

# Environment Act Licence

## Loi sur l'environnement Licence

Manitoba  
Environment  
Environnement  
Manitoba



Licence No./Licence n° 2095 R  
Issue Date/Date de délivrance August 23, 1995  
(Revised June 23, 1997)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT ACT (C.C.S.M. c. E125)  
THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 11(1) TO:

### **MINTO HOLDING CO. LTD.; "the Licencee"**

for the construction and operation of a Development, being a 2-cell wastewater treatment lagoon to serve the residents of the farmsite at Fairway Colony, as proposed in the Proposal dated October 7, 1994, and as shown in Appendix 'A' attached to this Licence, and located in the western half of Section 8, Township 11, Range 16 WPM in the R.M. of North Cypress, with the treated effluent to be discharged by spray irrigation onto agricultural land, subject to the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions:

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this Licence:

"approved" means approved by the Director in writing;

"as constructed drawings" means engineering drawings complete with all dimensions which indicate all features of the Development as it has actually been built;

"appurtenances" means machinery, appliances, or auxiliary structures attached to a main structure to enable it to function, but not considered an integral part of it;

"ASAE" means the American Society of Agricultural Engineers;

"ASTM" means the American Society for Testing and Materials;

"Director" means a person so designated pursuant to The Environment Act;

"effluent" means treated wastewater flowing or pumped out of the wastewater treatment lagoon into the environment;

"fallow land" means land which is ordinarily used for crop production but has been allowed to lie idle either in a tilled or untilled condition during the whole or greater portion of the growing season;

"fecal coliform" means aerobic and facultative, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria capable of growth at 44.5 °C, and associated with fecal matter of warm blooded animals;

“five-day biochemical oxygen demand” means that part of the oxygen demand usually associated with biochemical oxidation of organic matter within 5 days at a temperature of 20 °C;

“hazardous waste” means a product, substance or organism that meets the criteria set out in the Classification Criteria for Products, Substances and Organisms Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 282/87, and that is intended for treatment or disposal and includes recyclable material;

“high water mark” means the line on the interior surface of a lagoon cell which is normally reached when the cell is at the maximum allowable liquid level;

“hydraulic conductivity” means the quantity of water that will flow through a unit cross-sectional area of a porous material per unit of time under a hydraulic gradient of 1.0;

“livestock waste” means solid and/or liquid excretions from livestock;

“livestock” means animals or poultry not kept exclusively as pets, excluding bees;

“low water mark” means the line on the interior surface of a lagoon cell which is normally reached when the cell is discharged;

“mg/L” means milligrams per litre;

“MPN index” means the most probable number of coliform organisms in a given volume of wastewater or effluent which, in accordance with statistical theory, would yield the observed test result with the greatest frequency;

“pest” means any injurious, noxious or troublesome, insect, weed, rodent, fungus, algae, or other plant or animal;

“pesticide” means any chemical or biological agent registered under the Pest Control Products Act of Canada and used or represented as a means for preventing, destroying, mitigating or controlling any pest;

“primary cell” means the first in a series of cells making up a wastewater treatment lagoon system which receives untreated or pretreated wastewater;

“rip rap” means small, broken stones or boulders placed compactly or irregularly on dykes or similar embankments for protection of earthen surfaces against the wave action or current of liquids;

“secondary cell” means a cell of a wastewater treatment lagoon system which receives partially treated wastewater from the primary cell;

“sewage” means untreated household and commercial wastewater that contains human waste;



"sodium adsorption ratio" means the sodicity or excess sodium (Na) in irrigation water relative to the calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg) content calculated as  
$$= (0.043 * Na) / \{ (0.025 * Ca) + (0.041 * Mg) \}^{0.5}$$
, where Ca, Mg and Na are expressed as milligrams per litre;

"total coliform" means a group of aerobic and facultative anaerobic, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria, that ferment lactose with gas and acid formation within 48 hours at 35 °C, and inhabit predominantly the intestines of man or animals, but are occasionally found elsewhere, and include the sub-group of fecal coliform bacteria;

"wastewater" means liquids containing pollutants, as defined in The Environment Act, which are designated for discharge into the environment; and

"wastewater treatment lagoon" means an impoundment consisting of a series of lagoon cells into which wastewater is discharged for storage and for treatment by natural oxidation.

### GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Notwithstanding any of the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions specified in this Licence, the Licencee shall, upon the request of the Director:
  - (a) sample, monitor, analyze and/or investigate specific areas of concern regarding any segment, component or aspect of pollutant storage, containment, handling, treatment, and disposal systems, for such pollutants, ambient quality, aquatic toxicity, seepage characteristics and discharge rates, and for such duration and frequencies as may be specified; and/or
  - (b) determine the environmental impact associated with the release of any pollutants from the Development; and/or
  - (c) provide the Director, within such time as may be specified, with such reports, drawings, specifications, analytical data, bioassay data, flow rate measurements and such other information as may from time to time be requested.
2. The Licencee shall carry out all preservations and analyses of liquid samples in accordance with the methods prescribed in the most recent edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Waterworks Association and the Water Pollution Control Federation, or in accordance with equivalent preservation and analytical methodologies approved by the Director.
3. The Licencee shall report all the information requested through the provisions of this Licence in a manner and form acceptable to the Director.

## CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

4. The Licencee shall, prior to the construction of the dykes for the new primary and secondary cells, remove all organic topsoil from the area where the dykes will be constructed.
5. The Licencee shall construct and maintain a continuous poly-vinyl chloride geosynthetic membrane liner underlying the interior surface of each cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon such that:
  - (a) the liner shall be installed in accordance with ASAE Standard EP340.2 for the Installation of Flexible Membrane Linings;
  - (b) the liner shall be installed to minimum elevations of 1.8 metres above the base of both the primary and secondary cells respectively;
  - (c) the liner shall have a minimum thickness of 0.5 mm (20 mils);
  - (d) the liner shall be free of holes and its hydraulic conductivity shall not exceed  $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$  centimetres per second over the entire surface area of both the primary and secondary cells;
  - (e) in accordance with ASTM Standard D-4437, the integrity of all field seams shall be tested by the air lance or ultrasonic pulse echo test methods and a testing report shall be prepared; and
  - (f) the liner shall be covered with sand or other granular cover material to a minimum depth of 0.30 metre measured perpendicular to the surface of the liner.
6. The Licencee shall construct and maintain a gas relief system under the liner of each cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon.
7. The Licencee shall:
  - (a) install and maintain a fence around the entire wastewater treatment lagoon facility to control access, with the fence appropriately distanced from the outside toe of the perimeter dykes or the perimeter ditch so as to facilitate the access of vehicles or machinery for proper maintenance of the dykes and perimeter ditches; and
  - (b) erect and maintain warning signs along the fence indicating the nature of the facility and advising against trespassing, with each side of the wastewater treatment lagoon facility provided with at least one or more such signs separated by no more than 150 metres as measured along the perimeter length of the fence.
8. The Licencee shall:
  - (a) arrange with the designated Environment Officer a mutually acceptable date and time, any time between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of October of any year, for the Environment Officer to observe the testing carried out on the liners pursuant to Clause 5 of this Licence; and
  - (b) submit to the Director, at least 2 weeks before each cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon is placed into operation, a copy of all reports and results of the tests carried out



on the liners pursuant to Clause 5 of this Licence, for the respective cell which is to be placed into operation.

9. The Licencee shall notify the Director in writing at least one week in advance of the date on which the constructed wastewater treatment lagoon is to be commissioned into use.
10. The Licencee shall prepare and submit to the Director two sets of 'as constructed drawings', labelled 'As Constructed', of the wastewater treatment lagoon and all appurtenances no later than one month after the completed construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon.

