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File No: 267.00  
Licence No.: 3336

September 22, 2020

Joel Grant  
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**Re: Environment Act Licence No. 3336**

Dear Joel Grant:

Enclosed is Environment Act Licence No. 3336, issued to **Maple Leaf Foods** for the expansion and operation of the Development being a meat processing facility and wastewater pre-treatment system in accordance with the Notices of Alteration dated September 28, 2007, January 25, 2012, May 6, 2016, November 25, 2019 and June 12, 2020. This Licence replaces the version dated September 18, 2020 as it contained a typo.

In addition to the enclosed licence requirements, please be informed that all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws must be complied with. A Notice of Alteration must be filed with the Director for approval prior to any alteration to the Development as licensed.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Tyler Kneeshaw, Acting Regional Supervisor, Manitoba Conservation and Climate at [Tyler.Kneeshaw@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Tyler.Kneeshaw@gov.mb.ca) or 204-239-3608.

Pursuant to Section 27 of The Environment Act, this licensing decision may be appealed by any person who is affected by the issuance of this licence to the Minister of Conservation and Climate within 30 days of the date of the licence.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By*

Shannon Kohler, Director  
The Environment Act

cc: Kristal Harman, Peter Crocker, Nada Suresh – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement  
Siobhan Burland Ross - Environmental Approvals  
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# LICENCE

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Licence No. / Licence n° 3336

Issue Date / Date de délivrance September 22, 2020

In accordance with The Environment Act (C.C.S.M. c. E125) /  
Conformément à la Loi sur l'environnement (C.P.L.M. c. E125)

**Pursuant to Section 11(1) / Conformément au Paragraphe 11(1)**

**THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED TO: / CETTE LICENCE EST DONNÉE À:**

**MAPLE LEAF FOODS; "the Licencee"**

for the expansion and operation of the Development being a meat processing facility and wastewater pre-treatment system located at 870 Lagimodiere Boulevard in the City of Winnipeg with all wastewater being discharged to the City of Winnipeg collection system and in accordance with the Notices of Alteration dated September 28, 2007, January 25, 2012, May 6, 2016, November 25, 2019 and June 12, 2020 and subject to the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions:

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this Licence,

**"accredited laboratory"** means an analytical facility accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC), or accredited by another accrediting agency recognized by Manitoba Conservation and Climate to be equivalent to the SCC, or be able to demonstrate, upon request, that it has the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures in place equivalent to accreditation based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025, or otherwise approved by the Director;

**"affected area"** means a geographical area, excluding the property of the Development;

**"approved"** means approved by the Director or assigned Environment Officer in writing;

**"boiler"** means any combustion equipment fired with fossil fuel, biomass or a by-product derived from fossil fuel, for the purpose of generating hot water or steam;

**"dangerous good"** means a product, substance or organism as defined in The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act, or any amendments thereto;

**"day" or "daily"** means any 24-hour period;

**"Director"** means an employee so designated pursuant to The Environment Act;

**"dissolved air floatation (DAF) system"** means an aeration component in an industrial wastewater pre-treatment system;

**"effluent"** means wastewater flowing or pumped out of the meat processing plant;

**"Environment Officer"** means an employee so designated pursuant to The Environment Act;

**"Environmental Management System (EMS)"** means the part of the overall management system that includes organizational structure, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes, and resources for developing, implementing, achieving, reviewing and maintaining the environmental policy;

**"fugitive emissions"** means particulate matter escaping from sources within the Development into the atmosphere other than through any of the emission stacks or vents;

**"industrial wastewater"** means wastewater derived from an industry which manufactures, handles or processes a product and does not include wastewater from commercial and residential buildings;

**"meat processing plant"** means the main meat processing plant structure;

**"noise nuisance"** means an unwanted sound, in an affected area, which is annoying, troublesome, or disagreeable to a person:

- (a) residing in an affected area;
- (b) working in an affected area; or
- (c) present at a location in an affected area which is normally open to members of the public;

if the unwanted sound

- (d) is the subject of at least 5 written complaints, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director and within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c), who do not live in the same household; or
- (e) is the subject of at least one written complaint, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director, from a person falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c) and the Director is of the opinion that if the unwanted sound had occurred in a more densely populated area there would have been at least 5 written complaints received within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons who do not live in the same household;

**"odour nuisance"** means a continuous or repeated odour, smell or aroma, in an affected area, which is offensive, obnoxious, troublesome, annoying, unpleasant or disagreeable to a person:

