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

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Dear Sir,

We refer to your submission of the Draft monthly EM&A report (February 2017) via email dated 9 March 2017.

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

Please be reminded to submit the monthly EM&A reports within 10 working days after the end of the reporting month

Regards,

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Introduction

1. This is the 11<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 February 2017.

#### **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.
- 4. As there was no production in February 2017 due to lacking of feedstock, emission from stacks of boiler, biogas flare and process building cannot be sampled. Therefore, monitoring on emissions form these stacks was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.
- 5. As the BHO tank was not filled/refilled in February 2017, monitoring on the sulphur content in BHO was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.

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

6. Summary of key information in this reporting month (February 2017) is listed in **Table** I.

Table I Summary of Key Information in February 2017

Event	Event Details		Action Taken	C4 - 4	Remark	
Event	Number	Nature	Action Taken	Status	Kemark	
Exceedance of Action & Limit Levels	0		N/A	N/A		
Complaint received	1	Oily substances and debris entering public sewerage system	Complaint was investigated	Follow-up action was reported to EPD		
Changes to the assumptions and key construction / operation activities recorded	0		N/A	N/A		
Status of submissions under EP	5	1.) Monthly EM&A Report for Oct & Nov 2016; 2.) Monthly EM&A Report for Dec 2016; & 3.) Monthly EM&A Report for Jan 2017 & Quarterly EM&A Report for Oct – Dec 2016	Submitted to EPD on 1.) 6 Feb 2017 2.) 21 Feb 2017; & 3.) 27 Feb 2017	Verified by IEC		
Notifications of any summons & prosecutions	0		N/A	N/A		

#### 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.
  - This Project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment 1.2 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 11th Monthly EM&A report summarizing the EM&A works in operational phase for the Project in February 2017.

#### **Project Organizations**

- Different parties with different levels of involvement in the project organization include: 1.5
  - Project Proponent & Operator ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited
  - Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) Mannings (Asia) Consultants Ltd.
  - Environmental Team (ET) Cinotech Consultants Limited
- The responsibilities of respective parties are detailed in Section 2 of the Final EM&A 1.6 Manual of the Project.
- The key contacts of the Project are shown in **Table 1-1**. 1.7

**Table 1-1 Key Project Contacts** 

Party	Role	Name	Position	Phone No.
ASB	Permit Holder &	Mr. Albert Kwan	Facilities and Operations Manager	3183 4209
ASD	Operator	Ms. Fion Wong	Engineer	3183 4204
Mannings	Independent Environmental Checker	Mr. Mark Cheung	Independent Environmental Checker	3168 2028
		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**

- 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

D N-	Valid Period		C	Status	
Permit / License No.	From	To			
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	
Specified Process (SP	) 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	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 first year monitoring meet the limit level, the monitoring will be reduced to half-yearly intervals for the whole operational stage.	Exhaust gas velocity	7 m/s (minimum)
		$NO_X$	0.053 kg/h
Biogas		СО	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	<ul> <li>Odour intensity ≥ Class 2 recorded; or</li> <li>One documented complaint received</li> </ul>	• Odour intensity ≥Class 3 recorded on 2 consecutive patrols

- 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

Event	Actions				
Event	ET Leader	IEC	Project Proponent		
Exceedance of Limit Level for stack emission from boiler, biogas flare, process building and final air scrubber	Repeat measurement to confirm finding Identify source(s) and investigate the cause(s) of exceedance Inform Project Proponent whether the cause of exceedance is due to the Project Prepare the Notification of Exceedance within 24 hours Discuss remedial actions with the Project Proponent Assess the effectiveness of Project Proponent's remedial actions 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	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	<ul> <li>Rectify any unacceptable practice</li> <li>Amend working methods as required</li> <li>Implement amended working methods, if necessary</li> </ul>		
Exceedance of Action Level for odour	<ul> <li>intervals.</li> <li>Identify source(s) / reason of 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>	Verify the Notification of Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader	Rectify any unacceptable 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	Rectify any unacceptable practice     Propose and implement remedial measures or amend design as required within 3 working days of notification     Resubmit proposals if problem still not under control	

