submission of a draft Environmental Assessment to determine:

- fees applicable to the application;
- relevant land owner notification requirements;
- consultation and public exhibition arrangements that will apply; and
- number and format (hard-copy or CD-ROM) of the Environmental Assessments that will be required.

Once you have lodged the Environmental Assessment, the Department will consult with the relevant authorities to determine the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment. Following this review period the Environmental Assessment will be made publicly available for a minimum period of 30 days.



You should keep the contact officer for this project, Chris Ritchie ((02) 9228 6431, [chris.ritchie@dipnr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:chris.ritchie@dipnr.nsw.gov.au)), up to date with the progress of preparation of the Environmental Assessment, and seek clarification of any issues that may be unclear or may arise during this process.

Yours sincerely

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Sam Haddad

**Deputy Director-General**

As delegate for the Director-General

*Handwritten date: 27/9/2005.*



# AMCOR PAPER MILL UPGRADE AND EXPANSION, MATRAVILLE

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART 3A OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

<b>Project</b>	Expansion and upgrade of an existing paper mill, including construction and operation of a new paper mill and decommissioning of two existing paper mills.
<b>Site</b>	Lot 2 DP 430252 and Lot 1 DP 772737, 1891 Botany Road, Matraville, Randwick local government area
<b>Proponent</b>	AMCOR Packaging (Australia) Pty Ltd
<b>Date of Issue</b>	24 May 2005
<b>Date of Expiration</b>	24 May 2007
<b>General Requirements</b>	<p>The Environmental Assessment must be prepared to a high technical and scientific standard and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an executive summary;</li> <li>• a description of the proposal, including construction, operation, and staging;</li> <li>• an assessment of the environmental impacts of the project, with particular focus on the key assessment requirements specified below;</li> <li>• justification for undertaking the project with consideration of the benefits and impacts of the proposal;</li> <li>• a draft Statement of Commitments detailing measures for environmental mitigation, management and monitoring for the project; and</li> <li>• certification by the author of the Environment Assessment that the information contained in the Assessment is neither false nor misleading.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Assessment Requirements</b>	<p>The Environmental Assessment must include assessment of the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Quality Impacts</b> – the Environmental Assessment must include an assessment of the air quality impacts of the project, prepared in accordance with <i>Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW</i> (EPA, 2001), <i>Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW</i> (EPA, 2001) and <i>Technical Notes: Draft Policy: Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW</i> (EPA, 2001). This assessment must specifically focus on point source emissions and odour impacts during operation, and particulate impacts during construction.</li> <li>• <b>Water Quality Impacts</b> – the Environmental Assessment must include an assessment of water quality impacts associated with the project, including details of the expected water balance for the site. Particular focus must be placed on: minimisation of water consumption; justification for any increase in groundwater extraction and the effects of this extraction on the aquifer; wastewater disposal options and selection, with regard to wastewater quality and quantity, flow buffering and the preference to minimise discharges to Botany Bay.</li> <li>• <b>Traffic and Transport Impacts</b> – the Environmental Assessment must assess the traffic implications of the project, with reference to the capacity, safety and design of key haulage routes to and from the development site. Clear details of any road infrastructure upgrades, particularly at the entrance to the site, must be provided in the Environmental Assessment.</li> <li>• <b>Noise Impacts</b> – the Environmental Assessment must include an assessment of the noise impacts of the project during construction and operation, including operational traffic noise, consistent with the criteria and assessment guidance provided in: <i>NSW Industrial Noise Policy</i> (EPA, 1999) and <i>Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise</i> (EPA, 1999).</li> <li>• <b>Visual Amenity and Urban Design</b> – the Environmental Assessment must assess the impact of the project on visual amenity and urban form, with specific reference to the setback of the project from the site boundary and adjacent roads, and external treatments of buildings and associated advertising in the context of <i>State Environmental Planning Policy No.64 – Advertising and Signage</i>.</li> <li>• <b>General Environmental Risk Analysis</b> – notwithstanding the above key assessment requirements, the Environmental Assessment must include an environmental risk analysis to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the project (construction and operation), proposed mitigation</li> </ul>



	measures and potentially significant residual environmental impacts after the application of proposed mitigation measures. Where additional key environmental impacts are identified through this environmental risk analysis, an appropriately detailed impact assessment of these additional key environmental impacts must be included in the Environmental Assessment.
<b>Consultation Requirements</b>	<p>You must undertake an appropriate and justified level of consultation with the following parties during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW Department of Environment and Conservation;</li> <li>• NSW Department of Natural Resources;</li> <li>• Randwick City Council; and</li> <li>• the local community.</li> </ul> <p>The Environmental Assessment must clearly indicate issues raised by stakeholders during consultation, and how those matters have been addressed in the Environmental Assessment.</p>
<b>Deemed refusal period</b>	Under clause 8E(2) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</i> , the applicable deemed refusal period is 60 days from the end of the proponent's environmental assessment period for the project.