### OPERATING LIMITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11. Upon the date on which the new wastewater treatment lagoon is commissioned into use, and any time thereafter, the Licencee shall direct all sewage generated at the Spruce Woods Colony farmsite only into the primary cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon, unless otherwise approved by the Director.
12. The Licencee shall ensure that the following substances are not discharged to the wastewater collection system or the wastewater treatment lagoon:
  - (a) pesticides;
  - (b) hazardous wastes; and
  - (c) livestock waste.
13. The Licencee shall operate and maintain the wastewater treatment lagoon in such a manner that:
  - (a) the release of offensive odours is minimized;
  - (b) the organic loading on the primary cell, as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand, is not in excess of 56 kilograms per hectare per day; and
  - (c) the depth of liquid in the primary cell or secondary cell does not exceed 1.5 metres.
14. The Licencee shall not release effluent from the wastewater treatment lagoon into the environment:
  - (a) during the calendar period extending from the first day of October in any year up to and including the fifteenth day of May in the following year;
  - (b) onto fallow land;
  - (c) towards or into any natural or manmade surface waterway or drainage system; or
  - (d) if the quality of any grab sample taken of the effluent is such that:
    - (i) the organic content of the effluent, as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand, is greater than 30 milligrams per litre;
    - (ii) the fecal coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is greater than 200 per 100 millilitres of sample; or

- (iii) the total coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is greater than 1500 per 100 millilitres of sample.
15. The Licencee shall ensure that all effluent is disposed of only by spray irrigation, and that:
- (a) the effluent is applied only from the secondary cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon onto agricultural land owned or lawfully controlled by the Licencee;
  - (b) the effluent is used to irrigate only:
    - (i) actively growing cereal, forage or oil seed crops; and/or
    - (ii) grasslands which will not be utilized for grazing:
      - A. by dairy cattle for at least 30 days after effluent is applied; or
      - B. by livestock other than dairy cattle for at least seven days after effluent is applied;
  - (c) following the irrigation of agricultural crops, harvesting of the crops does not take place for at least seven days;
  - (d) if corn has been irrigated, it is used solely for making silage;
  - (e) for at least 10 continuous hours in every 24-hour period, no effluent is applied to the particular lands;
  - (g) an effluent application rate of 50 millimetres per year is not exceeded on any applied land;
  - (h) the effluent application rate is appropriately controlled and distributed over a large enough area of land so as not to cause any ponding or surface runoff of effluent during its application;
  - (i) the sodium adsorption ratio of the effluent does not exceed 8.0;
  - (j) the application rate of chlorides in the effluent does not exceed 75 kilograms per hectare per year; and
  - (k) where supplementary nutrients are applied to the irrigated fields, the combined nutrient loading does not exceed the nutrient requirements for the specific crop(s) being grown.
16. The Licencee shall not discharge effluent by spray irrigation:
- (a) within 300 metres of any dwelling not owned or lawfully controlled by the Licencee;
  - (b) within 100 metres of any surface waterway or groundwater well; or
  - (c) within 100 metres of any adjoining property boundary.
17. If in the opinion of the Director, significant erosion of the granular material covering the liner is occurring or has occurred in the course of the operation of the wastewater treatment lagoon, the Licencee shall make such repairs and/or place rip rap on the interior dyke surfaces from 0.6 metres above the high water mark to 0.6 metres below the low water mark to protect the dykes from wave action to the degree satisfactory to the Director.



## MONITORING AND REPORTING

18. The Licencee shall, within one year of the date of issuance of this Licence, provide the Director with 2 copies of:

- (a) a scaled site plan of all the effluent irrigation sites dedicated for potential use in conjunction with this Development, including the locations of adjoining property boundaries and dwellings not owned or lawfully controlled by the Licencee; and
- (b) a scaled topographic map for all effluent irrigation sites identified in sub-Clause 18(a) of this Licence, which includes:
  - (i) elevation contours;
  - (ii) the identification of any surface waterways and groundwater wells within 100 metres of the outer boundaries of the irrigation sites; and
  - (iii) the land drainage pattern within a one kilometre radius of all the irrigation sites;

and shall subsequently advise the Director of any changes or revisions made in the future to the information so provided through this Clause.

