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ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYM

AL Levels	Action and Limit Levels
E / ER	Engineer/Engineer's Representative
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EM&A	Environmental Monitoring and Audit
EMIS	Environmental Mitigation Implementation Schedule
EP	Environmental Permit
EPD	Environmental Protection Department
ET	Environmental Team
HVS	High Volume Sampler
IEC	Independent Environmental Checker
RE	Resident Engineer
RH	Relative Humidity
TSP	Total Suspended Particulates
TDD	Territory Development Department
QA/QC	Quality Assurance / Quality Control
SLM	Sound Level Meter
WMP	Waste Management Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

- This is the eleventh monthly Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Report prepared by Cinotech Consultants Limited for the “Route 8 (previously known as Route 9) between Cheung Sha Wan & Sha Tin, Lai Chi Kok Viaduct & Eagle's Nest Tunnel”. This report documents the findings of EM&A Works conducted in October 2004 for Contract No. HY/2003/02, Eagle's Nest Tunnel and Associated Works (the Project).
- The site activities undertaken in the reporting month were:
 - Slope cutting;
 - Haul road construction;
 - Directional drill hole;
 - Soil nail installations;
 - Stepped channel and box culvert construction;
 - Blasting works at Portals;
 - Pre-drilling and bored piling works;
 - Preparation for direction drill; and
 - Erection of blasting door.

Environmental Monitoring and Audit Works

- Environmental monitoring and audit works for the Project was performed regularly as stipulated in the updated EM&A Manual and the results were checked and reviewed. Site audits were conducted once per week. The implementation of the environmental mitigation measures, Event Action Plans and environmental complaint handling procedures were also checked.
- Summary of Events and actions taken in the reporting month is tabulated in **Table I**.

Table I Summary of Events Recorded in the Reporting Month

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>No. of Events</i>		<i>No. of Events Due to the Project</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
	<i>Action Level</i>	<i>Limit Level</i>		
1-hr TSP	1	0	1	Issue of Notification of Exceedance
24-hr TSP	0	0	0	N/A
Noise	1	0	1	Complaint Investigation

1-hr TSP Monitoring

- All 1-hr TSP monitoring was conducted as scheduled in this reporting month. One Action Level exceedance was recorded at AM4 (Government Quarters) on 20th October 2004. According to ET's site observations, the exceedance was considered to be related to the Project works. No Limit Level exceedance was recorded in the reporting month.

24-hr TSP Monitoring

- All 24-hr TSP monitoring was conducted as scheduled in this reporting month. No Action/Limit Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month.

Construction Noise

- All construction noise monitoring was conducted as scheduled in this reporting month. No Limit Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month. One public noise complaint was received by ET Leader on 21st October 2004, triggering the Action Level for construction noise.

Environmental Licenses and Permits

- Licenses/Permits granted to the Project include the Environmental Permit (EP) for the Project, Registration of Chemical Waste Producer (RCWP), Construction Noise Permits (CNPs) and Water Discharge Licenses (WDLs).

Key Information in the Reporting Month

- Summary of key information in this reporting month is tabulated in **Table II**.

Table II Summary Table for Key Information in the Reporting Month

Event	Event Details		Action Taken	Status	Remark
	Number	Nature			
Complaint received	2	1 on noise; 1 on dust.	Complaint Investigation	Closed	---
Changes to the assumptions and key construction / operation activities recorded	0	---	N.A.	N.A.	---
Status of submissions under EP	0	---	N.A.	N.A.	---
Notifications of any summons & prosecutions received	0	---	N.A.	N.A.	---
Future Key Issues:					
Major site activities for the coming month include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slope cutting; • Haul road construction; • Directional drill hole; • Soil nail installations; • Stepped channel and box culvert construction; • Blasting works at Portals; • Pre-drilling and bored piling works; • Preparation for direction drill; and • Erection of blasting door. The anticipated environmental impacts will be mainly on dust and noise due to earthworks and water quality arising from tunneling works.					

1. INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1.1 Route 9 (Kowloon Section) (R9K) (hereinafter call the R9K-Project) forms part of the Route 9 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin (R9-CSWST) project, which will be a new expressway connecting West Kowloon and Sha Tin. It will be the fourth external link between Sha Tin and Kowloon and will form an important link between the northeast New Territories and the west Kowloon, Lantau Island and the western New Territories. R9K is being managed and implemented by the Highways Department (HyD).
- 1.2 The engineering design of R9K is covered under Agreement No. CE 50/98 "Route 9 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin – Design Construction Assignment". The main consultant engaged under Agreement No. CE 50/98 is Maunsell Hyder Joint Venture (MHJV), who will act as the Engineer for the construction contracts. The works of R9K mainly comprise a 1.4km dual 3-lane Lai Chi Kok Viaduct from Lai Wan Interchange to Butterfly Valley; 0.5 km of dual 3-lane at-grade carriageway linking to the 2.1 km dual 3-lane twin-bore Eagle's Nest Tunnel with associated portal buildings; a toll plaza with an administration building located with the Sha Tin valley woodland; a ventilation building and an adit; associated noise barriers, noise enclosures, drainage, slope and landscape works; and electrical and mechanical works for the whole R9-CSWST. The remainder of the R9-CSWST forms the Sha Tin Section (R9S) of the project and is being managed and implemented separately by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD).
- 1.3 The R9-CSWST project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 449) (EIAO). An environmental impact assessment (EIA) report has been prepared in 1998 for the R9-CSWST project (1998 R9 EIA) to consider the key issues of noise, air quality, water quality, ecological, construction waste, landscape and visual, land use and cultural impacts, and identify possible mitigation measures.
- 1.4 An Updated Final EIA report was subsequently completed in August 1999 for the R9-CSWST project (1999 R9 EIA), to cater for some changes in R9K portion as mentioned in paragraph 1 of the report. The 1999 R9 EIA was endorsed by Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in November 1999. The 1998 R9 EIA and the 1999 R9 EIA (R9 EIA Reports) were included in the EIA register under the EIAO as report no. EIA-135/BC and AEIAR-022/1999 respectively. An Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Manuals for each of the R9 EIA Reports (EM&A Manuals) were also included as part of the EIA reports in the register.
- 1.5 Subsequent to the endorsement of the R9 EIA Reports by EPD in November 1999, the project programme was deferred to start in 2002/2003 for completion by 2006/07. The implementation of the project was then separated into the R9S and R9K portion. An Environmental Permit (EP) No. EP-103/2001 was issued on 17 September 2001 for R9K to the HyD as Permit Holder. A revised EP No. EP-103/2001/A was issued on 20 May 2003 for R9K (R9K EP) to HyD as Permit Holder.

- 1.6 Two civil works contracts of the R9K project, Contract No. HY/2003/01 entitled “Route 9 – Lai Chi Kok Viaduct” and Contract No. HY/2003/02 entitled “Route 9 – Eagle’s Nest Tunnel and Associated Works”, were commenced on 15th December 2003 for completion in April 2007.
- 1.7 “Route 9” was recently re-tiled as “Route 8 (previously known as Route 9)”. Cinotech Consultants Limited (Cinotech) was commissioned by HyD to undertake the Environmental Monitoring and Audit works for “Route 8 (previously known as Route 9) between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin - Environmental Team (ET) for Lai Chi Kok Viaduct and Eagle’s Nest Tunnel (Contract No. HY/2003/10)”. Dr. Priscilla CHOY of Cinotech Consultants Ltd. was appointed as the ET Leader under Condition 2.2 of the EP. Mr. David YEUNG of CH2M-IDC Hong Kong Ltd. was appointed as the IEC under Condition 2.1 of the EP. This is the eleventh monthly EM&A report summarizing the EM&A works for the Project in October 2004.

Project Organizations

- 1.8 Different parties with different levels of involvement in the project organization include:
- Project Proponent – Major Works Project Management Office (MWPMO) of Highways Department (HyD)
 - Engineer (E) – Maunsell-Hyder Joint Venture (MHJV)
 - Engineer’s Representative (ER) – Maunsell-Hyder Joint Venture (MHJV)
 - Environmental Team (ET) – Cinotech Consultants Limited
 - Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) – CH2M-IDC Hong Kong Ltd.
 - Contractor – Leighton-Kumagai Joint Venture (LKJV)
- 1.9 The responsibilities of respective parties are detailed in Section 1.8.3 of the Updated EM&A Manual (1999) of the Project.
- 1.10 The key contacts of the Project are shown in **Table 1.1**.

