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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AQO Air Quality Objectives

Arup Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited

ASR Area Sensitive Rating

BOD₅ Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5 days)

B&K Brüel & Kjær

CFM Cubic Feet per Minute

CHEC China Harbour Engineering Company

CNP Construction Noise Permit

CT Contractor

EA Environmental Auditor

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
EM&A Environmental Monitoring and Audit

EP Environmental Permit

EPD Environmental Protection Department ER Engineer / Engineer's Representative

ET Environmental Team

HKSAR Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

HOKLAS The Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme

HVS High Volume Sampler

IEC International Electrotechnical Commission Publications

K Degrees Kelvin

MCAL Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited

NAMAS National Measurement Accreditation Service

NSR Noise Sensitive Receiver

TDD NTE Territory Development Department New Territory East Office

TSP Total Suspended Particulates

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monthly EM&A report presents the site inspection findings, air quality and noise impact monitoring works for the period between 1 August 2003 and 31 August 2003.

For noise monitoring, $L_{eq(30min)}$ level was recorded once a week between the period of 0700 and 1900 at Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School (NM2), Heng Shan House, Heng On Estate (NM3), Kam Yiu House, Kam Ying Court (NM4), Symphony Bay (NM6), Podium of block 15, Monte Vista (NM7) and Roof of block 15, Monte Vista (NM8). $L_{eq(5min)}$ was record three times once a week between the period 1900 and 2300 at NM3, NM4, NM6, NM7 and NM8.

Five measurements were taken at each location during 0700-1900. Five other measurements were taken at NM3, NM4, NM6 and NM8 during 1900-2300 in August 2003. The recorded noise levels were in the range of 60.5 and 70.5 dB(A) during 0700-1900 and in the range of 60.0 and 66.5 dB(A) during 1900-2300. All measurements were below the Limit Level of 70dB(A) for NM2 and 75dB(A) for other monitoring locations during 0700-1900 and Limit Level of 70 dB(A) during 1900-2300 for all monitoring locations.

For air quality monitoring, 1-hour Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) was recorded three times per every six days between the period of 0700 and 1900, and 24-hour TSP was recorded once every six days from 0000 to 2400. Air quality monitoring was conducted at Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School (AM2), Ma On Shan Joseph's Primary School (AM3), Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay (AM4), Club House, Monte Vista (AM5) and Kam Yiu House of Kam Ying Court (AM6).

A total of five 24-hour TSP monitoring was conducted at each location. The recorded 24-hour TSP levels were in the range of 29.7 and 82.2 $\mu g/m^3$ and were below the Action and Limit Levels.

A total of twelve 1-hour TSP measurements was taken at each location. The recorded 1-hour TSP levels were in the range of 104.3 and $242.8 \,\mu\text{g/m}^3$ and were below the Action and Limit Levels.

A total of four site inspections was conducted in August 2003. Key findings of the site inspections are given below.:-

- Five Construction Noise Permits (CNP) for the construction works near Saddle Ridge Garden, Heng On Estate, Cheung Muk Tau Village, Heng On Estate and Lee On Estate were issued from EPD on 18th, 13th, 16th, 20th and 22nd August 2003 respectively.
- Silt was observed at stream S28 and channel along discharge point no. 7. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had cleaned up the concerned areas immediately.
- Stagnate water was observed in the drip tray. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had cleaned up the concerned area.
- Surface runoff was observed at Portal D area. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had agreed to divert surface runoff to channel near Portal D area via sedimentation system.
- The exposed surrounding of channels were observed near discharge point no.3 and no.4. As instructed by ET, the Contractor agreed to cover or hydroseed the exposed slopes.

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• The effluent sampling was conducted by the CT on 19 August 2003.

Incorrect waste data provided by the Contractor in July 2003 have been amended and is given below:

A total of 30 loads of Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D waste) had been disposed of at NENT Landfill in July 2003. The total tonnage of the C&D waste disposal in July 2003 was 184.8 tonnes.

A total of 1,563 loads of tunnel rock and rocks (f>400mm) had been reused at the following government project sites in July 2003:

- Contract No. FL 26/01 River Training for Upper River Indus Completion of the Remaining Works between Man Kam To Road and KCRC Bridges, and
- Contract No. FL27/02 Completion of the Remaining River Training Works for Upper Indus between Man Kam To & San Wai

The total quantity of disposed rocks was 11,175.5 m³ in July 2003.

A total of 114 loads of inert materials had been disposed of at Public Filling Area in July 2003. The total quantity of the disposed inert materials was 684.0 m³ in July 2003.

A total of 29 loads of Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D waste) had been disposed of at NENT Landfill in August 2003. The total tonnage of the C&D waste disposal in August 2003 was 210.3 tonnes.

A total of 1,701 loads of rocks ($\mathbf{f} > 400$ mm) had been reused at the following government project sites in August 2003:

- Contract No. FL 26/01 River Training for Upper River Indus Completion of the Remaining Works between Man Kam To Road and KCRC Bridges, and
- Contract No. CV/2002/05 Public Filling Barging Point at Kai Tak

The total quantity of disposed rocks was 12,162.2 m³ in August 2003.

A total of 240 loads of inert materials had been disposed of at Public Filling Area in August 2003. The total quantity of the disposed inert materials was 1,440.0 m³ in August 2003.

ET was informed by the CT that EPD had visited the site on 28 August 2003.

Two public complaints regarding construction noise were received on 21st and 23rd August 2003 respectively through the EPD. The complaint had been resolved in August 2003.

There was no exceedance recorded in August 2003.

1. INTRODUCTION

Arup was commissioned by the Territory Development Department New Territory East Office (TDD NTE) via Maunsell Consultant Asia Limited (MCAL) to conduct the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) for the project "Shatin New Town, Stage II Contract No. ST 86/2000 Construction of Road 7 in Ma On Shan" with the contract commencement on 10 January 2001.

