Attachment 5: Decommissioning Report

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The area within the permit to be surrendered is that which was occupied by the pig unit. This activity was a straw-based system and covered the keeping of sows right through to the finished pig. Unlike broiler chicken growing which is generally carried out in a small number of large houses, the pig operation was characterised by several smaller buildings housing pigs at various ages and stages of growth.

All the buildings had concrete floors with hard-standing around each. As and when buildings were restocked, the manure was drawn out of the buildings, placed onto the hard-standing and, from there, to the concrete midden prior to being spread on land.

All foul water generated from shed and hard-standing washings was separate from the surface water system which went directly to a dyke beyond the boundary. The foul water system ran initially into an underground storage tank from where it was pumped into the lagoons for storage prior to land-spreading. This system is completely separate from the broiler farm system which also goes to the lagoons. Since closure, the drainage system, including the underground storage tank has been flushed with clean water. The pump from the storage tank to the lagoons has been disconnected so there is no possibility of any water from the old pig unit entering the lagoons

In addition to this:

* All pigs have been removed from the site
* All livestock buildings were washed and disinfected as they became vacant
* Feed bins have been emptied
* All manure has been removed from the site
* All hard-standing including the manure storage midden have been power-washed
* All unused materials, including veterinary products, biocides and any other chemicals have been removed from the site

Note:

The emergency generator, lagoons and incinerator, which were shared with the chicken operation, remain.

SUMMARY

The decommissioning has been completed with any pollution risk removed. The land is in a satisfactory condition

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