Construction Programme

- 1.11 The site activities undertaken in the reporting month were:
- Slope cutting;
 - Haul road construction;
 - Directional drill hole;
 - Soil nail installations;
 - Stepped channel and box culvert construction;
 - Blasting works at Portals;
 - Pre-drilling and bored piling works;
 - Preparation for direction drill; and
 - Erection of blasting door.

Summary of EM&A Requirements

1.12 The EM&A programme requires construction phase monitoring for air quality and construction noise, and environmental site audit. The EM&A requirements for each parameter are described in the following sections, including:

- All monitoring parameters;
- Action and Limit levels for all environmental parameters;
- Event / Action Plans;
- Environmental mitigation measures, as recommended in the project EIA study final report; and
- Environmental requirements in contract documents.

Table 1.1 Key Project Contacts

Party	Role	Name	Position	Phone No.	Fax No.
HyD	Permit Holder	Mr. K.T. Lee	SE3/R8K	2762 3684	2714 5289
		Mr. Albert Cheung	E6/R8K	2762 3598	
		Mr. George Law	E4/R8K	2762 3675	2714 5198
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	Engineer's Representative	Mr. Peter Poon	CRE	9861 8654	2743 9200
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		Mr. Henry Leung	Monitoring Team Leader	2151 2087	
CH2M-IDC	Independent Environmental Checker	Mr. David Yeung	Independent Environmental Checker	2507 2203	2507 2293
		Mr. Billy Yu	Assistant Independent Environmental Checker	2872 2949	
LKJV	Contractor	Mr. Ray Brewster	Project Director	9092 6128	2743 1600
		Mr. Kevin Harman	QA/E Manager	3352 2128	
Enquiries Hotline				3552 2226	
Complaint Hotline				3552 2380	

1.13 The advice on the implementation status of environmental protection and pollution control/mitigation measures is summarized in Section 4 of this report.

1.14 This report presents the monitoring results, observations, locations, equipment, period, methodology and QA/QC procedures of the required monitoring parameters, namely dust and noise levels and audit works for the Project in October 2004.

2. AIR QUALITY

Monitoring Requirements

- 2.1 Monitoring of 1-hour and 24-hour TSP was conducted to monitor the air quality. The established Action/Limit Levels for the environmental monitoring works were shown in **Appendix A**.

Monitoring Locations

- 2.2 Three designated monitoring stations, AM1, AM3 and AM4 was selected for impact dust monitoring for the Project. **Table 2.1** describes the air quality monitoring locations, which are also depicted in **Figure 1a** and **1b**.

Table 2.1 Locations for Air Quality Monitoring

Station	Description	Location
AM1	Yew Chung International School / PLK Choi Kai Yau School	Rooftop
AM3	Garden Villa	Rooftop
AM4	Government Quarters	Ground Floor ¹

Note: ¹The HVS was installed on the ground floor, which is close to the refuse collection station of the Government Quarters.

Monitoring Equipment

- 2.3 **Table 2.2** summarizes the equipment used in the impact air monitoring programme. Copies of calibration certificates are attached in **Appendix B**.

Table 2.2 Air Quality Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Model and Make	Quantity
Calibrator	GMW25; S/N: 1536	1
HVS Sampler	Graseby GMW Model GS2310 High Volume TSP Sampler and associated equipment and shelter	3

Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

- 2.4 **Table 2.3** summarizes the monitoring parameters and frequencies of impact dust monitoring for the whole construction period. The air quality monitoring schedule for the reporting period is shown in **Appendix C**.

Table 2.3 Impact Dust Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Parameters	Frequency
1-hr TSP	Three times / 6 days
24-hr TSP	Once / 6 days

Monitoring Methodology and QA/QC ProcedureInstrumentation

- 2.5 Graseby GMW Model GS2310 TSP High Volume Sampler (HVS) was employed for 1-hour & 24-hour TSP monitoring. The sampler was composed of a motor, a filter holder, a flow controller and a sampling inlet and its performance specification complied with that required by USEPA Standard Title 40, Code of Federation Regulations Chapter 1 (Part 50). Moreover, the HVS also met all the requirements in Sections 2.2 – 2.4 of the Updated EM&A Manual (1999).

