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### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 Oxford Biomedica PLC are currently developing their own Environmental Management System (EMS) which will be in line with the Environment Agency's Guidance.
- 1.1.2 This report gives an overview of how the EMS will comply with the Environment Agency's Guidance by highlighting each part of the guidance and giving a brief commentary on the systems that are in or will be in place.

# 2 COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY GUIDANCE

### 2.1 Site Infrastructure

- 2.1.1 The first requirement of the guidance is for a Site Infrastructure Plan. Plans will be available showing the layout of the building and location of all external storage areas. Plans will also be provided showing all services including site drainage and the detail of the ventilation system and gas distribution systems.
- 2.1.2 These plans will be made available to relevant members of staff, contractors or the emergency services as necessary to assist in their role and reduce the potential for accidents or pollution events.

### 2.2 Vulnerable Locations

2.2.1 The Site Location Plan shows the proximity of residential receptors. Other nearby locations are not considered to be particularly vulnerable.

# 2.3 **Drainage**

2.3.1 A services plan is available, which shows the location of surface water drains in the external area. Inside the building is provided with suitable flooring, which will provide an impermeable surface allowing any spillage to be collected using the available spill kits.



# 2.4 Water Gas and Electricity

- 2.4.1 Records will be kept detailing the location of all services. This will include plans showing the location of following systems:
  - Water
  - Gas
  - Electricity
  - Oxygen
  - Air
  - Nitrogen
  - Carbon dioxide

# 2.5 **Site Operations**

- 2.5.1 Site operations are described in the Technical Description. The site will be operated in accordance with a series of standard operating procedures. These give specific instructions regarding the manufacture of each product.
- 2.5.2 The operating procedures include checks to be made before starting the operation, management of the operation, monitoring and tolerances at different stages of the process, cleaning following production of each batch and management of wastes from the process.

# 2.6 Site and Equipment Maintenance Plan

- 2.6.1 The EMS procedures will include planned maintenance of plant and equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. All plant will be inspected and serviced on a regular basis.
- 2.6.2 Records will be kept of all inspections, servicing, maintenance and repairs.
- 2.6.3 The maintenance plan will cover not only equipment but also relevant infrastructure including the wastewater tank, bunding for the wastewater tank, hydrogen peroxide stores, bunding within the caustics store, ventilation system and gas distribution pipework.



# 2.7 Contingency plans

- 2.7.1 Should an equipment breakdown occur, which may lead to an impact on the environment, operation of that equipment will cease until repairs are made by a competent engineer.
- 2.7.2 There are no critical abatement systems reliant on continuous power supply. In the event of a power failure systems can be closed down safely with no emissions to the environment.
- 2.7.3 Procedures will be in place for management of non-conformances and non-conforming goods.

# 2.8 Accident Prevention and Management Plan

- 2.8.1 An Accident Management and Prevention Plan will be in place. This will include a list of emergency contacts.
- 2.8.2 To assist in accident prevention and to minimise the impact of certain accidents the installation will be secure and will have secondary containment for all hazardous liquids.
- 2.8.3 A series of filters is used in the ventilation system, so that should there be damage to a HEPA filter a second filter is available.
- 2.8.4 All incidents will be investigated and suitable remediation carried out. Records will be kept so that the occurrence of incidents can be reviewed and procedures updated where necessary.
- 2.8.5 The Accident Management and Prevention Plan will be reviewed at least once every two years to ensure that is up to date.

# 2.9 Adaption for Climate Change

2.9.1 The site is not in a flood risk area and does not rely on water abstraction. The impact of Climate Change should be minimal and no specific measures are required at the current time.



# 2.10 Complaints

- 2.10.1 Should complaints be received these will be recorded in the Site Complaint Log, recording details of the complainant, the nature of the complaint and the time and date that the issue was noted.
- 2.10.2 All complaints will be passed to a member of the management team, who will investigate the complaint as soon as possible. They will record whether the complaint was substantiated, the likely cause and the mitigation but in place to prevent further issues.
- 2.10.3 The complainant will be informed of the outcome of the investigation and the measures taken unless they have requested otherwise.
- 2.10.4 Records relating to complaints will be kept for a minimum of 2 years and will be made available to the Environment Agency on request.

# 2.11 **On-Line Security**

2.11.1 Measures will be taken to manage on-line security. Back-ups will be made to protect data and to ensure as far as possible that systems are working correctly and records are stored securely.

# 2.12 Managing Staff Competence and Training

- 2.12.1 All staff employed on site will undergo an induction, including health and safety and environmental awareness. They will be made familiar with the environmental permit and company procedures relevant to their role.
- 2.12.2 All staff will be competent in their role, for example having appropriate training and qualifications. Records will be kept regarding the qualifications required for each role and these will be confirmed on recruitment.
- 2.12.3 Records will be kept regarding the qualifications and training given to each member of staff.



### 2.13 Records

2.13.1 Records will be kept at a central location and will be made available to staff or to the Regulator as required, either as hard copies or in digital format. Back-up copies will also be maintained.

### 2.13.2 Records will include:

- The permit,
- The management system,
- Records of site inspections and audits,
- Records of complaints and subsequent actions,
- Plant servicing and maintenance,
- Abnormal conditions, including plant breakdown and the actions taken and
- Staff training.

# 2.14 Site Condition Report

- 2.14.1 A site condition report was provided with the application. Ongoing monitoring is not considered necessary, due to the high standard of containment in place and the nature of the materials that are stored. Nevertheless, the groundwater monitoring boreholes installed to inform the baseline report will be maintained so that future sampling can be carried out if required.
- 2.14.2 The Site Condition Report will be kept securely to provide a reference point to demonstrate that there has been no deterioration in the quality of the land between permit issue and permit surrender.

# 2.15 Review of Management Plan

2.15.1 The management plan will be audited and reviewed on an annual basis. It will also be reviewed where there is any significant change in operation or following any significant incident, with procedures being updated where required.

# 2.16 Site Closure

2.16.1 Site closure and decommissioning will take place in accordance with written procedures with due consideration for environmental issues.



# 2.17 Understanding of the Operations on Site

2.17.1 All staff will receive training appropriate to their role as explained above. The Management Plan, environmental permit and other relevant documents will be available for reference on site.

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