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Land Use Consent

Under Section 104B of the Resource Management Act 1991, a resource consent is granted by the Southland Regional Council to **Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Limited** of **729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road, RD 1, Morton Mains, Invercargill 9871** from **27 March 2026**.

Please read this Consent carefully, and ensure that any staff or contractors carrying out activities under this Consent on your behalf are aware of all the conditions of the Consent.

Details of Permit

Purpose for which permit is granted:	To use land to maintain, and use three non-agricultural effluent storage ponds, for the treatment and storage of meat works effluent
Location	- site locality 729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road, Morton Mains - map reference NZTM2000 1264980E, 4857640N - groundwater zone Waihopai - physiographic zone Oxidising - catchment Waihopai River
Legal description of land at the site:	Lot 1 DP 595
Expiry date:	27 March 2051

Schedule of Conditions

General Conditions

1. This consent authorises the maintenance, and use of three non-agricultural effluent pond structures and ancillary structures for the treatment and storage of meat works effluent including any incidental discharge of meat works effluent directly onto or into land from the ponds which is within the normal operating parameters of a leak detection system, as described in the application¹ for resource consent dated 29 July 2022. The structures described in the application are:

¹ Environment Southland Document ID: A808220

- (a) an effluent storage pond structure (Flow equalisation basin) with a capacity of no more than 800 cubic metres of effluent;
- (b) an effluent storage pond structure (Covered anaerobic lagoon) with a capacity of no more than 5,000 cubic metres of effluent; and
- (c) an effluent storage pond structure (SBR lagoon) with a capacity of no more than 6,000 cubic metres of effluent.

Operational Requirements and Limitations

- 2. The use and maintenance of the structures authorised by this consent must operate within the normal operating parameters of the leak detection system, and must not result in the incidental discharge of meat works effluent above the normal operating parameters of the leak detection system.
- 3. There must be no overland or lateral flow, or overtopping or overflowing of meat works effluent from or outside of, or visible or noticeable leakage from, the structures authorised by this consent, during the use and maintenance of the structures.

Advice Note: *Visible or noticeable leakage can include noticeable effluent odour from the leak detection chamber/system that could indicate effluent leaking from the effluent pond or the discoloration of water within the leak detection chamber.*

- 4. This consent does not authorise any construction or reconstruction, including re-lining of any of the structures authorised by this consent.

Inspections and monitoring

- 5.
 - (a) At least once each calendar year, the consent holder shall:
 - i. inspect each pond to check for cracks, holes, or defects; and
 - ii. take photographs of the ponds as part of the inspection.
 - (b) The consent holder shall maintain a record of the inspections and photographs taken under condition 5(a) and shall provide the record to the Consent Authority upon request.
- 6.
 - (a) In the years 2034, 2043, and 2052 the consent holder shall:
 - i. Obtain written certification from a Suitably Qualified person, in accordance with Appendix A of this consent that the flow equalization basin meets the relevant pond drop test criteria of Appendix A; and
 - ii. Obtain written confirmation from a Suitably Qualified person that all the structures authorised by this consent have no visible cracks, holes or defects that would allow effluent to leak from the structures.
 - (b) The certification required by condition 6(a) shall be accompanied by photographs of the structures (date and time stamped) and be supplied to the Consent Authority within one month of receiving the certification.
- 7. The Consent Holder shall notify the Consent Authority within 48 hours if the inspections required by condition 5, the certification required by condition 6, or any other inspection or testing identifies that:

- (a) One or more of the structures are not structurally sound (which may be identified through the presence of slumping, hollows, bulges, or defects on either the inside or outside walls of the structure); or
 - (b) Leakage is detected from the pond structures; or
 - (c) One or more of the structures has visible cracks, holes or defects that would allow effluent to leak from the structures.
8. Within one week of notifying the Consent Authority under condition 7, the Consent Holder shall advise the Consent Authority in writing of the steps that will be taken to ensure that the structure is made suitable for ongoing use, including:
- (a) any additional testing to be undertaken;
 - (b) an outline of the proposed works to be undertaken to remediate the structure;
 - (c) the timeframe for completion, which shall be no longer than 3 months;
 - (d) identification of whether the works will require consent for reconstruction of the structure (rather than the maintenance authorised by this consent);
 - (e) the additional mitigation measures that will be employed to minimise the adverse effects of the leaking structure prior to remediation being undertaken; and
 - (f) testing, certification, or inspections to be completed following the works to demonstrate that the structure is able to comply with the conditions of this consent.

Operational Management Plan

9. The consent holder shall have and maintain an Operational Management Plan for the structures authorised by this consent. The Operational Management Plan shall include:
- (a) Operational procedures relating to the structures;
 - (b) Emergency responses;
 - (c) Monitoring and reporting requirements;
 - (d) Operational and monitoring procedures for the leak detection system, including further investigation measures, which are sufficient to identify whether effluent is leaking from the pond structures;
 - (e) The undertaking of pond drop tests/visual inspections; and
 - (f) A record of any maintenance work undertaken
10. The Operational Management Plan required by condition 9 shall be reviewed at least once each year, with the outcome of the review provided to the Consent Authority within one month.
11. If an event (such as effluent overflow to water or collapse of the structure) occurs that may have significant adverse effect on water quality, particularly at the abstraction point of a registered drinking-water supply, the consent holder shall notify, as soon as reasonably practicable, the following:
- (a) the Consent Authority (ph 03 211 5115 or 03 211 5225 after hours).

for the **Southland Regional Council**



Lacey Bragg
Consents Manager

Notes:

1. *The consent holder shall pay an annual administration and monitoring charge to the Consent Authority, payable on invoice. This charge may include the costs of inspecting the operation of this resource consent.*

Appendix A: Pond drop test criteria

Effluent Pond Drop Test Methodology:

1. Testing is undertaken over a minimum period of 48 hours.
2. Testing recording equipment is to be accurate to 0.8mm or less.
3. Continuous readings are to be taken over the entire test period at not more than 10 second intervals.
4. Any change in pond fluid level over the test period needs to be accounted for.
5. Ponds must be at or over 75% design depth before a test can be undertaken.
6. The pond has been de-sludged in the 12 months prior to the test being undertaken and there shall be no sludge or crust on the pond surface during the test.
7. The pond surface is not frozen during any part of the testing.
8. An anemometer shall be installed for the duration of the test and wind speed shall be at 10 metres per second or less for at least 24 hours during the test.

Pass/Fail Criteria:

When tested in accordance with the methodology above, the pond 'meets' the pond drop test criteria if the maximum pond level drop does not exceed the following:

Maximum Depth of Pond (m) excluding freeboard	Maximum Allowable Pond Level Drop (mm per 24 hours)
<0.5	1.2
0.5 to 1.0	1.4
1.0 to 1.5	1.6
1.5 to 2.0	1.8
>2.0	2.0