

***De minimis* self-declaration for small and medium-sized enterprises (“SMEs”)**

Please complete this declaration of previous State aid received under the *de minimis* rule. Using this information we will assess your eligibility to receive assistance. Please note that having received previous aid under the *de minimis* Regulation does not automatically disqualify you from receiving further *de minimis* aid from the North West Europe Programme. Please include any aid received, from national or EU sources, in this declaration.

***De Minimis* Aid**

If you have had public sector support, you should have been notified in writing of any *de minimis* element when the aid was awarded. If applicable, prior to granting *de minimis* aid, Water Test Network must obtain a declaration from the company concerned, in written or electronic form, about any other *de minimis* aid. You are required in the application form to declare any such aid previously provided by a public body to your company or any company that you are linked to.

Under EC Commission Regulation No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty to *de minimis* aid (“the Regulation”), there is a ceiling of €200,000 for all *de minimis* aid provided to any one recipient over a 3 year period (or €100,000 for *de minimis* aid given to the road transport sector). Any award of grant given under the Regulations will be relevant if the Recipient wishes to apply, or has applied, for any other *de minimis* aid. For the purposes of the Regulation, the Recipient must retain details of the Grant for 3 years from the date on which the Recipient receives the last instalment of the Grant and produce it on any request by the UK or European public authorities.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, representing [name of the company] and receiving aid within the framework of the project the Water Test Network – NWE544, declare that:

- the institution I represent meets the definition of an SME as defined by the European Commission (the full definition is available at the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en);
- the institution I represent and all other entities belonging to the same company group as my institution;
 - have not received any contribution falling under the *de minimis* Regulation during the previous three fiscal years (this being the current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years)
 - have received the following contribution(s) falling under the *de minimis* Regulation during the previous three fiscal years (this being the current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years):

DE MINIMIS AID

List all offers of de minimis public support from an EU source received by the applicant business over the last 3 financial years, this should include any enterprise linked to the applicant business, during the previous two company fiscal years and the current company fiscal year.

Fiscal year (yy/yy)	Public sector source and title of project/scheme	Grant, loan or other aid instrument?	Amount that is de minimis aid		
			£	€	
		Total			

I acknowledge that untruthful/false declarations, in addition to the administrative sanctions and the request for refunding unduly received contribution charged with the interests, can also be prosecuted by the penal code.

Signature

Date