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Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council

FURTHER clarification in relation to the current water contamination issue in Galway.

1. An independent assessment of the Enva proposal clearly indicates that this proposal alone would not be sufficient to provide effective protection against crypto. Thus, the ENVA proposal on its own could not guarantee the 100% capture of Crypto oocysts and would not satisfy current EPA requirements.

2. The immediate **short term solution** we are progressing is to import 17,000m³ of water from the Luimnagh Plant in the County. We are working with Galway County Council to achieve this by the 15th June. We had a concern in relation to the vulnerability of the old waterworks and as a result we stated working on this well in advance of the current outbreak. We have been receiving a supply of water from Galway County Councils Luimnagh Plant since September 2006 and this is now being increased to the 17,000m³ level by 15 June - this will allow us to decommission the old Terryland Plant.

3. The **interim solution** we are progressing is the provision of a package treatment plant at the old Terryland works. Work on this solution **also** commenced last year due to our ongoing concerns with the old Terryland Plant. Contrary to what has been said elsewhere, there are no quick fix solutions here. We must go through procurement although we are adopting the "*restricted tendering procedures*" provided in EU law. This will reduce the procurement time. We are aiming to have this treatment package up and running by year end. Also in terms of the package treatment proposal, we have one opportunity to get this right and we intend to do that.

4. The solutions we are progressing have been agreed by us with the EPA and the Dept of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

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