Truck Road T7 in Ma On Shan is constructed as part of the development of the Sha Tin New Town, Stage II, which is managed by the TDD NTE. The project was commenced in January 2001 and anticipated to be completed by the January 2004. The trunk road will connect the existing Ma On Shan Road and Sai Sha Road, allowing traffic destined for north Ma On Shan, Lok Wo Sha and Sai Kung to by-pass the busy Ma On Shan Town Centre. The construction of Road T7 includes the major components listed hereunder:

- 1. Construction of approximately 3 kilometers of dual carriageway between Ma On Shan Road at Heng On Estate and Sai Sha Road at Cheung Muk Tau Village. About 1 kilometer of the road is on elevated structure.
- 2. Construction of a grade-separated interchange connecting with the widened Sai Sha Road.
- 3. Construction of 2 vehicular underpasses at the eastern end of Road T7.
- 4. Construction of about 1 kilometer of a single 2-lane carriageway starting from the existing Ma On Shan Road/Hang Hong Street roundabout, for replacing the existing access road to Ma On Shan.
- 5. Construction of the western extension of the existing Nin Fung Road in front of Cheung Muk Tau Village.
- 6. Construction of a combined pedestrian and cycle bridge across Ma On Shan Road near Ma On Shan Sewage Pumping Station.
- 7. Construction of 4 pedestrian subways at the western interchange connecting with the widened Sai Sha Road.
- 8. Construction of noise barriers and noise semi-enclosures.
- 9. Slope works and landscaping works associated with the above road works.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report^[1] has identified the environmental impacts during various stages of the construction and operational stages. These include construction noise and fugitive dust during the construction stage, and the traffic noise and tunnel air quality during the operational stage. The monitoring of these environmental issues is required during the construction and operational stages and in accordance with the Brief for Environmental Monitoring and Audit^[2].

The Environmental Permit (EP)^[3] has been issued for the Road T7 project under the EIA Ordinance. The EM&A programme has commenced in January 2001 and is anticipated to be completed the February 2005.

1.1 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the EM&A report is to present the monitoring and audit results of the environmental issues, air quality and noise impacts due to the captioned road construction

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project on a monthly and quarterly basis. This is the thirty-second monthly EM&A report to summarise the EM&A requirements, the environmental status, equipment, monitoring methodology, monitoring locations, periods, frequencies, results and any observations from the noise and air measurements during August 2003.

1.2 Site Description

The site starts from the existing Ma On Shan Road (close to Heng On Estate), runs along the boundary of Ma On Shan Country Park, and terminates at Sai Sha Road (close to Symphony Bay). The site location plan is shown in Figure 1-1.



Figure 1-1 - Site location plan of construction of Road T7.

COUNTRY PARK

2. ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

2.1 Construction Activities of the Month

The main construction activities in August 2003 were slope formation and bridge construction. Construction works for the retaining wall were carried out near the casting yard. The rock excavation and shotcreting were in progress at the slope behind Monte Vista. Construction works of tunnel were in progress at Portal D area near Cheung Muk Tau Village. Bridge construction works were in progress at TC bridge area. Backfilling slope was in progress at the area between Monte Vista and Lee On Estate.

2.2 Environmental Sensitive Receivers

Several residential buildings and schools close to the site have been identified as environmental sensitive receivers in the EIA Report. They included:

- Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School;
- Ma On Shan St. Joseph's Primary School;
- Heng On Estate;
- Kam Ying Court;
- Monte Vista; and
- Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay.

Detailed locations of the environmental sensitive receivers are shown in Figure 2-1.

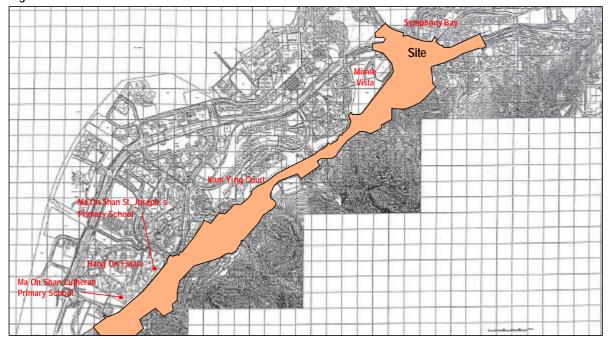


Figure 2-1 - Locations of construction site and environmental sensitive receivers.

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3. SUMMARY OF EM&A REQUIREMENTS

Construction noise and air quality were significant environmental impacts identified for the construction period of the project. In accordance with the Brief for EM&A, air quality and noise impact monitoring shall be performed by an ET at all specified monitoring locations during this stage.

3.1 Construction Noise Monitoring

3.1.1 Monitoring Parameters

Construction noise monitoring shall be measured in terms of the A-weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level (L_{eq}). L_{10} and L_{90} will also be recorded as supplementary reference information for data auditing.

3.1.2 Monitoring Frequency

Construction noise measurements were required to be taken on a weekly basis according to the Brief for EM&A. The monitoring time periods, monitoring parameters and frequency are specified in Table 3-1. The monitoring programme for August 2003 and the planned schedule for September 2003 are provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively.

Table 3-1 - Construction noise monitoring parameters and frequency requirements.

Time Period (when construction activity is found)	Parameters	Monitoring Frequency	No. of measurements for each monitoring	
Between 0700-1900 hours on normal weekdays	Leq(30 min)		1	
Between 1900-2300 hours on normal weekdays		Once per week		
Between 2300-0700 hours of next day			3 (consecutive)	
Between 0700-1900 hours on holidays				

Remarks: The L_{eq(5 min)} will only be measured if construction activities are conducted in holidays and between the period of 1900 and 0700 hours during normal weekdays.

3.1.3 Monitoring Locations

A total of six monitoring locations were specified. They are given in Table 3-2 and shown in Figure 3-1. The measurements shall be taken away from any nearby reflective surface and at a position of 1.2m above ground. No façade correction is required.

 Table 3-2
 Noise impact monitoring locations.

