Tasmania

Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION NOTICE NO. 710/1

Issued under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Issued to: Newwood Huon Pty Ltd (ABN 44 103 219 861)
79 Melville Street
Hobart Tas 7000

Activity: The establishment and operation of an integrated timber processing site on land at the Wold Road west of Judbury at approximate grid reference 484750E and 523325N.

I, Warren Jones, Director of Environmental Management, am satisfied that in accordance with Section 44(1)(d) of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (the Act) it is desirable to vary the conditions of your permit, and to cause this environment protection notice to be issued for that purpose.

GROUNDs

The grounds upon which this notice is issued are that:

It is necessary to vary conditions of the permit issued by Huon Valley Council in relation to development application DA-118/2001 and approved by the Resource Planning and Development Commission on the 9th of July 2002 (the Permit):

- To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is established to enable the effective collection, treatment and reuse of all wastewater streams generated at each stage of the development; and
- To ensure that appropriate management practices in relation to treatment and reuse of wastewater are developed and implemented.

Director of Environmental Management: [Signature]

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The specific grounds for each condition are provided in Schedule 3 of this notice.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions of terms used in this notice are as specified in Schedule 1 of the Permit. Any amendment or variation to those definitions of terms is contained in Schedule 1 of this notice.

REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with s.44(3) of the EMPCA, the permit-holder is required by this notice to comply with the conditions contained in Schedule 2 to this notice. These conditions prevail over the terms of the permit to the extent of any inconsistency, with the result that Conditions E4, E5, E6, E10, WR2 WR5 in the permit should be regarded as having been revoked.

PENALTIES

If a person bound by an environment protection notice contravenes a requirement of the notice that person is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding $50,000 or in the case of a body corporate $100,000.

This notice takes effect on the date on which it is served upon you. You may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against this notice, or against any requirement contained in the notice, within 14 days of that date, by writing to:

The Chairperson
Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal
GPO Box 2036
Hobart Tas 7001

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SCHEDULE 1

Definitions

'communal storage ponds' means the pond or ponds designated to collect, store and contain Type 2 processing wastewater and contaminated stormwater.

SCHEDULE 2

Conditions

E4 At least 90 days prior to commencement of commissioning of the first production facility on the land (or such lesser period as the Director may approve), a revised Wastewater Management Plan must be submitted to the Director for approval, and a copy of the Wastewater Management Plan must be forwarded to the Huon Valley Council.

The Wastewater Management Plan must include, but should not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

(a) Estimates of the quality and quantity of wastewater produced for each production facility;
(b) A detailed water budget for the activity;
(c) A description of wastewater management practices for all identified wastewater streams, including reuse and/or recycling within and between production facilities;
(d) Identification of discharge points for emergency wastewater discharges from the land;
(e) A sampling program to be implemented in relation to emergency wastewater discharges from the land;
(f) An incident response protocol in relation to wastewater discharges from the land other than discharges of effluent for the purpose of irrigation in accordance with a Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan approved by the Director;

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(g) A draft Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan prepared to satisfy the requirements of Condition WR2.

E5 Activities associated with the commissioning of the first production facility on the land must not take place unless the revised Wastewater Management Plan has been approved in writing by the Director.

E6 The Wastewater Management Plan must be reviewed and a revised plan submitted to the Director for approval at least 3 months prior to the commencement of activities associated with the construction of each additional production facility on the land (or such lesser period as the Director may approve), and/or as otherwise requested in writing by the Director. Each revised plan must include, but should not necessarily be limited to, the information specified in Condition E4(a) to (f). A copy of the revised plan must be forwarded to the Huon Valley Council at the time when it is submitted to the Director.

Activities associated with the construction of each additional production facility on the land must not take place unless the revised Wastewater Management Plan relating to that production facility has been approved in writing by the Director.

E10 The discharge of effluent from the communal storage pond or ponds is not permitted, except during a 1 in 10 year, 72-hour rainfall event. In the event of such a discharge, the person responsible for the activity must take the following actions:

(a) as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 24 hours after becoming aware of the discharge, notify the Site Manager, the Planning Authority and the Director of the discharge; the last mentioned by a telephone call to the 24-hour emergency telephone number 1800 005 171; and

(b) not later than 24 hours after the cessation of the discharge, provide a written report to the Director by facsimile to (03) 6233 3800 or by hand delivery, outlining the nature and duration of the discharge, and the circumstances in which it occurred and any action taken to deal with the discharge. (This report must be provided irrespective of whether the person responsible for the activity has reasonable grounds for believing that the incident has already come to the

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notice of the Director or any officer in the administration or enforcement of the EMLPA.);
(c) conduct water sampling in accordance with the Wastewater Management Plan as amended from time to time in accordance with condition E7 of the Permit;
(d) within 7 days of the cessation of the discharge, provide the Director with records from the Bureau of Meteorology in order to demonstrate whether the circumstances under which the discharge occurred was equivalent to or greater than a 1 in 10 year, 72-hour rainfall event.

WR2  At least 90 days prior to the commencement of commissioning of the first production facility on the land (or such lesser period as the Director may approve), a Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan in relation to any wastewater reuse activities associated with the facility must be submitted to the Director for approval.

The plan must be prepared in consultation with the Director and in accordance with any guidelines for the preparation of the plan developed by the Director. As a minimum, the plan must be consistent with the ‘Environmental Guidelines for the use of recycled water in Tasmania’ (DPIWE 2002) or any revised version thereof.

The plan must be based on realistic estimates of wastewater quality, a detailed water budget and thorough investigations of the proposed reuse site in terms of the following:

(a) Hydrogeology;
(b) Soils;
(c) Adjacent watercourses;
(d) Adjoining sensitive uses;
(e) Existing natural (flora and fauna) values; and
(f) Existing European and Aboriginal heritage values.

The plan must give careful consideration to the following key issues:

(a) Wastewater quality requirements;
(b) Adequate effluent storage facilities to cater for periods of high rainfall;

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(c) Appropriate lining of the wastewater storage pond to protect groundwater resources;
(d) Sustainable hydraulic, nutrient and salt budgets for the soils;
(e) Arrangements for soil moisture monitoring;
(f) Potential health risks in relation to the public and to workers on site.

The Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan must be reviewed and a revised plan submitted to the Director for approval at least 3 months prior to the commencement of activities associated with the construction of each additional production facility on the land (or such lesser period as the Director may approve), and/or as otherwise requested in writing by the Director.

Activities associated with the construction of each additional production facility on the land must not take place unless the revised Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan relating to that production facility has been approved in writing by the Director.

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## SCHEDULE 3

### Specific Grounds

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<td>In order for the Wastewater Management Plan (WWMP) to be based on detailed design of each facility, it is appropriate for the plan to be prepared in relation to the first production facility and be revised as the detailed design for subsequent facilities is determined. Where wastewater is to be reused, details of the Wastewater Reuse Site Management Plan are necessary in order to evaluate the adequacy of the WWMP.</td>
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<td>E10</td>
<td>Three communal ponds were conceptually described in the Development application. It is foreseeable, however, that two or three of these ponds could be consolidated into a single facility with without significant environmental consequence.</td>
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