

Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

Mepal Soil Washing Facility

Mick George Ltd
Witcham Meadlands Landfill
Block Fen Drove
Mepal
Chatteris
Cambridgeshire
CB6 2AY

Permit number

EPR/EP3492SP

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the facility are as follows.

The operator will be operating and maintaining a soil washing facility which will accept inert and non-hazardous wastes from mineral excavation and operations, wastes from thermal processes, construction and demolition waste, waste water treatment wastes and garden & park wastes. These will be sorted and processed in a soil washing facility, to separate and recover recycled aggregates, soils and sand.

The process will separate the wastes into different size fractions: 40 – 20 mm, 20 – 10 mm & 10 – 4 mm. These will be stockpiled prior to removal from site for sale elsewhere. The process will also separate from the source material, undesirable fractions, which will either be landfilled into the adjacent landfill or if unsuitable for the landfill acceptance procedures, will be disposed of off site.

A Waste Acceptance Procedure will be in place to ensure that any unsuitable waste is rejected and either sent to the adjacent landfill, or if it does not fit the acceptance criteria of the landfill it will be disposed of elsewhere.

The total quantity of waste accepted at this site will be less than 250,000 tonnes a year.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number

Status Log of the permit

Detail	Date	Response Date
Application EP3492SP/A001	Duly made 17/08/2009	
Permit determined	11/08/2010	

End of Introductory Note

Permit

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The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

Mick George Ltd ("the operator"),

whose registered office is


**Meadow Lane
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company registration number **02417831**

to operate waste operations at

**Mepal Soil Washing Facility
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Mepal
Chatteris
Cambridgeshire
CB6 2AY**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
	11 th August 2010

Kelly Bailey Authorised on behalf of the Agency

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The activities shall be managed and operated:
- (a) in accordance with a management system, which identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances and closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) by sufficient persons who are competent in respect of the responsibilities to be undertaken by them in connection with the operation of the activities.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

1.2 Accident management plan

- 1.2.1 The operator shall:
- (a) maintain and implement an accident management plan;
 - (b) review and record at least every 4 years or as soon as practicable after an accident, (whichever is the earlier) whether changes to the plan should be made;
 - (c) make any appropriate changes to the plan identified by a review.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the "activities").

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 2 to this permit.

2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 (a) The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency.

(b) If notified by the Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency.

2.3.2 Waste shall only be accepted if:

- (a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 3 table S3.1; and
- (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Fugitive emissions of substances

3.1.1 Fugitive emissions of substances (excluding odour, noise and vibration) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved fugitive emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.

3.1.2 All liquids, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.

3.2 Odour

3.2.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

3.3 Noise and vibration

3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.

4 Information

4.1 Records

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
 - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
 - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.

4.1.2 All records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit shall be held on the site where practicable, or other location agreed in writing and controlled by the operator.

4.2 Reporting

4.2.1 All reports and notifications required by the permit shall be sent to the Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Agency.

4.2.2 Within 1 month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

4.3 Notifications

4.3.1 The Agency shall be notified without delay following the detection of:

- (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or fugitive emission which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
- (b) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or
- (c) any significant adverse environmental effects.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 6 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Where the Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Agency when the relevant monitoring is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.4 The Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) the Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 7 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "without delay", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 - Operations

Table S1.1 activities	
Description of activities for waste operations	Limits of activities
<p>R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</p> <p>R5: Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic compounds</p> <p>D09: Physico-chemical treatment not specified elsewhere which results in final compounds or mixtures which are disposed of by any of the operations numbered D01 to D12</p> <p>D13: Blending or mixing prior to submission to any of the operations numbered D01 to D12</p> <p>D15: Storage pending any of the operations numbered D01 to D14 (excluding temporary storage pending collection on the site where it is produced).</p>	<p>Treatment operations shall be limited to:</p> <p>Physical treatment including screening, crushing, washing, grading, sorting, separation by gravity, centrifugation & dewatering for the purpose of recovery.</p> <p>Waste shall be stored and treated on hard standing or on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system</p>

