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Noise Management Plan

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1. GENERAL

1.1 Introduction

The CEDD Project, namely Wan Chai Development Phase II, Central – Wan Chai Bypass at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre is one of the major sub-projects of the Wan Chai Development Phase II Project.

According to the requirement in the Environmental Permit No.EP-364/2009 and Further Environmental Permit No.FEP-02/364/2009 section 2.9, the Permit Holder shall submit a noise management plan (NMP) showing the noise mitigation measures to be adopted.

1.2 Purpose of the Noise Management Plan

This NMP identify major construction activities that might generate adverse noise impacts to the nearby public and lists mitigation measures that will ensure that the impacts that could result from construction works of the project will be as benign as possible. Chun Wo Leader JV (CWLJV) has the overall responsibility of ensuring that the environmental impacts are mitigated as specified.

It must be verified that the noise mitigation measures are accomplished in accordance with the NMP. This effort will encompass all monitoring activities needed to determine the success of the noise mitigation measures (e.g., to determine if they are implemented according to schedule, if they are producing the desired result, or if additional mitigation measures are needed). According to the Contract requirement, the Environmental Team (ET) shall be responsible for the implementation of the EM&A Manual of the Project and conduct noise monitoring throughout the course of construction at locations proposed in the EM&A Manual. All aspects of the noise mitigation measure must be audited to ascertain compliance with requirements.

CWLJV also has the responsibility of reviewing the project to ensure that the impacts and mitigations presented in the NMP are appropriate to the

planned activities. In addition to conducting the specific mitigation activities addressed in this NMP, all parties involved with or overseeing the project will comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and ordinances.

1.3 Summary of the Plan

This NMP addresses the pertinent mitigation measures as recommended in the EIA report of the project. This NMP does not repeat or present indepth technical information. The presentation of noise mitigation actions in this NMP is organized by the resource categories. Noise mitigation measures will be planned specifically in accordance with the construction activities.

1.4 Noise Sensitive Receivers

The project is located primarily in areas of mixed commercial and residential areas. Activities that generate noise levels above natural background include traffic on major road systems and local roadways across the site, marine traffic from Victoria Harbour, residential areas, other recreational locations and commercial operations. Table 1.1 shows the representative NSRs for this noise impact assessment as identified in the EIA report of the project. Insignificant construction noise impacts are expected on the indoor environment of NSRs such as HKCEC extension, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong Space Museum and Museum of Arts, which are close to the construction sites, as they have facades / fixed windows and are provided with central air conditioning, therefore they do not rely on openable windows for ventilation. Aim of noise mitigation measures in this plan is to lower the noise level at the nearest noise sensitive receivers.

Table 1.1 Representative Existing Noise Sensitive Receivers

NSR	Section	Location	Use	Ground Elevantion (mPD)	No. of Floors
N1	Wanchai	HKAPA (Open Arena)	Performing Arts Centre	5.0	G/F
N2	Wanchai	Causeway Centre	Residential	4.0	42

2. Noise Legislation and License Application

The main legislative instrument to control construction noise and the subsidiary regulations include:

- Noise Control (Construction Work) Regulation
- Noise Control (Construction Work Designated Areas) Notice
- Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) Regulations
- Noise Control (Air Compressors) Regulations
- The Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Noise at Work)
 Regulations are also applicable

Under the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO), construction activities are grouped into two categories: general construction work and percussive piling (for example, piling by means of a hydraulic hammer or drop hammer). Each of these categories of works is controlled by means of a system of Construction Permits.

In relation to the construction noise permit system, three Technical Memoranda relevant to the construction noise provisions have been issued, namely the Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work other than Percussive Piling (GW-TM), the Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work in Designated Areas (DA-TM) and the Technical Memorandum on Noise from Percussive Piling (PP-TM).

Under the GW-TM, the contractor carrying out of general construction work using powered mechanical equipment during the restricted hours, that is between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. or at any time on a general holiday (including Sunday), should require a valid Construction Noise Permit (CNP).

Under the DA-TM, the use of any specified powered mechanical equipment and the carrying out of any prescribed construction work within a designated area during the restricted hours should require a valid CNP.

Under the PP-TM, the carrying out of percussive piling is prohibited between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and on holidays. Percussive piling during the daytime should require a valid CNP.

The Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) and (Air Compressors) Regulations limit the noise emission from hand held breakers having a mass of above 10 kg and air compressor capable of supplying compressed air at 500kPa or above for carrying out construction work. The above equipment must be fitted with noise emission labels when in operation.

Followings are the license / permits to be applied / renewed:

- A CNP for the use of powered mechanical equipment for the carrying out construction work other than percussive piling
- A CNP for the carrying out of prescribed construction work
- A CNP for the carrying out of percussive piling
- Noise Emission Labels for each hand held breakers
- Noise Emission Labels for each air compressors

3. Identification of Major Construction Activities

Major construction activities in this project consist of:

- Construction of new drainage culverts in the hinterland urban area
- Diversion of existing cooling water mains through the hinterland area
- Construction of upgraded sewerage pipelines along existing roads
- Construction of new water mains along existing roads
- Demolition of West Bridge
- Construction of a dual three-lane trunk road tunnel

The major powered mechanical equipments (PME) to be used on site are listed in Appendix 4.13 of EIA Report (Register No.: AEIAR-125/2008). Detailed list of PME will be proposed in corresponding method statement submitted to the Engineer.

4. Noise Mitigation Measures

4.1 Use of QPME and other noise mitigation measures will be made according to the PME schedules listed in Appendix 4.13 of EIA Report

and be proposed in corresponding method statement submitted to the Engineer.

- 4.2 CWLJV will take all reasonable precautions to avoid any nuisance arising from the construction works. All works will be carried out in a matter as to cause as little inconvenience as possible and to minimize adverse impacts on the indoor and outdoor environment during construction works.
- 4.3 A combination of noise mitigation measures will be utilized during the construction stage for the construction phase listed in the EM&A Manual. No single noise mitigation measure would be most effective at reducing noise levels. The following mitigation measures together are considered to offer the most potential for application to this project and incorporated into this plan as described below. Regular monitoring, inspection and audit will be conducted to ensure the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.
- 4.4 In according to the Section of 4.9.3 in EIA Report, stationary noise sources will be located as far as possible from NSRs. If stationary sources have to be located near NSRs, they will be adequately muffled and enclosed within temporary sheds, or movable noise barriers will be used (S4.9.3 of EIA Report).
- 4.5 In order to reduce the excessive noise impacts at the affected areas, movable noise barriers are proposed to be provided for particular items of plants and construction works. Movable noise barriers with cantilevered upper portion for the following items of plants:
 - i) Excavator with breaker
 - ii) Diaphragm wall rigs
 - iii) Poker vibrator
 - iv) Hand held pneumatic breaker
 - v) Generator
 - vi) Air compressor
 - vii) Concrete pump
 - viii) Vibration hammer

Movable noise barrier with a cantilevered upper portion located within 5m from any static or mobile plant can provide 5 to 10 dB(A) noise reduction.



If required, temporary noise barriers (4m in height) including cantilevered upper portion are proposed in work sites to further reduce the noise level during construction phase.

The noise barrier (See **Appendix D**) shall have a surface mass of not less than 14kg/m2 on skid footing with 25mm thick internal sound absorptive lining (See **Appendix C**) to achieve maximum screening effect.

- 4.6 Quiet Power Mechanical Equipment (QPME) deployed on site will be effectively sound reduced (refer to S4.8.3 of EIA Report), as required, to meet the appropriate standards. Sound reduction methods that may be considered are manufacturer recommended silencers, mufflers, acoustic linings or shields, acoustic sheds or screens or other means, as required avoiding disturbance to any nearby NSRs.
- 4.7 Construction equipment will be turned off when not in operation. Close all hoods, cover panels and inspection hatches of powered mechanical plant such as generators, air compressors, etc, during operation.
- 4.8 Construction equipment will be maintained in good condition in order to minimize noise emission during the Works. Daily inspection and repairs, when appropriate, will be made to ensure that equipment remains within compliance limits.
- 4.9 Construction equipment such as excavator that is known to emit noise strongly in one direction will be orientated to face away from the NSRs.
- 4.10 Quiet plant will be used whenever possible throughout the works. Giken silent piler will be used whenever possible to drive sheet piles by jacking mechanism, hence the noise and vibration generated will be significantly reduced. Concrete crusher will be used to replace breaker whenever possible for the demolition works in order to minimize noise pollution in the demolition area.
- 4.11 Equipment used for project construction will be hydraulically or electrically powered whenever possible to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. However,