Operating/Analytical Procedures

- 2.6 Operating/analytical procedures for the operation of HVS were as follows:
- A horizontal platform was provided with appropriate support to secure the samplers against gusty wind.
 - No two samplers were placed less than 2 meters apart.
 - The distance between the sampler and an obstacle, such as buildings, was at least twice the height that the obstacle protrudes above the sampler.
 - A minimum of 2 meters of separation from walls, parapets and penthouses was required for rooftop samples.
 - A minimum of 2 meters separation from any supporting structure, measured horizontally was required.
 - No furnaces or incineration flues were nearby.
 - Airflow around the sampler was unrestricted.
 - The sampler was more than 20 meters from the drip line.
 - Any wire fence and gate, to protect the sampler, should not cause any obstruction during monitoring.
- 2.7 Prior to the commencement of the dust sampling, the flow rate of the high volume sampler was properly set (between 1.1 m³/min. and 1.4 m³/min.) in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction to within the range recommended in USEPA Standard Title 40, CFR Part 50.
- 2.8 For TSP sampling, fiberglass filters (G810) were used [Note: these filters have a collection efficiency of > 99% for particles of 0.3 mm diameter].
- 2.9 The power supply was checked to ensure the sampler worked properly. On sampling, the sampler was operated for 5 minutes to establish thermal equilibrium before placing any filter media at the designated air monitoring station.

- 2.10 The filter holding frame was then removed by loosening the four nuts and a weighted and conditioned filter was carefully centered with the stamped number upwards, on a supporting screen.
- 2.11 The filter was aligned on the screen so that the gasket formed an airtight seal on the outer edges of the filter. Then the filter holding frame was tightened to the filter holder with swing bolts. The applied pressure should be sufficient to avoid air leakage at the edges.
- 2.12 The shelter lid was closed and secured with the aluminum strip. The timer was then programmed. Information was recorded on the record sheet, which included the starting time, the weather condition and the filter number (the initial weight of the filter paper can be found out by using the filter number). After sampling, the filter was removed and sent to the laboratory for weighing. The elapsed time was also recorded.
- 2.13 Before weighing, all filters were equilibrated in a conditioning environment for 24 hours. The conditioning environment temperature should be between 25°C and 30°C and not vary by more than $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$; the relative humidity (RH) should be $< 50\%$ and not vary by more than $\pm 5\%$. A convenient working RH is 40%.

Maintenance/Calibration

- 2.14 The following maintenance/calibration was required for the HVS:
- The high volume motors and their accessories were properly maintained. Appropriate maintenance such as routine motor brushes replacement and electrical wiring checking were made to ensure that the equipment and necessary power supply are in good working condition.
 - High volume samplers were calibrated at bi-monthly intervals using GMW-25 Calibration Kit throughout all stages of the air quality monitoring.

Results and Observations

- 2.15 All 1-hr and 24-hr TSP monitoring was conducted as scheduled in this reporting month.
- 2.16 One Action Level exceedance was recorded for 1-hr TSP monitoring at AM4 (Government Quarters) on 20th October 2004. Dust generation was observed during the excavation works and site vehicle movement in the construction site of Butterfly Valley. Notification of exceedance was issued by ET on 21st October 2004, as attached in **Appendix H**. It should be highlighted that a public complaint was received on 20th October 2004 from Government Quarters, concerning dust generation at Butterfly Valley (Section 4).
- 2.17 No Limit Level exceedance was recorded for 1-hr TSP monitoring and no Action/Limit Level exceedance 24-hr TSP monitoring in the reporting month.
- 2.18 Wind data monitoring equipment has been installed in Shatin Heights for logging wind speed and wind direction. These wind data is summarized in **Appendix D**.
- 2.19 The monitoring data and graphical presentations of 1-hour and 24-hour TSP monitoring results are shown in **Appendices E and F**, respectively.

