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# **Development of a Biodiesel Plant at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate**

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We write to advise that we have no comment on the captioned report.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Introduction

1. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> monthly Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Report prepared by Cinotech Consultants Limited for Development of a Biodiesel Plant at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate in operational phase. This report documents the findings of EM&A works carried out in October 2016.

#### **Environmental Licenses and Permits**

- 2. Licenses/Permits granted to the Project include the followings:
  - Environmental Permit, EP-319/2009/D, granted on 28 January 2014;
  - Specified Process Licence, L-25-019(1), granted on 10 October 2013 &
  - Water Pollution Control Ordinance Licence, WT00022972-2015, granted on 16 December 2015.

#### **Environmental Monitoring and Audit Works**

3. Environmental monitoring and audit works for the Project were carried out in accordance with the criteria and requirements listed in the EM&A Manual, Environmental Permit, Specified Process Licence and Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO) Licence granted. Monitoring results were checked and reviewed.

#### **Key Information in the Reporting Month**

4. Summary of key information in this reporting month (October 2016) is listed in **Table I**.

Table I Summary of Key Information in October 2016

Event	Event Details		Action Taken	Status	Dl-	
Event	Number	Nature	Acuon Taken	Status	Remark	
Exceedance of Action & Limit Levels	3*		Exceedance events were investigated and measures have been proposed.	N/A		
Complaint received	2	Odour	Complaint was investigated and measures have been proposed.	Incident Report was submitted		
Changes to the assumptions and key construction / operation activities recorded	0		N/A	N/A		
Status of submissions under EP	2	Monthly EM&A Reports for July & August 2016	Submitted to EPD on 26 October 2016	Verified by IEC		
Notifications of any summons & prosecutions	0		N/A	N/A		
* 2 of the exceedances was due	to complaint re	eceived				

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### **Background**

- 1.1 Development of a Biodiesel Plant at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate (hereafter referred to as "the Project") is to construct and operate a 100,000 tonnes per annum biodiesel plant at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate (see **Figure 1.1** for the location plan of Project Site). The plant will use a multi-feedstock which consists of used cooking oil (UCO), oil and grease recovered from grease trap waste (GTW), palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD) and animal fats. The proposed biodiesel plant offers a convenient recycling outlet for GTW and UCO, and converts oil and grease recovered from these wastes into useful products. The Project also offers a more environmental-friendly alternative to the diesel fuel market in Hong Kong.
  - 1.2 This Project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499). An environmental impact assessment (EIA) was undertaken to identify and evaluate the impact on environment (e.g. air quality, noise, water quality and ecology), and propose possible measures to mitigate the impact. The EIA Report was approved by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) on 26 February 2009.
  - 1.3 Environmental Permit (EP) No. EP-319/2009 was issued on 11 March 2009 to ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited as the Permit Holder. After several rounds of amendments, the latest version is EP No. EP-319/2009/D, which was issued on 28 January 2014.
  - 1.4 Construction of the Biodiesel Plant has been completed since October 2013. After more than 2 years of commissioning trial, the Plant started to operate in April 2016. Cinotech Consultants Limited was commissioned by ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited to undertake the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) works for the Project. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly EM&A report summarizing the EM&A works in operational phase for the Project in October 2016.

#### **Project Organizations**

- 1.5 Different parties with different levels of involvement in the project organization include:
  - Project Proponent & Operator –

ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited

• Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) – Mannings (Asia) Consultants Ltd.

Cinotech Consultants Limited

- Environmental Team (ET)
- 1.6 The responsibilities of respective parties are detailed in Section 2 of the Final EM&A Manual of the Project.
- 1.7 The key contacts of the Project are shown in **Table 1-1**.

**Table 1-1 Key Project Contacts** 

Party	Role	Name	Position	Phone No.
ASB	Permit Holder &	Mr. Albert Kwan	Facilities and Operations Manager	3183 4209
TISE	Operator	Ms. Fion Wong	Engineer	3183 4204
Monnings	Independent Environmental Checker	Mr. Mark Cheung	Independent Environmental Checker	3168 2028
Mannings		Mr. Gavin Kwok	Assistant to Independent Environmental Checker	3970 8628
Cinotech	Environmental	Dr. HF Chan	ET Leader	2151 2088
	Team	Ms. Betty Choi	Project Coordinator	2151 2072

# **Summary of EM&A Requirements**

- 1.8 EM&A requirements for the Project include:
  - Monitoring requirements as listed in the Project EM&A Manual; &
  - Conditions listed in the Environmental Permit.

# 2 STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING AND PERMITTING

2.1 All permits/licenses obtained for the Project are summarized in **Table 2-1**.

**Table 2-1** Summary of Environmental Licensing and Permit Status

Permit / License No.	Valid Period		S	Status			
Permit / License No.	From	To	To Summary				
Environmental Permi	Environmental Permit (EP)						
EP-319/2009/D	28/01/2014	N/A	Operation of  • a biochemical plant with a storage capacity of more than 500 tonnes and in which substances are processed and produced;  • a storage, transfer and transhipment of oil facility with a storage capacity of not less than 1,000 tonnes; and  • a dangerous goods godown with a storage capacity exceeding 500 tonnes	Valid			
<b>Specified Process (SP)</b>	) Licence						
L-25-016(1)	10/10/2013	10/10/2015	Emission of non-fugitive fixed point emissions	Under renewal			
Water Pollution Cont	rol Ordinance	(WPCO) Licen	ce				
WT00022972-2015	16/12/2015	31/12/2017	Discharge of     effluent from wastewater treatment facilities to communal foul sewer; and     effluent from floor washing of operation areas to communal storm drain	Valid			

#### 3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

#### **Air Quality**

- 3.1 According to Section 4.3 of the Final EM&A Manual of the Project, the emission from stacks of boiler, biogas flare and process building, and odour concentrations at the final air scrubber shall be monitored. Odour patrols along the Project Site boundary is also required.
- 3.2 Monitoring criteria (i.e. frequency, parameter, and action & limit levels) for the emission of the boiler stack, biogas flare and process building are listed in **Table 3-1**, while criteria for odour concentrations at the final air scrubber and odour patrols along the Project Site boundary are listed in **Table 3-2**.

Table 3-1 Monitoring Criteria for the Emission from Stacks of Boiler, Biogas Flare and Process Building

Stack	Frequency *	Parameter	Limit Levels**
		Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>X</sub> )	2.213 kg/h
		Carbon monoxide (CO)	0.553 kg/h
Boiler		Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	0.797 kg/h
(EP2)	Monthly for the first 12	Non-methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	0.041 kg/h
	months of operation. If the monitoring results of the	Exhaust gas velocity	7 m/s (minimum)
	first year monitoring meet the limit level, the monitoring will be reduced to half-yearly intervals for the whole operational stage.	NO <sub>X</sub>	0.053 kg/h
Biogas		CO	0.018 kg/h
Flare		$SO_2$	0.039 kg/h
(EP1)		NMOC	0.0018 kg/h
		Exhaust gas velocity	0.54 m/s (minimum)
Process Building (EP3)		Acetyldehyde	0.0975 kg/h
		Methanol	0.0975 kg/h
		Exhaust gas velocity	0.79 m/s (minimum)

<sup>\*</sup> Monitoring will not be carried out during raining days

<sup>\*\*</sup> No action level is set in the Final EM&A Manual of the Project and in the Specified Process Licence

Table 3-2 Monitoring Criteria for the Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber and Odour Patrols along the Project Site Boundary

	Frequency	Parameter	<b>Action Levels</b>	Limit Levels
Odour Concentrations	Monthly for the first 2 years of	Odour	_ **	200.3 OU/s
at the Final Air Scrubber (EP5)	operation *	Exhaust gas velocity	_ ^^	0.7 m/s (minimum)
Odour Patrols along the Project Site Boundary	Two times a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon  • Monthly for the first 12 months of operation. If the monitoring results of the first year monitoring meet the limit level, the monitoring frequency will be reduced to quarterly intervals in the second year;  • If the action level is triggered during the second year of operation, the frequency will be resumed to monthly intervals until compliance with the action level for three consecutive months is obtained;  • If the action level is not triggered for four consecutive quarterly monitoring, the monitoring can be terminated.	Odour Intensity	Odour intensity ≥ Class 2 recorded; or     One documented complaint received	• Odour intensity >Class 3 recorded on 2 consecutive patrols

<sup>\*</sup> Monitoring will not be carried out during raining days

- 3.3 If action / limit levels are exceeded, the following actions should be taken by the ET:
  - Inform Project Proponent and IEC, and investigate and record the cause of exceedance within 24 hours;
  - · Repeat measurement to confirm findings; and
  - Implement the event and action plan as shown in **Table 3-3**.

