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**Attention Mr Mike Stranks**

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Your ref 09/00591/HAZARD

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Principal Inspector  
Mr Peter Hornsby

Dear Sir

**THE PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES REGULATIONS 1992 (AS AMENDED))  
APPLICATION FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONSENT  
BALTIC DISTRIBUTION LTD, WALLASEA ISLAND, ROCHFORD, ESSEX**

1. Thank you for consulting us about the Hazardous Substances Consent application for the storage of ammonium nitrate at Baltic Wharf, Wallasea Island, Essex.
2. In order to arrive at the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) response to this hazardous substances consent application, the application is with the Risk Assessment & Process Integrity Unit (HID C15) of the HSE. There will be a delay before HSE can provide a response to the consultation.
3. HSE needs to undertake a detailed peer reviewed technical analysis to provide accurate advice to you. This may need to be repeated several times to include additional site information and, where necessary, to identify conditions which might reduce the residual risk to the local population to an acceptable level. The resources available to HSE for this are limited and there is a large backlog of cases, so although the work may be done quicker, most hazardous substances consent applications typically take 6 months to complete. If you wish to discuss the progress of this case, or if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Paul Elliott  
COMAH co-ordinator