## **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	Monthly	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		
	Quarterly	pН	Within the range of 6 – 9		
		Suspended Solids	50 mg/L		
Stormwater Discharge		Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	50 mg/L		
		Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	100 mg/L		
		Oil & Grease	30 mg/L		
* No action level was	* 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

Event	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	Verify the Notification of Exceedance submitted by the ET Leader     Check with Contractor on the operating activities and implementation of landfill gas control measures     Discuss with ET Leader and Contractor on the possible remedial actions     Advise the IC on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures     Supervise implementation of remedial measures	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>	Propose and implement remedial measures or amend design as required     Rectify any unacceptable practice     Amend working methods as required     Implement amended working methods, if necessary				

## **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

Every tank load of the BHO for the BHO's sulphur content when the fuel tank(s) is being filled/refilled  • 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.  • 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.	Sulphur Content	346 ppm

- 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 and Process Building

4.1 As there was no production in February 2017 due to lacking of feedstock, emission from stacks of boiler, biogas flare and process building cannot be sampled. Therefore, monitoring was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.

Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

4.2 Gas in the final air scrubber was sampled and analyzed. Method adopted for analysis is listed in **Table 4-1**. In addition to parameter listed in **Table 4-1**, exhaust gas velocity was measured. Detailed methodology for odour monitoring in the final air scrubber is presented in **Appendix D**.

Table 4-1 Methodology for Monitoring of Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

Parameter	Methodology		
Odour concentration	European Standard Method (EN13725)		

Odour Patrols along Site Boundary

4.3 Odour patrols were carried out by a qualified odour panelist in both morning and afternoon on 28 February 2017. 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

4.4 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 4-2**. In addition to the parameters listed in **Table 4-2**, pH was measured.

Table 4-2 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

4.5 As water quality of stormwater discharge is required to be monitored quarterly, next monitoring will be carried out in March 2017. No monitoring was carried out in February 2017.

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

4.6 As the BHO tank was not filled/refilled in February 2017, monitoring was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.

#### 5 MONITORING RESULTS

#### **Air Quality**

Emission from Stack of Boiler

5.1 Emission from stack of boiler was not monitored in February 2017 (see **Section 4.1** for details).

Emission from Stack of Biogas Flare

5.2 Emission from stack of biogas flare was not monitored in February 2017 (see **Section 4.1** for details).

Emission from Stack of Process Building

5.3 Emission from stack of process building was not monitored in February 2017 (see **Section 4.1** for details).

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 5-1**. 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 5-1 Monitoring Result of the Odour Concentrations at the Final Air Scrubber

Parameter	Limit Level	<b>Monitoring Result*</b>	
Odour	200.3 OU/s	5.45 OU/s	
Exhaust gas velocity	0.7 m/s (minimum)	0.93 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** 5-2. No exceedance of Action and Limit Levels was reported. Detailed monitoring result of odour patrols along site boundary is presented in **Appendix E**.

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

Table 5-2 Monitoring Result of Odour Patrols along Site Boundary

#### **Water Quality**

Water Quality of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

5.6 The water quality monitoring result of treated effluent discharged from Project Site is presented in **Table 5-3**. No exceedance of Limit Level was reported. Detailed water quality monitoring result of treated effluent discharged from Project Site is presented in **Appendix F**.

Table 5-3 Water Quality Monitoring Result of Treated Effluent Discharged from Project Site

Parameter	Limit Level	<b>Monitoring Result</b>
рН	Within the range of 6 - 10	7.86
Suspended Solids	800 mg/L	32 mg/L
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5 days, 20 °C)	800 mg/L	420 mg/L
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	2000 mg/L	520 mg/L
Oil & Grease	50 mg/L	16 mg/L
Sulphate	1000 mg/L	265 mg/L
Total Nitrogen	200 mg/L	90 mg/L
Total Phosphorus	50 mg/L	17.5 mg/L

Water Quality of Stormwater Discharge

5.7 Water quality of stormwater discharge was not monitored in February 2017 (see **Section 4.5** for details).

# **Sulphur Content in Bio Heating Oil**

5.8 Sulphur content in BHO was not monitored in February 2017 (see **Section 4.6** for details).

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

6.1 1 environmental related complaint was received in February 2017. Details are tabulated in **Table 6-1**.