<sup>\*\*</sup> No action level was set in the Final EM&A Manual of the Project and in the Specified Process Licence

**Table 3-3** Event and Action Plan for Air Quality Monitoring

Т		Actions			
Event	ET Leader	IEC	Project Proponent		
Exceedance of Limit Level for stack emission from boiler, biogas flare, process building and final air scrubber	<ul> <li>Repeat measurement to confirm finding</li> <li>Identify source(s) and investigate the cause(s) of exceedance</li> <li>Inform Project Proponent whether the cause of exceedance is due to the Project</li> <li>Prepare the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours</li> <li>Discuss remedial actions with the Project Proponent</li> <li>Assess the effectiveness of Project Proponent's remedial actions</li> <li>For the monitoring of emissions from the stacks of the boiler, biogas flare and process building, increase the monitoring frequency from half-yearly (for the second year onward) to monthly intervals. If results of three consecutive monthly monitoring show no exceedance of the limit level, the monitoring frequency will be reverted back to half-yearly intervals.</li> <li>Identify source(s) / reason of</li> </ul>	Verify the Notification of Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader     Check with the Project Proponent on the operating activities and implementation of control measures     Discuss with ET Leader and Project Proponent on the possible remedial actions     Advise the Project Proponent on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures     Supervise implementation of remedial measures  Verify the Notification of	Rectify any unacceptable practice     Amend working methods as required     Implement amended working methods, if necessary  Rectify any unacceptable		
Action Level for odour	<ul> <li>exceedance or complain</li> <li>Prepare the odour complain form or the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours</li> <li>Inform Project Proponent whether the cause of exceedance is due to the Project</li> <li>Discuss remedial actions with the Project Proponent</li> <li>During the second year of operation, if the action level is triggered, the frequency will be resumed to monthly until compliance with the action level for three consecutive months is obtained and the frequency will be reduced to quarterly intervals thereafter.</li> </ul>	Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader	practice  • Amend working methods as required  • Implement amended working methods, if necessary		

Event	Actions			
Event	ET Leader	IEC	Project Proponent	
Exceedance of Limit Level for odour	Identify source(s) / reason of exceedance or complain     Prepare the odour complain form or the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours     Inform Project Proponent whether the cause of exceedance is due to the Project     Assess the effectiveness of Project Proponent's remedial actions or amended design	Proponent on the operating activities and implementation	practice • Propose and implement remedial measures or amend design as required within 3	

#### **Water Quality**

- 3.4 According to Section 6.3 of the Final EM&A Manual of the Project, the water quality of treated effluent discharged from Project Site and stormwater discharge shall be monitored.
- 3.5 Monitoring criteria (i.e. frequency, parameter, and limit levels) for the water quality of treated effluent discharged from Project Site and stormwater discharge are listed in **Table 3-4**.

Table 3-4 Monitoring Criteria for the Water Quality of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site and Stormwater Discharge

Discharge	Frequency	Parameter	Limit Levels*		
		pH	Within the range of 6 - 10		
		Suspended Solids	800 mg/L		
		Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	800 mg/L		
Treated Effluent	Manufala	Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	2000 mg/L		
Discharged from Project Site	Monthly	Oil & Grease	50 mg/L		
		Sulphate	1000 mg/L		
		Total Nitrogen	200 mg/L		
		Total Phosphorus	50 mg/L		
		pH	Within the range of 6 – 9		
	Quarterly	Suspended Solids	50 mg/L		
Stormwater Discharge		Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	50 mg/L		
Disensinge		Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	100 mg/L		
		Oil & Grease	30 mg/L		
* No action level was set in the WPCO Licence					

- 3.6 If limit levels are exceeded, the following actions should be taken by the ET:
  - Inform Project Proponent and IEC, and investigate and record the cause of exceedance within 24 hours;
  - Repeat measurement to confirm findings; and
  - Implement the event and action plan as shown in **Table 3-5**.

Table 3-5 Event and Action Plan for Water Quality Monitoring

Ewant	Actions		
Event	ET Leader	IEC	Project Proponent
Exceedance of Limit Level for Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site	Identify source(s) and investigate the cause(s) of exceedance     Repeat measurement to confirm finding     Prepare the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours     Discuss remedial actions with the Project Proponent     Assess the effectiveness of Project Proponent's remedial actions	<ul> <li>Verify the Notification of Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader</li> <li>Check with Contractor on the operating activities and implementation of landfill gas control measures</li> <li>Discuss with ET Leader and Contractor on the possible remedial actions</li> <li>Advise the IC on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures</li> <li>Supervise implementation of remedial measures</li> </ul>	Check the performance of the on-site WWTP     Rectify any unacceptable performance     Carry out remedial measures or amend design as required     Implement amended design, if necessary
Exceedance of Limit Level for Stormwater Discharged from the Project Site	Identify source(s) and investigate the cause(s) of exceedance     Repeat measurement to confirm finding     Prepare the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours     Discuss remedial actions with the Project Proponent     Assess the effectiveness of Project Proponent's remedial actions	<ul> <li>Verify the Notification of Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader</li> <li>Check with Project Proponent on the operating activities</li> <li>Discuss with ET Leader and Project Proponent on the possible remedial actions</li> <li>Advise the Project Proponent on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures</li> <li>Supervise implementation of remedial measures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Propose and implement remedial measures or amend design as required</li> <li>Rectify any unacceptable practice</li> <li>Amend working methods as required</li> <li>Implement amended working methods, if necessary</li> </ul>

#### **Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil**

- 3.7 According to Section 3.11 of the EP-319/2009/D, if Bio Heating Oil (BHO) is used on site, the sulphur content in BHO shall be monitored.
- 3.8 Monitoring criteria (i.e. frequency, parameter, and limit level) for the sulphur content in BHO are listed in **Table 3-6**.

Table 3-6 Monitoring Criteria for Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil

Frequency	Parameter	Limit Level*
<ul> <li>Every tank load of the BHO for the BHO's sulphur content when the fuel tank(s) is being filled/refilled</li> <li>This original frequency shall be adopted in the first three months of using BHO on site. After the first three months of the original monitoring regime, if all monitoring result in the first three months meet the limit level, the frequency may be reduced to one test for every two refills for the next three months; and after the first six months, the monitoring may be conducted once a month.</li> <li>If exceedance occur, the monitoring shall be reverted to the original frequency of a test for every tank load of BHO, or at such a monitoring frequency to be advised and agreed by the EPD's Director.</li> </ul>	Sulphur Content	346 ppm
* No action level was set in the EP of the Project		

- 3.9 If limit level is exceeded, the following actions should be taken by the ET:
  - Inform Project Proponent and IEC within 24 hours;
  - Repeat measurement to confirm findings;
  - Inform Project Proponent to increase the use of low sulphur diesel in the fuel tank(s) to achieve a fuel mixture with sulphur content of less than 346 ppm; and
  - Revert the monitoring programme to the original frequency of a test for every tank load of BHO, or at such a monitoring frequency to be advised and agreed by the EPD's Director.

