

Office of Environmental Enforcement

Environmental Protection Agency

Regional Inspectorate

Inniscarra

Co Cork

16th June 2022

RE: Further Response to Compliance Investigation C.I. CI001994 "Cease operations outside the licensed site boundary"

Licence Register Number P0621-02 (The Licence Martin O Donovan) at Coligboy, Timoleague, County Cork.

Dear Cyril et Adrian,

I acknowledge your response of 02/06/2022 via Eden Portal, in response to our previous of 25/03/2022, 05/04/2022 & 09.05.2022 where we set out the background to our current position, chronology of events and our effort to progress our Licence Review Application.

As stated previously we are committed to achieving compliance with the Agency, but are struggling to work through the current crisis afflicting the pig industry at present, primarily due to factors outside of our control, as previously outlined.

We are progressing our Review application with the experts we referenced and are committed to lodging same on receipt of their reports. We are awaiting the Agency to progress our licence transfer which we submitted 09/09/2021, and need this completed to facilitate submission of the Review Application by Carhue Piggeries Ltd.

In light of the multiple crises affecting our industry at this time, I am looking for the Agency to work with us, in order that we can save our family business, and operate into the future under our new licence when issued. Currently we are unable to commit to a timeframe to destock due to financial implications and market restrictions resulting from the multiple crises afflicting our industry

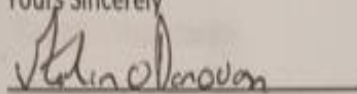
I can confirm that we are working tirelessly to actively reduce stock levels on the new facilities. We have approached this, and are making progress by

1. We have commenced to sell weaners to a new customer, with stock movements commencing this week. This will be ongoing, and we are actively engaging with another customer, with whom we hope to reach agreement within the next few weeks.
2. We have sourced an off farm fattening facility, where we plan to transfer stock off site for finishing. This is an existing fattening farm, with a capacity of circa 1500 fattening stock. We have entered a rental agreement, and have to invest in upgrade works on site, but will be moving stock to this farm in the next 4-5 weeks.
3. Separately we are currently in discussions with another fattening farm, with a capacity of circa 1700 fatteners with whom we also hope to reach agreement within the next month.
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I would again like to thank the Agency for their patience to date on this matter, and respectfully ask that consideration be given to our current plight, in order we can arrive at a situation that we can move forward together.

Finally I again commit to achieving compliance as quickly as possible, and in the meantime to take all reasonable mitigation steps.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O Donovan", is written over a horizontal line.

Martin O Donovan