

Botany Community Update

HCB Waste Export

Orica is pleased to inform the Botany community that the Danish Environment Protection Authority (EPA) made a positive decision on Orica's application to export hexachlorobenzene (HCB) waste to Denmark for safe and environmentally sound destruction.

The Danish EPA has accepted the *Duly Reasoned Request* which is part of Orica's HCB waste export application as required under international waste agreements and relevant laws in both Denmark and Australia. Acceptance of the *Duly Reasoned Request* means that the Danish Government acknowledges that Australia cannot treat the HCB waste and the Danish EPA should further process the application.

Denmark's decision is consistent with the outcome of comprehensive investigations and extensive government reviews that the only option for the sound environmental destruction of the HCB waste is to export it to a high temperature incinerator with proven environmental management credentials in a well regulated environment. The Kommunekemi Plant in Denmark meets these requirements.

Orica's export application includes careful consideration of the safe transportation of the HCB waste, which is mostly by ship. Orica is

grateful for the Danish Government's first step in the process to allow the use of this best practice plant and for their help in solving the long standing problem.



Kommunekemi Plant, Denmark

The next steps in the approval process for the trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes are a decision by the Danish EPA on approval for the import of the waste and then a decision by the Australian Minister for Environmental Protection, Heritage and the Arts on the export of the waste. If approved, Orica hopes to commence the shipment of waste later this year.

Orica will keep the Community Participation and Review Committee and local community updated as the HCB waste export application progresses.

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