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# **Discharge Permit**

Pursuant to Section 105(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, a resource consent is hereby granted by the Southland Regional Council (the "Council") to Silver Fern Farms Limited (the "consent holder") of P O Box 941, Dunedin 9054 from 3 August 2001.

Please read this Consent carefully, and ensure that any staff or contractors carrying out activities under this Consent on your behalf are aware of all the conditions of the Consent.

## **Details of Permit**

Purpose for which permit is granted: To discharge contaminants to the air from a meat

processing operation

Location - site locality Saleyards Road, Charlton

- map reference F45:945:451

- receiving environment Air

Legal description of land at the site: Lot 3 DP 6488 Block XIII Waimumu Hundred

Expiry date: 3 August 2021

## **Hstory of Changes and Transfers**

- Transferred from **PPCS Waitane Ltd** to **Silver Fern Farms Management Ltd** on 20 November 2015.
- Transferred from Silver Fern Farms Management Ltd to Silver Fern Farms Ltd on 26 October 2018.

#### **Schedule of Conditions**

## Term and Purpose

1. The consent shall be for a period of 20 years.

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- 2. The consent permits the discharge to air of contaminants from a meat works, including rendering, liquid drainage, meat processing and boiler operations, at the site identified in the application, at Saleyards Road, Charlton, Gore.
- 3. No alteration shall be made to the plant or process, as described in the application, which may substantially adversely change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted without the prior approval of the Southland Regional Council's Director of Environmental Management. NB: The application states that the total capacity of the boilers is 3.67 MW and that liquid effluents are only treated to remove solidified fats.

## Odour

- 4. There shall be no discharge of odour from the site that is noxious, offensive or objectionable to such an extent that it has an adverse effect on the environment beyond the boundaries of the site.
- 5. The consent holder shall maintain an odour complaints diary. The diary shall record the date and time of each complaint, weather conditions (wind direction, wind speed and temperature), location of the complaint, and nature and intensity of the odour. The consent holder shall also record in the diary the action taken in response to the complaint. The consent holder shall provide a record of the odour complaints diary to the Southland Regional Council on request. NB: This condition does not require the consent holder to take action over every complaint but it does require that that decision be recorded.

## Rendering

- 6. The following conditions apply to the operations of the rendering department:
  - (a) The parts of the building connected to the ventilation air system shall be operated at a negative pressure at all times when rendering operations are being carried out.
  - (b) Only fresh soft offal or soft offal which has been suitably stabilised or preserved shall be processed in the rendering department. For the purposes of this clause "fresh" means not older than 15 hours from the time of killing of the animal from which the material is derived and "suitably stabilised or preserved" means stabilised by reducing its temperature to less than 20°C, or preserved by acid stabilisation or an equivalent means, within six hours from the time of killing of the animal from which the material is derived.
  - (c) Only fresh blood or blood which has been suitably stabilised or preserved shall be processed in the rendering department. For the purposes of this clause "fresh" means not older than six hours from the time of killing of the animal from which the blood is derived and "suitably stabilised or preserved" means stabilised by reducing its temperature to less than 20°C, or preserved by the

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- addition of sodium metabisulphite or an equivalent means, within six hours from the time of killing of the animal from which the blood is derived.
- (d) All other material shall be processed within 24 hours from the time of killing of the animal from which the material is derived.
- (e) The rendering department and surrounds shall at all times be kept clean and free from accumulations of materials which are likely to cause odour.

NB: Compliance with this condition does not remove the need to comply with Conditions 4 and 5.

#### Stockyards

7. The stockyards shall be kept clean and free from accumulations of materials which are likely to cause odour, by washing on a two day cycle, or more frequently if conditions so require. NB: Compliance with this condition does not remove the need to comply with Conditions 4 and 5.

## Management Plan

8. The consent holder shall prepare a management and operation plan for rendering operations, including ancillary operations such as receipt of raw materials, dispatch of product and disposal of wastes. The plan shall contain contingency plans for the disposal of raw materials in cases of process or odour control equipment failure. A copy of the plan shall be supplied to the Regional Council by 28 September 2001.

#### **Review of Conditions**

- 9. The Southland Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review the conditions of this consent, in accordance with the conditions of this resource consent and Sections 128 and 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, during the period March to September each year, for the purposes of:
  - a. dealing with any adverse or cumulative effects on the environment which may arise from the exercise of this consent;
  - b. requiring peer review of the operation to determine the best practicable option for addressing any adverse effect; or
  - c. complying with the requirements of a regional plan.
- 10. The consent holder may, pursuant to section 127 of the Resource Management Act 1991, apply to the Council, in the months of January to December each year, to change the conditions of consent to allow for the discharge of contaminants from any new plant or changes to the operation of any existing plant.

## Charges

11. The consent holder shall pay annual administration and monitoring charges to the Southland Regional Council, collected in accordance with Section 36 of the Resource Management Act, payable in advance on the first day of July each year.

for the Southland Regional Council



**Daniel Smith** 

**Acting Consents Manager**