3. NOISE

Monitoring Requirements

- 3.1 Monitoring and audit of construction noise levels is required to be conducted, in accordance with the EM&A Manual, to ensure that any unacceptable noise impacts could be readily detected and timely and appropriate action be undertaken to rectify the situation.
- 3.2 The construction noise levels shall be measured in terms of the A-weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level (L_{eq}). L_{eq} (30min) shall be used as the monitoring parameter for the time period between 0700-1900 hours on normal weekdays. For all other time periods, L_{eq} (5min) shall be employed for comparison with the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO) criteria. As supplementary information for data auditing, statistical results such as L_{10} and L_{90} shall also be obtained for reference.
- 3.3 Three designated noise monitoring stations, namely NM1, NM5 & NM6 were selected for impact monitoring in accordance to the EM&A manual (1999) and the subsequent EPD approval of the relocations.
- 3.4 Noise monitoring is also required to be conducted at station NM7 in accordance with the EM&A Manual (1998). The noise monitoring at the station is required to be conducted under CEDD's construction Contract No. ST 89/02 "Sha Tin Heights Tunnel and Approaches" in accordance with the requirement of Environmental Permit No. EP104/2001/A. The impact noise monitoring results at station NM7 are also presented in this report.
- 3.5 **Appendix A** shows the established Action and Limit Levels for the environmental monitoring works.

Monitoring Locations

- 3.6 Noise monitoring was conducted at four designated monitoring stations as summarized in Table 3.1. Figures 1a & 1b show the locations of these stations.

Table 3.1 Noise Monitoring Stations

Monitoring Station	Description	Location
NM1	Yew Chung International School / PKL Choi Kai Yau School	Rooftop
NM5	Villa Carlton	Ground Floor ¹
NM6	Government Quarters	Rooftop of Refuse Collection Station
NM7	Garden Villa	Rooftop

Note: ¹ The noise measurement was taken at 2.3m above the ground floor of Villa Carlton, where has a line of sight of the construction site in the opposite.

Monitoring Equipment

- 3.7 Table 3.2 summarizes the noise monitoring equipment model being used. Copies of calibration certificates are attached in **Appendix B**.

Table 3.2 Noise Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Model and Make	Qty.
Integrating Sound Level Meter	B&K Model 2238	5
Calibrator	B&K 4231	2
Wind Speed Anemometer	RS232 Integral Vane Digital Anemometer	1

Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

- 3.8 Table 3.3 summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and total duration of monitoring. The noise monitoring schedule is shown in **Appendix C**.

Table 3.3 Noise Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Station	Parameter	Period ¹	Frequency	Measurement
NM1	L ₁₀ (30 min.)dB(A) L ₉₀ (30 min.)dB(A) L _{eq} (30 min.)dB(A)	(a) 0700-1900 hrs. on weekdays (b) 1900-2300 hrs. on weekdays (c) 0700-2300 hrs. on holidays (d) 2300-0700 hrs on any days	Once per week	Façade
NM5				Façade
NM6				Free Field
NM7				Façade

Note: ¹(b), (c) and (d) will only be conducted if construction works are undertaken during these periods.

Monitoring Methodology and QA/QC Procedures

- The Sound Level Meter was generally set on a tripod at a height of 1.2 m above the ground, depending to the actual monitoring condition.
- For free field measurement (if any), the meter was positioned away from any nearby reflective surfaces. All records for free field noise levels were adjusted with a correction of +3 dB(A).
- The battery condition was checked to ensure the correct functioning of the meter.
- Parameters such as frequency weighting, the time weighting and the measurement time were set as follows:
 - frequency weighting : A
 - time weighting : Fast
 - time measurement : 30 minutes / 5 minutes
- Prior to and after each noise measurement, the meter was calibrated using a Calibrator for 94.0 dB at 1000 Hz. If the difference in the calibration level before and after measurement was more than 1.0 dB, the measurement would be considered invalid and repeat of noise measurement would be required after re-calibration or repair of the equipment.

- The wind speed was frequently checked with the portable wind meter.
- At the end of the monitoring period, the L_{eq} , L_{90} and L_{10} were recorded. In addition, site conditions and noise sources were recorded on a standard record sheet.
- Noise measurement was paused during periods of high intrusive noise if possible and observation was recorded when intrusive noise was not avoided.
- Noise monitoring was cancelled in the presence of fog, rain, and wind with a steady speed exceeding 5 m/s, or wind with gusts exceeding 10 m/s.