**Table 6-1** Complaint Details

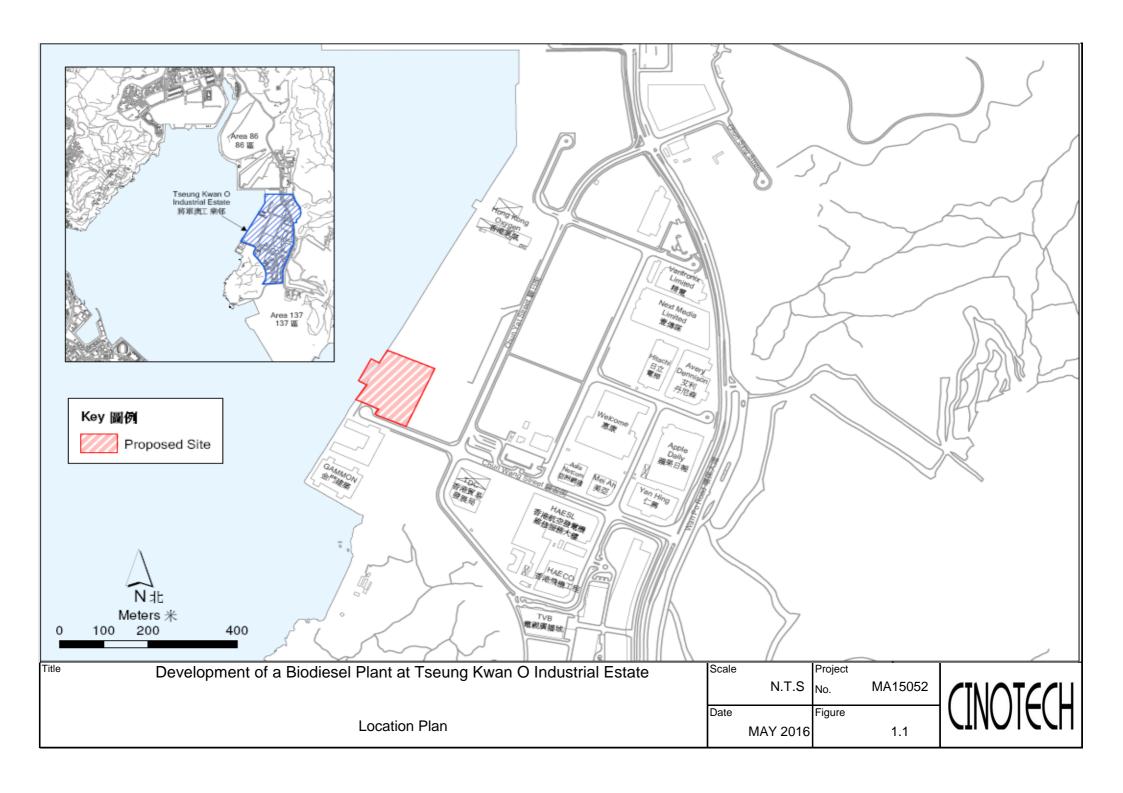
Complaint No.	Date	Complaint Details
COM- 2017-02- 004	06/02/2017	EPD referred complaints from Drainage Service Department (DSD) and neighboring sites regarding the blockage of public sewerage system along Chun Wang Street. DSD reported to EPD that some oily substances and debris had blocked the sewerage system.  Investigation found similar substances (i.e. oily substances and debris) at the foul manhole within the Plant. Investigation also found that untreated effluent was discharged to a foul manhole within the Plant.  Follow-up action (i.e. cleaning of internal sewerage system, from FMH01 to TFMH01) was carried out in early February. In addition, operator has put the best effort (e.g. carry out staff training) to ensure that all effluent are treated properly by wastewater treatment facilities before discharge.