NSR No.	Location	Monitoring Point		
NM2 Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School		Roof-top of the school		
NM3 Heng Shan House, Heng On Estate		Podium floor of Heng Shan House		
NM4	Kam Yiu House, Kam Ying Court	Roof-top of Kam Yiu House		
NM6	Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay	Roof-top of Block 1		
NM7	Monte Vista, Block 15	Podium floor of Block 15		
NM8	Monte Vista, Block 15	Roof floor of Block 15		

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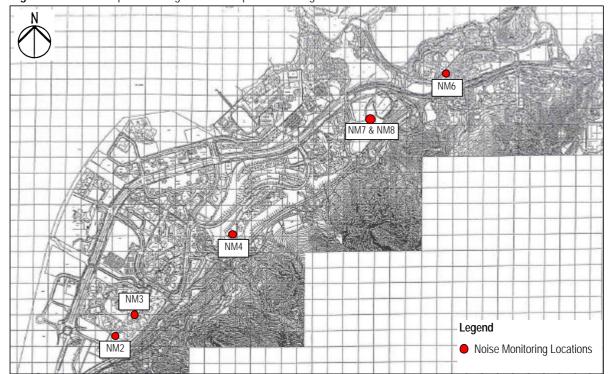


Figure 3-1 - Location plan showing the noise impact monitoring locations

3.2 Air Quality Monitoring

3.2.1 Monitoring Parameters

Air monitoring shall be measured in terms of the TSP levels for both 24-hour and 1-hour periods.

3.2.2 Monitoring Frequency

24-hour TSP and 1-hour TSP levels shall be monitored during the course of construction according to the Brief for EM&A. The monitoring parameters and frequencies are specific in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3 - TSP monitoring parameters and frequency

Parameters	Monitoring Frequency	Time Period	No. of measurement for each monitoring
24-hour TSP	Once every six days	0000 – 2400	1
1-hour TSP	Three times per every six days	0700 – 1900	1

The monitoring programme for August 2003 and the planned schedule for September 2003 are provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively.

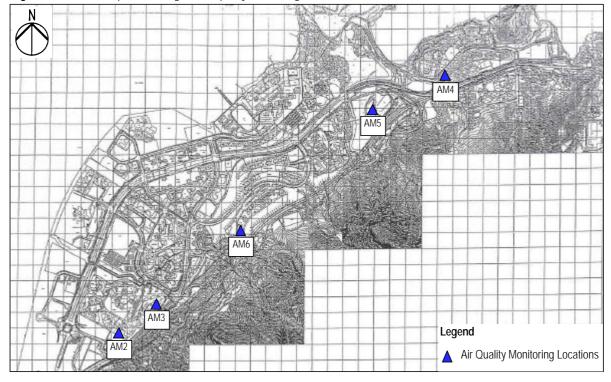
3.2.3 Monitoring Locations

Five monitoring locations nearest to the construction site were specified. They are tabulated in Table 3-4 and shown in Figure 3-2.

Table 3-4 - Air quality monitoring locations.

Sensitive Receptors No	Location	Monitoring Point
AM2	Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School	Roof-top of the school
AM3	Ma On Shan St. Joseph's Primary School	Roof-top of the school
AM4	Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay	Roof-top of Block 1
AM5	Monte Vista	Roof-top of Club House
AM6	Kam Ying Court	G/F of Kam Yiu House

Figure 3-2 - Location plan showing the air quality monitoring locations.



3.3 Performance Limits and Event-Action Plans

The monitoring results shall be checked against appropriate standards and requirements. A two-tier system performance limits has been established in the Project Specific EM&A Manual^[4]. The "Action Level" and the "Limit Level" are established according to the EPD requirements. Corresponding actions will be taken by ET, ER and CT in accordance with the Event-Action Plans if the monitoring results exceed the performance limits.

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3.3.1 Construction Noise Impact

The Action and Limit Levels for the construction noise have been established in Project Specific EM&A Manual^[4] and are tabulated in Table 3-5.

Table 3-5 - Action and limit levels for construction noise.

Time Period	Action Level	Limit Level dB(A)
0700 – 1900 hours on weekdays		75 *
0700 – 2300 hours on General Holidays; & 1900 – 2300 hours on all other days	When one documented	50 or 55** ⁽¹⁾
1900 – 2300 flours off all other days	complaint is received	65 or 70** ⁽²⁾
2300 – 0700 hours of next day		55 or 40** ⁽¹⁾
2500 – 0700 flours of flext day		50 or 55** ⁽²⁾

Remarks: * reduced to 70dB(A) for schools and 65dB(A) during school examination periods.

* to be selected based on Area Sensitivity Rating

(1) for the SPME and prescribed works

(2) for non-SPME and prescribed works

Note: If works are to be carried out during restricted hours, the conditions stipulated in the construction noise permit issued by the Noise Control Authority have to be followed.

Table 3-6a and Table 3-6b detail the actions required to be carried out by different parties in the case of an exceedance of performance limits being detected.

Table 3-6a - Event-action plan for construction noise (Action Level).

			Action				
	ET		ER			СТ	
1. 2.	Notify ER and CT Carry out investigation	1.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing	1.	Submit noise to ET	mitigation	proposals
3.	Report the result of investigation to ER	2. 3.	Notify CT Require CT to propose remedial	2.	Implement proposals	noise	mitigation
4.	Increase monitoring frequency to check mitigation effectiveness		measures for the noise exceedance				
5.	Review the proposed remedial measures by CT and advise ER accordingly	4.	Ensure remedial measures are properly implemented				
6.	Suggest any improvement or other alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found ineffective						
7.	Supervise the implementation of remedial measures						
8.	If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring						

Table 3-6b - Event-action plan for construction noise (Limit Level).

