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Dear Mr Benbow

ABC Paper & Paper Mill Expansion Project (11_0007) Director-General's Requirements

The Department has received your application for this project.

I have attached a copy of the Director-General's requirements for the project. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with the relevant agencies, based on the information you have provided to date. I have also attached a copy of the Government authorities' comments which form part of the DGRs.

Please note that the Director-General may alter these requirements at any time.

The Department prefers operations like the ABC Tissue Plant to operate under a single, modern planning approval. Consequently, the Department encourages you to develop the project with this in mind and to consider surrendering all of the existing planning approvals for the site, if the project is approved.

In addition, the Department notes that the plant has previously been non-compliant with its planning approval. As part of these DGRs, the Department also requests that you demonstrate that the plant is compliant with its planning approval and the project's Environmental Protection Licence.

If your proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation. It is your responsibility to contact the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts in Canberra (6274 1111 or <http://www.environment.gov.au>) to determine if the proposal requires an approval under the EPBC Act. If it is subsequently determined that an approval is required under the EPBC Act, please contact the Department immediately as supplementary Director-General's requirements may need to be issued.

I would appreciate it if you would contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your Environmental Assessment for the project. This will enable the Department to determine the:

- applicable fee (see Division 1A, Part 15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000); and

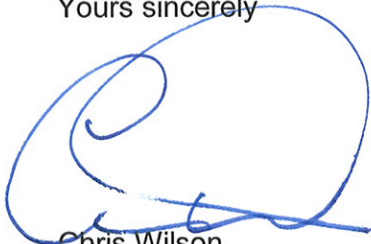
- number of copies (hard-copy and CD-ROM) of the Environmental Assessment that will be required for exhibition purposes.

Once it receives the Environmental Assessment, the Department will review it in consultation with the relevant agencies to determine if it adequately addresses the Director-General's requirements, and may require you to revise it prior to public exhibition.

The Department is required to make all the relevant information associated with the project publicly available on its website. Consequently, I would appreciate it if you would ensure that all the documents you subsequently submit to the Department are in a suitable format for the web, and arrange for an electronic version of the Environmental Assessment to be hosted on a suitable website.

If you have any enquiries about these requirements, please contact Haley Rich on the above details.

Yours sincerely



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Chris Wilson
Executive Director
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As delegate for the Director-General

Director-General's Requirements

Section 75F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Project	The expansion of the ABC Paper & Paper tissue mill to increase capacity from 40,000 tpa to 100,000 tpa, including additions to the mill building and plant rooms; extensions to services including sewer, power, gas, water and sprinklers; and additional plant and equipment onsite.
Site	63-75 Redfern Street, Wetherill Park.
Proponent	ABC Paper & Paper Pty Ltd
Date of Issue	March 2011
General Requirements	<p>The Environmental Assessment (EA) must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an executive summary; • a detailed description of the project including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – need for the project; – alternatives considered; – various components and stages of the project; and – interactions with the existing development on-site; • consideration of any relevant statutory provisions, including but not limited to the <i>Fairfield LEP 1994</i>, <i>Fairfield City Wide DCP</i>, and the SEPP for the Georges River Catchment; • details of all current approvals (including any environmental protection licence) that apply to the facility, and details on how the existing operations comply with these approvals, and an overview on how the Proponent would ensure the proposed expansion would also be compliant; • a general overview of the environmental impacts of the proposal, identifying the key issues for further assessment, and taking into consideration any issues raised during consultation (see below); • a detailed assessment of the key issues specified below, and any other significant issues identified in the general overview of the environmental impacts of the proposal (see above), which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a description of the existing environment; – an assessment of the potential impacts of the project, including direct, indirect and cumulative impacts must be considered in relation to the existing development/activities on-site and any other existing and proposed development/activities in the locality; – a description of the measures that would be implemented to avoid, minimise, mitigate, offset, manage, and/or monitor the impacts of the project; • a draft Statement of Commitments, outlining environmental management, mitigation and monitoring measures; • a conclusion justifying the project, taking into consideration the environmental impacts of the proposal, the suitability of the site, and the benefits of the proposal; and • a signed statement from the author of the Environmental Assessment certifying that the information contained in the report is neither false nor misleading.
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise – construction, operation and traffic noise, including an assessment of the cumulative noise impacts of the proposal together with existing operations and surrounding developments. The assessment shall also consider the potential impact on the nearest sensitive receivers. • Air Quality – including a quantitative assessment of the potential air quality and odour impacts of the project (including an assessment of the primary pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and dust), with consideration

