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Figure 1-1 Surface Waters

Figure 1-2 Overview of the key elements of the YPP





1 THE YORK POTASH PROJECT

1.1 Introduction

- York Potash Limited (YPL) (a subsidiary of Sirius Minerals Limited) proposes to develop harbour 1.1.1 facilities on Teesside for the export of polyhalite bulk fertiliser (the product). The proposed Harbour facilities, designed to export up to 13 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of product, would comprise the following elements (see Drawings PB1586-SK710 to PB1586-SK715, Drawings PB1586-SK720 to PB1586-SK725, Drawings PB1586-SK1040 to PB1586-SK1046, Drawings PB1586-SK490 to PB1586-SK497 and DrawingsPB1586-SK467 and Figure 1-1):
 - A port terminal on the southern bank of the Tees estuary (with a quay and deepening (dredging) of a section of the approach channel and to create a berth pocket).
 - A conveyor system to transfer product to the port terminal from a Materials Handling Facility (MHF) at Wilton.
 - Product storage facilities (surge bins) adjacent to the quay and ship loaders on the quay.
 - Staff welfare and office facilities.
 - Habitat enhancement in Bran Sands Lagoon.

The Non-Technical Summary

- This document provides a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the Environmental Statement (ES; 1.1.2 Documents 6.4 and 6.5) produced in support of an application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) to develop the York Potash Project (YPP) Harbour facilities.
- 1.1.3 The full ES presents the findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) into the potential impacts of the construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of the Harbour facilities.
- 1.1.4 This NTS is presented as follows:
 - Section 1 The Project Description, Background and Legislative Context

This section summarises the introductory sections (Sections 1 to 4) of the ES and describes the proposed YPP Harbour facilities and the legislative context for the EIA process, including the approach taken to the EIA.

Section 2 - Harbour Facilities

Section 2 summarises the ES technical sections which consider the predicted impacts associated with the development of the Harbour facilities.

Section 3 - Cumulative Impact Assessment

Section 3 summarises the Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) that has been undertaken in order to consider the predicted impacts of the Harbour facilities with the rest of the YPP (described below) and with other relevant (non-YPL) plans and projects.



Section 4 – Water Framework Directive compliance

Section 4 considers if the proposed Harbour facilities comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

Section 5 – Habitats Regulations Assessment

Section 5 considers the proposed Harbour facilities project in the context of the requirements of the Habitats Regulations.

Section 6 – Conclusions

Section 6 briefly sets out the conclusions of the Harbour facilities ES.

1.1.5 This NTS therefore summarises the information provided in the Harbour facilities ES. For more detailed information please refer to the Harbour facilities ES.

Background to the overall York Potash Project

- 1.1.6 The proposed Harbour facilities form one of four distinct project elements which together comprise the YPP, namely:
 - 1. the winning (the process of gaining access to the mineral) and working (the process of extracting the mineral) of polyhalite (the Mine);
 - 2. a Materials Transport System (MTS) for the removal and transfer of the resource;
 - a Materials Handling Facility (MHF) for processing the polyhalite into a granulated product; and,
 - 4. Harbour facilities to export the polyhalite (which are the subject of this NTS).
- 1.1.7 YPL proposes to win and work product from two deep polyhalite seams which lie beneath the North York Moors National Park, one of which extends eastwards beneath the North Sea. A marine licence for this aspect has already been granted by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). Once extracted, the dry product would be crushed, loaded onto hoppers, and transported to the MHF at Wilton through the underground MTS. The product would be granulated within the MHF in preparation for onward distribution via the Harbour facilities. A proportion of the product would be distributed within the UK from the Wilton site (up to 150,000 tonnes of product, per annum, may be exported by road). This process is represented visually in Figure 1-2.
- 1.1.8 The YPP has four main geographical locations and the following consenting routes:

The Mine and other ancillary facilities for the mine are proposed to be located at Dove's Nest Farm, near Whitby, with a proposed Construction Village and Park and Ride (P&R) to be located approximately 1.6km to the south of Whitby (although the Construction Village remains an option only). Operational phase P&R facilities would be located 2km to the east of Whitby (at Cross Butts roundabout).



















































