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Technical Review Coordination Unit  
Manitoba Municipal Relations

re: Millenni Egg Farm Public Comment

To whom it may concern,

We have received copies of the public comments in regard to our project. We understand these concerns as nobody wants to see development in or around the communities where they live for fear of such development impacting their lives in a negative way. On the other hand, the tax base from development adds significant value to the community. This is a delicate balance that municipalities must consider.

Keeping this in mind, I would like to very respectfully respond to these concerns and comments.

Millenni Egg (2010) Inc. purchased some of the assets of Willowridge Pullet Farm in 2017. Willowridge Pullet Farm was built in 1998 and the first chicks were housed in 1999. This farm opened originally with 759 animal units of production. The owners at the time did follow the proper environmental process and applied for a liquid manure permit. They were granted a permit for their liquid manure pit prior to commencing operations. This permit is still in place today.

Our plans for the site are as follows:

1. Build one free run pullet barn with a capacity of 148 animal units.
  - This type of housing is similar to the type of barn used in broiler production
  - Will have a separate manure storage for what will be very dry manure coming from this barn
  - We will grow pullets for the layer barns that we will build on this site
2. Build 3 free run aviary layer barns with capacity for 374 animal units each
  - Once again, similar to barns used for broiler production
  - Very dry manure
  - Will have 2 separate manure storages for the 3 barns
3. Decommission the old cage layer pullet barn and liquid manure storage system
  - We will be taking down the old pullet barn
  - We will decommission the lagoon
  - We will be following Manitoba Conservation approved steps for closing a liquid manure storage lagoon

In the end, we will eventually have 1270 animal units. The manure will be 75% dry matter so actually pretty dusty and very little smell to it.

The project was originally approved in 1998 with 759 animal units of production. We are asking to increase this to 1,270, an increase of 511 units or about 67%.

Regarding water consumption, it is true that the layers and pullets will consume approximately 135% more water than the current operation. Although this has no bearing on the technical review of the merits of this project, we believe it is worth noting that the overall water consumption of our two farms (New Bothwell and Dufrost) will drop by approximately 2,000,000 litres per year following completion of this project.

Agra Gold manages our nutrient management program for the farm. Working with local farmers, we have signed agreements for the requisite number of spread acres per Manitoba Conservation guidelines. All of the requisite soil tests along with all other best practices for manure management will be performed on an annual basis.

Having read the comments from the public regarding manure spreading, there are 2 parcels of land that are right beside New Bothwell. We have re evaluated using those two parcels for our spread acres and have secured land elsewhere to avoid the very unlikely event of an issue with chicken manure odour affecting the town.

As for the fact that we do not live in the community of New Bothwell, we will leave that one alone. I would hope that we will be judged for our actions, not where we live. We are multi generational egg farmers with many years of experience in managing modern egg production facilities. Our families have farms in many communities. We are looked upon as a good neighbour in each and every one of these communities.

If any further information is required, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly

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