#### 4 MONITORING METHODOLOGY

#### **Air Quality**

Emission from Stacks of Boiler, Biogas Flare

4.1 Emissions from the stack of boiler and from the stack of biogas flare were sampled and analyzed. Methods adopted for analysis are listed in **Table 4-1**. In addition to parameters listed in **Table 4-1**, exhaust gas velocity was measured. Detailed monitoring methodologies for emissions from the stack of boiler and from the stack of biogas flare are presented in **Appendix A** and in **Appendix B** respectively.

Table 4-1 Methodologies for Monitoring of Emission from Stacks of Boiler and Biogas Flare

Parameter	Methodology	
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)	USEPA Method 7C	
Carbon monoxide (CO)	USEPA Method 10B	
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	USEPA Method 6	
Non-methane organic compounds (NMOC)	USEPA Method TO-12	

Emission from Stack of Process Building

4.2 Emission from the stack of process building was sampled and analyzed. Methods adopted for analysis are listed in **Table 4-2**. In addition to parameters listed in **Table 4-2**, exhaust gas velocity was measured. Detailed monitoring methodology for emission from the stack of process building is presented in **Appendix C**.

Table 4-2 Methodologies for Monitoring of Emission from Stack of Process Building

Parameter	Methodology
Acetaldehyde	USEPA Method TO-11A
Methanol	USEPA Method TO-14A

Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

4.3 Gas in the final air scrubber was sampled and analyzed. Method adopted for analysis is listed in **Table 4-3**. In addition to parameter listed in **Table 4-3**, exhaust gas velocity was measured. Detailed methodology for odour monitoring in the final air scrubber is presented in **Appendix D**.

Table 4-3 Methodology for Monitoring of Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

Parameter	Methodology
Odour concentration	European Standard Method (EN13725)

*Odour Patrols along Site Boundary* 

4.4 Odour patrols were carried out by a qualified odour panelist in both morning and afternoon on 6 October 2016. During odour patrol, the panelist identified the odour nature and determined the odour intensity, which is expressed using an odour intensity scale, at all 5 selected locations. Weather conditions including prevailing weather, wind direction and wind speed were also recorded. Detailed methodology for odour patrol is presented in **Appendix E**.

#### **Water Quality**

Water Quality of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

4.5 Treated effluent discharged from Project Site was sampled and analyzed. Methodologies for water quality monitoring were followed either American Public Health Association's (APHA's) "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water & Wastewater" or Hach Method, which are listed in **Table 4-4**. In addition to the parameters listed in **Table 4-4**, pH was measured.

Table 4-4 Methodologies for Water Quality Monitoring of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

Parameter	Methodology	
Suspended Solids (S.S.)	APHA 2540D	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	APHA 5210B	
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	Hach Method 8000	
Oil & Grease	APHA 5520B	
Sulphate	Hach Method 10248	
Total Nitrogen	Hach Method 10071	
Total Phosphorus	Hach Method 8190	

Water Quality of Stormwater Discharge

4.6 As water quality of stormwater discharge is required to be monitored quarterly, next monitoring will be carried out in December 2016. No monitoring was carried out in October 2016.

#### **Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil**

- 4.7 According to Section 3.11 of the EP-319/2009/D, if Bio Heating Oil (BHO) is used on site, every tank load of the sulphur content in BHO shall be tested when the fuel tank(s) is being filled/refilled for the first three months. After the first three months of the above monitoring regime, the permit holder may reduce the monitoring frequency to one test for every two refills for the next three months. And after the first six months, the monitoring may be conducted once a month. In case when the BHO sulphur contents monitored during the above mentioned monitoring exceeds the 346 ppm threshold in any test, the permit holder shall revert the monitoring programme back to starting from the original plan of a test for every tank load of BHO or at such a monitoring frequency to be advised and agreed by the Director.
- 4.8 Since an exceedance was reported in July 2016, every tank load of the sulphur content in BHO shall be tested when the fuel tank(s) is being filled/refilled in this reporting month.
- 4.9 In October 2016, BHO in the tank was sampled once. Its sulphur content was then analyzed in accordance with EN-ISO-20486:2011: Determination of sulfur content of automotive fuels Ultraviolet fluorescence method.

#### 5 **MONITORING RESULTS**

#### **Air Quality**

Emission from Stack of Boiler

5.1 The monitoring results of the emission from the stack of boiler are presented in **Table** 5-1. No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed monitoring result of the emission from the stack of boiler is presented in **Appendix A**.

**Table 5-1** Monitoring Result of the Emission from the Stack of Boiler

Parameter	Limit Level	Monitoring Result*
Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>X</sub> )	2.213 kg/h	1.31 kg/h
Carbon monoxide (CO)	0.553 kg/h	<0.02 kg/h
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	0.797 kg/h	0.032 kg/h
Non-methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	0.041 kg/h	0.0205 kg/h
Exhaust gas velocity	7 m/s (minimum)	18.5 m/s
* Average result of all trials is presented		

Emission from Stack of Biogas Flare

The monitoring results of the emission from the stack of biogas flare are presented in 5.2 **Table 5-2.** No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed monitoring result of the emission from the stack of biogas flare is presented in Appendix B.

Table 5-2 Monitoring Result of the Emission from the Stack of Biogas Flare

Parameter	Limit Level	Monitoring Result*
Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>X</sub> )	0.053 kg/h	<0.01 kg/h
Carbon monoxide (CO)	0.018 kg/h	<0.022 kg/h **
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	0.039 kg/h	<0.01 kg/h
Non-methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	0.0018 kg/h	0.00095 kg/h
Exhaust gas velocity	0.54 m/s (minimum)	1.475 m/s
* Average result of all trials is presented	•	

Emission from Stack of Process Building

5.3 The monitoring results of the emission from the stack of process building are presented in Table 5-3. No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed monitoring result of the emission from the stack of process building is presented in **Appendix C**.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As the emission of carbon monoxide is below reporting level, it is not considered as an exceedance event.

Table 5-3 Monitoring Result of the Emission from the Stack of Process Building

Parameter	Limit Level	Monitoring Result*
Acetyldehyde	0.0975 kg/h	<0.001 kg/h
Methanol	0.0975 kg/h	<0.01 kg/h
Exhaust gas velocity	0.79 m/s (minimum)	3.95 m/s
* Average result of all trials is presented		

Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

5.4 The monitoring result of the odour concentrations at the final air scrubber is presented in **Table 5-4**. No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed monitoring result of the odour concentrations at the final air scrubber is presented in **Appendix D**.

Table 5-4 Monitoring Result of the Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

Parameter	Limit Level	Monitoring Result*
Odour	200.3 OU/s	21.7 OU/s
Exhaust gas velocity	0.7 m/s (minimum)	1.19 m/s
* Average result of all trials is presented		

Odour Patrols along Site Boundary

- 5.5 The monitoring result of the odour patrol is presented in **Table 5-5**. Detailed monitoring result of odour patrols along site boundary is presented in **Appendix E**.
- 5.6 2 exceedances of Action Level were reported as 2 complaints regarding odour were received. Details of the investigation are presented in **Section 6** and **Appendix I**.

