

Orica Applications [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear Lone,

Thank you for your e-mail.

We are preparing responses to your questions.

We are also clarifying with the technology providers whether any of the information in the SIA report is commercial-in-confidence with a view to making the report publicly available.

In the meantime, I have attached the following press release which relates to the closure of the Ausmelt facility in South Australia.

I will be on leave from 23 December to 20 January but I can be contacted by email at anytime and Barry will be in the office from 5 January.

I expect to be in a position to email you with the responses to your questions and provide an answer on the SIA report in the period between now and early January 2009.

Thank you and Merry Christmas
Damien

From: Schou, Lone [mailto:LOS@MST.DK]
Sent: Friday, 19 December 2008 8:54 AM
To: Hall, Damien
Cc: Madsen, Søren R. N.; Jakobsen, Dorte Skjøtt
Subject: SV: Orica Applications [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Damien,

Sorry for a long period of silence but we have been busy examining the DRR and the SIA report – and taken care of the press. I have a few questions to the DRR which I hope you can help me with.

- 1) Repackage – In the DRR it is said that “once repackaged, new drums can be stored or transported within a five-year timeframe before re-drumming is required” and in the SIA report page 10 it is said “the requirement to repackage the existing HCB waste stockpile every eighteen month...” These two numbers have given us some problems – can you explain the difference?
- 2) In the DRR it is said that the production of hazardous waste from chemical industry is quite small – do you have numbers on that?
- 3) At page 4 at the DRR it is said that if you would expand the current capacity of the existing ToxFree facility that the EIS process “... would take considerable time and face significant technical and permitting hurdles”. Do you any estimate on “considerable time”?
- 4) Co-feeding – the problem of getting the large quantities of low heating waste for co-feeding

- Is this a problem both if the ToxFree facility is expanded as well as if a new HTI is build?

And then a question which does not have a direct link to the DRR but is more general - Orica has asked for export of all the waste at the facility, but why is not a part of the waste treated at the GeoMelt facilities or the Ausmelt facility?

As I read the SIA report GeoMelt fail in the feasibility study due to "scale and time to treat the waste" and "emissions and residues" and "Permit" but will it also fail if only a smaller amount and some of the waste with a lower HCB content (the contaminated packages) are treated?

And could a smaller amount of the waste be treated at the Ausmelt facility even though there are problems with the pre-treatment?

I hope that you can help me.

I hope that we will be able to finalise our evaluation of the DRR and the SIA report mid January but I will keep you informed of progress.

Best regards

Lone

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Sendt: ma 24-11-2008 03:06

Til: Schou, Lone

Cc: Rothenfluh, Daniel

Emne: Orica Applications [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Lone,

Following our recent discussions please find attached the relevant documents for Orica's three applications to export up to 6,100 tonnes of HCB waste for final disposal over a 12 month period at the Kommunekemi high temperature incineration (HTI) facility in Nyborg, Denmark.

The attached documents include:

- (i) Basel Notification documents for the transboundary movements/shipments of waste (Annex 1A);
- (ii) Basel Movement documents for the transboundary movements/shipments of waste (Annex IB);
- (iii) The Duly Reasoned Request; and
- (iv) Sustainable Infrastructure Australia Pty Ltd's (SIA) independent report into Australia's capacity to treat the HCB stockpile.

The application numbers are AUH 082037T, AUH 0866370, and AUH 086937R.

These applications will be *Gazetted* and thereby made public in Australia on Thursday, 27 November 2008.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or problems with the attached documents.

Best regards

Damien

Due to the limits of our e-mail system I will have to send the attachments through to you in separate e-mails.

Please find attached to this e-mail:

- (i) the Duly Reasoned Request

Damien

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30th September 2008

AUSMELT TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS AT WHYALLA SMELTER

Ausmelt Ltd (ASX Code: AET) announced today that it would suspend operations at its smelter in Whyalla, South Australia.

Managing Director Mr Paul Abbott said today the Whyalla operation had been made uneconomic by recent significant declines in zinc prices and a substantial increase in the price of coal which was the major fuel input into the process.

Mr Abbott said these unfavourable price movements had been compounded by continuing problems with equipment at the plant, although the Company had resolved many of these issues.

The plant will be kept on a care and maintenance basis in the hope that opportunities will emerge to re-open it in the future.

The Company is investigating a range of alternative uses for the plant. While many of these show some potential, it is not expected that any of them will lead to an early reopening.

Ausmelt wishes to thank all personnel at Whyalla for their outstanding performance, loyalty and commitment over the past twelve months and regrets the need to suspend operations at the present time.

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