			Action		
	ET		ER		СТ
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Notify ER and EPD Identify source Repeat measurement to confirm findings Increase monitoring frequency Discuss amongst ER and CT on the potential remedial actions Review CT's remedial actions whenever necessary to assure their effectiveness and advise ER accordingly Suggest any improvement or other alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found ineffective Supervise the implementation of remedial measures	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing Notify CT Require CT to propose remedial measures for the noise exceedance Ensure remedial measures are properly implemented If exceedance continues, consider what portion of the work is	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Take immediate action to avoid further exceedance. Inform ET, ER and EPD of the actions taken for the exceedance.
9.	Inform ER and EPD of the causes for the exceedance				
10.	Assess effectiveness of CT's remedial actions and keep EPD and ER informed of the results				
11.	If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring				

3.3.2 Air Quality

The action and limit levels for air quality have been established in the Project Specific EM&A Manual^[4] and are tabulated in Table 3-7.

Table 3-7 - Action and limit levels for air quality.

Parameters	Action Level	Limit Level
	 For baseline level < 108µg/m³, Action Level = average of baseline level plus 30% and Limit Level 	
24 Hour TSP Level in μg/m ³	 For 108 μg/m³ < baseline level < 154 μg/m³, Action Level = 200 μg/m³ 	260
	 For baseline level > 154μg/m³, Action Level = 130% of baseline level 	
	• For baseline level < 154μg/m³, Action Level = average of baseline level plus 30% and Limit Level	
1 Hour TSP Level in μg/m ³	• For $154\mu g/m^3$ < baseline level < $269\mu g/m^3$, Action Level = $350\mu g/m^3$	500
	 For baseline level > 269μg/m³, Action Level = 130% of baseline level 	

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The baseline checking was conducted in June 2003. There was no significant difference when compare the baseline checking results of June 2003 with previous baseline checking results. Therefore, the current A/L levels for 24-hour TSP and 1-hour TSP monitoring are still representative and valid. In accordance with the Baseline Monitoring Report^[5] and Baseline Checking Results in March 2002, the action and limit levels for 24-hour TSP and 1-hour TSP at different locations were established and are tabulated in Table 3-8 and Table 3-9 respectively.

Table 3-8 - Action and limit levels for 24-hour TSP.

Monitoring Location	24	4-hour TSP Level in mg /r	n³
Monitoring Escation	Baseline Level *	Action Level	Limit Level
Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School	66.0	173	
Ma On Shan St. Joseph's Primary School	57.7	168	
Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay	60.8	170	260
Club House, Monte Vista#	-	185	
Kam Yiu House, Kam Ying Court#	-	194	

Remarks: * Baseline levels were obtained from the Baseline Monitoring Report prepared by Manusell Consultant Asia Limited^[5].

Table 3-9 - Action and limit levels for 1-hour TSP.

Monitoring Location	1-hour TSP Level in mg/m³				
Monitoring Location	Baseline Level *	Action Level #	Limit Level		
Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School	274	350			
Ma On Shan St. Joseph's Primary School	274	350			
Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay	273	347	500		
Club House, Monte Vista#	-	350			
Kam Yiu House, Kam Ying Court#	-	349			

Remarks: * Baseline levels were obtained from the Baseline Monitoring Report prepared by Maunsell Consultant Asia Limited^[5].

- # The Action Levels of AM2, AM3 and AM4 have been revised in accordance with the baseline checking results in March 2002.
- * No baseline monitoring was conducted for Monte Vista (AM5) and Kam Ying Court (AM6) as these two locations were established after the commencement of the construction works. The Action Levels for AM5 and AM6 were established in accordance with the baseline checking results in March 2002.

Table 3-10a and Table 3-10b detail the actions required to be carried out by different parties in case of an exceedance of performance limits being detected.

^{*} No baseline monitoring was conducted for Monte Vista (AM5) and Kam Ying Court (AM6) as these two locations were established after the commencement of the construction works. The Action Levels of AM5 and AM6 are established in accordance with the baseline checking results in March 2002.

 Table 3-10a
 - Event-action plan for air quality (Action Level).

			Action		
	ET		ER		СТ
Ac	tion Level 1 – Exceedance for one sar	nple			
1. 2. 3. 4.	Identify source Inform ER Repeat measurement to confirm findings Review the proposed remedial measures by CT and advise ER accordingly Suggest any improvement or other	1. 2.	Notify CT Check monitoring data and CT's working methods	1. 2.	Rectify any unacceptable practice Amend working methods if appropriate
6. 7.	alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found ineffective Supervise the implementation of remedial measures Increase monitoring frequency to demonstrate efficacy of remedial measures If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring				
Act	tion Level 2 –Exceedance for two or n	nore	consecutive samples	<u> </u>	
 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 	Identify source Inform ER Repeat measurement to confirm findings Review the proposed remedial measures by CT and advise ER accordingly Discuss with ER for remedial actions required Suggest any improvement or other alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found ineffective Supervise the implementation of remedial measures	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing Notify CT Check monitoring data and CT's working methods Discuss with Environmental Supervisor and CT on potential remedial actions Ensure remedial actions are properly implemented	 2. 3. 	Submit proposals for remedial actions to ER within 3 working days of notification Implement the agreed proposals Amend proposal if appropriate
8.9.10.	Increase monitoring frequency to demonstrate efficacy of remedial measures If exceedance continues, arrange meeting with ER If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring		ntified as being not works related no fu		

Note: If source of exceedance is clearly identified as being not works related no further action is necessary by any party.

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Table 3-10b - Event-action plan for air quality (Limit Level).

