



## Shellden Pty Ltd - Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

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### 1 Purpose and Objective

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been compiled in order to satisfy the obligations of the Licensee under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) and associated Acts and Regulations.

In accordance with Part 3A clause 98D of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012 the following sections of the site's plan are hereby made publicly available.

This PIRMP covers two activities conducted at the site: (i) meat processing and (ii) rendering of animal fats.

### 2 Scope

This document comprises Shellden Pty Ltd, meat processing plant located at Singleton NSW and applies to all activities, products and services on the Shellden site.

### 3 Legislative Requirements

The PIRMP responds to the specific legislative requirements for the development and implementation of the PIRMP shown in the following table.

Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act)
Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 (POELA Act)
The Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response management Plans) Regulation 2012
New South Wales Environmental Protection License (EPL) 11279 (E.C. Throsby Pty Ltd)

### 4 Requirements for Notification of a Pollution Incident

#### 4.1 What must be notified

A pollution incident is required to be immediately notified if there is a risk of 'material harm to the environment', as defined under section 147 of the POEO Act.

Harm to the environment is material if:

- it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or
- to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
- it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or
- amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

#### 4.2 Responsibility to Notify

Under Section 148 of the POEO Act, the following people have a duty to notify a pollution incident occurring in the course of an activity that causes or threatens material harm to the environment:

- The person carrying on the activity;
- An employee or agent carrying on the activity;



- An employer carrying on the activity;
- The occupier of the premises where the incident occurs.

Notification must be given immediately, i.e. promptly and without delay, after the person becomes aware of the incident.

### **4.3 Emergency Response**

If a pollution incident should occur, all necessary action should be taken to minimise the size and any adverse effects of the release. If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service should be contacted first for emergency assistance (phone 000).

The other response agencies must still be contacted after that to satisfy notification obligations.

### **4.4 Contaminated Land**

Persons whose activities have contaminated land and owners of land who become aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that the land has been contaminated, must notify the EPA as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the contamination, if the contamination meets certain criteria. The duty to notify is a requirement under section 60 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (CLM Act).

## **5 Shellden Site Notification & Communication Procedures**

### **5.1 Notification and Contact Details for Relevant Authorities**

In response to requirements under the POEO Act regarding pollution incident notification, the following specific information and contact details are provided for EC Throsby Pty Ltd in the event of an environmental incident.

If an environmental incident is determined to have caused or threatened material harm to the environment at the Shellden site, the following relevant authorities must be contacted immediately, in alignment with internal notification and escalation procedures, in the order detailed below:

Order Authority Phone

1. If immediate threat to property or to human health:

Call 000 - refer as appropriate to Fire & Rescue NSW; or NSW Police; or Ambulance Service NSW.

2. If there is no immediate threat to property or to human health, or once a call has been made to 000, the license holder or agent must notify the following relevant authorities:

- Local Council – Singleton Council - 02 6578 7290
- EPA. Environment Protection Authority 131 555
- Hunter Health NSW Local Health Unit
- Work Cover Authority 13 10 50
- Fire & Rescue NSW 000

All these details are also shown in the Shellden PIRMP which is stored on the site.

Complying with these notification requirements does not remove the need to comply with any other obligations for incident notification, for example, those that apply under other environment protection legislation or legislation administered by Work Cover NSW.

### **5.2 Communicating with the local community**

Communication and updates regarding pollution incidents will be undertaken in accordance with existing emergency response procedure, dependent upon the nature and scale of an incident.

#### **5.2.1 Dangerous goods on site**

The site contains the following dangerous goods (location in brackets):

- LPG tanks (adjacent to hardstand area, southwestern corner)



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- Carbon dioxide tank (eastern side of plant building)
- Ammonia in sealed refrigeration unit (northern side of plant building near plant room)

### 5.2.1 Immediate Neighbours

In the event of a notifiable pollution incident, and dependent upon nature and scale, immediate neighbouring properties will be contacted under the direction of Emergency Services with immediate response information.

### 5.2.2 Shellden Contact Details

Contact details for Shellden Pty Ltd are available via local directories and the company's website:  
[www.ecthrosby.com.au](http://www.ecthrosby.com.au).

The primary contact details for the Shellden plant are:

Address: Old Northern Road, Cnr New England and Golden Highway. Whittingham. NSW. 2330

Phone (02) 02 6574 7777 Working Hours (24 Hour Complaints Line)