

THE YORK POTASH HARBOUR FACILITIES ORDER 201X

Letter to accompany Application



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Dear Sir

Planning Act 2008

York Potash Limited

Application pursuant to Section 37 for a Development Consent Order in respect of the construction of Harbour Facilities at Bran Sands, Teesside

This letter accompanies an application submitted pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") seeking authorisation for a Harbour Facility, being a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project complying with the criteria set out in Section 24 of the Act.

This application forms part of the wider York Potash Project which comprises the development of a new underground mine for the winning and working of polyhalite (a form of potash and a natural fertiliser) and its handling and transportation to the national and international market place. The Project comprises a cross boundary planning application in respect of a Mine (including minehead at Doves Nest Farm Nr. Whitby) and Mineral Transport System submitted to the North York Moors National Park Authority and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council. It also includes an application for a Materials Handling Facility (submitted to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council).

The position in relation to those applications, and other ancillary applications, is summarised in the Project Position Statement submitted with the application (Document 7.3). Some documentation submitted with the above mentioned applications, which sets out further information in respect of the wider project, is included as appendices to the Project Position Statement.

This application relates to the provision of the harbour for the export of polyhalite which will be transported to the harbour via an overland conveyor which will connect to the Materials Handling Facility at Wilton.

In summary, the application seeks consent for:

1. The construction and operation of a quay structure on the River Tees at Bran Sands to facilitate the mooring of vessels in the estuary directly adjacent to an on-shore harbour facility and allow ship loader access;
2. Dredging of the approach channel and berth pocket;

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3. The construction of ship loaders on the quay to load the mineral product on to ships for onward transmission;
4. The erection of surge bins for the ship loading flow management of the polyhalite;
5. A conveyor system to transport the polyhalite, connecting the harbour with the Materials Handling Facility within the Wilton International Complex; and
6. Ancillary Infrastructure.

The proposed development is more fully described in Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order in conjunction with the Works Plans (Documents 4.1 and 2.2A-C). The parameters of the development, with which the development is required to conform, are referred to in Article 4 of the draft DCO and include a parameters table (Document 6.9), which is also crossed referred to in Schedule 1.

Enclosed is the York Potash Document List which sets out, for ease of reference, the documents which have been submitted with the application (Document 1.4). This lists the same documents that are set out in the Application Form (Document 1.1). In addition, enclosed, as Document 1.6, is an Issues and Documents Tracker which identifies the way in which the issues previously raised by the Inspectorate have been addressed.

Travelling with this letter are:

- a. Two complete sets of the Application Documentation (excluding the ES and HRA) in hard copy comprising eight volumes, and two hard copies of:
 - The Book of Reference (Document 5.3)
 - the Consultation Report and Appendices (Document 6.1)
 - the Appendices to the Project Position Statement (Document 7.3).
 - Ease of Reference Plans Bundle (Document 3.15)

in Boxes 1 and 2.

- b. Two hard copies of the Environmental Statement (including CIA) and HRA and Non Technical Summary in Boxes A and B;
- c. Six DVDs containing electronic copies of the documentation referred to in a. and b. above;

A further two complete hard copies of all the documentation has been retained by Marrons Shakespeares and can be forwarded if, and when, required. A fee of £4,500.00 has already been submitted to the Inspectorate and a Shapefile has been provided for your purposes.

Submitted as part of the documentation is a completed Section 55 Checklist (Document 1.5) which we believe demonstrates that the documentation supplied complies with the Planning Act 2008, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 and related guidance.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to formal acceptance of the application and if any further assistance is required in that regard, please do not hesitate to contact Morag Thomson at this office on morag.thomson@shakespeares.co.uk or 0116 289 2200. You also have mobile phone contact details of various people who can be contacted in relation to this matter.

Please do not hesitate to make contact at any time on the numbers given.

Yours faithfully

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