

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR EXTENSION TO PLANNING PERMISSION EXPIRATION
(REF:P2015/0975)**

INTRODUCTION

We received planning permission on 17th December 2015 for the construction of a Biomass Boiler (8 MW) with associated engineering operations and infrastructure, ancillary to the operation of the paper mill at our site Intertissue Limited, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath SA11 2HZ.

Due to a number of factors we have been unable to complete the project and are applying for the expiration date on the planning permission to be extended by 5 years from 17th December 2020 to 17th December 2025. We also require the applicant name to be changed to Sofidel UK Baglan and also for the address to be updated. Below is the supporting information for the variation to the conditions of the current planning permission.

A.NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGE

On 1st July 2019, the two companies within the UK, Sofidel UK Limited and Intertissue Limited, merged to become one company –Sofidel UK Limited. As part of this application, a letter has been submitted to explain the reason for the merger and also confirming the company number and the new address of the head office in Baglan. The only change to the address is the new postcode.

B.VARIATION TO CONDITION ONE

Unfortunately due to other commitments within the Sofidel Group, we decided to delay the project for the installation of the biomass boiler at Baglan.

In 2015 (the same year as the planning permission application), Sofidel started a project building a new facility in Ohio, USA. Two years later in 2017, Sofidel started another similar project for a new facility in Oklahoma, USA. As part of the company strategic plan, these investments were considered as a priority for our group as they led to a significant increase in production capacity in USA.

In order to complete these two strategic projects in time, Sofidel decided to dedicate a considerable amount of human, technical and financial resources to them. This resulted in the postponing of many other investments which had already been approved including the biomass boiler at Baglan.

As both facilities in the USA are now fully operational, Sofidel has now decided to return the focus onto more local projects including the biomass project at Baglan.

Sofidel has had its emissions reduction targets recently approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) as consistent with levels required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. This is in line with what the latest climate science says is needed to prevent the worst impacts of climate change considering its important contribution to meet the SBT targets recently approved.

The targets covering greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from the Sofidel Group's operations (scopes 1 and 2) are consistent with reductions required to keep warming to well-below 2°C. Specifically, Sofidel has committed to reduce scope 1, 2, and scope 3 emissions from suppliers' pulping process 40% per ton of paper by 2030 from a 2018 base year. Sofidel has also committed to reduce scope 3 GHG emissions 24% per ton of paper by 2030 from a 2018 base year.

In order to help the group achieve these targets, the biomass project at Baglan is considered as an important contribution to meet the SBT targets. This is the main reason for wanting the expiration date of the planning permission extended by 5 years.