**Odour Intensity Patrol** Location Time **Limit Level Action Level** Measured Level (Odour Nature) 1 1 (Oil and grease) 2 1 (Oil and grease) Morning 3 Odour intensity Odour 4 0~1 (Food smell) ≥Class 2 intensity 5 recorded; or 0 ≥Class 3 recorded on 2 1 One 0~1 (Oil and grease) consecutive documented 2 1 (Oil and grease) patrols complaint 3 received Afternoon 0 0 4 5 0

Table 5-5 Monitoring Result of Odour Patrols along Site Boundary

#### **Water Quality**

Water Quality of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

- 5.7 The water quality monitoring result of treated effluent discharged from Project Site is presented in **Table 5-6**. Detailed water quality monitoring result of treated effluent discharged from Project Site is presented in **Appendix F**.
- 5.8 One exceedance of Limit Level was reported. The exceedance is considered due to equipment failure. Details of the investigation are presented in **Appendix J**.

Table 5-6 Water Quality Monitoring Result of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

Parameter	Limit Level	<b>Monitoring Result</b>
pН	Within the range of 6 - 10	8.47
Suspended Solids	800 mg/L	120 mg/L
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	800 mg/L	1460 mg/L *
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	2000 mg/L	1720 mg/L
Oil & Grease	50 mg/L	25 mg/L
Sulphate	1000 mg/L	10 mg/L
Total Nitrogen	200 mg/L	145 mg/L
Total Phosphorus	50 mg/L	20 mg/L
* Exceedance of Limit Level		

Water Quality of Stormwater Discharge

5.9 Water quality of stormwater discharge was not monitored in October 2016 (see **Section 4.6** for details).

# **Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil**

5.10 The monitoring result of sulphur content in Bio Heating Oil (BHO) is presented in **Table 5-7**. No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed monitoring result of sulphur content in Bio Heating Oil is presented in **Appendix H**.

Table 5-7 Monitoring Result of Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil

Sampling Date	Limit Level	<b>Monitoring Result</b>
17 October 2016	346 ppm	302 ppm

#### **6 SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT AND PROSECUTION**

6.1 2 environmental related complaints were received in October 2016. Details are tabulated in **Table 6-1**.

**Table 6-1** Complaint Details

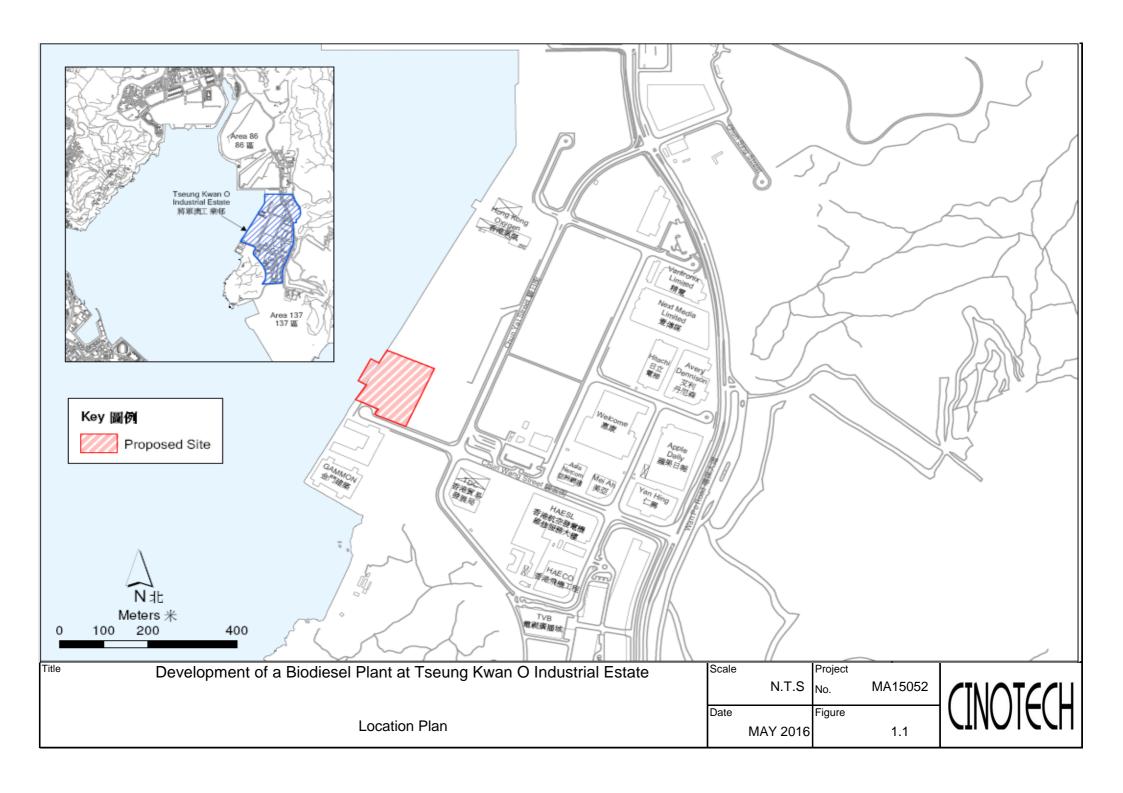
Complaint No.	Date	Complaint Details
COM- 2016-10- 002	5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	EPD referred that a councilor complained about constant smell released from the Project.
		Investigation found out that housekeeping of the plant was unsatisfactory and improvements are required.
		Operator has improved housekeeping, including:  - Always keep the gate of the grease trap waste screening room closed;  - Always keep sludge containers closed;  - Frequent cleaning of drainage system; and  - Always keep the work site clean and tidy
COM-	18 <sup>th</sup>	EPD referred that a complaint on malodour from the Project was received on 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016.
2016-10- 003	October, 2016	Investigation found no process upset during that week.  Operator has put the best effort housekeeping (e.g. keeping sludge containers and rooms closed and frequent cleaning of drainage system), and staff have been trained on housekeeping.

- 6.2 No prosecution or notification of summons was received in the reporting month.
- 6.3 There were 3 environmental complaint, and no prosecution or notification of summons received since the commencement of Project (operational phase). The Complaint Log is attached in **Appendix I**.

#### 7 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 In October 2016, environmental monitoring and audit works were carried out in accordance with criteria and requirements listed in the Project EM&A Manual, Environmental Permit EP-319/2009D, Specified Process Licence L-25-019(1) and Water Pollution Control Ordinance Licence WT00022972-2015.
- 7.2 Monitoring of air quality, water quality and sulphur content in Bio Heating Oil were carried out at designated locations. 1 exceedance of Limit Level was recorded at the treated effluent discharged from Project Site. 2 Action Level exceedances were recorded due to the complaint received on 5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Investigation for the exceedance events were carried out, and measures were recommended to counter the exceedance events.
- 7.3 Besides the complaints received on 5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, no environmental related complaint, prosecution or notification of summon was received.

# **FIGURES**



APPENDIX A
Air Quality Monitoring Report – Emission from Stack Of Boiler



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# STACK GAS SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING REPORT

Location: ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Ltd

Sampling Period: 24th October, 2016

ALS Work Order No: HK1642096

Report Issue Date: 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

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#### 1 Summary of Work

The document is the final report for the stack gas sampling and testing events in ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Ltd.

Sampling Period: 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Location of Stack: Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estates

No. of Stack:

Name of Stack: Boiler (EP2)

#### 1.1 Method for Stack Sampling and Analysis

Parameter	USEPA Method Reference	
Velocity / Volumetric Flow Rate	Method 2	
Nitrogen / Oxygen / Carbon Dioxide	Method 3	
Moisture Content	Method 4	
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Method 6	
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Method 7C	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Method 10B	
Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	Method TO-12	
Respirable Suspended Particulates (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Method 201A	

# 1.2 Sampling Time

Each gas sample, except carbon monoxide and non-methane organic compounds, was covered for at least 1 hour.

For the measurement of carbon monoxide and non-methane organic compounds, the sampling was last for at least 30 minutes.