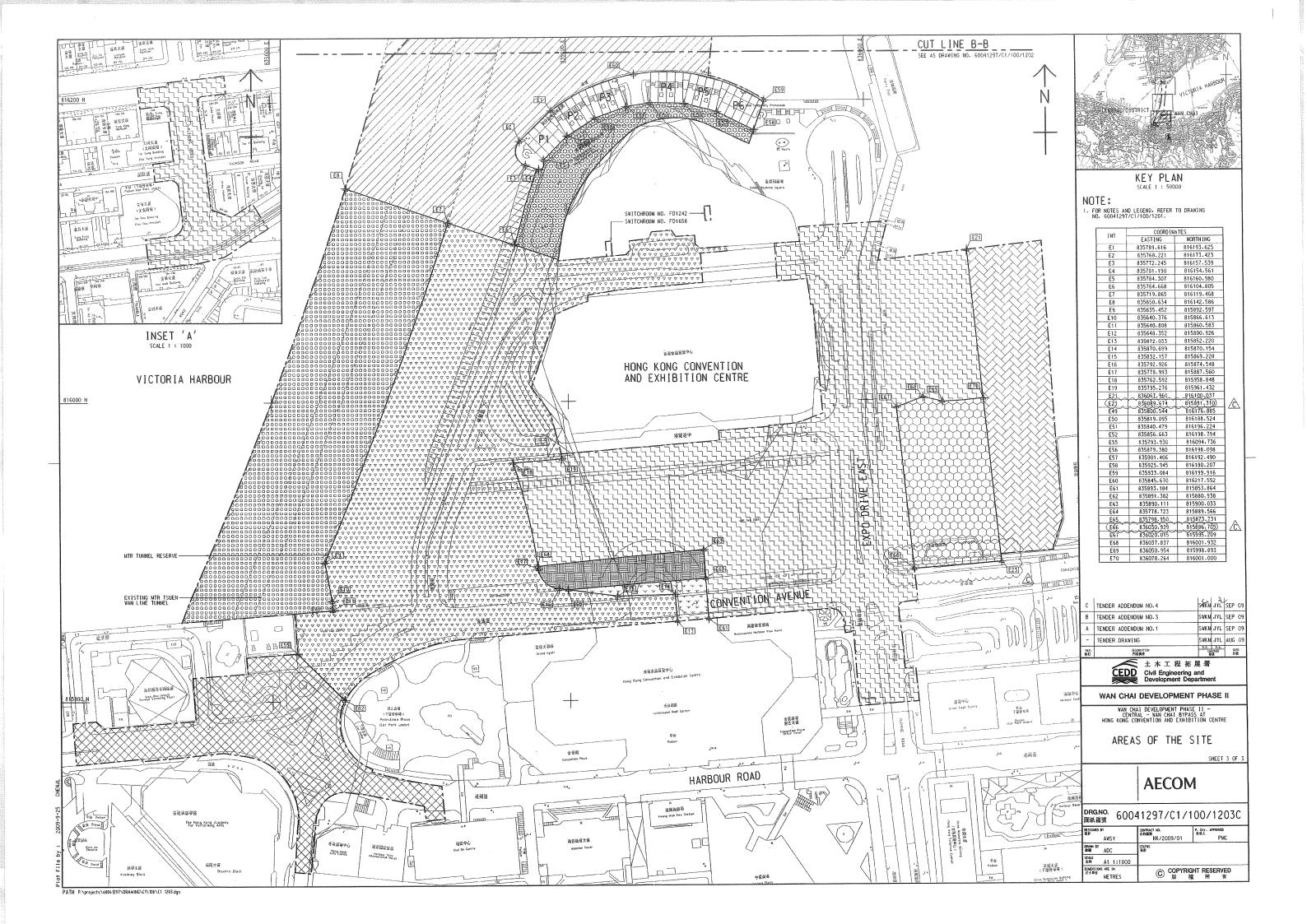
where use of pneumatically powered tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust will be used.