19. The Licencee shall:

- (a) prior to each effluent discharge campaign obtain grab samples of the treated wastewater and have them analyzed for:
  - (i) the organic content as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
  - (ii) the fecal coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample; and
  - (iii) the total coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
- (b) once each year obtain a grab sample of the effluent and have it analyzed for each of the sodium, calcium, magnesium and chloride content expressed as milligrams per litre, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Director;
- (c) during each year maintain records of:
  - (i) effluent sampling dates;
  - (ii) original copies of laboratory analytical results of the sampled effluent;
  - (iii) effluent discharge dates;
  - (iv) the volume of effluent released and applied to land (expressed as cubic metres);
  - (v) the area of land irrigated with the effluent (expressed as hectares);
  - (vi) a site plan identifying the location(s) of the area(s) of land irrigated; and
  - (vii) the type of crop(s) to which effluent was applied;
- (d) make the records being maintained pursuant to sub-Clause 19(c) of this Licence available to an Environment Officer upon request; and
- (e) keep the maintained records of any one calendar year available for inspection for a period of three years following the respective calendar year in which they were recorded.

20. The Licencee shall, in case of a physical or mechanical breakdown of the wastewater collection and/or treatment system:
- (a) notify the Director immediately;
  - (b) identify the repairs required to the wastewater collection and/or treatment system;
  - (c) undertake all repairs to minimize unauthorized discharges of wastewater; and
  - (d) complete the repairs in accordance with any written instructions of the Director.

### REVIEW OR REVOCATION

21. If in the opinion of the Director the Licencee has failed or is failing to comply with any of the specifications, limits, terms or conditions set out herein, the Director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this Licence.
22. This Licence may be reviewed at any time if, in the opinion of the Director, any changes made to the proposal and the manner of operation of the Development as stated in the Licencee's Proposal dated October 7, 1994, and supplementary information provided on June 16, 1995, are likely to alter the environmental effects of the Development, or if any information acquired through the provisions of this Licence, or otherwise, gives rise to new evidence to warrant any change(s) to this Licence.



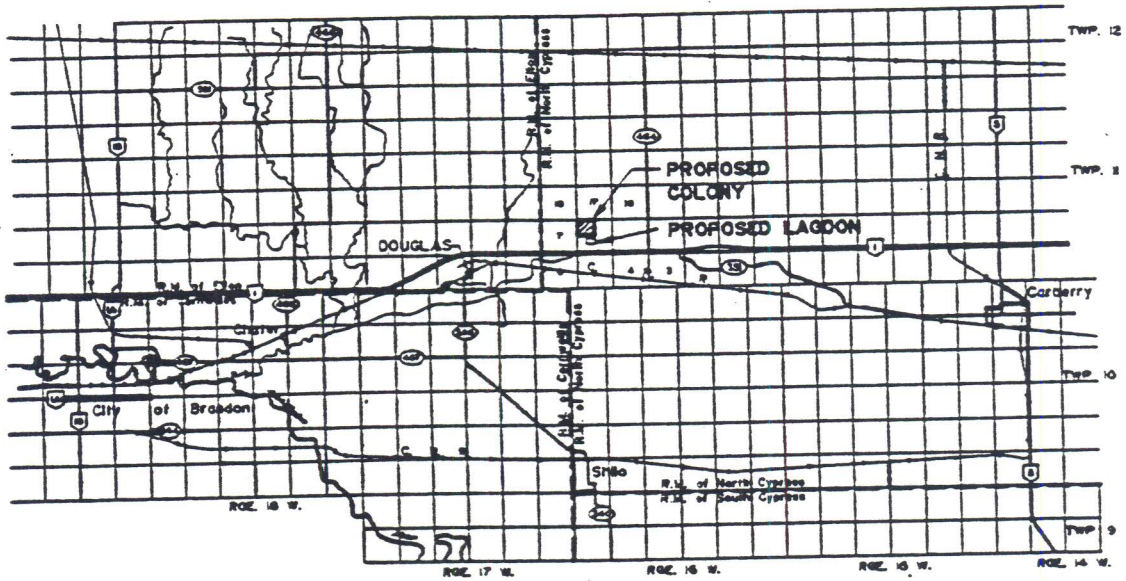
---

Larry Strachan, P. Eng.  
Director  
Environment Act

**File: 3960.0**



APPENDIX 'A'



LOCATION PLAN

