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UPDATE: Odour Reduction Equipment

Additional equipment

On beginning pet food production in Castle Cary, we were able to assess our new site and listen to feedback from some local residents experiencing pet food odour. We requested advice from independent experts on odour reduction equipment we could put in place, in addition to the 2 non-thermal plasma (APP) units already installed (considered an EU best available technique). Of the various available systems, carbon filtration was chosen as one which would give the best possible odour reduction, working well with our production schedule. In addition to 2 carbon filters, we decided also to install a condenser to further enhance their effectiveness.

Non-thermal plasma:
high-energy electrons break down odour molecules

Condenser:
cools the steam to increase life duration of the carbon filter

Carbon filter:
highly porous activated carbon absorbs odour molecules



Condenser in-situ

Equipment delivery

Following weeks of intense preparation on site and a huge level of support and cooperation from our equipment suppliers, all components of our condenser and carbon filters have been delivered. This has included 3 large stainless steel modules for the condenser weighing more than 3 tonnes and 18 cubic metres of activated carbon for the two carbon filtration systems.

Results of a trial of carbon filtration at our sister operation in France have been extremely positive leading us to believe that we are on the threshold of resolving concerns raised by some residents and fulfilling our commitment to be a widely respected and progressive local employer.

We are pleased that following submission of our application for variation in operating permit to reflect our additional equipment, the four-week long consultation process undertaken by the Environment Agency has given everyone the opportunity to have their say, so we can work together in a spirit of cooperation, enabling us to implement a long term solution as we prepare for the future.

Current position 6th August

Following final discussions last week with the Environment Agency team, whom we thank for their hard work, the variation to our operating permit has been granted and all pre-operational conditions finalised. This means we can now commission our additional equipment.

We are grateful to our equipment suppliers and specialist advisers for enabling us to meet the extremely challenging delivery and installation schedule and thanks to many people our equipment is now installed and will be switched on Monday 11th August. We would also like to thank those many members of the local community who have given help, support & encouragement.

We remain as ever committed to being a respected member of our local community.

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