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Management System & Accident Management Plan	All	03/08/09 29/01/10
Site Report (Ref.: 509022/71/DG/001)	3.4 & 3.5	03/08/09
IPPC S5.06 (Guidance for the Recovery and Disposal of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste)	All	03/08/09
Application Form	Part B, Section 4, Table 2	03/08/09

Schedule 2 - Site plan



Schedule 3

Table S3.1 Waste types and quantities	
Maximum Quantities	
The total quantity of waste accepted at the site shall be less than 250,000 tonnes a year.	
Exclusions	
Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consisting solely or mainly of dusts, powders or loose fibres • Wastes that are in a form which is either sludge or liquid 	
Waste Code	Description
01	WASTES RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION, MINING, QUARRYING, AND PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF MINERALS
01 01	Wastes from mineral excavation
01 01 02	Wastes from mineral non-metalliferous excavation
01 04	Wastes from physical and chemical processing of non-metalliferous minerals
01 04 08	Waste gravel and crushed rocks other than those mentioned in 01 04 07
01 04 09	Waste sand and clays
01 04 11	Wastes from potash and rock salt processing other than those mentioned in 01 04 07
01 04 12	Tailings and other wastes from washing and cleaning of minerals other than those mentioned in 01 04 07 and 01 04 11
01 04 13	Wastes from stone cutting and sawing other than those mentioned in 01 04 07
10	WASTES FROM THERMAL PROCESSES
10 01	Wastes from power stations and other combustion plants (except 19)
10 01 24	Sands from fluidised beds
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)
17 01	Concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics
17 01 01	Concrete
17 01 02	Bricks
17 01 03	Tiles and ceramics
17 01 07	Mixtures of concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics other than those mentioned in 17 01 06
17 02	Wood, glass and plastic
17 02 02	Glass
17 03	Bituminous mixtures, coal tar and tarred products
17 03 02	Bituminous mixtures other than those mentioned in 17 03 01
17 05	Soil (including excavated soil from contaminated sites), stones and dredging spoil
17 05 04	Soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17 05 03
17 05 08	Track ballast other than those mentioned in 17 05 07

Table S3.1 Waste types and quantities	
17 09	Other construction and demolition wastes
17 09 04	Mixed construction and demolition wastes other than those mentioned in 17 09 01, 17 09 02 and 17 09 03
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION/INDUSTRIAL USE
19 02	Wastes from physico/chemical treatments of waste (including dechromatation, decyanidation, neutralisation)
19 02 03	Premixed wastes composed only of non-hazardous wastes
19 12	Wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified
19 12 09	Minerals (for example sand, stones)
19 12 12	Other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11
19 13	Wastes from soil and groundwater remediation
19 13 02	Solid wastes from soil remediation other than those mentioned in 19 13 01
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS
20 02	Garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)
20 02 02	Soil and stones
20 02 03	Other non-biodegradable waste

Schedule 4 – Emissions and monitoring

There are no emission limits or associated monitoring requirements.

Schedule 5 - Reporting

There is no reporting under this schedule.

Schedule 6 - Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or fugitive emission which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

Part B - to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

* authorised to sign on behalf of Mick George Ltd

Schedule 7 - Interpretation

"*accident*" means an accident that may result in pollution.

"*Annex IIA*" means Annex IIA to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"*annually*" means once every year.

"*application*" means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

"*authorised officer*" means any person authorised by the Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

"*best available treatment, recovery and recycling techniques*" shall have the meaning given to it in the document published jointly by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Scottish Executive on 27th November 2006, entitled "Guidance on Best Available Treatment, Recovery and Recycling Techniques (BATRRT) and Treatment of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE);

"*D*" means a disposal operation provided for in Annex IIA to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"*EP Regulations*" means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2007 No.3538 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

"*fugitive emission*" means an emission to air, water or land from the activities from a localised or diffuse source which is not controlled by an emission or background concentration limit.

"*groundwater*" means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

"*hazardous waste*" has the meaning given in the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 No.894, the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005 No. 1806 (W.138), the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005 No.895 and the List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005 No. 1820 (W.148).

"*quarter*" means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

"*R*" means a recovery operation provided for in Annex IIB to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"*year*" means calendar year ending 31 December.

END OF PERMIT