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Independent Review of Aquaculture Licensing

Department of Aquaculture Food and the Marine National Seafood Centre

Clonakilty

Co Cork

8th February 2017

Dear Ms Moylan,

REVIEW OF IRISH AQUACULTURE LICENSING

I am writing to you on behalf of Brenntag UK & Ireland who have been a major supplier of Hydrogen Peroxide and other chemicals to the fishing industry in Ireland and the UK for many years.

Brenntag are the global market leader in chemical distribution covering all major markets with an extensive product range and service portfolio. Headquartered in Mulheim, Germany the business operates a network of 490 locations in 4 regions - Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), Latin America, North America and Asia Pacific, across 72 countries, with a workforce of 13,500 employees, generating sales of USD 13.3 Billion (Euro 10.0 billion) in 2014.

With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base Brenntag offer one-stop-shop solutions to over 170,000 customers by connecting chemical manufacturers and users through tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals.

Brenntag were therefore very pleased to learn that the Irish Government had set up an independent review of the Irish aquaculture licencing process in Ireland and we hope that the content of this letter will be of some assistance to your Review Group in your task to identify changes which are urgently required to ensure that appropriate licence procedures are in place to support the continued growth of the aquaculture sector in Ireland.

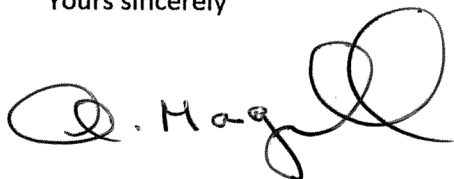
Hydrogen Peroxide (HP) is the chemical which has fallen victim of the requirement to be licenced for use in the treatment of fish growing in fish farms. To date we have been unable to source a producer of hydrogen peroxide who has a licenced product which is available for sale into our customers in Ireland. Prior to the introduction of the requirement to supply only licenced product into this sector, Brenntag supplied our customers in Ireland and the UK with 35% standard grade material.

Brenntag are actively exploring other routes to obtain a fully licenced European source of Hydrogen Peroxide but although we have made substantial progress during recent months, the level of investment and the extensive testing required will probably mean that the product will not be available for sale to our customers in Ireland until 2019.

It is not possible for Brenntag via this submission to comment on the activities of our competitors, how the market is currently being supplied and the details of our collaboration with others to obtain a licenced product but Brenntag will be very happy to respond to any questions which your Review Group may wish to send to me. Brenntag would also be happy to meet your Review Group if you feel our input would be helpful. We also think that we may be able to facilitate a contribution from one of the major producers of peroxide in Europe.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your team a successful outcome to the task which you have been given and look forward to providing you with more detailed assistance over future months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Magill'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

DR W A Magill

(Managing Director - Ireland)