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Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations,
Room 604 - 800 Portage Avenue,
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Attn: Holly Ervick-Knote, Community Planner

Re: File Nos. TRC -12-087 (Pinot Farms)

HyLife would like to acknowledge the concerns raised by residents regarding our proposed Pinot Finisher pork production operation on SW-15-02-16-W in the Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain. We respect their views and thank them for their time to comment in the Technical Review Committee's (TRC) public review process.

HyLife - Our Company and our Proposed Pinot Farms Project

Our company's Manitoba roots date back to some 23 years when two farm families, Janzen and Vielfaure joined together to form what is now HyLife. Today, we are a vertically integrated pork producer that is headquartered in La Broquerie, Manitoba. The majority of our farm and associated operations are located in rural Manitoba.

We manage our integrated operations from "Farms to Foods" within 2 divisions. Our HyLife Farms operations oversee the raising of hogs, including genetics and production, manufacturing and supply of feed, transportation, manure nutrient management and support services. Our HyLife Foods operation oversees the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of quality pork products to both domestic and international markets.

Government Regulations, Monitoring & Enforcement

In Manitoba, a livestock producer must meet stringent development requirements and undergo a rigorous and complex development review and approval process. This process includes a mandatory provincial government technical review, public reviews, a formal public hearing and various provincial and local council approvals.

In particular, the livestock operation proposal must meet the requirements of The Planning Act, The Groundwater Protection Act, The Environment Act, (Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management

Regulation) and The Water Protection Act (Nutrient Management Regulation) as well as other Provincial Acts and regulatory requirements depending on the nature and location of the proposed project.

Strict government requirements based on good science, good land use planning, professional engineering design and construction, and on-going government monitoring and enforcement protects our natural resources, the environment and the public interest.

Rural Area and Agricultural Zoning

The existing 80-acre site is located in an area that is designated as "AG – Agricultural General Zone" in The Killarney-Turtle Mountain Planning District By-Law No. 2-2016. This By-law received extensive community review and was approved by local Municipal Council and the Province of Manitoba as the overall land use planning and development guiding document for the Killarney-Turtle Mountain Community.

Plan Objective 4.2 states as an objective "Support and strengthen the agricultural industry in the Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain and to provide flexibility and opportunity for farm operators to engage in a wide variety of agricultural uses and farming practices including livestock operations;"

HyLife has carefully chose this site as it is located in an agricultural area that is characterized by open agricultural land and conforms to local land uses and local zoning by-laws.

Local zoning and provincial regulations require minimum separation distances for the facility from property boundaries, single residences, designated land uses, wells and watercourses and designated crown lands. The existing site meets every zoning requirement and, in many circumstances, exceeds the minimum separation distance requirements of both the barn and earthen manure storage facility. This proposal exceeds the minimum setback distance from residences.

Odour Control

At HyLife, we utilize a multi pronged approach to assist in minimizing odour and potential impacts on area neighbours. This initial step is carefully selecting appropriate sites in the agricultural area that will meet or exceed all local and Provincial setback distance requirements which this site has met and exceeded in many circumstances.

HyLife employs considerable focus on the in-barn environment to maintain cleanliness and hygiene with efficient barn design and current technology to maintain a comfortable barn temperature and airflow. This helps to keep the in-barn production of odor to a minimum and creates a positive living and working environment for our livestock and staff.

Outside, we have installed a 3 row multi-species vegetated shelterbelt around the production facility. This not only has improved the aesthetic appearance of the site, but also creates greater lift to better dissipate and diffuse odours.

With respect to manure nutrient application, our manure is applied in the fall post harvest as a one-time event. Manure nutrient application is done on a 3-year rotational basis. Manure nutrients are applied in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations and utilize industry leading technologies. Application also employs equipment designed to incorporate manure during the application process increasing liquid absorption and reducing odour.

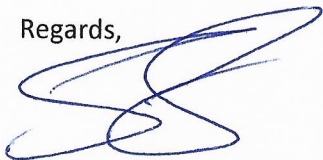
Our manure management plans are prepared by certified manure management planners and licensed manure applicators. Application equipment is equipped with GPS technology and manure nutrients are applied at agronomic rates in accordance with all regulations. Manure management activities are governed and enforced by Manitoba Sustainable Development.

In addition, HyLife is proposing the installation of a straw cover on the manure storage facility to further assist in odor mitigation at this facility. Straw covers are considered the only reasonable cover technology that can be employed for agricultural operations of this type where annual manure application activity is required. The use of a straw cover allows for the initial installation and further supplementation of the straw cover throughout the season to enable the facility to remain covered throughout the spring and summer months. This approach, as opposed to other non-recommended cover technologies, is considered the only viable method for covering manure storages should a cover be required.

Collectively, these in-barn and outside environmental measures and manure management practices will reduce odour from the existing operation. Neighbours can be assured that HyLife will make best efforts to address all reasonable concerns brought to its attention. We value our reputation as a good corporate citizen in the community.

HyLife, once again would like to thank all individuals who provided comments and appreciate the opportunity to provide a response. We respect the views and opinions of all individuals and hope we have sufficiently addressed the questions and concerns that were brought forward.

Regards,



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HyLife Ltd.