- (a) residing in an affected area;
- (b) working in an affected area; or

- (c) present at a location in an affected area which is normally open to members of the public;  
if the odour, smell or aroma
- (d) is the subject of at least 5 written complaints, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director and within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c), who do not live in the same household; or
- (e) is the subject of at least one written complaint, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director, from a person falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c) and the Director is of the opinion that if the odour, smell or aroma had occurred in a more densely populated area there would have been at least 5 written complaints received within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons who do not live in the same household;

**"Operator"** means a person certified to operate the wastewater collection system and the water treatment plant employed by the Licencee to manage the functional day-to-day operation of the wastewater collection system and the water treatment plant within the constraints of this Licence;

**"particulate matter"** means any finely divided liquid or solid matter other than water droplets;

**"point source"** means any point of emission from a Development where pollutants are emitted to the atmosphere by means of a stack;

**"pollutant"** means a pollutant as defined in The Environment Act;

**"process wastewater"** means a liquid stream, containing or comprised of process water or any chemicals used by the Development, which is designated for release into the environment;

**"record drawings"** means engineering drawings complete with all dimensions which indicate all features of the Development as it has actually been built;

**"SDS"** means safety data sheets;

**"solid waste"** means solid waste as defined in Manitoba Regulation 37/2016, or any future amendments thereto, respecting waste disposal grounds, excluding waste rock;

**"stack"** means a duct, pipe, chimney, vent, opening or other structure through which pollutants are emitted to the atmosphere;

**"Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater"** means the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Waterworks Association and the Water Environment Federation;

**"visible emissions"** means any air-borne particulate matter which obscures visibility;

**"waste disposal ground"** means an area of land designated by a person, municipality, provincial government agency, or crown corporation for the disposal of waste and approved for use in accordance with Manitoba Regulation 37/2016, or any future amendments thereto, or a Licence pursuant to The Environment Act;

**"wastewater"** means the spent or used water of a community or industry which contains dissolved and suspended matter;

**"wastewater collection system"** means the sewer and pumping system used for the collection and conveyance of domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater;

**"wastewater pre-treatment plant"** means the treatment and management of wastewater prior to discharging the wastewater to the City of Winnipeg collection system; and

**"WHMIS"** means Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System.

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This Section of the Licence contains requirements intended to provide guidance to the Licencee in implementing practices to ensure that the environment is maintained in such a manner as to sustain a high quality of life, including social and economic development, recreation and leisure for present and future Manitobans.

#### **Retain Copy of Licence**

1. The Licencee shall at all times maintain a copy of this licence at the Development or at the premises from which the Development's operations are managed.

#### **Future Sampling**

2. In addition to any of the limits, terms and conditions specified in this Licence, the Licencee shall, upon the request of the Director:
  - a) sample, monitor, analyze and/or investigate specific areas of concern regarding any segment, component or aspect of pollutant storage, containment, treatment, handling, disposal or emission systems, for such pollutants or ambient quality, aquatic toxicity, leachate characteristics and discharge or emission rates, for such duration and at such frequencies as may be specified;
  - b) determine the environmental impact associated with the release of any pollutant(s) from the Development;
  - c) conduct specific investigations in response to the data gathered during environmental monitoring programs; or
  - d) provide the Director, within such time as may be specified, with such reports, drawings, specifications, analytical data, descriptions of sampling and analytical

procedures being used, bioassay data, flow rate measurements and such other information as may from time to time be requested.

3. The Licencee shall, unless otherwise specified in this Licence:
  - a) carry out all preservations and analyses on liquid samples in accordance with the methods prescribed in the most current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater or in accordance with equivalent preservation and analytical methodologies approved by the Director;
  - b) carry out all sampling of, and preservation and analyses on, soil, compost, and air samples in accordance with methodologies approved by the Director;
  - c) have all analytical determinations undertaken by an accredited laboratory; and
  - d) report the results to the Director, in writing and in an electronic format acceptable to the Director, within 60 days of the samples being taken.

### **Reporting Format**

4. The Licencee shall submit all information required to be provided to the Director or Environment Officer under this Licence, in written and electronic format, in such form (including number of copies) and of such content as may be required by the Director or Environment Officer, and each submission shall be clearly labeled with the Licence Number and File Number associated with this Licence.

