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23 May 2023

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Mrs Sarah Iles RR/867/CM

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Dear Ms Saunders

**RR/867/CM - BRITISH GYPSUM ROBERTSBRIDGE PLANT**

I refer to your email dated 19 April 2023 in which you are seeking approval to import gypsum by road for a temporary period of two weeks, between 3rd and 19th June 2023.

The reasons for this are set out in detail in your email and, essentially, are that due to major upgrade of the container storage and rail sidings area at Southampton docks being undertaken between 3rd and 19th June 2023, no trains will be able to run from Southampton to Robertsbridge, thereby resulting in no Spanish rock reaching the plant by rail. You have advised that there are no alternative locations off-site at where the trains could be loaded.

You have also advised that due to the amount of rock required to continue to manufacture plasterboard, it is not possible to build and maintain sufficient stockpiles to last the shutdown period.

It is therefore proposed to import the gypsum by road, which will involve 18 loads (36 HGV movements) per day. Routeing of the HGVs will follow designated trunk roads as set out in “*Section 3 – Transport Routes*” of the supporting statement which accompanied planning application RR/867/CM.

I have given consideration to this request, including the reasons for it, and consider this to be acceptable. Accordingly, in accordance with the powers delegated to me and pursuant to the provisions of Condition 4 of planning permission RR/867/CM, I hereby AUTHORISE that gypsum may be imported to the Robertsbridge Works by road between 3rd and 19th June 2023. The approval is subject to the temporary imports

by road being undertaken in accordance with the submitted details and the operation complying with all the other conditions imposed on RR/867/CM.

Should you receive any complaints regarding the imports by road during this period, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

*Edward Sheath*

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