Maintenance and Calibration

- 3.9 The microphone head of the sound level meter and calibrator was cleaned with soft cloth regularly.
- 3.10 The meters were sent to the supplier to check and calibrate on a yearly interval.

Results and Observations

- 3.11 Noise monitoring was performed at the four designated locations during the daytime period (0700-1900 hours) as scheduled in this reporting month. Restricted hours (1900-2300 hours) monitoring was also conducted at NM5 and NM7.
- 3.12 All the Construction Noise Levels (CNLs) reported in this report were adjusted with the corresponding baseline level (i.e. Measured L_{eq} – Baseline L_{eq} = Measured CNL), in order to facilitate the interpretation of the noise exceedance. The baseline noise level of each designated noise monitoring station is presented at **Table 3.4**.

Table 3.4 Baseline Noise Level for the Noise Monitoring Stations

Station	Baseline Noise Level, dB(A)		
	0700-1900 on weekdays	1900-2300 on weekdays / 0700-2300 on holidays	2300-0700 on any days
NM1 – Yew Chung International School / PKL Choi Kai Yau School	61.5	60.3	58.3
NM5 – Villa Carlton	77.1	75.8	71.9
NM6 – Government Quarters	70.1	56.1	52.8
NM7 – Garden Villa	59.0	58.3	50.6

- 3.13 Noise monitoring results and graphical presentations are shown in **Appendix G**.
- 3.14 No Limit Level exceedance for both daytime monitoring (0700-1900 hours) and restricted-hour monitoring (1900-2300 hours) was recorded in the reporting month.
- 3.15 One Action Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month due to a public noise complaint on 21st October 2004 by ET Leader. The details can refer to Section 4 and **Appendix M**.
- 3.16 The major noise source identified at the designated stations was traffic noise.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

Site Audits

- 4.1 Site audits were carried out on a weekly basis to monitor the timely implementation of proper environmental management practices and mitigation measures in the Project site. The summaries of site audits are attached in **Appendix I**.
- 4.2 Site audits were conducted on 7th, 15th, 20th and 27th October 2004 by ET. A joint environmental site audit was conducted on 15th October 2004 with the representatives of HyD, IEC, ER, the Contractor and ET.

Review of Environmental Monitoring Procedures

- 4.3 The monitoring works conducted by the monitoring team were inspected regularly. The following observations have been recorded for the monitoring works:

Air Quality Monitoring

- The monitoring team recorded all observations around the monitoring stations within and outside the construction site.
- The monitoring team recorded the temperature and weather conditions on the monitoring days.

Noise Monitoring

- The monitoring team recorded all observations around the monitoring stations, which might affect the monitoring result.
- Major noise sources were identified and recorded. Other intrusive noise attributing to the result was trimmed off by pausing the monitoring temporarily.

Status of Environmental Licensing and Permitting

- 4.4 All permits/licenses obtained for the Project are summarized in **Table 4.1**.

Implementation Status of Environmental Mitigation Measures

- 4.5 According to the Environmental Permit and the EM&A Manuals, the mitigation measures detailed in the documents are required to be implemented. An updated summary of the EMIS is provided in **Appendix K**.