### **Equipment Breakdown**

5. The Licencee shall, in the case of physical or mechanical equipment breakdown or process upset where such breakdown or process upset results or may result in the release of a pollutant in an amount or concentration, or at a level or rate of release, that causes or may cause a significant adverse effect, immediately report the event by calling the 24-hour environmental accident reporting line at 204-944-4888 (toll-free 1-855-944-4888). The report shall indicate the nature of the event, the time and estimated duration of the event and the reason for the event.
6. The Licencee shall, following the reporting of an event pursuant to Clause 5,
  - a) identify the repairs required to the mechanical equipment;
  - b) undertake all repairs to minimize unauthorized discharges of a pollutant;
  - c) complete the repairs in accordance with any written instructions of the Director; and
  - d) submit a report to the Director about the causes of breakdown and measures taken, within one week of the repairs being done.

### **Safety and Security**

7. The Licencee shall continually maintain an up-to-date inventory of any process and cleaning chemicals used and/or stored on-site that would be captured by any applicable federal/provincial WHMIS regulations and protocols, and make this information and applicable MSDS sheets available to an Environment Officer upon request.

8. The Licencee shall prepare, within 90 days of the date of issuance of this Licence, and maintain an emergency response contingency plan in accordance with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety “Emergency Response Planning Guide” or other emergency planning guidelines acceptable to the Director.
9. The Licencee shall implement and continually maintain in current status, an Environmental Management System (EMS) for the Development which is acceptable to the Director.

### **Environmental Coordinator**

10. The Licencee shall designate an employee, within 60 days of the date of issuance of this Licence, as the Licencee’s Environmental Coordinator, whose job description will include assisting the Licencee in complying with the limits, terms and conditions in this Licence and assisting Senior Management of the Licencee to manage environmental issues at the Development. The name of the Environmental Coordinator shall be submitted in writing to the Director within 14 days of appointment and any subsequent appointment.

### **Certification**

11. The Licencee shall obtain and maintain classification of the Development pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 77/2003 respecting Water and Wastewater Facility Operators or any future amendment thereof and maintain compliance with all requirements of the regulation including, but not limited to, the preparation and maintenance of a Table of Organization, Emergency Response Plan and Standard Operating Procedures.
12. The Licencee shall carry out the operation of the Development with individuals properly certified to do so pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 77/2003 respecting Water and Wastewater Facility Operators or any future amendment thereof.

## **SPECIFICATIONS, LIMITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Respecting Construction - General**

13. The Licencee shall notify the designated Environment Officer not less than two weeks prior to beginning any construction at the Development. The notification shall include the intended starting date of construction and the name of the contractor(s) responsible for the construction.
14. The Licencee shall obtain all necessary federal, provincial and/or municipal licences, authorizations, permits and/or approvals for construction of relevant components of the Development prior to commencement of construction.

15. The Licencee shall dispose of non-reusable construction debris from the Development at a waste disposal ground operating under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 37/2016 respecting Waste Management, or any future amendment thereof, or a Licence issued pursuant to The Environment Act.
16. The Licencee shall, during construction at the Development, operate, maintain and store all materials and equipment in a manner that prevents any deleterious substances (fuel, oil, grease, hydraulic fluids, coolant, paint, uncured concrete and concrete wash water, etc.) from entering watercourses, and have an emergency spill kit for in-water use available on site during construction.
17. The Licencee shall pressure test the integrity of the connections of any new underground piping of the Development, which is intended to transport wastewater under pressure, before such pipe connections are backfilled with earth and make repairs as required.

#### **Respecting the Operation of the Development**

18. The Licencee shall implement a high standard of equipment maintenance and good housekeeping and operational practices with respect to the Development, at all times.
19. The Licencee shall not direct pollutants into any surface drainage route leading off the property of the Development or into the local groundwater.

#### **Respecting Chemical Storage and Spill Containment**

20. The Licencee shall install and maintain spill recovery equipment at the Development at all times.
21. The Licencee shall comply with all the applicable requirements of:
  - a) Manitoba Regulation 188/2001, or any future amendment thereof, respecting the Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products;
  - b) The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act, and regulations issued thereunder, respecting the handling, transport, storage and disposal of any dangerous goods brought onto or generated at the Development; and
  - c) the Office of the Fire Commissioner – Province of Manitoba.
22. The Licencee shall provide containment for all vessels containing chemicals in each area of the development where the chemicals are stored, loaded, transferred, used or otherwise handled, in compliance with the National Fire Code of Canada (2010), or any future amendment thereof, such that any product leakage or spillage and any contaminated liquid generated is contained within the Development and contamination of groundwater and surface water is prevented.