#### 2 Sampling Summary

#### 2.1 Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

USEPA Method 7C will be used for sampling and testing of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) sample. Stack gas with nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into impinger contains absorption solution (alkaline potassium permanganate solution) via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed colorimetrically.

#### 2.2 Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

USEPA Method 6 will be used for sampling and testing of sulphur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) sample. Stack gas with sulphur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into impinger contains absorption solution (3 percent  $H_2O_2$  solution) via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the ion chromatography method.

#### 2.3 Carbon Monoxide (CO)

USEPA Method 10B will be used for sampling and testing of carbon monoxide (CO) sample. Stack gas with carbon monoxide (CO) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into a Tedlar Bag via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the gas chromatography flame ionization detection (GC/FID).

#### 2.4 Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)

USEPA Method TO-12 will be used for sampling and testing of Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC) sample. Stack gas with Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into a 6L Canister via regulated gas sampler.

The sampling period will last for around 30 mins to collect sufficient sample for laboratory analysis. The duration depends on the stack condition such as pressure, temperature. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the gas chromatography flame ionization detection (GC/FID), the result of NMOC will be reported as "propane".

# 2.5 Respirable Suspended Particulates (PM<sub>10</sub>)

USEPA Method 201A will be used for sampling and testing of Respirable Suspended Particulates (PM10) sample. The Respirable Suspended Particulates sample shall be collected at a predetermined constant flow rate through an instack sizing device with filter paper, a glass-made probe, and a series of impingers containing distilled water absorbing solution at different traverse points along the two sampling port axis as required in the USEPA Method 1& 2. The particulate content shall be determined gravimetrically in laboratory.



# 3 Sampling Period and Stack Parameter

# 3.1 Sampling Period

Test Parameter	Trial 1	Trial 2
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 13:14 - 14:14	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 17:26 - 18:26
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 14:20 - 15:20	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 16:24 - 17:24
Respirable Suspended Particulates (PM <sub>10</sub> ) and Total Particulates (PM <sub>total</sub> )	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 09:56 - 11:26	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 11:38 - 13:08
Carbon Monoxide (CO) & Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 15:22 - 15:52	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 15:53 - 16:23

# 3.2 Stack Parameter

Test Parameter	Trial	Sampling Volume (m³) <sup>[1]</sup>	Stack Gas Temperature (°C)	Stack Gas Velocity (m/s)	Minimum Flow Rate (m³/hr) <sup>[1]</sup>	Moisture Content (%)
50	1	0.056	212	17	13395	12.5
SO <sub>2</sub>	2	0.054	199	16	12743	14.0
NO <sub>x</sub>	1	0.023	211	16	11880	12.5
	2	0.024	210	19	15598	14.0
PM <sub>10</sub> &	1	0.822	205	16	12642	12.5
PM	2	0.812	207	16	11206	14.0
60	1	0.0085	211	20	16633	12.5
CO	2	0.0085	213	20	16755	14.0
NMOC	1	0.006	211	20	16633	12.5
	2	0.006	213	20	16755	14.0

# Note:

[1]: Results expressed as at 0 degree Celsius temperature, 101.325 kilopascals pressure, without correction for water vapour or oxygen content.



#### 4 Result

#### 4.1 Boiler (EP2)

			Resi	ult <sup>[1]</sup>	
Test Parameter	Unit	LOR	Trial 1	Trial 2	
Nissana Osidaa (NO.)	ppmv	2	41	50	
Nitrogen Oxides (NO) Incl. Nitrogen Dioxide & Nitrogen Oxide <sup>[2]</sup>	mg/m³	5	84	104	
a Millogell Oxide	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.06	1.00	1.62	
	ppmv	10	<10	<10	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m³	13	<13	<13	
	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.2	<0.2	<0.2	
	ppmv	1.0	1.0	<1.0	
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/m³	2.0	2.8	<2.0	
	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.026	0.038	<0.026	
	ppmv	0.2	3.4	1.3	
Non-Methane Organic Carbon (NMOC)[3]	mg/m³	0.1	1.8	0.7	
	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.002	0.030	0.011	
Respirable Suspended	mg/m³	5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
Particulates (PM <sub>10</sub> )	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.06	<0.06	<0.06	
Total Particulates	mg/m³	5.0	<5.0	<5.0	
(PM <sub>total</sub> )	kg/hr <sup>[4] [5]</sup>	0.06	<0.06	<0.06	

#### Note:

- [1]: Results expressed as at 0 degree Celsius temperature, 101.325 kilopascals pressure, without correction for water vapour or oxygen content. The introduction of dilution air to achieve the limit is not allowed.
- [2]: Results expressed as nitrogen dioxide.
- [3]: Results expressed as carbon.
- [4]: The LOR of the emission rate (kg/hr) is calculated based on the minimum flow rate among the 2 sampling trials.
- [5]: The emission rate (kg/hr) is calculated based on the minimum flow rate during sampling.

LOR: Laboratory Reporting Limit.

APPENDIX B

Air Quality Monitoring Report – Emission from Stack of Biogas Flare



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#### 1 Summary of Work

The document is the final report for the stack gas sampling and testing events in ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Ltd.

Sampling Period: 20th October, 2016

Location of Stack: Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estates

No. of Stack:

Name of Stack: Biogas Flare (EP1)

# 1.1 Method for Stack Sampling and Analysis

Parameter	USEPA Method Reference	
Velocity / Volumetric Flow Rate	Method 2	
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Method 6	
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ) Incl. Nitrogen Dioxide & Nitrogen Oxide	Method 7C	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Method 10B	
Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	Method TO-12	

#### 1.2 Sampling Time

Each gas sample, except carbon monoxide and non-methane organic compounds, was covered for at least 1 hour.

For the measurement of carbon monoxide and non-methane organic compounds, the sampling was last for at least 30 minutes.



#### 2 Sampling Summary

#### 2.1 Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

USEPA Method 6 will be used for sampling and testing of sulphur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) sample. Stack gas with sulphur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into impinger contains absorption solution (3 percent  $H_2O_2$  solution) via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the ion chromatography method.

#### 2.2 Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

USEPA Method 7C will be used for sampling and testing of nitrogen oxides (NOx) sample. Stack gas with nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into impinger contains absorption solution (alkaline potassium permanganate solution) via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed colorimetrically.

#### 2.3 Carbon Monoxide (CO)

USEPA Method 10B will be used for sampling and testing of carbon monoxide (CO) sample. Stack gas with carbon monoxide (CO) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into a Tedlar Bag via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the gas chromatography flame ionization detection (GC/FID).

#### 2.4 Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)

USEPA Method TO-12 will be used for sampling and testing of Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC) sample. Stack gas with Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC) analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into a 6L Canister via regulated gas sampler.

The sampling period will last for around 30 mins to collect sufficient sample for laboratory analysis. The duration depends on the stack condition such as pressure, temperature. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the gas chromatography flame ionization detection (GC/FID), the result of NMOC will be reported as "propane".



# 3 Sampling Period and Stack Parameter

# 3.1 Sampling Period

Test Parameter	Trial 1	Trial 2
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 12:15 - 13:15	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 16:53 - 17:53
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 10:15 - 11:15	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 15:23 - 16:23
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 13:30 - 14:00	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 14:23 - 14:53
Non-Methane Organic Compounds (NMOC)	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 13:30 - 14:00	20 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 14:23 - 14:53

# 3.2 Stack Parameter

Test Parameter	Trial	Sampling Volume (m³)[1]	Average Stack Gas Temperature (°C)	Average Stack Gas Velocity (m/s)	Average Stack Gas Volume Flow Rate (m³/hr) <sup>[1]</sup>
Sulphur	1	0.0554	181	0.6	879
Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	2	0.0552	475	2.2	2044
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	1	0.0230	201	1.1	1516
	2	0.0224	353	1.5	1646
Carbon	1	0.0083	334	1.6	1713
Monoxide (CO)	2	0.0082	339	1.6	1740
Non-Methane Organic	1	0.006	334	1.6	1713
Compounds (NMOC)	2	0.006	339	1.6	1740

Note:

[1]: Expressed as 0 deg. C, 101.325 kilopascal pressure.



