Application for an environmental permit
Part C2 – General – varying a bespoke permit

Environment Agency

Fill in this part of the form, together with part A and the relevant parts of C3 to C7 and part F1 or F2, if you are applying to vary (change) the conditions or any other part of the permit. Please check that this is the latest version of the form available from our website.

You only need to give us details in this application for the parts of the permit that will be affected (for example, if you are adding a new facility or changing existing ones).

Waste operation changing to installation or vice versa?

If your changes mean that a waste operation becomes an installation (or vice versa) you also need to fill in either part C3 (waste to installation) or part C4 (installation to waste).

You do not need to resend any information from your original permit application if it is not affected by your proposed changes.

Please read through this form and the guidance notes that came with it.

The form can be:

1) saved onto a computer and then filled in. Please note that the form follows a logic that means questions will open or stay closed depending on a previous answer. So you may not be able to enter text in some boxes.
2) printed off and filled in by hand. Please write clearly in the answer spaces.

It will take less than two hours to fill in this part of the application form.

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1 About the permit

Note: If you are applying to convert your existing permit to a standard permit or add a standard facility you need to fill out form C1.

1a Discussions before your application

If you have had discussions with us before your application, give us the permit reference or details on a separate sheet. Tell us below the reference you have given this extra sheet.

Permit or document reference: EPR/FP3032RH/P001

1b Permit number

What is the permit number that this application relates to? EPR/FP3032RH

1c Site details

What is the name, address and postcode of the site?

Site name: ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd

Address: Moss Bank Road
Widnes

Postcode: WA8 0RU

2 About your proposed changes

2a Type of variation

What type of variation are you applying for?

Minor technical ☐
Normal variation ☑
Substantial ☐

2 About your proposed changes, continued

2b Changes or additions to existing activities

Please give us brief details in the box below. More detailed information can be given in Table 1 below.

Disposal or recovery of hazardous waste, via physico-chemical treatment.
Black mass, recovered from batteries is dissolved in nitic acid, hydrogen peroxide can also be used as a reducing agent to aid dissolution. Since the raw material and resulting nitrate solution is chemically similar to those processed for many years under the existing operating permit, the solution can then be purified (if required) and processed to finished products using existing equipment and processes.

Fill in Table 1 with details of all the proposed changes to current activities. In the final column of the table, give us the document reference for the proposed changes and send them to us with your filled in application form.

Fill in a separate table for each activity you are applying to vary or add. Use a separate sheet if you have a long list and send it to us with your application form. Tell us below the reference you have given this document.

Document reference

You only need to fill in one table for your mining waste operations.

2c Consolidating (combining) or updating existing permits

If your proposed change is to modernise (update) your permit, now answer 2c1; otherwise go to 2d.

If your proposed change is to consolidate (combine) a number of permits, now answer 2c2; otherwise go to 2d.

Note: In both cases we may require additional information from you about, for example, your management system. Therefore we would always advise you to talk to us before you submit any application to modernise or consolidate permits.

2c1 Do you want to have a modern style permit?

No ☐

Yes ☐

2c2 Identify all the permits you want to consolidate (combine) by listing the permit numbers in Table 2 below

Table 2 – Permit numbers

2d Treating batteries

2d Are you proposing to treat batteries?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Tell us how you will do this and send us a copy of your explanation and tell us below the reference you have given this explanation

Document reference for the explanation

2e Ship recycling

2e1 Is your activity covered by the Ship Recycling Regulations 2015? (See the guidance notes on part C2.)

No ☑

Yes ☐ Tell us how you will do this. Please send us a copy of your explanation and your facility recycling plan, and tell us below the reference numbers you have given these documents

Document reference for the explanation

Document reference for the facility recycling plan

2e2 Is this a renewal of an existing authorisation covered by the Ship Recycling Regulations 2015?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Tell us the expiry date of your existing authorisation (DD/MM/YYYY)

2 About your proposed changes, continued

Table 1 – Changes to existing activities

Fill in Table 1 with details of all the proposed changes to current activities. In the final column of the table, give us the document reference for the proposed changes and send them to us with your filled in application form.

Name	Installation schedule 1 references	Description of the installation activity	Description of waste operation	Description of the mining waste operations	Description of water discharge activity	Description of groundwater activity	Proposed changes document reference
i.e. name of installation, waste operation, mining waste operation, water discharge activity or groundwater activity							
Example – effluent unique name					Example – treated sewage effluent		
If you do not have enough room, go to the line below or send a separate document and give us the document reference here							
ICoNiChem Widnes Ltd	Disposal or recovery of	Production of chemical	Recovery of metals from	N/A	N/A	N/A	Black Mass Recovery D

2 About your proposed changes, continued

2f Low impact installations (installations only)

2f1 Will any changes mean that any of the regulated facilities will become low impact installations?

