

26 July 2024

Delivered by hand

Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Abstraction and Impoundment Licensing Team
Water Regulation Group
17 Antrim Road
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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO ABSTRACT AND/OR IMPOUND WATER

We have seen the correspondence between NIEA and Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) relating to Abstraction Licence Application AIL 2024 0003 and AIL 2024 0004 and note the impasse which has been reached with regard to how consultation responses received in the extended consultation period will be addressed. To avoid any further delay in the holding of the conjoined public inquiries, we see no alternative but to withdraw applications AIL 2024 0003 and AIL 2024 0004 and resubmit new applications in the same terms. This will allow NIEA to carry out a new consultation process and make the necessary direction to the PAC.

In the circumstances, it is critical that all steps are taken without delay, including the provision of copy representations to the PAC immediately on conclusion of the consultation period, in line with the Ministerial commitment given in respect of the April 2024 applications.

Please find enclosed the following:

- 1 no. application form for a licence to abstract water (surface water), supported by the following documents:
 - SRK Supporting Document (November 2020)
 - Kaya Letter dated 17 December 2021
 - Kaya Letter dated 28 January 2022
 - Gahan and Long letter dated 28 January 2022
 - DAERA spreadsheet of responses to 2020 application (ref. AIL 2020/0105 & AIL 2020/0106)
- 1 no. application form for a license to abstract water (mine water), supported by the following documents:
 - SRK Supporting Document (November 2020)
 - Kaya Letter dated 17 December 2021
 - Kaya Letter dated 28 January 2022
 - Gahan and Long letter dated 28 January 2022
 - DAERA spreadsheet of responses to 2020 application (ref. AIL 2020/0105 & AIL 2020/0106)

We enclose a cheque to the total of £352.00 to cover the fee for both the surface water abstraction application and mine water abstraction application.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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Yours Sincerely,

On behalf of Dalradian Gold Limited
Managing Director