

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

**PROPONENT:** MR. JARRETT CHAMBERS  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** OMEX AGRICULTURE INC.  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** BULK HANDLING -  
LIQUID/GRANULAR FERTILIZER  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5165.00

### OVERVIEW:

On January 25, 2006, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated January 20, 2006, to construct, install and operate a bulk liquid/granular fertilizer blending, storage and distribution facilities located on Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 36922, 290 Agri Park Road, Oak Bluff on a portion of the S½ 36-9-1 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Macdonald. The proponent intends to construct an approximate 80' x 22' building which will house an office, raw product storage, mixer and blending production area and the finished product warehousing area. A second phase of construction will involve the addition of a raw storage tank farm consisting of four 100,000 litre fiberglass tanks which will be contained within a concrete berm. An additional finished product storage building of approximately 150' x 60' is also proposed. The hours of operation are normally from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm during the winter season with extended hours during the peak fertilizer production season.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the *Headingley Headliner*, published on Friday February 3, 2006. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Winnipeg Public Library, Manitoba Eco-Network and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on January 26, 2006, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on March 6, 2006.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

### COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

**Historic Resources Branch** has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns with regard to this project's potential to impact heritage resources.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** state that based on their Environment Canada and Health Canada survey responses, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

**Water Stewardship** request further clarification for the source of municipal water and are seeking assurances that proper backflow prevention and potential cross-contamination connections are considered. They are also seeking additional information regarding the disposal of process water by applying to local farm properties, site permeability numerical

values, monitoring methods to be used to determine no contamination is taking place during the proposed operation, the development of an emergency response plan and whether the facility needs to conform to the Agricultural Warehousing Standards.

Disposition:

The concerns were provided to the proponent for response. The proponent provided the additional information as requested.

**Sustainable Resource Management** state that the site plan did not show the raw product loading dock or its design. They suggest the loading areas should be covered and that the warehouse have secondary containment for fire fighting water containment. They are also concerned that chemical residue may leak from the empty poly intermediate bulk containers.

Disposition:

The proponent provided additional information. The concerns are addressed in the attached draft licence.

**Energy, Science & Technology** state they have no comments as it appears there are no energy related issues.

**Regional Health Authority** has reviewed the proposal and their health concerns include protection against chemical spills and fires and the development of an emergency response plan.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

**Transportation & Government Services** state the department has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns.

**Petroleum Branch** state they have no comments or concerns regarding this proposal.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No public hearing will be conducted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

TAC concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should remain with Approvals Branch until the proponent complies with Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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