- 6.2 No prosecution or notification of summon was received in the reporting month.
- 6.3 There were 4 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 February 2017, 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 and water quality were carried out at designated locations. No exceedance of Action and Limit Levels was recorded.
- 7.3 As there was no production in February 2017 due to lacking of feedstock, emission from stacks of boiler, biogas flare and process building cannot be sampled. Therefore, monitoring on emissions form these stacks was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.
- 7.4 As the BHO tank was not filled/refilled in February 2017, monitoring on the sulphur content in BHO was suspended in February 2017, and will be resumed in March 2017.
- 7.5 Besides the complaint referred from EPD on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017, no environmental related complaint, prosecution or notification of summon was received.

# **FIGURES**



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

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# For ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited

# **Odour Measurement at ASB Biodiesel Plant**

28 February 2017

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 28 February 2017.
- . 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

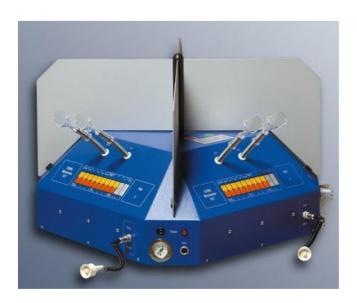
Odour gas sample is collected by a Sampling Device Standard consists of a vacuum container, which is evacuated by a vacuum pump. The sampling point and the standard sampler are connected by a probe. Due to the evacuation in the sampling device, the sample bag, inside the device, sucks in sample air via 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 28 February 2017 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> /m <sup>3</sup> )	OER (ou/s)
1	Final air scrubber	28 February 2017	10:45	A	0.0962	0.93	64.0	5.73
2	Final air scrubber	28 February 2017	10:50	A	0.0962	0.93	57.7	5.16

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

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

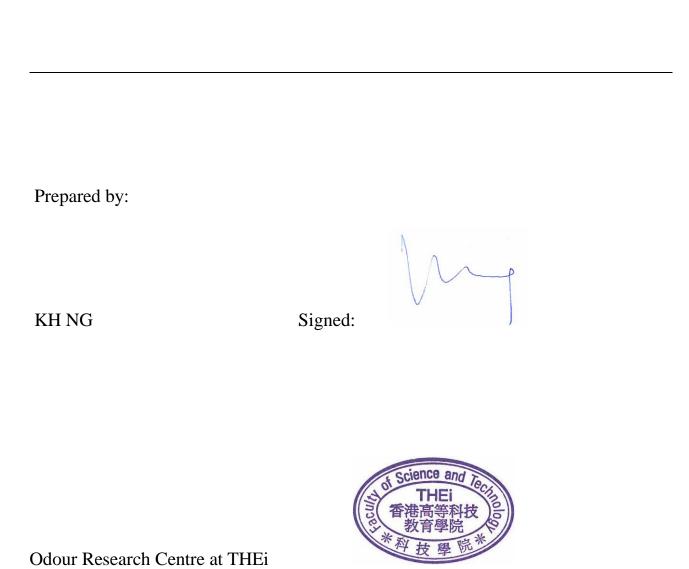
The photos about the on-site sampling activity at the final air scrubber are presented below,



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**

28 February 2017

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 28 February 2017.

#### 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

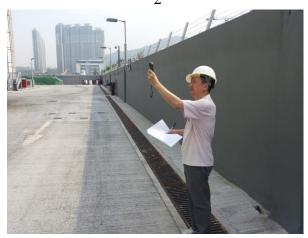
#### 4. Odour Patrol Survey

- 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 28 February 2017.
- 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:











4.6 All odour patrol data and findings in two trips on 28 February 2017 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
28 February 2017	1	10:05	Fine	2.3	NE	0~1	Oil and Grease
	2	10:09		3.1	NE	0~1	Oil and Grease
	3	10:14		2.7	NE	0	
	4	10:18		3.5	NE	1	Food smell
	5	10:21		4.6	NE	0	
	1	12:36	Fine	2.1	NE	0~1	Oil and Grease
	2	12:40		2.8	NE	1	Oil and Grease
	3	12:45		3.3	NE	1	Food smell
	4	12:49		3.0	NE	0~1	Food smell
	5	12:53		2.5	NE	0	