		Actio	n	
	ET	ER		СТ
Lin	nit Level 1 – Exceedance for one samp	e		
 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 7. 8. 	Identify source Inform ER Repeat measurement to confirm findings Discuss with ER for remedial actions required Suggest any improvement or other alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found ineffective Supervise the implementation of remedial measures Increase monitoring frequency to demonstrate efficacy of remedial measures If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring	 Confirm receipt of failure in writing Notify CT Check monitoring working methods Discuss with E potential remedial properly implement 	data and CT's I and CT on actions I actions are	further exceedance Submit proposals for remedial actions to ER within 3 working days of notification Implement the agreed proposals
Lin	nit Level 2 – Exceedance for two or mo	e consecutive sample	S	
4.	Identify source Inform ER the causes and actions taken for the exceedance Repeat measurement to confirm findings Investigate the causes of exceedance Arrange meeting with ER to discuss the remedial actions to be taken Suggest any improvement or other alternative mitigation measures should the CT's proposal be found	 Confirm receipt of failure in writing Notify CT Carry out analysis procedures to de mitigation to be im Discuss amongst potential remedial Review CT's rewhenever necess their effectiveness If exceedance cowhat portion of 	of CT's working termine possible plemented 3. ET and CT on actions emedial actions sary to assure 5.	further exceedance Submit proposals for remedial actions to ER within 3 working days of notification Implement the agreed proposals
8. 9.	ineffective Supervise the implementation of remedial measures Increase monitoring frequency to demonstrate efficacy of remedial measures If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring	responsible and in that portion of exceedance is aba	work until the ated	

Note: If source of exceedance is clearly identified as being not works related no further action is necessary by any part y.

3.4 Site Inspection and Environmental Complaint Handling

3.4.1 Site Inspection Frequency and Areas Covered

Regular site inspections will be carried out on a weekly basis. The areas of inspection will cover different environmental impacts, such as air, noise, water & waste, and their pollution controls and mitigation measures for both within and outside the site area.

Ad hoc site inspection will be carried out if significant environmental non-compliance is identified. Inspections may also be carried out subsequent to receipt of any environmental complaints, or as part of the investigation work, as specified in the Event-Action Plans.

3.4.2 Site Inspection Procedures

- a) The Environmental Auditor (EA) will be advised by the CT and/or ER of all information on any environmental related aspects.
- b) The EA will conduct discussion with the CT and/or ER to sort out and forecast any potential environmental impact.
- c) The EA will conduct a site walk with the CT and/or ER, particularly the areas with extensive construction works.
- d) The EA will conduct inspection for the main environmental facilities and measures such as the wheel washing facilities located at the site exits, water spraying truck, temporary noise barrier, and the internal noise-reducing measures of the heavy equipment etc, to ensure that these environmental facilities operate normally and effectively.
- e) The EA will fill up a site inspection checklist during the site inspection for recording of any special observations.
- f) The EA will conduct post-discussion with the CT and/or ER for the establishment of additional/special measures if any non-conformance is found. The completion date for such additional measures will be confirmed during the post-discussion.
- g) The EA will propose a reasonable timeframe together with the CT and/or ER, for the preparation of the proposal for the remediation of environmental non-compliance.
- h) The completed site inspection checklist will be signed by the EA, the CT and/or ER, for reference and for taking actions in accordance with the agreed procedures, reporting systems and time frame.

3.4.3 Environmental Complaints

In accordance with the Brief of EM&A, environmental complaints will be referred to the ET for initiation of the complaint investigation procedures. The ET will undertake the following procedures upon receipt of the complaints:

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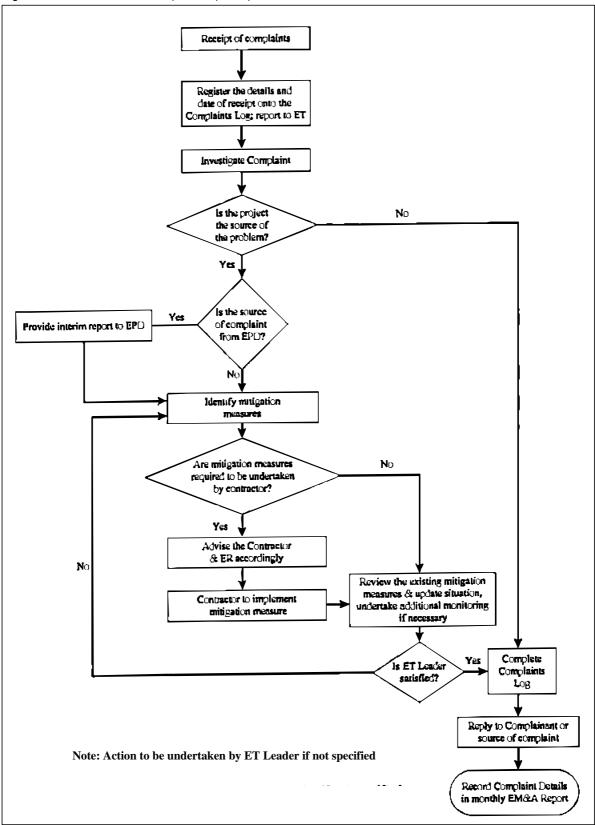
a) The ET will record the details of the complaint and the date of receipt onto the complaint database, and inform ER immediately.

- b) The ET will perform compliant investigation to determine its validity, and to assess whether the source of the problem is due to work activities.
- c) The ER will instruct the CT to identify mitigation measures in consultation with the ET, if the compliant is valid and due to works.
- d) The ET will liaise with the CT on their mitigation measure proposals and implementation, if required.
- e) The ET will conduct review of the CT's response on the identified mitigation measures, and of the updated situation.
- f) The ET will submit interim report to EPD if the complaint is received via EPD. The interim report will clearly state the status of the complaint investigation and the follow-up action within the time frame assigned by EPD.
- g) The ET will undertake additional monitoring and audit to verify the situation if necessary, and ensure that any valid reason for complaint does not recur.
- h) The ET will report on the investigation results and the subsequent actions to the source of complaint for responding to the complainant (If the source of complaint is via EPD, the results will be reported within the time frame assigned by EPD).
- i) The ET will record the details of the complaint, investigation, subsequent actions and results in the monthly EM&A reports.

During the complaint investigation work undertaken by the ET, the CT and ER shall corporate with the ET in providing all the necessary information and assistance for completion of the investigation. If mitigation measures are identified as necessary in the investigation, the CT shall promptly carry out the required mitigation to the satisfaction of ET. The ER shall ensure that such identified measures have been carried out by the CT.

A flow chart of the complaint response procedures is shown in Figure 3-3 for reference.

