SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSED: Direct LP
PROPOSAL NAME: Waste Lead Acid Battery Transfer Station
–City of Winnipeg
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: DGH&T Act
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Waste lead acid battery collection and transfer station
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5669.00

OVERVIEW:

A Proposal was filed on August 21, 2013 by Direct LP for the proposed waste lead acid battery collection and transfer facility at 55 Rothwell Road within the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The facility proposes to collect waste lead acid batteries, temporarily stores and transfers them to licensed facilities for recycling.

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday October 5, 2013. Copies of the proposal were placed in the Public Registries at the Legislative Library and the Millennium Public Library. The proposal was distributed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on October 4, 2013. The closing date for TAC and public comments was on November 5, 2013.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC):

Following is a summary of TAC comments received pertaining to the Proposal. Copies of the original comments from TAC are available in the Public Registries.

Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC)

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) recommends that with the proposed temporary storage of a large number of waste lead batteries at this facility, this may require a change of Occupancy Permit from the authority having jurisdiction, the City of Winnipeg, Planning, Property and Development Department at 83 Fort Street, Winnipeg, to ensure this proposed waste battery storage facility is in compliance to the Winnipeg Building By-law and Winnipeg Zoning by-laws for this new use of the industrial storage warehouse at 55 Rothwell Road. Also, the proponent shall submit an updated Fire Safety Plan, as required by the Manitoba Fire Code, to the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service at 185 King Street.

Disposition:
Comment provided to proponent as information
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Environmental Programs and Strategies Branch (Air Quality)

AQ has no comment on the proposal as it is expected that it will have no significant impact on air quality.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

Reviewed the above noted EAP and found no issues of concern in it respecting drinking water safety.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Fisheries Branch

Fisheries Branch has reviewed this proposal for a waste battery transfer site at 55 Rothwell Road in Winnipeg. Given the location of the storage site as long as there is adequate containment, in the event of a spill or emergency and any material can be disposed of and/or treated prior to release, we should have no fisheries concerns with this proposal.

Disposition:
The Licence includes a clause which addresses this concern.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch

The proponent’s Emergency Response Plan (included as Appendix E in AMEC’s Environmental Assessment Report) indicates a provincial phone number incorrectly on Appendix E, 14th page with subject “24 Hour Spill Response and Reporting”. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship’s environmental emergency reporting line is 1-204-944-4888.

Disposition:
Comment provided to proponent as information

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Wildlife Branch

The wildlife Branch does not have any concerns with the review of file 5669, Direct LP.

Disposition:
No action needed.
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Parks and Natural Areas Branch

Parks and Natural Areas Branch has no comments to offer as this does not impact any parks or ecological reserves.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Watersheds and Protected Areas Branch and Lands Branch

The Watersheds and Protected Areas Branch and the Lands Branch have no concerns with the proposal.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Land Management and Planning

There are no regional resource lands comments in regards to the proposed waste battery transfer facility.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation

MIT has reviewed the application under the Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act noted above and we do not have any concern.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Water Science and Management Branch

Water Quality Management Section of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship have no substantive comments with respect to surface water quality at the present time.

Disposition:
No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Water Use Licensing Section

No concerns.

Disposition:
No action needed.
PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION:

The Project is located on land owned by the applicant and located in an industrial area within the City of Winnipeg. The site and all of the adjacent parcels are zoned “M3 – Manufacturing Heavy”. The project would not affect resource use on land or water. There are no adjacent or nearby First Nations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The provincial TAC expressed no concerns, or concerns are addressed in the draft licence, regarding the proposal. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached draft DGH&T Act licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Central Region.

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