#### 4 Result

# 4.1 Biogas Flare (EP1)

Test	Unit	LOR	Resi	ılt <sup>[1]</sup>
Parameter	Ollit	LOR	Trial 1	Trial 2
	ppmv	1	<1	<1
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/m³	2	<2	<2
	kg/hr	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	ppmv	2	<2	<2
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ) <sup>[2]</sup>	mg/m³	5	<5	<5
	kg/hr	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	ppmv	10	<10	<10
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m³	13	<13	<13
, ,	kg/hr	0.022	<0.022	<0.022
Non-Methane	ppmv	0.2	1.1	1.0
Organic Compounds	mg/m³	0.1	0.6	0.5
(NMOC) <sup>[3]</sup>	kg/hr	0.0002	0.0010	0.0009

#### Note:

- [1]: Results expressed as at 0 degree Celsius temperature, 101.325 kilopascals pressure, without correction for water vapour or oxygen content. The introduction of dilution air to achieve the limit is not allowed.
- [2]: Results expressed as nitrogen dioxide.
- [3]: Results expressed as carbon.
- [4]: The LOR of the emission rate (kg/hr) is calculated based on the minimum flow rate among the 2 sampling trials.
- LOR: Laboratory Reporting Limit.

## APPENDIX C

Air Quality Monitoring Report – Emission from Stack of Process Building



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#### 1 Summary of Work

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Sampling Period: 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Location of Stack: Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estates

No. of Stack:

Name of Stack: Process Building Outlet (EP3)

#### 1.1 Method for Stack Sampling and Analysis

Parameter	USEPA Method Reference
Velocity / Volumetric Flow Rate	Method 2
Acetaldehyde	Method TO-11A
Methanol	Method TO-14A

## 1.2 Sampling Time

The sampling time of each gas sample was covered for at least 1 hour.

#### 2 Sampling Summary

#### 2.1 Acetaldehyde

USEPA Method TO-11A will be used for sampling and testing of Acetaldehyde sample. Stack gas with Acetaldehyde analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into DNPH-coated silica gel cartridges via regulated gas sampler. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the liquid chromatography with ultraviolet (UV) detection.

#### 2.2 Methanol

USEPA Method TO-14A will be used for sampling and testing of Methanol sample. Stack gas with Methanol analyte will be collected from the centroid of the stack into a 6L Canister via regulated gas sampler.

The sampling period will last for around 60 mins to collect sufficient sample for laboratory analysis. The duration depends on the stack condition such as pressure, temperature. Sample will be delivered to ALS Hong Kong Laboratory and analysed by the gas chromatography flame ionization detection (GC/FID).



# 3 Sampling Period and Stack Parameter

# 3.1 Sampling Period

Test Parameter	Trial 1	Trial 2
Acetaldehyde	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 10:06 - 11:06	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 11:10 – 12:10
Methanol	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 10:06 - 11:06	24 <sup>th</sup> October,2016 11:10 – 12:10

## 3.2 Stack Parameter

Test Parameter	Trial	ial Volume Temperature Veloci		Stack Gas Velocity (m/s)	Stack Gas Volume Flow Rate (m³/hr) <sup>[1]</sup>
Acataldahyda	1	0.0581	53.8	3.9	209
Acetaldehyde	2	0.0571	61.5	4.0	206
Mathanal	1	0.006	53.8	3.9	209
Methanol	2	0.006	61.5	4.0	206

Note:

[1]: Expressed as 0 deg. C, 101.325 kilopascal pressure.



#### 4 Result

4.1 Process Building Outlet (EP3)

Test			Result <sup>[1]</sup>		
Parameter	Unit	LOR	Trial 1	Trial 2	
	ppmv	2.5	<2.5	<2.5	
Acetaldehyde	mg/m³	5	<5	<5	
	kg/hr	1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	<1x10 <sup>-3</sup>	<1 x 1 0 <sup>-3</sup>	
	ppmv	50	<50	<50	
Methanol	mg/m³	70	<70	<70	
	kg/hr	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	

#### Note:

[1]: Results expressed as at 0 degree Celsius temperature, 101.325 kilopascals pressure, without correction for water vapour or oxygen content. The introduction of dilution air to achieve the limit is not allowed.

LOR: Laboratory Reporting Limit

APPENDIX D Air Quality Monitoring Report – Odour Measurement at Final Air Scrubber

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# **Odour Measurement at ASB Biodiesel Plant**

17 October 2016

By Odour Research Centre

Faculty of Science and Technology
Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong

(Member of VTC Group)

#### 1. Background

An odour assessment service was required by ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited to collect odour samples at the final air scrubber and to conduct laboratory olfactometry analysis with the European Standard Method (EN13725).

#### 2. Scope of the Work

The scope of the work is:

One sampling location was previously identified by the client. A total of two odour samples need to be collected at final air scrubber per month for a period of one year and the monthly report need to be submitted to the client.

- . to collect two odour samples at the final air scrubber and deliver the collected samples to laboratory for olfactometry analysis on 17 October 2016.
- . to conduct laboratory olfactometry analysis to determine the odour concentration of the collected odour samples;
- . to calculate the odour emission rate at the final air scrubber;
- . to prepare an analytical report.

## 3. Methodology

#### 3.1 Odour Sampling

Odour gas sample is collected by a Sampling Device Standard consists of a vacuum container, which is evacuated by a vacuum pump. The sampling point and the standard sampler are connected by a probe. Due to the evacuation in the sampling device, the sample bag, inside the device, sucks in sample air via the probe. During this process, none of its components come into contact with the sample air due to the construction of the sampling device.



**Odour Sampling System** 

#### 3.2 Odour Measurement by Olfactometry

Odour concentration is determined by a Dynamic Olfactometer (TO9) in accordance with the European Standard Method (EN13725). This European Standard specifies a method for the objective determination of the odour concentration of a gaseous sample using dynamic olfactometry with human assessors and the emission rate of odours emanating from point sources, area sources with outward flow and area sources without outward flow. This European Standard is applicable to the measurement of odour concentration of pure substances, defined mixtures and undefined mixtures of gaseous odorants in air or nitrogen, using dynamic olfactometry with a panel of human assessors being the sensor. The unit of measurement is the odour unit percubic metre:  $OU_E/m^3$ . The odour concentration is measured by determining the dilution factor required to reach the detection threshold. The odour concentration at the detection threshold is defined as  $1 OU_E/m^3$ . The odour concentration is then expressed in terms of multiples of the detection threshold. The range of measurement is typically from  $2^2 OU_E/m^3$  to  $2^{17} OU_E/m^3$  (excluding pre-dilution).



Olfactometer

#### 3.3 Determination of Odour Emission Rate

The odour emission rate (OER) at the final air scrubber can be calculated by the following equation:

OER (ou/s) = Odour concentration (ou/m<sup>3</sup>) x Cross section area of outlet (m<sup>2</sup>) x Outlet gas flow velocity (m/s).

## 4. Odour Sampling and Olfactometry Measurement

#### 4.1 Sampling Activities

The odour sampling works was conducted on 17 October 2016 at the final air scrubber. A total of two odour samples were collected on the site and delivered to the Odour Research Centre of THEi

immediately.

