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Lisa Jones Canadian Kraft Paper Industries Ltd. (CKPI) PO Box 1590 The Pas MB R9A 1L4 lisa.jones@ckpi.com

Dear Lisa Jones:

Re: CKPI Biosolids Land Spreading – Request for Continuation of Trial Project on Agricultural Land – Round the Bend Farm

Thank you for your notice of alteration received on March 28, 2024. Your request is for approval for continuation of a small scale biosolids land spreading trial on independently owned agricultural land at Round the Bend Farm. This request is related to recent Canadian Kraft Paper Industries Ltd. (CKPI) land spreading pilot study activities. Environment Act Licence No. 1339 RR (the licence) applies to CKPI's processing activities.

I am satisfied that the potential changes to the environmental effects resulting from this request would be insignificant. Therefore, I approve the implementation of this trial project notice of alteration per Section 14(2) of The Environment Act with the following conditions:

- CKPI shall submit to the director, prior to any temporary field storage or land application of biosolids, certificates of title and land ownership agreements for each parcel of land on which biosolids are to be temporarily stored and/or on which the land trials are to be performed.
- 2. CKPI shall notify the assigned environment officer not less than five days prior to the commencement of removal and transportation of biosolids and these land trial activities. The notification shall include the intended starting date of the activities and the name(s) of the contractor(s) and land trials representative(s) responsible for related activities.
- Biosolids materials used will be sourced only from identified CKPI property sites
  that have received previous land spreading of biosolids during recent pilot study
  activities and have been exposed to weathering for a minimum of one year or
  from sources used in the most recent previous pilot study activities.

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- 4. Only biosolids materials intended for use in this trial project shall be transported to the site for inclusion with the land trials.
- 5. Quantities of materials removed from each CKPI source and transported to the site of the land trials must be reported to the environment officer.
- 6. Land applied materials used must be effectively mixed prior to and upon land application.
- 7. Biosolids and soils shall be transported in containers in such a manner to prevent loss of biosolids, soils, and associated liquids to the satisfaction of an environment officer.
- 8. Sites receiving any and all mixture materials must have a means of effectively collecting and temporarily storing any surface runoff with the collected liquids being returned to CKPI for wastewater treatment.
- 9. Effective scheduled sampling, recording, and analysis of transported and applied materials and site conditions must be implemented during the trial project activities and a resulting report submitted to the director for approval.
- 10. This approval shall terminate not later than March 28, 2025.

Approval for additional pilot study activities may be requested by submission of a new notice of alteration. All other clauses of the licence remain in effect.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Robert Boswick, Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch at Robert.Boswick@gov.mb.ca or 204-918-5853.

For questions relating to the ongoing administration of the licence, please contact Cristal Huculak, Regional Supervisor, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch at <a href="mailto:EnvCENorth@gov.mb.ca">EnvCENorth@gov.mb.ca</a> or 204-620-5797.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Agnes Wittmann Director The Environment Act

c. Leigh Johnston – Canadian Kraft Paper Inc.
 Tamsin Patience – Canadian Kraft Paper Inc.
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 Cristal Huculak – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement