

To relevant bodies in relation to infection control during the COVID-19 outbreak

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Confirmation that NOAH AS and NOAH's subcontractors and logistics providers are designated as providers of a society-critical function

NOAH's operation encompassing the processing of inorganic hazardous waste, which occurs in Norway through the burning of household waste and as a result of industrial activities, is a function that is critical to society. This was confirmed by the Norwegian Environment Agency on 13 March (see excerpt from letter below).

NOAH AS has a number of subcontractors who are essential to the company's operations. The loss of services related these operations will also result in the cessation of NOAH's society-critical function within a short period of time. This will result in extensive negative ripple effects in society within the course of just a few days.

This means that:

- NOAH and those subcontractors that are critical to NOAH's operations are permitted to transport inorganic hazardous waste across national borders and internally within Norway. Such transportation is carried out through the use of ships and by road-based vehicles.
- Personnel working on behalf of NOAH, NOAH's subcontractors, and NOAH's logistics providers all constitute staff that are critical to society and they should not remain at home as a result of the closure of schools and kindergartens.

Documentation:

NOAH's society-critical function was confirmed by the Norwegian Environment Agency, who forwarded by email the following clarification issued on 13 March 2020 by the Ministry of Climate and Environment to the Norwegian Environment Agency:

'We consider the collection of household waste to be a function that is critical to society. It is necessary to ensure that the ongoing collection of household waste is maintained in order to avoid issues relating to odour, pests and possible infections as a result of instances in which waste is not collected and processed. This also applies to reception facilities for residual products generated during the processing of waste. If waste incineration facilities are forced to cease operations due to the non-delivery of fly ash, this may lead to stoppages in the collection system which will result in significant societal issues.'

If you have any questions or require further documentation, please contact NOAH's External Relations Consultant Unni Claussen by phone on +47 915 17 357.

Yours sincerely,

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