Table 4.1 Summary of Environmental Licensing and Permit Status

Permit No.	Valid Period		Details	Status
	From	To		
Environmental Permit (EP)				
EP-103/2001/A	20/05/03	N/A	<p><u>Construction and operation of</u></p> <p>(a) All civil works (including highways, traffic, geotechnical, drainage, structural, architectural and landscaping works) for the Lai Chi Kok Viaduct, the interchange with Ching Cheung Road, the main road within Butterfly Valley and the Eagle's Nest Tunnel;</p> <p>(b) All E&M works (including ventilation, Traffic Control & Surveillance System (TCSS), toll collection system and lighting) for the whole Route 9 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin;</p> <p>(c) The permanent slope works above the northern portal of the Eagle's Nest Tunnel;</p> <p>(d) The architectural works (including fitting out and furnishings) of the portal buildings of the Sha Tin Heights Tunnel.</p>	Valid
Registration of Chemical Waste Producer				
WPN 5213-761-L2595-01	26/01/04	N/A	N/A	Valid
Water Discharge License				
EP482/261/0327/I	03/05/04	31/05/09	Discharge of industrial trade effluent and effluent arising from construction activities at the construction site at Ventilation Adit on Tai Po Road (behind Shell Filling Station) opposite Pinehill Development Highways.	Valid
EP482/261/0326/I	01/04/04	30/04/09	Discharge of industrial trade effluent and effluent arising from construction activities at the construction site at Mui Kong Tsuen, Butterfly Valley, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon.	Valid
No. 3156	23/02/04	22/02/09	Discharge of industrial trade effluent and all other wastewater arising from the works areas at North Portal of Route 9 - Eagle's Nest Tunnel and Associated Works (Contract HY/2003/02).	Valid
Construction Noise Permit (CNP)				
GW-RW0484-04	08/10/04	07/04/05	The use of powered mechanical equipment carrying out construction work at Butterfly Valley, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, on general holiday (including Sundays) between 0700 and 2300 hours, and on any day not being a general holiday between 1900 and 2300 hours.	Valid

Permit No.	Valid Period		Details	Status
	From	To		
GW-RN0405-04	28/08/04	27/02/05	The use of powered mechanical equipment carrying out construction work at North Portal (near Garden Villa) of Route 9 – Eagle's Nest Tunnel and Associated Works on general holiday including Sundays between 0700 and 0700 hours on next day and any day not being a general holiday including Sundays between 1900 and 0700 hours on next day.	Valid
GW-UE0220-04	30/07/04	29/01/05	The use of powered mechanical equipment carrying out construction work at construction site adjacent to Tai Po Road Shell Petrol Filling Station and opposite to Villa Carlton, Kowloon, on general holidays including Sundays between 0700 and 2300 hours and on any day not being a general holiday between 1900 and 2300 hours.	Valid

4.6 During site inspections in the reporting month, no non-conformance was identified. The observations and recommendations are summarized in **Table 4.2**.

Table 4.2 Observations and Recommendations of Site Audit

Parameters	Date	Observations / Recommendations	Remedial Actions
<i>Air Quality</i>	20-Oct-04	Improper disposal of waste cement bags was observed at BVS2. The Contractor was reminded to collect the waste cement bags in a container with cover to prevent dust emission.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 27-Oct-04.
	20-Oct-04	The haul roads at Mui Kong Tsuen were observed dry, especially the one at BVS2 and the one connecting Mui Kong Tsuen and South Portal. Water spraying on the haul roads has been implemented by the Contractor but was considered insufficient. Fugitive dust emission was still observed during vehicle movement. The Contractor was reminded to increase the water frequency in this area.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 27-Oct-04.
<i>Noise</i>	27-Oct-04	Air compressor at Portion B (Mui Kong Tsuen) was observed not fitted with a valid noise emission label. The Contractor was reminded to provide the label as soon as possible.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 03-Nov-04.
	27-Oct-04	Air compressor operated with doors opened was observed at Slope BVS2.	Immediate action was taken by the Contractor.

Parameters	Date	Observations / Recommendations	Remedial Actions
Waste / Chemical Management	07-Oct-04	Some recyclable wastes (e.g. paper boxes, plastic bottles, aluminum cans) were observed in a rubbish skip and mixed with other general refuses at Portion D1. The Contractor was recommended to enhance the recycling practice on site in order to reduce the construction waste generated from the Project.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 15-Oct-04.
	15-Oct-04	An oil drum was observed placed on bare ground without provision of drip tray at Portion I1 (South Portal). The Contractor was reminded to provide a drip tray for the drum as soon as possible.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 20-Oct-04.
Permit / Licenses	20-Oct-04	The environmental permit previously displayed at the site entrance of Ventilation Adit was lost. The Contractor was reminded to display the permit as soon as possible.	Rectification was observed during the site audit on 27-Oct-04.

Summary of Exceedances

1-hr TSP Monitoring

- 4.7 One Action Level exceedance was recorded at AM4 (Government Quarters) on 20th October 2004. According to ET's site observations, the exceedance was considered to be related to the Project works. No Limit Level exceedance was recorded in the reporting month.

24-hr TSP Monitoring

- 4.8 No Action/Limit Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month.