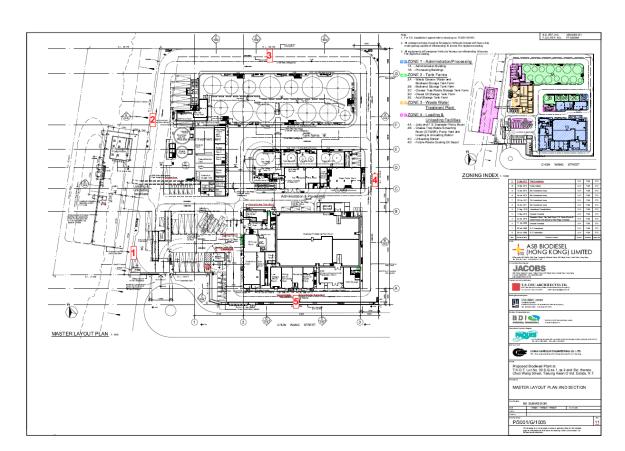
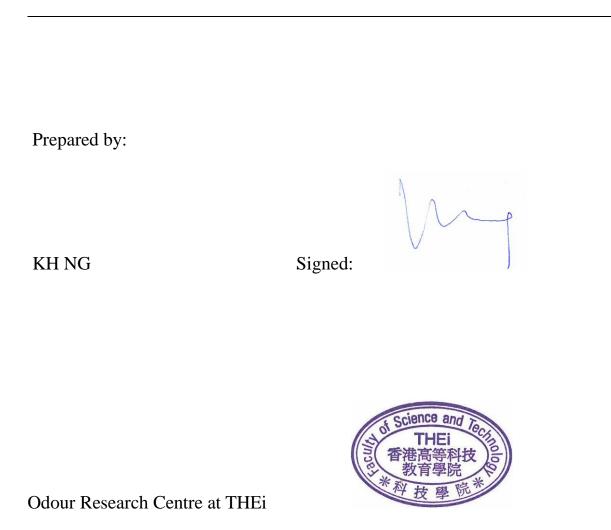


Figure 1: Five locations of odour patrol survey at the boundary of ASB Biodiesel Plant



## APPENDIX F

Water Quality Monitoring Result – Effluent from Wastewater Treatment Plant



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## **TEST REPORT**

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION** 

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

Licence No.: WT00022972-2015

**SAMPLE RECEIVED DATE** 

: 23 February, 2017

**TESTING DATE** 

23-27 February, 2017

**TEST RESULT** 

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TEST	METHOD	UNIT	LIMIT	RESULT	
рН	/	/	6-10	7.86	
TCOD	HACH Method 8000	mg/L	2000	520	
Sulfate	HACH Method 10248	mg/L	1000	265	
Total Nitrogen (as N)	HACH Method 10071	mg/L	200	90	
Total Phosphorous (as P)	HACH Method 8190	mg/L	50	17.5	
Total Suspended Solid	APHA 2540 D	mg/L	800	32	
Oil & Grease	APHA 5520 B	mg/L	50	16	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	APHA 5210 B	mg/L	800	420	

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

**Authorized Signature** 

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APPENDIX I Complaint Log

## APPENDIX I – COMPLAINT LOG

**Reporting Month**: February 2017

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
COM- 2017-02- 004	Not Specified	6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	EPD referred complaints from Drainage Service Department (DSD) and neighboring sites regarding the blockage of public sewerage system along Chun Wang Street. DSD reported to EPD that some oily substances and debris had blocked the sewerage system.	Investigation found similar substances (i.e. oily substances and debris) at the foul manhole within the Plant. Investigation also found that untreated effluent was discharged to a foul manhole within the Plant.  Follow-up action (i.e. cleaning of internal sewerage system, from FMH01 to TFMH01) was carried out in early February. In addition, operator has put the best effort (e.g. carry out staff training) to ensure that all effluent are treated properly by wastewater treatment facilities before discharge.	Ongoing