Figure 3-3 - Flow chart of the complaint response procedure



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4. CONSTRUCTION NOISE MONITORING

4.1 Monitoring Equipment

An integrated sound level meter was used for the noise monitoring. The sound level meter complies with the International Electrotechnical Commission Publications (IEC) 651:1979 (Type 1) and 804:1985 (Type 1) specifications. An acoustical calibrator in compliance with IEC 942:1988 (Type 1) was used to calibrate the sound level meter before and after each set of measurements to confirm that the data drift was less than 1dB(A). The detailed descriptions of the noise measurement equipment are listed in Table 4-1.

Equipment	Manufacturer & Model No.	Precision Grade	Qty.
Integrated sound level meter	Brüel & Kjæ r 2231		2
½ "free-field microphone	Brüel & Kjæ r 4155	IFC 451 Type 1	2
Rion Sound Level Meter	NA-27	IEC 651 Type 1 IEC 804 Type 1	1
Rion ½" microphone	UC53A	TEC 604 Type T	1
Windshield	Brüel & Kjæ r UA0237		4
Acoustical calibrator	Brüel & Kjæ r 4230	IEC 942 Type 1	1
Acoustical calibrator	Brüel & Kjæ r 4226		1
LCD wind speed indicator	Kestrel Vane Anemometer		1

Table 4-1 - Equipment list for construction noise monitoring.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 Field Measurement

- The sound level meter and the battery were checked to ensure that they were in proper condition.
- The sound level meter was set on a tripod at 1.2m above ground and at least 1m from the exterior of the building façade.
- Before conducting the measurement, the sound level meter was calibrated by an acoustical calibrator.
- The measurement parameter was set to A-weighted sound pressure level. The time weighting was set in fast response and the time period of measurement at 30 minutes.
- The wind speed was checked during noise monitoring to ensure the steady wind speed did not exceed 5m/s, or wind with gusts did not exceed 10m/s.
- Any abnormal conditions that generated intrusive noise during the measurement were recorded on the field record sheet.
- After each measurement, the equivalent continuous sound pressure level (L_{eq}) , L_{10} and L_{90} were recorded on the field record sheet.
- The sound level meter was re-calibrated by the acoustical calibrator to confirm that there was no significant drift of reading.

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4.2.2 Equipment Maintenance and Calibration

The sound level meter complies with the standards of IEC 651 (Fast, Slow, Impulse rms detector tests) and IEC 804 (L_{eq} functions). The acoustical calibrator model no. 4230 is in compliance with IEC 942. Both equipment are calibrated annually in-house using Brüel & Kjær (B&K) calibrator model no. 4226.

The B&K calibrator model no. 4226 is annually calibrated by the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, London, which is accredited by National Measurement Accreditation Service (NAMAS). All in-house calibrations that are undertaken can be traced back to the National Physical Laboratory. The latest calibration certificates for the sound level meter and acoustic calibrators are given in the Appendix 3.

4.3 Results

Five measurements were taken at each location on daytime (0700-1900) and five measurements were taken at NM3, NM4, NM6 and NM8 during 1900-2300 in August 2003. All the noise measurements were taken between 0700-2300 hours on normal weekdays during which the construction site was under normal operation. The construction daytime and evening time noise monitoring results in August 2003 are tabulated in Table 4-2 and Table 4-3 respectively. Detailed weather conditions and the monitoring period are given in Appendix 4.

Table 4-2 - Construction day	v-time noise	monitoring	results for August 2003.

Date of Monitoring		Monitoring	Monitoring Results, dB(A) (30 min)					
Date	or Monitoring	Parameters	NM2	NM3	NM4	NM6	NM7	NM8
		L _{eq}	62.5	60.5	65.8	69.0	66.0	68.0
Week 1	06/08/03 (Wed)	L ₁₀	65.0	64.5	68.0	74.5	69.0	73.5
		L ₉₀	60.5	58.0	62.0	63.0	60.5	61.5
		L _{eq}	62.5	60.5	67.5	69.5	68.0	70.5
Week 2	Week 2 12/08/03 (Tue)	L ₁₀	65.0	63.0	71.5	74.5	74.5	75.0
		L ₉₀	60.0	57.5	62.5	63.0	62.0	62.5
		L _{eq}	65.0	62.0	66.0	68.5	68.0	69.5
Week 3	20/08/03 (Wed)	L ₁₀	68.5	64.5	69.5	73.0	74.0	73.0
		L ₉₀	61.0	60.5	60.5	63.0	62.0	61.5
		L _{eq}	64.0	62.5	69.5	68.8	67.7	70.0
Week 4 2	27/08/03 (Wed)	L ₁₀	67.5	66.0	74.0	75.0	70.0	74.5
		L ₉₀	59.0	60.0	61.0	63.0	62.0	63.5

 Table 4-3 - Construction evening time noise monitoring results for August 2003.

Date of Monitoring		Monitoring Results, Leq dB(A) (5 min)					
		NM3	NM4	NM6	NM7*	NM8	
		60.5	64.0	63.5	-	64.0	
Week 1	06/08/03 (Wed)	63.0	63.0	60.5	-	63.0	
		61.0	64.0	62.5	-	62.0	
		60.5	65.0	66.5	-	63.0	
Week 2	Week 2 12/08/03 (Tue)	60.0	64.0	65.8	-	62.5	
		61.0	64.5	66.0	-	62.0	
		60.5	65.0	63.5	-	62.0	
Week 3	20/08/03 (Wed)	61.0	63.0	64.0	-	62.0	
		60.5	64.0	63.5	-	61.0	
		60.5	64.0	65.0	-	63.0	
Week 4	27/08/03 (Wed)	61.0	63.0	65.5	-	62.5	
		61.0	63.0	64.0	=	63.0	

Noted: * Evening time noise monitoring is not required at monitoring station NM7 as no construction works was conducted near this station.

