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Rattlechain closed landfill site

Following my letter of 25 September, I am today writing to update you of the next step that Rhodia is taking to tackle the issue of the Rattlechain lagoon.

You may recall that together with our environmental consultants we had drawn up a short list of two options to try and deter birds from the lagoon and prevent them from ingesting any waste near the surface. Since then, and with the permission of our regulatory authority, the Environment Agency, we have decided to go ahead with a trial of a heavy duty geotextile barrier over a small part of the lagoon. The barrier will be laid underneath the water to isolate the birds from the sediment.

Although we haven't excluded the possibility of the second option (bird balls), the barrier is our favoured solution. However, given the size of the surface to be covered and the significant investment this involves, we feel it prudent to test out the viability of this option with a trial over a small part of the lagoon.

The trial will assess a number of aspects, including the ease of installation, visual impact, strength, durability and methods of anchoring the barrier.

The trial installation will begin during the week of **December 7th** and is likely to be completed over a period of three days. A representative from our environmental consultants will supervise the installation on a full time basis. We anticipate the length of the trial to be approximately three months.

We are committed to keeping you informed of progress with the Rattlechain and will of course let you know how the trial performs.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to be in touch – my contact details are below.

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