

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: ErosionControlBlanket.com Inc.
PROPOSAL NAME: ErosionControlBlanket.com Inc.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: CLASS 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Manufacturing and Industrial Plant
CLIENT FILE NO: 4863.00

OVERVIEW:

A proposal was filed October 21, 2002, by Mr. Rolf Klenke of ErosionControlBlanket.com Inc. for the construction and operation of a plant to manufacture erosion control blankets at NE ¼ 19-23-4 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost.

Production processes involved in the operation are: preparation of natural fibrous material such as wheat and barley straw or coconut fibre for layout as sheets. These sheets are sandwiched between polypropylene netting which is joined by stitching. There is a potential for emissions of particulate matter and noise. Proposed normal operation is 6:00 am. till 10:00 pm. 7 days per week, with possible operation from August until November for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The Department provided the Technical Advisory Committee with information on the Proposal and made public notification in the Interlake Spectator. The closing date for comments was November 29, 2002. The following summarizes the responses:

RELEVANT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

RELEVANT COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. **Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship – Historical Resources Branch** – has no concerns.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

2. **Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines – Petroleum Branch** – has no concerns.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

3. **Manitoba Energy, Science & Technology – Research, Innovation & Technology** – are eager to see this company grow.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

4. **Manitoba Agriculture & Food** – has no concerns.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

5. **Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs** - received recommendation against this proposal at this location from Manitoba Transportation and Government Services because of conflict with the Development Plan of the RM of Bifrost and its proposed location across Highway 8 from the community of Riverton which would lead to cross traffic.

This concern was directed to Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs by Manitoba Transportation - Engineering and Operations. A conditional use approval had been issued by the R.M. of Bifrost. As well, access to the property has been changed to an existing municipal road from Highway 8.

Disposition: No action needed.

6. **Manitoba Conservation – Sustainable Resource Management Branch** – has the following comments:

- 1) More details on the process are needed, particularly use of straw fibres.

The proponent provided additional information.

Disposition: No action needed.

- 2) Is there general building exhaust and if so is it treated for removal of particulates?

The proponent responded that two cyclones will be used to control dust.

Disposition: The Licence provides for emission quantification, assessment and control as needed.

- 3) What is the waste burned as fuel? What quantity?

The proponent responded that 3-4 tons of waste straw will be used per day.

Disposition: No further action needed.

- 4) Where are the nearest off-site receptors for air emissions?

The proponent responded that a residence was 300 metres and a local gas bar was 300 metres from the development.

Disposition: No further action needed.

- 5) Are there any pollution controls on the biomass heater?

The proponent responded that there were no controls on the biomass heater.

Disposition: The Licence provides for emission quantification, assessment and control as needed.

7. **Canadian Environment Assessment Agency** – comment that the application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this project will not be required.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No further action needed.

8. **Manitoba Transportation and Government Services - Highway Planning and Design** - has no major concerns remaining (see Intergovernmental Affairs comments)

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

9. **Manitoba Health - Public Health Branch - Environmental Health Unit** – did not comment.

No response necessary.

Disposition: No action needed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no requests for public hearings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A Licence considering the above relevant concerns as well as those of the Approvals Branch be prepared and issued. Responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should be transferred to the Region.

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