

**Madsen, Søren R. N.**

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**Til:** Madsen, Søren R. N.; 'Reville, Barry'  
**Cc:** Hermansen, Dorte; Jakobsen, Dorte Skjøtt  
**Emne:** HCB waste

Dear Barry,

First let me apologise – I forgot to inform you that I will be out of the EPA from 26. January to 16 February. I have had a knee operation and am now back on the mail (now and then). Please keep on using Søren as direct contact person. This mail is cc to Dorte Hermansen as well. She is our Head of Division and will be responsible for any press contact from now on.

Barry we are still assessing the DRR and the SIA report and a few new questions has come up:

- 1) This HCB waste has been on the Orica facility for quite some years now. The production stopped back in 1991 and the plant was decommissioned between 91 and 95. What have been original considerations and plans for the waste? Has Orica set up any plans during the last 13-14 years? And what role has the national authorities had in this? In other words why has this process of handling the waste not started before the plant now has a capacity problem?
- 2) The SIA report clearly concludes that a new HTI facility would not have enough hazardous waste to continue operating after the HCB waste has been destructed. And you have informed me that you only produce small quantities of hazardous waste in Australia. Me question is what kind of treatment the hazardous waste which Australia produce go through – not in detail, but does all of it go for your specialised facilities or do you landfill some of it? And if you landfill it –is this a fraction which can go for high temperature incineration?

Best regards  
Lone

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**Til:** 'Reville, Barry'  
**Cc:** Schou, Lone  
**Emne:** SV: Updated Report [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Barry

I have just recieved clearance from my boss, and we have sent the DRR and SIA report today (friday). The documents is sent, without any restriction for the recipients, according to Danish law.

I hope to have a response for you on tuesday regarding the question on Kommune Kemi emissions.

Best regards

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**Emne:** Updated Report [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear Søren

As promised yesterday, please find attached the updated report from SIA. The changes are minor. The biggest change is the addition of a preamble on page 10. This addition is to make it clear to the reader in the public domain that SIA has assessed the technologies for their ability to deal with the Orica HCB waste stockpile with its unique characteristics, not to judge whether the technologies are able to deal with other waste streams.

Otherwise, a potential customer might wrongly conclude that a technology could not deal with a waste stream such as PCBs when it can deal with it effectively, but not the Orica HCB wastes.

Small editorial changes have been made where sentences were not clear, to correct minor errors, to improve descriptions of processes and to include events since the previous version was written, such as the closure of the Ausmelt Whyalla facility. SIA has not provided us with a marked-up copy of these minor changes but they are mostly in the Hydrodec and Ausmelt sections.

As you will see, none of the conclusions has changed:

"This independent assessment has concluded that there are no technologies available in Australia at the present time or the foreseeable future capable of destruction or acceptable treatment of the Orica HCB Botany Stockpile in an environmentally sound manner." (page 11)

We would be grateful if you could let us know when you anticipate releasing the Duly Reasoned Request and the SIA Report, and whether there will be any conditions placed on the distribution of the documents by the recipients.

This will assist us with dealing with enquiries from the media and others in Australia about the availability and contents of the documents.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the updated SIA report.

Best regards

Barry

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