No ☑ Now go to section 3

Yes ☐ If yes, tell us how you meet the conditions for a low impact installation (see the guidance notes on part C2 – Appendix 1)

Document reference

Tick the box to confirm you have filled in the low impact installation checklist in appendix 1 for each regulated facility ☐

3 Your ability as an operator

If you are applying to add waste installations or waste operations to a permit that has not previously had them, you need to fill in all of section 3.

If you are applying to consolidate (combine) two or more permits or have an updated permit you must fill in question 3d.

This section does not apply for applications to surrender a permit.

3a Relevant offences

Installations and waste operations only (see the guidance notes on part C2).

3a1 Have you, or any other relevant person, been convicted of any relevant offence?

No ☑ Now go to question 3b

Yes ☐ Please give details below

Name of the relevant person

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss and so on)

First name

Last name

Position held at the time of the offence

Name of the court where the case was dealt with

Date of the conviction (DD/MM/YY)

Offence and penalty set

Date any appeal against the conviction will be heard (DD/MM/YYYY)

If necessary, use a separate sheet to give us details of other relevant offences and tell us below the reference number you have given the extra sheet.

Document reference

Now go to question 3b

Please also complete the details in Appendix 2.

3b Technical ability

Specified waste management activities and waste operations only (see the guidance notes on part C1).

Please indicate which of the two schemes you are using to demonstrate you are technically competent to operate your facility and the evidence you have enclosed to demonstrate this.

ESA/EU skills

I have enclosed a copy of the current Competence Management System certificate ☐

CIWM/WAMITAB scheme

Please select **one** of the following:

- I have enclosed a copy of:
  - the relevant qualification certificate/s ☑

  or
  - evidence of deemed competence ☐

  or

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- Environment Agency assessment ☐

or

- evidence of nominated manager status under the transitional provisions for previously exempt activities ☐

and, if deemed competent or Agency-assessed, or if there is evidence of a nominated manager, or if the original qualification is over two years old:

I have enclosed a copy of the relevant current continuing competence certificate/s ☐

For each technically competent manager please give the following information. If necessary, use a separate sheet to give us these details and tell us below the document reference you have given the extra sheet.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss and so on)

First name

Last name

Phone

Mobile

Email

Please provide the environmental permit number/s and site address for **all** other waste activities that the proposed technically competent manager provides technical competence for, including permits held by other operators. Continue on a separate sheet as required.

Permit number	Site address	Postcode

Document reference

Now go to question 3c

Please also complete the details in Appendix 2.

3c Finances

Installations, waste operations and mining waste operations only (see the guidance notes on part C2).

Please note that if you knowingly or carelessly make a statement that is false or misleading to help you get an environmental permit (for yourself or anyone else), you may be committing an offence under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Do you or any relevant person or a company in which you were a relevant person have current or past bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against you?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Please give details below, including the required set-up costs (including infrastructure), maintenance and clean up costs for the proposed facility against which a credit check may be assessed

We may want to contact a credit reference agency for a report about your business's finances.

3 Your ability as an operator, continued

Landfill, Category A mining waste facilities and mining waste facilities for hazardous waste only

How do you plan to make financial provision (to operate a landfill or a mining waste facility you need to show us that you are financially capable of meeting the obligations of closure and aftercare)?

Renewable bonds ☐

Cash deposits with the Environment Agency ☐

Other – provide comprehensive details ☐

Document reference

Provide a cost profile and expenditure plan of your estimated costs throughout the aftercare period of your site.

Document plan reference

Now go to question 3d

3d Management systems

You must have an effective, written management system in place that identifies and reduces the risk of pollution. You may show this by using a certified scheme or your own system.

Your permit requires you (as the operator) to ensure that you manage and operate your activities in accordance with a written management system.

You need to be able to explain what happens at each site and which parts of the overall management system apply. For example, at some sites you may need to show you are carrying out additional measures to prevent pollution because they are nearer to sensitive locations than others.

You can find guidance on management systems on our website at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency.

Tick this box to confirm that you have read the guidance and that your management system will meet our requirements ☑

What management system will you provide for your regulated facility?

ISO 14001 ☑

BS 8555 (Phases 1–5) ☐

Acorn ☐

Green dragon ☐

Own management system ☐

Please make sure you send us a summary of your management system with your application.

Document reference/s

4 Consultation

Fill in 4a to 4c for installations and waste operations and 4d for installations only.

Could the waste operation or installation involve releasing any substance into any of the following?

4a A sewer managed by a sewerage undertaker?

