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Briefing Document

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR A SECOND READING ON THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE – MANAGEMENT OF WASTE FROM THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee, 12th - 13th July 2005

We would like to make some comments ahead of your further discussions on this Directive and amendments 1-75 to the Common Position at the committee meeting next week.

The British Aggregates Association (BAA) has more than 70 members and represents the interests of over 50 privately-owned and independent SME quarry companies throughout the UK operating out of over 100 individual sites with some 10% of national output. We are members of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and the Construction Products Association (CPA). We maintain strong links with other companies and Associations in both the UK and in the EU.

We believe that the Common Position already meets the required needs and concerns following the metalliferous tailings dam incidents of the late 1990s. The effort in producing the Common Position was an excellent tribute to the various stakeholder groups working constructively together – industry with other stakeholder groups, ODPM DTI and DEFRA government representatives, EU and MEPs.

Our primary concern is to ensure that the category of non-hazardous non-inert waste continues to be appropriately dealt with on a proportionality basis as has been already addressed in the Common Position Annex III and individual sites dealt with on a case-by-case basis. We strongly urge you to reject amendments 2, 8, 9, 10, 37, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51.

Our members represent the SME sector of the industry producing non-hazardous non-inert wastes (overburden and topsoil) into category B sites. The impact on this sector of blanket re-introduction of additional bureaucracy with no environmental benefit would have particularly adverse impact on our members.

We have been closely involved in developing the CBI Minerals joint recommendation and fully support their proposed amendments and have attached their “key issues of concern” and would recommend you also support this position.

If you have any questions concerning our response please contact me further.

Yours Sincerely

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