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Dear Ms Wilson

**Notification of intent to apply for an Order granting Development Consent under the Planning Act 2008 and to submit an Environmental Statement for hazardous waste management development at East Northants Resource Management Facility near Peterborough**

Augean PLC is a specialist business managing our more difficult to handle waste streams. The company owns approximately 50% of the national hazardous waste landfill void and 10 waste treatment facilities focused on the hazardous waste end of the market with the largest capacity in the UK to treat contaminated soils. We have led the sector in the last five years in investing in new technologies including stabilisation, thermal desorption and physico chemical treatment facilities.

The East Northants Resource Management Facility (formerly known as Kings Cliffe Landfill) lies approximately 1.5km east south east of Duddington and 2.2km north of Kings Cliffe village in the East Northamptonshire district of Northamptonshire (Figure 1 (drawing reference AU/KCE/07-10/15653)). The setting is generally rural with the majority of the land surrounding the site comprising open farmland or woodland. The site occupies approximately 33 hectares and is in the ownership of Augean.

The site includes a hazardous waste landfill and a soil treatment facility together with ancillary infrastructure. The hazardous landfill is one of only a few hazardous landfills in England and Wales and is the only site able to accept a wide range of hazardous wastes in the south east of the country hence is of national importance. The landfill receives largely contaminated soils, treatment residues and asbestos wastes. The soil treatment facility is one of only two such facilities in the UK with planning consent for stabilisation, soil washing and bioremediation treatments.

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The use of the site for hazardous waste management is the subject of planning consents reference EN/05/1264C and 07/00048/WAS and 07/01838/NCC. The planning consents expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 by which time no further wastes may be imported to the site and the land must be restored. At this point the site will be closed.

Augean wishes to notify the Commission of its intention to make an application for an Order granting Development consent that will include the following elements:

- Development of new landfill void for the disposal of hazardous wastes and low level radioactive waste at an input rate of up to 250,000tpa,
- An extension of time application for the filling of hazardous waste and low level radioactive waste in existing void space at an input rate of up to 250,000tpa,
- Extraction of clay for engineering purposes and the exportation of some clay for use in landfill engineering at the nearby Augean Thornhaugh Landfill Site ,
- A new consent for operating a soil treatment facility with a capacity of 100,000tpa of contaminated soils,
- An anticipated period of development until 2026.

Without appropriate design and operational controls the proposed development has the potential to result in environmental impact in respect of water quality, air quality, landscape, ecology, human health, noise archaeology, soil resources and traffic. Accordingly we confirm that it is our intention to submit with the application an Environmental Statement in respect of the development which will address the potential impacts. Please regard this letter as formal notification in accordance with Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 of our intention to submit an Environmental Statement in respect of the development. We are currently developing proposals for the scoping of the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Statement of Community Consultation.

Augean held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 an initial meeting with the planning officers of Northamptonshire County Council to explain the proposals and advised the Kings Cliffe Local Liaison Group on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 of our intentions.

We trust that this information is sufficient for initial notification of the application. We should be pleased to meet with the Commission at an appropriate time to discuss the details of the proposals and the application process.

Yours sincerely



 Gene Wilson  
Group Technical Director