- 4.12 External jackets on the tools will be used where feasible. Breakers mounted on excavators will be surrounded by acoustic blanket to reduce the noise level (see **Appendix C**).
- 4.13 For the demolition of Wan Chai West Pier and Expo Drive East Bridge, it is proposed to surround air compressor and pneumatic breakers on three sides by movable noise barriers during the course of demolition works to reduce the noise level. Breakers of excavators will also be wrapped with acoustical material to further suppress the noise generated during breaking. Super quiet air compressor will also be used. It is anticipated that when properly placed the movable noise curtain will provide noise control of 5 dB(A) to each PME. Layout plans showing the proposed noise mitigation measures for those major construction activities is attached in **Appendix B**.

5. Impact Monitoring for Construction Noise

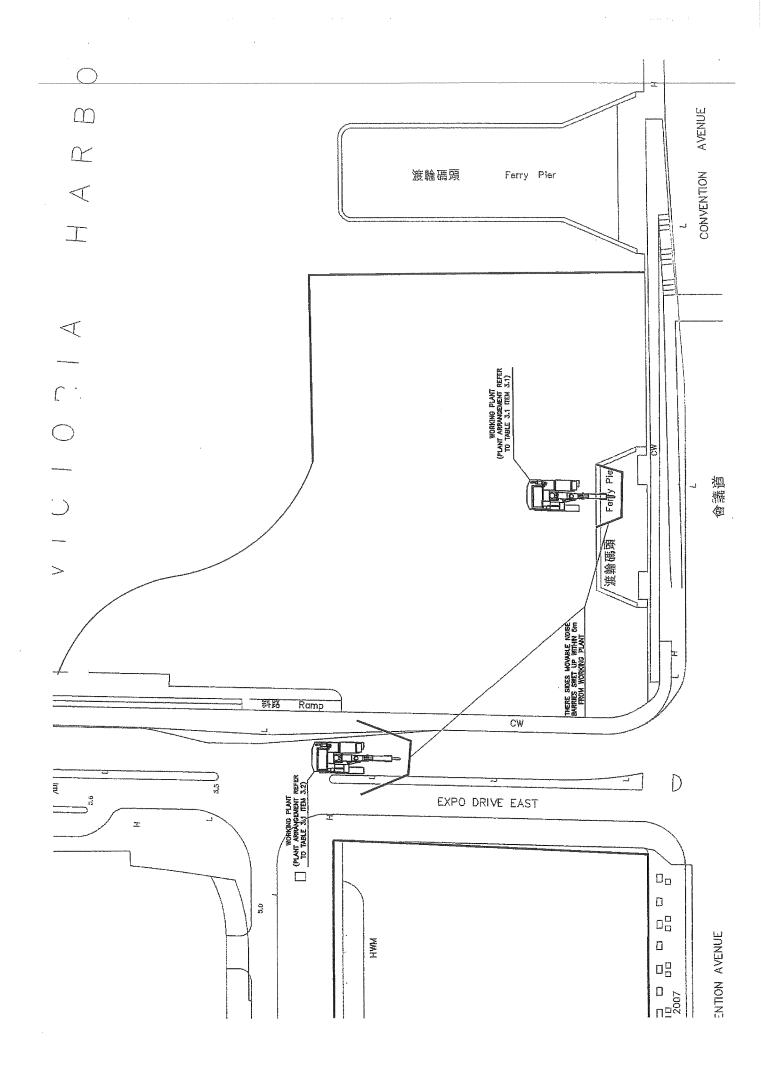
- 5.1 During the construction period, monitoring of noise levels shall be carried out at the agreed monitoring locations by ET in accordance with the EM&A report.
- 5.2 The Action and Limit levels for construction noise are defined in the EM&A report. Should non-compliance of the criteria occur, action in accordance with the Action Plan shall be carried out.