**Respecting Air Pollution Control Devices**

23. The Licencee shall direct all air streams, which contain a pollutant(s) of concern to the Director, to a pollution control device which has been designed for and demonstrated to be capable of reducing, altering, eliminating or otherwise treating the pollutant(s).
24. The Licencee shall prepare, within 90 days of the issuance of this Licence, and maintain the following manuals which shall be kept at the Development and available for review upon request by an Environment Officer:
  - a) a standard operating procedural manual and a maintenance schedule for each air emission pollution control device based on the manufacturer's specifications and recommendations;
  - b) an updated standard operating procedural manual and a maintenance procedure for each air emission pollution control device within 120 days of the addition, elimination or change regarding any air emission control device; and
  - c) a copy of the manufacturer operational and maintenance manual.
25. The Licencee shall not operate any process directing an emission to an air pollution control device at the Development unless:
  - a) the operating and maintenance measures and status of the device are in full compliance with the approved procedures and timetables as per Clause 24;
  - b) all emissions from the process are directed to the fully operational air pollution control device;
  - c) all discharges of treated emissions from the air pollution control devices are immediately directed to a stack; and
  - d) the emissions do not contain concentrations of pollutants which:
    - i) are in violation of any other applicable legal instrument including an Act, Regulation or by-law; or
    - ii) otherwise create a significant negative environmental or health impact in the affected area.
26. The Licencee shall maintain a log of the most recent 24 month period to record any downtime of an air pollution control device due to either the breakdown or maintenance of that air pollution control device. The log shall be kept at the Development and shall be available upon request for inspection by an Environment Officer. The log shall record, at minimum, the following information:
  - a) identification of the air pollution control device and the process(es) it serves;
  - b) time/date of log entry;
  - c) nature of event;
  - d) time and duration of event;
  - e) action taken;
  - f) the accumulated downtime of this air pollution control device for the events for each calendar year; and
  - g) approval of the Environmental Coordinator.

27. The Licencee shall handle, store and dispose of all pollutants collected by the air pollution control equipment in a manner suitable to their characterization as type of waste or dangerous good.

**Respecting Air Emissions**

28. The Licencee shall not cause or permit a safety hazard to be created as the result of airborne emissions from Development impacting any public roadway beyond the Development property boundaries.
29. The Licencee shall not cause or permit an odour nuisance to be created as a result of the construction, operation or alteration of the Development, and shall take such steps as the Director may require to eliminate or mitigate an odour nuisance.
30. The Licencee shall not cause or permit a noise nuisance to be created as a result of the construction, operation or alteration of the Development, and shall take such steps as the Director may specify to eliminate or mitigate a noise nuisance.
31. The Licencee shall operate and maintain any boiler at the Development in accordance with the most recent version of the Environment and Climate Change Canada Multi-Sector Air Pollutants Regulation SOR/2016-151.

**Respecting Air Emissions – Monitoring, Source Sampling, Analysis, Reporting**

32. The Licencee shall, upon written request by the Director, provide and maintain a stack or stacks including all necessary sampling facilities for the sampling of air emissions at the Development. The stack or stacks shall be provided:
- a) at a location(s) and within a time frame satisfactory to the Director; and
  - b) to the specifications and in accordance with the most recent version of Manitoba Conservation and Climate Guideline, Guideline for Stack Sampling Facilities, unless otherwise approved by the Director.
33. The Licencee, upon a written request from the Director, shall submit a detailed plan for any area of the Development which is acceptable to and approved by the Director, for the sampling and analysis of potential air pollutants, released as stationary point and fugitive emissions, including any compounds determined by the Director. The plan shall identify the rationale for the sampling, the ways and means by which the sampling program will be implemented including any special measures or methods which would be necessitated by influencing factors such as unfavourable weather conditions, the need for large or additional sample volumes, the need for multiple sampling runs, the methods used for the sampling and the analysis for each compound, the detection level to be attained, a comprehensive QA/QC program, and other items as may be identified by the Director.
34. The Licencee shall perform all stack sampling in accordance with the most recent version of Manitoba Conservation and Climate Report No. 96-07, Interim Stack Sampling Performance Protocol, unless otherwise approved by the Director.