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5. AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Air quality was measured in terms of 24-hour and 1-hour levels of TSP. This indicated the impacts of construction dust on air quality. The 24-hour and 1-hour TSP levels were measured according to the standard high volume sampling method and laser scanning method respectively. All relevant data including temperature, pressure, weather conditions, start and stop time of the sampler, and other special phenomena and work progress of the monitoring locations were also recorded.

5.1 Monitoring Equipment

The high volume sampling method complies with the USEPA ambient air reference method standard for primary and secondary ambient particulate matter $(40 \text{ CFR}_{50\text{-}B})^{[6]}$.

HVS in compliance with the specifications of $40 \ CFR_{50-B}$ were used for carrying out the 24-hour TSP. A photometric aerosol monitor was used for 1-hour TSP monitoring. The details of the HVS, photometric aerosol monitor and the calibration kit used are listed in Table 5-1.

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Equipment	Manufacturer & Model No.	Measurement Paramete	Qty.
High Volume Sampler	GMWS -2310-105		5
Fibreglass Filter	G810	24-hour TSP	
HVS Calibration Kit	ation Kit GMW-2535		1
Photometric Aerosol Monitor	MIE personalDataRAM	1-hour TSP	5
Hand Held Barometer	Cole-Parmer EB833	Pa, Temperature	1

Table 5-1 - Equipment list for TSP monitoring.

5.2 Methodology

5.2.1 24-hour TSP Monitoring

- The HVS was set up at fixed monitoring location under the following criteria:
 - it was placed on a horizontal platform;
 - the filter of HVS was at least 1.3m above ground;
 - it was separated from any obstacle by at least twice the height of the obstacle protruding above the sampler;
 - there were no furnaces or incineration flues operating near the sampler;
 - it has unrestricted airflow 270° around the sampler; and
 - the wire fence and gate did not cause obstruction to the air flow.
- The flow rate of the HVS was set within the range of $1.1 \text{m}^3/\text{min}$ and $1.7 \text{m}^3/\text{min}$, (39CFM 60CFM) as specified in $40 \text{ CFR}_{50\text{-}B}$.
- The power supply was checked to ensure the HVS worked properly
- The HVS was switched on and allowed to operate for 5 minutes before placing any filter on the supporting screen.

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• The filter holding frame was removed by loosening the four wing nuts and allowing the brass bolts and washers to swing down out of the way.

- The fibreglass filter (G810) for TSP sampling was prepared by a HOKLAS accredited laboratory for weighing before and after sampling. Before weighing, the filter was equilibrated in a conditioned environment of:
 - temperature between 25°C and 30°C and not vary by more than 3°C; and
 - relative humidity <50% and not vary by more than 5%.
- The pre-weighted, conditioned and numbered fibreglass filter was centred, with rougher side up, on the supporting screen. The filter was aligned so that the gasket of the frame formed an airtight seal on the outer edges of the filter.
- The filter holding frame was placed onto the filter and then tightened with the brass bolts and washers with sufficient pressure to avoid air leakage from the edges.
- Any dirt accumulation from around the filter holder was wiped out and then closed the shelter lid and secured with the aluminum strip.
- A piece of flow record chart was inserted onto the flow rate recorder and placed under the chart guide clip and the time index clip so that it will rotate freely without binding. Set the time by rotating the drive hub clockwise until the correct time on chart was aligned with time index pointer.
- The flow recorder pen was checked to ensure it was inking and pressed the pen on the chart with sufficient pressure to make a visible trace.
- The timer was programmed and the start time was recorded on specified field record sheet. Other information such as the filter identification number, the weather and site conditions were also recorded.

5.2.2 1-hour TSP Monitoring

- The MIE monitor was switched on by pressing the ON/OFF button. The NEXT button was pressed to select Run or Ready mode.
- The NEXT button was pressed subsequently to check the following settings:
 - data logging function being switched on;
 - 5-min. log period;
 - the tag number for storage;
 - the analog output of $0-4.000 \text{mg/m}^3$;
 - the calibration factor of 1.0;
 - the averaging time of 10s;
 - enough battery charge; and
 - enough remaining memory.
- The monitoring was started by pressing ENTER. The real-time concentration was displayed as CONC and the time-averaged concentration was displayed as TWA.
- The monitoring was stopped by pressing EXIT and ENTER buttons.
- The date and start time, weather, site condition and the downloaded monitoring results were recorded on specified field record sheet.

5.2.3 Maintenance and Calibration

The HVS and their accessories were frequently checked and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's operation & maintenance manual. Maintenance includes the checking of the supporting screen and the gasket, and routine replacement of motor carbon brushes for the blower motor. The power cords and power supply were checked each time before sampling to ensure proper operation.

The HVS are calibrated at 2-month intervals using GMW-2535 Calibration Kit which will be re-calibrated by the manufacturer after one year of use. The calibration certificate of Calibration Orifice is given in the Monthly EM&A Report – April 2003 (Report No. 23156-28)^[7]. The calibration certificates of the HVS are given in the Monthly EM&A Report – July 2003 (Report No. 23156-32)^[8].

The MIE monitor and its accessories were frequently checked and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's operation & maintenance manual to ensure proper operation. Maintenance includes the checking of batteries, zero and sensitive adjustment and filter replacement.

The MIE monitor is returned to the manufacturer for calibration bi-annually. The calibration certificates of the MIE monitor are given in the Monthly EM&A Report – April 2002 (Report No. 23156-16)^[8].

5.3 Results

Air quality monitoring was conducted at monitoring stations Ma On Shan Lutheran Primary School (AM2), Ma On Shan Joseph's Primary School (AM3), Villa Concerto, Symphony Bay (AM4), Club House, Monte Vista (AM5) and Kam Yiu House, Kam Ying Court.

A total of five 24-hour TSP monitoring were conducted at each location. The 24-hour TSP monitoring results are tabulated in Table 5-2. Detailed monitoring data are given in Appendix 5.