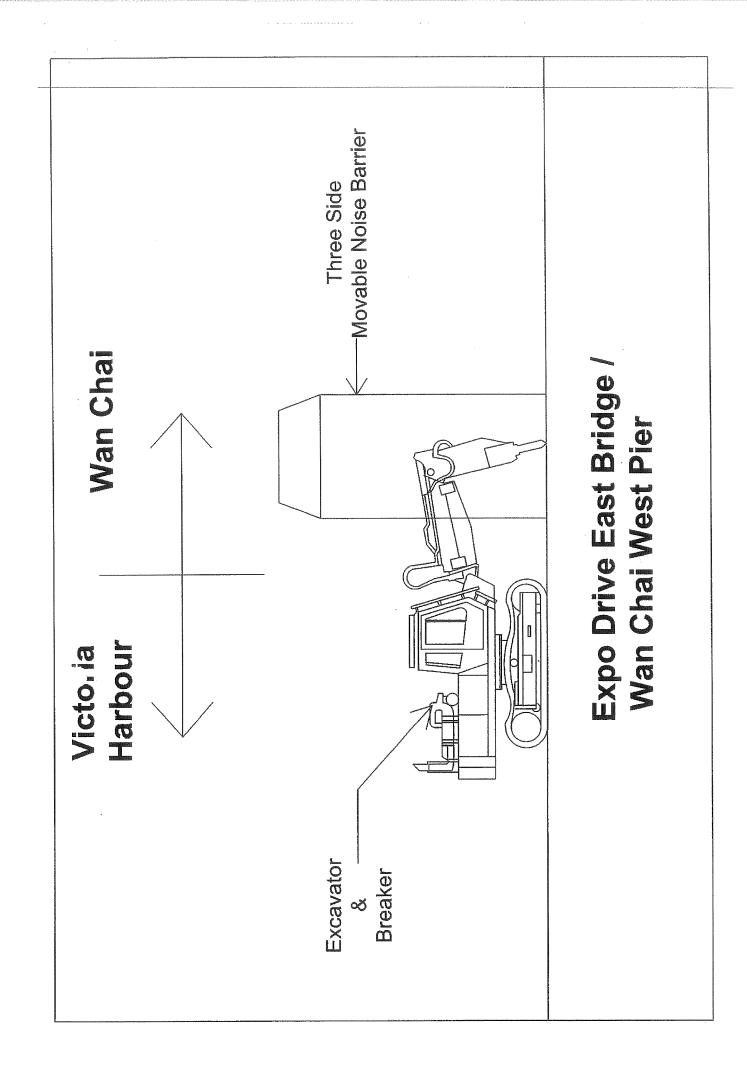
Appendix A Site Plan



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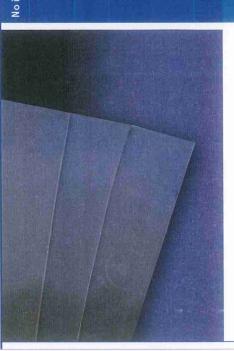
Layout plans showing the proposed noise mitigation measures for those major construction activities likely to exceed statutory limit





Appendix C Sound Insulating Material for Noise Barrier and Plant External Acoustic Jacket

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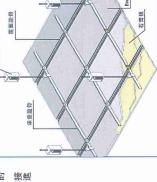
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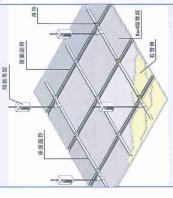
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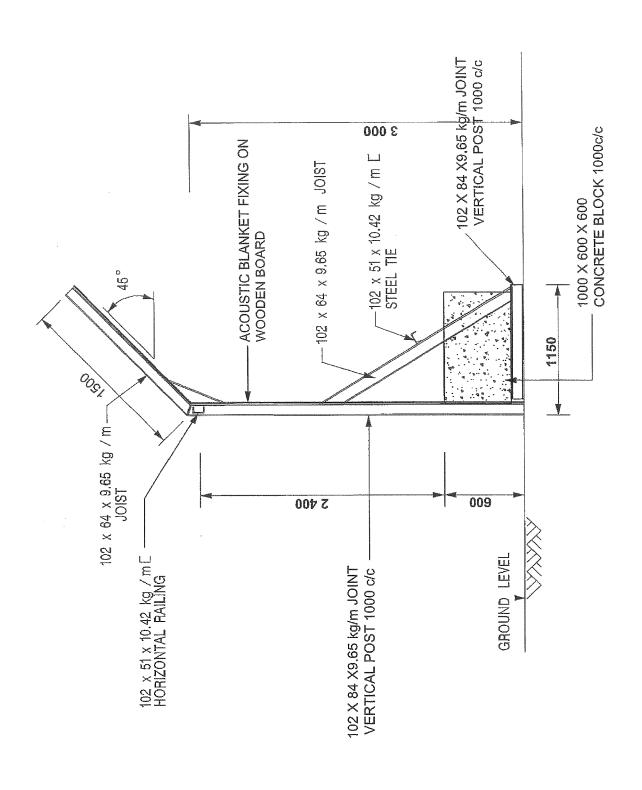
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Appendix D Details of Noise Barrier



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