	<p>to a number of different operating scenarios, from normal to worst case operating conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse Gas & Energy Efficiency – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a quantitative assessment of the potential scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions of the project, and qualitative assessment of the potential impacts of these emissions on the environment; and – a detailed description of the measures that would be implemented on site to ensure that the project is energy efficient. • Traffic and transport – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – details of the traffic volumes likely to be generated during construction and operation; – an assessment of the predicted impacts of this traffic on the safety and capacity of the surrounding road network; – and an assessment of the cumulative impact of traffic volumes from the proposal together with the existing and approved development in the area; and – details of any proposed road upgrades and the measures that would be implemented to ensure that the road network is appropriately maintained during the life of the project. • Soil and water – both surface and groundwater during the construction and operation of the project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a water balance for the site; – erosion and sediment control plan for the construction works; – stormwater management scheme for the site, including any bunding of dangerous goods or fuel depots; – details of spill management procedures for the loading and unloading of chemicals and fuel at the site; – groundwater management, including measures for preventing groundwater pollution; and – details on any wastewater disposal or trade waste arrangements. • Waste management – during demolition, construction and operations, including a classification of all potential sources of scheduled, liquid and non-liquid wastes; and quantities, storage, treatment and disposal or re-use of waste generated. • Hazards and risks – including any potential on-site and off-site impacts from the transportation or storage of any hazardous materials; and fire risk and management. • Visual.
References	<p>The Environmental Assessment must take into account relevant State government technical and policy guidelines. While not exhaustive, guidelines which may be relevant to the project are included in the attached list.</p>
Consultation	<p>During the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, you should consult with the relevant local, State or Commonwealth Government authorities, service providers, community groups and affected landowners. In particular you must consult with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water; • RTA; • NSW Office of Water; • Sydney Water; and • Fairfield City Council. <p>The consultation process and the issues raised must be described in the Environmental Assessment.</p>
Deemed refusal period	60 days

Policies, Guidelines & Plans

Aspect	Policy /Guideline/Plan
Risk	AS/NZS 4360:2004 Risk Management (Standards Australia) HB 203: 203:2006 Environmental Risk Management – Principles & Process (Standards Australia)
Air Quality & Health	Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2002 Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW (DEC) Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW (DEC) Protection of the Environment operation (Clear Air) Regulation Environmental Health Risk Assessment Guidelines for Assessing Human Health Risks from Environmental Hazards (Department of Health and Ageing and enHealth Council)
Water	
<i>Surface Water</i>	Managing Urban Stormwater: Treatment Techniques (DECC) Managing Urban Stormwater: Source Control (DECC) Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils & Construction (Landcom) Technical Guidelines: Bunding & Spill Management (DECC) National Water Quality Management Strategy: Australian Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (ANZECC/ARMCANZ) Using the ANZECC Guideline and Water Quality Objectives in NSW (DEC) Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Water Pollutants in NSW (DEC)
Noise	NSW Industrial Noise Policy (DECC) Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (NSW EPA) Environmental Noise Control Manual (DECC)
Waste	Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy (Resource NSW) Waste Classification Guidelines (DECC)
Hazards & Risks	State Environmental Planning Policy No 33 - Hazardous and Offensive Development Applying SEPP 33: Hazardous And Offensive Development Application Guidelines (DUAP) Multi-Level Risk Assessment (DUAP) Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper: No. 6 Guidelines for Hazard Analysis
Transport	Guide to Traffic Generating Development (RTA) Road Design Guide (RTA)
Visual	Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting (Standards Australia, AS 4282)