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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the DRS process. Shabra is a strong supporter of the concept laid out in the proposal. We are keen to play an active role in the evolution of recycling in Ireland, especially contributing to the growth of the Circular Economy. We believe that it is possible to realise the ambitious targets within the timeframes with the correct structures in place. We believe that PET bottles sold in Ireland should be kept in Ireland to assist with our evolution of a changing, greener, society.

Along with the voice of optimism, it is important we note some of our concerns. Being an expert in recycling PET bottles, we can state with absolute certainty, the biggest problem is contamination of material, increased compaction levels and an increase of various materials coming from large MRF's at greater compaction levels.

In relation to PET bottles, higher compaction levels, mixed with other material significantly damages the quality of material. We see first-hand, various materials being compacted tighter and tighter, ultimately contaminating good material, resulting in an increase in waste. Of course, a good DRS process will eliminate this issue. We have no issues with same materials only being compacted tightly. With any recycling process, good material is only as good as the next piece and reducing contamination to its lowest form is essential in creating new material and hitting our EU targets. As MRF's get larger and larger, the industry is moving to a one stop shop, where all is to be sorted with technology and by increasing the amount of recycling material into your recycling bin will only result in an increase in cross-contamination. As a business involved further down the line, we do not believe that this process results in the best outcome for reducing waste and keeping material involved in the circular economy loop.

We hope that the new DRS addresses our concerns, and we look to a greener, more environmentally friendly future.

We are happy to assist where required.


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