During the odour sampling, the wind speed was measured on the outlet of final air scrubber. The location description and sampling condition are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of sampling condition and results for olfactometry measurement

Location ID	Location description	Date	Time	Type	a (m <sup>2</sup> )	V (m/s)	OC (OU <sub>E</sub> /m³)	OER (ou/s)
1	Final air scrubber	17 October 2016	11:10	A	0.0962	1.19	179	20.5
2	Final air scrubber	17 October 2016	11:15	A	0.0962	1.19	200	22.9

Remark: A: Ambient sampling; a: Cross section area of final air scrubber; V: Gas flow velocity from final air scrubber; OC: Odour concentration; OER: Odour emission rate from final air scrubber.

#### 4.2 Olfactometry Measurement and Analytical Results

A total of two odour samples were transported to the Odour Research Centre of THEi. The olfactometry analysis was conducted within 24 hours after the sampling work using a dynamic olfactometer in accordance with the European Standard Method (EN13725). Four qualified panellists participated in the odour testing session, who were previously selected through a set of screening tests using a certified n-butanol gas (60 ppm/v) as a standard reference.

According to the odour concentration determined for each sample, the odour emission rates at the final air scrubber were calculated as follows:

OER (ou/s) = Odour concentration (ou/ $m^3$ ) x Cross section area of outlet ( $m^2$ ) x Outlet gas flow velocity (m/s).

The analytical results of odour concentrations and odour emission rate are summarized in Table 1.

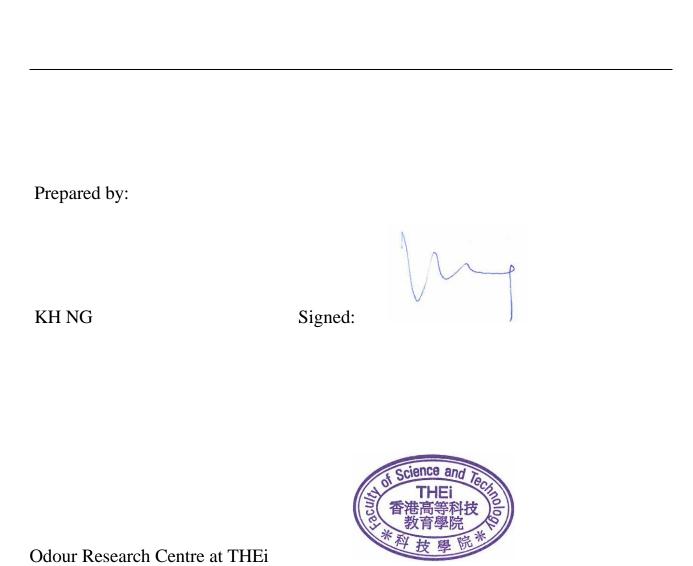
The photos about the on-site sampling activity at the final air scrubber are presented below,



Final air scrubber



Final air scrubber



APPENDIX E Air Quality Monitoring Report – Odour Patrol

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# For ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited

# **Odour Patrol at ASB Biodiesel Plant**

6 October 2016

By Odour Research Centre

Faculty of Science and Technology
Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong

(Member of VTC Group)

#### 1. Background

An odour patrol survey was required by ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited to determine the odour intensity of ambient air at the boundary of ASB Biodiesel Plant during its operation period of the morning and the afternoon on 6 October 2016.

#### 2. Scope of the Work

The scope of the work is:

This field odour survey includes the daily monitoring by a qualified odour panelist from THEi to record the instant weather conditions, to determine odour intensity and also to identify odour natures at each of five locations along with the boundary of the ASB Biodiesel Plant. The odour patrol exercise should be conducted two times per month for a period of one year and the monthly report need to be submitted to the client.

#### 3. Methodology

- 3.1 The odour patrol means a simple judgment by observers patrolling and sniffing at the boundary of the ASB Biodiesel Plant to detect any odour at different time within operating hours.
- 3.2 One qualified odour panelist with his individual thresholds (n-butanol) complied with the requirement of the European Standard Method (EN13725) in the range of 20 to 80 ppb/v and a standard deviation of R < 2.3 should be selected to conduct the odour patrol work.
- 3.3 The panelist should be free from any respiratory diseases and normally do not work at or live in the area in the vicinity of the ASB Biodiesel Plant.
- 3.4 During each visit, the instant weather conditions should be measured using a portable environment anemometer (Lutron LM-8000) and recorded for references.
- 3.5 During odour patrol, the panelist should indentify the odour nature and determine the odour intensity at each location. The odour intensity can be expressed using an odour intensity scale, which is a verbal description of an odour sensation to which a numerical value is assigned at five different levels according to the following criteria:

0	Not detected	No odour perceived or an odour so week that it can not be easil characterised or described
1	Slight	Identifiable odour, slight
2	Moderate	Identifiable odour, moderate
3	Strong	Identifiable, strong
4	Extreme	Severe odour

#### 4. Odour Patrol Survey

- 4.1 Prior to the on-site odour survey, a site visit was conducted by an odour technician from the Odour Research Centre of THEi together with the staff from ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited. During the site visit, five locations at the boundary of ASB Biodiesel Plant were identified for the odour patrol survey and are clearly marked in Figure 1.
- 4.2 One qualified odour panelist from THEi was selected as an observer to conduct the odour patrol, who participated in a set of screening tests using a certified n-butanol gas with their individual thresholds (n-butanol) complied with the requirement of the European Standard Method (EN13725) in the range of 20 to 80 ppb/v and a standard deviation of R < 2.3.
- 4.3 The odour patrol survey was conducted in the morning and the afternoon on 6 October 2016.
- 4.4 During each survey, the odour panelist recorded the weather conditions including prevailing weather, wind direction and wind speed, determined the odour intensity and also indentified the odour nature at each location.
- 4.5 Some photos about odour patrol activities at different locations are presented below:









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4.6 All odour patrol data and findings in two trips on 6 October 2016 are summarized in Table 1 as shown below:

Table 1: Summary of odour patrol survey data and findings

				Wind		Odour	Observations
Date	Location	Time	Weather	Speed (m/s)	Direction	Intensity	Odour Nature
6 October 2016	1	10:12	Fine	1.7	NE	1	Oil and Grease
	2	10:16		1.1	NE	1	Oil and Grease
	3	10:21		2.2	NE	0	
	4	10:26		1.6	NE	0~1	Food smell
	5	10:29		0.7	NE	0	
	1	12:02	Fine	2.8	E-NE	0~1	Oil and Grease
	2	12:05		1.6	E-NE	1	Oil and Grease
	3	12:09		1.3	E-NE	0	
	4	12:14		1.8	E-NE	0	
	5	12:17		1.2	E-NE	0	

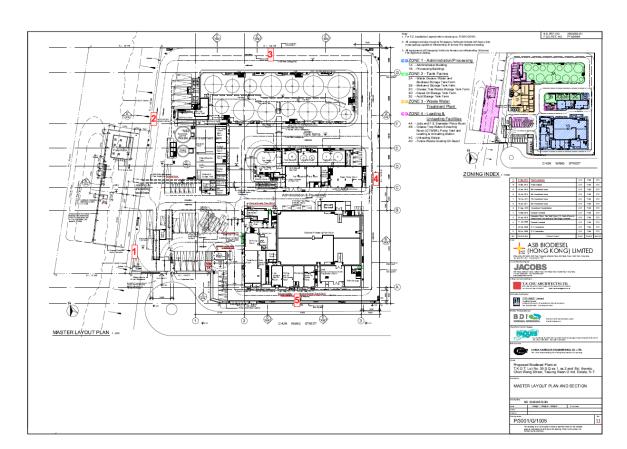
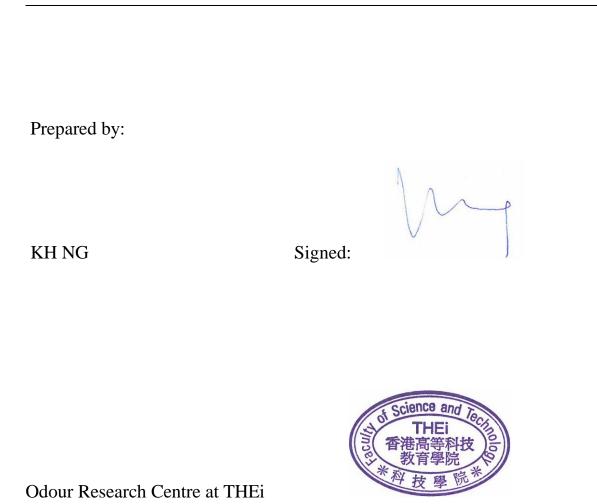