35. The Licencee shall arrange the scheduling of the sampling program submitted pursuant to Clause 33 of this Licence such that a representative of Manitoba Conservation and Climate could be available to monitor and audit the implementation of the sampling program.
36. The Licencee shall complete the sampling of emissions according to the approved plan submitted pursuant to Clause 33 of this Licence, within a timeframe to be determined by the Director.
37. The Licencee shall submit a report, for the approval of the Director, of the completed sampling and analysis plan approved pursuant to Clause 33 of this Licence, within 90 days of the receipt of the analytical results of that sampling plan. The report shall contain at minimum:
  - a) the raw data collected;
  - b) calculation of emission rates for all parameters;
  - c) a discussion of the sampling and analytical portions of the program including any anomalies of sampling and analysis; and
  - d) a discussion of the significance of the data gathered with specific attention to:
    - i) the significance for potential acute and chronic impacts to health or environment from exposure to concentrations of the compounds detected;
    - ii) the need for risk assessment of the impact of emissions;
    - iii) the need for the establishment of ambient air monitoring stations;
    - iv) the need for dispersion modeling of emissions;
    - v) results and conclusions of the QA/QC program; and
    - vi) other issues as may be determined by the Director.

### **Respecting Solid Wastes**

38. The Licencee shall not undertake any on-site burning of solid waste.
39. The Licencee shall minimize the generation of domestic solid waste and maximize, wherever possible, the collection and recycling of recyclable wastes generated through the operation of the Development.
40. The Licencee shall dispose of solid waste from the Development at a waste disposal ground operating under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 37/2016 respecting Waste Management, or any future amendment thereof, or a Licence issued pursuant to The Environment Act.

### **Respecting Dangerous Goods or Hazardous Waste**

41. The Licencee shall not release dangerous goods or hazardous wastes into the wastewater collection system.
42. The Licencee shall collect, transport and store used oil or hydraulic fluids removed from on-site machinery in secure, properly labeled, non-leaking containers and shall regularly send them to a recycling or disposal facility approved to accept hazardous wastes.

### **Respecting Wastewater**

43. The Licencee shall operate and maintain the screening and DAF wastewater pre-treatment system to pre-treat all process wastewater from the Development prior to discharging to the City of Winnipeg wastewater collection system.
44. The Licencee shall not release any wastewater from the Development except to the City of Winnipeg wastewater collection system in accordance with the requirements of the City of Winnipeg.
45. The Licencee shall direct:
  - a) all screening solids to a waste disposal ground operating under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 37/2016 respecting Waste Management, or any future amendment thereof, or a Licence issued pursuant to The Environment Act, or as approved by the Director; and
  - b) all DAF solids to a wastewater treatment facility that is licensed under The Environment Act or under the appropriate legislation of another corresponding jurisdiction, or as approved by the Director.
46. The Licencee shall direct all inedible trim and bones to an off-site rendering facility that is licensed under The Environment Act or under the appropriate legislation of another corresponding jurisdiction, or as approved by the Director.

### **Respecting Compliance**

47. The Licencee shall submit a Notice of Alteration and obtain Director's approval for proposed changes to the Development as licensed prior to implementing any changes.

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

### **Respecting Monitoring**

48. The Licencee shall:
  - a) monitor, determine and record the total weekly quantity (cubic meters) of raw water used by the Development;
  - b) record all wastewater sampling data gathered on a monthly basis; and
  - c) maintain the recorded information in a monthly report and make the report available to the Environment Officer upon request.

### **Closure and Post Closure**

49. Within one year prior to imminent closure of the Development, the Licencee shall submit, for the approval of the Director, a formal detailed Closure and Post-Closure Plan for the Development.
50. The Licencee shall implement and maintain the approved Closure and Post-Closure Plan.

**Record Drawings**

51. The Licencee shall:

- a) prepare "record drawings" for the Development and shall label the drawings "Record Drawings"; and
- b) provide to the Director, within one year from the date of this Environment Act Licence, two electronic copies of the "record drawings".

**REVIEW AND REVOCATION**

- A. This Licence replaces Environment Act Licence No. 240V which is hereby rescinded.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Director, the Licencee has exceeded or is exceeding or has or is failing to meet the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this Licence, the Director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this Licence.
- C. If the Licencee has not commenced construction of the Development within three years of the date of this Licence, the Licence is revoked.
- D. If, in the opinion of the Director, new evidence warrants a change in the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this Licence, the Director may require the filing of a new proposal pursuant to Section 11 of The Environment Act.

*Original Signed By*  
Shannon Kohler, Director  
The Environment Act