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Subject: Application - Variation - Non-duly made request for information

Dear REDACTED and REDACTED,

We need more information about your application and underpayment of application charge

EPR application no. EPR/AP3903PD/V002
Applicant name Virtus HoldCo Ltd
Site / facility name Virtus Stockley Park Campus

Thank you for your application received on 13/04/2022. The following is to confirm our conversation of today.

1. You have applied for a normal variation, however this is not correct, since this variation is to add activities that on their own exceed the 50 MWth threshold for a combustion installation as specified in the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The correct application type is therefore a substantial variation.
2. Statutorily protected habitats lie within relevant screening distance from the installation. You therefore need to pay for the relevant habitat assessment charge of £779.
3. As a consequence, the application payment you sent was incorrect. The correct application charge is £17193 + £779. This leave a balance of £ 8,420 to pay. You have confirmed that you have now paid this balance amount, if so, no further action is needed from you. I will need to confirm with our admin support that the funds have been received.

I need to ask you for some missing information to progress with your application. Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

4. Update the air emissions risk assessment with emissions of ammonia from potential ammonia slip from the proposed SCR in LON8. If detailed information is not available, you might use conservative assumptions, such as benchmark emission levels / BAT-AELs for ammonia slip from the LCP BAT conclusions.
5. Confirm storage arrangements for urea, in particular secondary containment.
6. For the new generators proposed to be added in LON7, and LON8, include the information listed in Annex 1 of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD) (possibly in a tabular format).

Please send the information, quoting the above application reference, to psc@environment-agency.gov.uk copying me.

Please send the information and payment within 10 working days of this email. Details of how to pay are given in Part F of the application form. If we do not receive the information and payment within 10 working days we will return your application.

If we do receive the requested information and/or payment delete as applicable within 10 working days, we'll continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by letter whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you. From our earlier conversation I'm reasonably confident that this won't be your case and that you will be able to provide the missing information in time. You have confirmed that you have already paid the due balance.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application and requesting information. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-ep-charges-scheme>

Commercial confidentiality

I've noticed that there is detailed costing information in the application, however, you have not submitted a confidentiality claim. We would like to confirm with you that **there is not** commercially confidential information in your application.

If there is commercially confidential information, please amend application form Part F to flag it and submit a confidentiality claim explain the reasons as to why this information should be kept confidential.

If there is any potentially confidential information that is not needed for the application, you can provide amended application documents to supersede the ones previously submitted.

If you submit a confidentiality claim, we'll assess it once your application is duly made.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours sincerely

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