No ☐

Yes ☑ Please name the sewerage undertaker United Utilities

4b A harbour managed by a harbour authority?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Please name the harbour authority

4c Directly into relevant territorial waters or coastal waters within the sea fisheries district of a local fisheries committee?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Please name the fisheries committee

4 Consultation, continued

4d Is the installation on a site for which:

4d1 a nuclear site licence is needed under section 1 of the Nuclear Installations Act 1965?

No ☑

Yes ☐

4d2 a policy document for preventing major accidents is needed under regulation 5 of the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015, or a safety report is needed under regulation 7 of those Regulations?

No ☐

Yes ☑

5 Supporting information

5a Provide a plan or plans for the site

See the guidance notes on part C2 for what needs to be marked on the plan.

Clearly mark the site boundary or discharge point, or both. Also include site drainage plans, site layout plans, and plant design drawings/process flow diagrams (as required). (See the guidance notes on part C2.)

Document reference/s of the plans: Drains site plan Rev0

5b Do any of the variations you plan to make need extra land to be included in the permit?

No ☑

Yes ☐ Please provide a site report for the extra land

Document report reference/s:

5c Provide a non-technical summary of your application

Document reference of the summary: Black Mass Recovery Description Rev0

5d Risk of fire from sites storing combustible waste

Are you applying for an activity that includes the storage of combustible wastes?

(This applies to all activities excluding standalone water and groundwater discharges.)

No ☑ Go to question 5f

Yes ☐ Go to question 5e

5e Will your variation increase the risk of a fire occurring or increase the environmental risk if a fire occurs?

See the guidance notes on part C2.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Provide a fire prevention plan. You need to highlight any changes you have made since your pre-application discussions

Document reference of the plan:

5f Adding an installation

If you are applying to add an installation, tick the box to confirm that you have sent in a baseline report and provide a reference ☐

Document reference of the report:

6 Environmental risk assessment

If you need one, see the guidance notes on part C2.

Provide an assessment of any additional risks the proposed changes or additions to your regulated facilities poses to the environment as part of your application to vary this permit. The risk assessment must follow the methodology set out in 'Risk assessments for your environmental permit' at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/risk-assessments-for-your-environmental-permit or an equivalent method.

Document reference for the assessment:

7 How to contact us

If you need help filling in this form, please contact the person who sent it to you or contact us as shown below.

General enquiries: 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

Textphone: 03702 422 549 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

If you are happy with our service, please tell us. It helps us to identify good practice and encourages our staff. If you're not happy with our service, please tell us how we can improve it.

Please tell us if you need information in a different language or format (for example, in large print) so we can keep in touch with you more easily.

Feedback

(You don't have to answer this part of the form, but it will help us improve our forms if you do.)

We want to make our forms easy to fill in and our guidance notes easy to understand. Please use the space below to give us any comments you may have about this form or the guidance notes that came with it.

How long did it take you to fill in this form?

We will use your feedback to improve our forms and guidance notes, and to tell the Government how regulations could be made simpler.

Would you like a reply to your feedback?

Yes please ☐

No thank you ☐

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Date received (DD/MM/YYYY)

Our reference number

Payment received?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Amount received

£

Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark does not apply to appendix 1.

Appendix 1 – Low impact installation checklist

Installation reference				
Condition	Response			Do you meet this?
A – Management techniques	Provide references to show how your application meets A			Yes ☐ No ☐
	References			
B – Aqueous waste	Effluent created		m^3/day	Yes ☐ No ☐
C – Abatement systems	Provide references to show how your application meets C			Yes ☐ No ☐
	References			
D – Groundwater	Do you plan to release any hazardous substances or non-hazardous pollutants into the ground?		Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐
E – Producing waste	Hazardous waste		Tonnes per year	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Non-hazardous waste		Tonnes per year	
F – Using energy	Peak energy consumption		MW	Yes ☐ No ☐
G – Preventing accidents	Do you have appropriate measures to prevent spills and major releases of liquids? (See 'How to comply'.)		Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Provide references to show how your application meets G			
	References			
H – Noise	Provide references to show how your application meets H			Yes ☐ No ☐
	References			
I – Emissions of polluting substances	Provide references to show how your application meets I			Yes ☐ No ☐
	References			
J – Odours	Provide references to show how your application meets J			Yes ☐ No ☐
	References			
K – History of keeping to the regulations	Say here whether you have been involved in any enforcement action as described in Compliance History Appendix 1 explanatory notes		Yes ☐ No ☐	

Appendix 2 – Date of birth information for Relevant offences and/or Technical ability questions only

Date of birth information in this appendix will not be put onto our Public Register

Have you filled in the Relevant Offences question?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Have you filled in the Technical ability question?

Yes ☐

No ☐

2 Relevant Offences - date of birth information

Please give us the following details

Name

Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)

3 Technical ability - date of birth information

Name

Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)