Figure 1: Five locations of odour patrol survey at the boundary of ASB Biodiesel Plant



## APPENDIX F

Water Quality Monitoring Result – Effluent from Wastewater Treatment Plant



#### ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Ltd.

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Date

: 17 October, 2016

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#### **TEST REPORT**

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION** 

Stream 1, Water Pollution Control Ordinance (CAP. 358)

Licence No.: WT00022972-2015

**SAMPLE RECEIVED DATE** 

13 October, 2016

**TESTING DATE** 

13 – 17 October, 2016

**TEST RESULT** 

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TEST	METHOD	UNIT	RESULT
рН	/	1	8.47
TCOD	HACH Method 8000	mg/L	1720
Sulfate	HACH Method 10248	mg/L	10
Total Nitrogen (as N)	HACH Method 10071	mg/L	145
Total Phosphorous (as P)	HACH Method 8190	mg/L	20
Total Suspended Solid	APHA 2540 D	mg/L	120
Oil & Grease	APHA 5520 B	mg/L	25
BOD <sub>5</sub>	APHA 5210 B	mg/L	1460

For and on behalf of ASB BIODIESEL (HONG KONG) LTD

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APPENDIX H
Test Result – Sulphur Content in Bio
Heating Oil



#### **ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Ltd.**

No.

: T21-20161017-0900

Date

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#### **TEST REPORT**

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION** 

Bio Heating Oil, Tank 21

**SAMPLE RECEIVED DATE** 

17 October, 2016

**TESTING DATE** 

17 October, 2016

**TEST RESULT** 

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TEST	METHOD	UNIT	RESULT
Sulphur	EN ISO 20846: 2011	mg/kg	302

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APPENDIX I Complaint Log

## APPENDIX I – COMPLAINT LOG

**Reporting Month**: October 2016

Log Ref.	Location	Received Date	Details of Complaint	Investigation/Mitigation Action	Status
COM- 2016-09- 001	Not Specified	24 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016	2 Gammon engineers complained about strong odour and oily discharge at 9:15 am	The incident was due to the pump P101A was tripped and leaded to an overflow of wastewater at Influent Pit T101.  According to the project proponent, at 8:45 am, high level alarm at Level Indicator of T101 was triggered and the water level in Influent Pit T101 was over 100%. Investigation found out that wastewater was flooding from Bar Screen Room to road because the pump P101A was not operating in the field (although the pump was indicated operating in Process Control System).  Operator then immediately stopped the wastewater feeding to Influent Pit T101, and put sand bags around the stormwater grating outside the pedestrian walkway of Bar Screen Room to block wastewater leaking into storm water drainage. Afterwards, operator cleaned up the area. The problem was resolved at 10:30 am at the same day, and no irritation smell was sensed outside the project site.  To prevent recurrence, the following measures are recommended:  - Cover the storm water grating outside the bar screen room pedestrian walkway by steel plate;  - Modify the pump P101A temporary control circuit to feedback overload trip signal back to Process Control System. Maintenance will set up periodic inspection programme to monitor pump performance; and  - Review the emergency handling procedures.	Closed
COM- 2016-10- 002	Not Specified	5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	EPD referred that a councilor complained about constant smell released from the Project	Investigation found out that housekeeping of the plant was unsatisfactory and improvements are required.  Operator has improved housekeeping, including:  - Always keep the gate of the grease trap waste screening room closed;  - Always keep sludge containers closed;  - Frequent cleaning of drainage system; and  - Always keep the work site clean and tidy	Closed

Log Ref.	Location	Received Date	Details of Complaint	Investigation/Mitigation Action	Status
COM- 2016-10- 003	Not Specified	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2016	EPD referred that a complaint on malodour from the Project was received on 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Investigation found no process upset during that week.  Operator has put the best effort housekeeping (e.g. keeping sludge containers and rooms closed and frequent cleaning of drainage system), and staff have been trained on housekeeping.	Closed

## APPENDIX J

Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedances (October 2016)



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Attn:	Mr. H. T. Lai	Fax:	3107 1388
From:	Mr. Mark Cheung	Ref:	D1067/N00435
Job No.	D1067	Total Pages:	1
Subject:	Development of a Biodie Investigation Report for	9	

Dear Sir,

We refer to your submission of the Investigation Report for the exceedance event in October 2016 via email dated 3 January 2017.

We write to advise that we have no comment on the captioned report.

Regards,

Mark Cheung

Independent Environmental Checker

KTC/gk

# Development of a Biodiesel Plant at Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate

- Investigation Report of Environmental Quality Limit Exceedances

Monitoring Month: October 2016

**Exceedance Summary Table** 

Station	Parameter	Action Level (kg/hr)	Limit Level (kg/hr)	Monitoring Result **	Justification	Validity (Yes/No)
Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site (Stream 1)	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	N.A. *	800 mg/L	<u>1460 mg/L</u>	(1)	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> No Action Level was set in the Final EM&A Manual of the Project

Part B – Conclusion: The exceedance was due to the Project, and therefore measures recommended in Part C shall be implemented.

# Part C – Recommendation: Recommended follow-up investigations are as follow:

- (a) Identify for any unacceptable practice; and
- (b) Investigate whether the current practice need to be amended or not.

The exceedance of BOD (5 days) at the Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site (Stream 1) was due to plant failure which happened at sampling day. In the evening of the day, dissolved oxygen level in aeration tank R301 of the wastewater treatment plant was below 1.0 mg/m³, which triggered the set point. Follow-up investigation found out that the belt of one of the blowers (K301A) which responsible for aerating for aerobic digestion was worn out. Maintenance Department replaced the worn belt by a new one, and the blower has functioned in order. An additional water quality monitoring was performed on 17 October 2016, and all parameters satisfied the monitoring requirements (results are attached with this investigation report). Since the reason of exceedance has been identified and rectified, no further action is required.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Bold Italic means Action Level exceedance; Bold Italic with underline means Limit Level exceedance

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Justification: (1) After investigation, the exceedance of BOD (5 days) was due to equipment failure at sampling day. The belt of one of the blowers (K301A) which responsible for aerating for aerobic digestion was worn out.



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## **TEST REPORT**

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION** 

Stream 1, Water Pollution Control Ordinance (CAP. 358)

Licence No.: WT00022972-2015

**SAMPLE RECEIVED DATE** 

17 October, 2016

**TESTING DATE** 

: 17 – 21 October, 2016

**TEST RESULT** 

:

TEST	METHOD	UNIT	RESULT
pH	/	/	8.40
TCOD	HACH Method 8000	mg/L	860
Sulfate	HACH Method 10248	mg/L	10
Total Nitrogen (as N)	HACH Method 10071	mg/L	143
Total Phosphorous (as P)	HACH Method 8190	mg/L	20
Total Suspended Solid	APHA 2540 D	mg/L	125
Oil & Grease	APHA 5520 B	mg/L	30
BOD <sub>5</sub>	APHA 5210 B	mg/L	520

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