Table 5-2 - 24-hour TSP monit	toring results for August 2003.
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Date of Monitoring		24-hour TSP Monitoring Results,(µg/m³)					
Date of Monitoring	AM2	AM3	AM4	AM5	AM6		
05/08/03 (Tue)	74.9	80.0	75.8	82.2	59.4		
11/08/03 (Mon)	44.1	46.0	37.1	48.7	30.1		
16/08/03 (Sat)	38.2	41.3	42.2	53.2	29.7		
23/08/03 (Sat)	34.3	37.3	32.3	42.7	33.1		
29/08/03 (Fri)	46.7	47.1	46.8	56.4	54.3		

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A total of twelve 1-hour TSP monitoring were conducted at each location. The monitoring results are tabulated in Table 5-3 and the detailed monitoring data are given in Appendix 6.

Table 5-3 - 1-hour TSP monitoring results for August 2003.

Date of Monitoring	1-hour TSP Monitoring Results,(µg/m³)				
	AM2	AM3	AM4	AM5	AM6
06/08/03 (Wed)	173.8	242.8	210.3	205.4	147.8
	167.9	216.5	177.0	203.7	137.7
	169.8	221.9	184.9	236.1	138.9
12/08/03 (Tue)	173.9	122.6	162.0	139.9	129.9
	170.3	125.2	159.5	133.0	131.7
	172.2	140.2	155.2	136.0	126.6
20/08/03 (Wed)	171.7	174.2	175.7	212.3	207.5
	156.1	156.6	160.8	202.3	196.1
	141.1	139.9	145.8	193.6	187.2
27/08/03 (Wed)	213.7	120.7	233.7	164.8	116.2
	195.6	130.9	216.6	163.7	104.3
	187.9	157.0	207.8	163.9	132.7

6. SITE INSPECTION, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINT AND NON-COMPLIANCE RECORDS

6.1 Inspection Results

Four weekly site inspections were conducted in August 2003. Key findings of the site inspections are given below: -

- Five Construction Noise Permits (CNP) for the construction works near Saddle Ridge Garden, Heng On Estate, Cheung Muk Tau Village, Heng On Estate and Lee On Estate were issued from EPD on 18th, 13th, 16th, 20th and 22nd August 2003 respectively. Details of the permit conditions are given in CNP No. GW-TN0272-2003, GW-TN0273-2003, GW-TN0276-2003, GW-TN0280-2003 and GW-TN0285-2003 respectively. (Appendix 7).
- Silt was observed at stream S28 and channel along discharge point no. 7. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had cleaned up the concerned areas immediately. Photos showing the silty channel at stream S28 and channel along discharge point no. 7 are given in Figure 6-1 and Figure 6-2 respectively.

Figure 6-1 – The silty channel at stream S28.



Figure 6-2 - The cleaning work in progress for silty channel along discharge point no. 7



• Stagnate water was observed in the drip tray. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had cleaned up the concerned area. Photo showing the stagnate water in drip tray is given in Figure 6-3.

Figure 6-3 – Stagnate water in drip tray.



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Surface runoff was observed at Portal D area. As instructed by ET, the Contractor had agreed to divert surface runoff to channel near Portal D area via sedimentation system. Photos showing the surface runoff at Portal D area are given in Figure 6-4 and Figure 6-5 respectively.

Figure 6-4 - Surface runoff at Portal D area



Figure 6-5 - Surface runoff at Portal D area



The exposed surrounding of channels were observed near discharge point no.3 and no.4. As instructed by ET, the Contractor agreed to cover or hydroseed the exposed slopes. Photo showing the exposed surround of channels near discharge point no.3 and no.4 is given in Figure 6-6 and Figure 6-7 respectively.

Figure 6-6 - The exposed surround of channels near Figure 6-7 - The exposed surround of channels near discharge point no.4



discharge point no.3



The effluent sampling was conducted by the CT on 19 August 2003. The laboratory testing report is given in Appendix 8.

6.2 Waste Disposal

6.2.1 Waste Disposal Data for July 2003

Incorrect waste data provided by the Contractor in July 2003 have been amended and is given below:

A total of 30 loads of Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D waste) had been disposed of at NENT Landfill in July 2003. The total tonnage of the C&D waste disposal in July 2003 was 184.8 tonnes.

A total of 1,563 loads of tunnel rock and rocks ($\mathbf{f}>400$ mm) had been reused at the following government project sites in July 2003:

- Contract No. FL 26/01 River Training for Upper River Indus Completion of the Remaining Works between Man Kam To Road and KCRC Bridges, and
- Contract No. FL27/02 Completion of the Remaining River Training Works for Upper Indus between Man Kam To & San Wai

The total quantity of disposed rocks was 11,175.5 m³ in July 2003.

A total of 114 loads of inert materials had been disposed of at Public Filling Area in July 2003. The total quantity of the disposed inert materials was 684.0 m³ in July 2003.

6.2.2 Waste Disposal Data for August 2003

The waste disposal data for August 2003 is given below:

A total of 29 loads of Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D waste) had been disposed of at NENT Landfill in August 2003. The total tonnage of the C&D waste disposal in August 2003 was 210.3 tonnes.

A total of 1,701 loads of rocks ($\mathbf{f} > 400$ mm) had been reused at the following government project sites in August 2003:

- Contract No. FL 26/01 River Training for Upper River Indus Completion of the Remaining Works between Man Kam To Road and KCRC Bridges, and
- Contract No. CV/2002/05 Public Filling Barging Point at Kai Tak

The total quantity of disposed rocks was 12,162.2 m³ in August 2003.

A total of 240 loads of inert materials had been disposed of at Public Filling Area in August 2003. The total quantity of the disposed inert materials was 1,440.0 m³ in August 2003.

6.3 EPD Site Inspection

ET was informed by the CT that EPD had visited the site on 28 August 2003.

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6.4 Complaint Record

Two public complaints regarding construction noise were received on 21st and 23rd August 2003 respectively through the EPD. The complaint had been resolved in August 2003. Correspondences on the public complaints is given in Appendix 9.

6.5 Non-compliance Record

There was no exceedance recorded in August 2003.

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