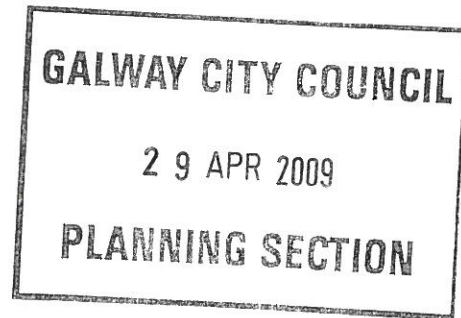


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OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION

Clada Group Ltd. would like to make an observation with regard to an application under the Draft City Development Plan 2011-2017 to extend permission for existing , retentions and continuation of quarrying at Coolagh and Ballindooley townlands, Galway. This permission was granted to Lackagh Quarries Ltd. under Planning register reference 553/99 for a period of ten years which is due to expire in October 2010. This permission provided that at the end of the 10 year period, all quarrying and related works would cease and the site would be decommissioned. My understanding that however, that an extension of this quarrying permit is to be sought under the new City Development Plan. Given the proximity of the quarry area to the production wells of Clada Group Ltd. and also the potentially serious adverse effect that further quarrying could have on our business, I feel obliged to make the following observations:

1. As the quarry area in question is bounded on all sides, the only area for future and further expansion is down - into the underlying bedrock and possible interference with the aquifer. This could have significantly serious impact on the natural bedrock and fissures from which Clada Group Ltd. sources its mineral water. The greater the depth of the quarrying and related blasting, the more potentially serious the effect of vibrations and seismic activity from blasting operations on the water table.
2. The impact of further and continued quarrying in this area could only serve to have a detrimental impact on the underlying aquifer. Any interference with or tainting of the bedrock would be detrimental to the aquifer and negatively impact on the water supply for Clada Group Ltd. This in turn could have adverse implications for the quality of the water coming from the Clada production wells.
3. The maintenance of a constant and uncontaminated water supply is critical to Clada Group Ltd. which is a major employer in the area.

I trust that you will take the above observations into consideration with regard to the Draft City Development Plan 2011-2017

Regards

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