Construction noise

- 4.9 No Limit Level exceedance for both daytime monitoring (0700-1900 hours) and restricted-hour monitoring (1900-2300 hours) was recorded in the reporting month.
- 4.10 One Action Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month due to a public noise complaint received by the ET Leader on 21st October 2004.

Implementation Status of Event Action Plans

- 4.11 The Event Action Plans for air quality and noise are presented in **Appendix J**.

Summary of Complaints and Prosecutions

- 4.12 Two environmental complaints were received in this reporting month.

Complaint of Nighttime Construction Noise (Log no. 41021)

- 4.13 Environmental Protection Department (EPD) received a public noise complaint on 9th October 2004 about construction noise generated from the project site, nearby by Garden Villa at Tai Po Road, Sha Tin. EPD subsequently referred the complaint to the Environmental Team (ET) Leader of the Project on 21 October 2004.
- 4.14 According to the information provided by the RSS, no construction activity was undertaken in the nighttime period (2300 – 0700 hours) from 4th to 8th October 2004 at the concerned site area. However, some vehicles had been operating at midnight for transporting LKJV's survey workers from the site. Inconsiderate behaviors were noted causing nuisance to Garden Villa residents
- 4.15 In order to rectify the situation, LKJV had notified the relevant staff with the receipt of the complaint and urged them to take appropriate measures when using TAR1 at night.
- 4.16 Based on the information obtained, the complaint on the noise nuisance from the use of TAR1 was considered valid. The Contractor was reminded to implement the proposed noise mitigation measures during the use of TAR1. The complaint investigation report was submitted by ET to all related parties, including EPD on 29th October 2004.

Complaint of Dust Generation at Butterfly Valley (Log no. 41023)

- 4.17 A public complaint was received by the Engineer's Representative (ER) of the Project on 20th October 2004. The complaint was raised by a resident of the Government Quarters at Caldecott Road, concerning dust generation as a result of the construction activities at Butterfly Valley. The ER subsequently referred the complaint to the Environmental Team (ET) Leader of the Project on 23rd October 2004.
- 4.18 Based on the ER's investigation, observations made by ET during the weekly site audit on 20th October 2004 and the 1-hr TSP exceedance record at AM4 on the same day, the complaint was considered to be valid.
- 4.19 Enhanced dust suppression measures had been implemented by the Contractor in order to rectify the situation. According to ET/ER's observations and the air quality monitoring results, the outcomes were found satisfactory. Nevertheless, the Contractor was reminded to ensure the proposed mitigation measures are effectively implemented. The complaint investigation report was submitted by ET to all related parties including EPD on 3rd November 2004.
- 4.20 There were four environmental complaints and no prosecution received since the commencement of the Project. The Complaint Log is shown in **Appendix M**.

5. FUTURE KEY ISSUES

Key Issues for the Coming Month

5.1 Key issues to be considered in the coming month include:

- Generation of dust from stockpiles, slope works, haul road and vehicle movement, and site formation works on-site.
- Noise from operation equipment and machinery on-site.
- Wastewater discharge from tunneling works and bored piling works.
- Storage of chemicals/fuel and chemical waste/waste oil on site.

Monitoring Schedule for the Next Month

5.2 The tentative environmental monitoring schedules for the next month are shown in **Appendix C**.

Construction Program for the Next Month

5.3 The tentative construction program for the Project is provided in **Appendix L**.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

- 6.1 Environmental monitoring works were performed in the reporting month and all monitoring results were checked and reviewed.

1-hour TSP Monitoring

- 6.2 One Action Level exceedance was recorded at AM4 (Government Quarters) on 20th October 2004. According to ET's site observations, the exceedance was considered to be related to the Project works. No Limit Level exceedance was recorded in the reporting month.

24-hour TSP Monitoring

- 6.3 No Action/Limit Level exceedance was received in this reporting month.

Construction Noise Monitoring

- 6.4 No Limit Level exceedance for both daytime monitoring (0700-1900 hours) and restricted-hour monitoring (1900-2300 hours) was recorded in the reporting month. One Action Level exceedance was recorded in this reporting month due to a public noise complaint received by the ET Leader on 21st October 2004.

Complaint and Prosecution

- 6.5 Two environmental complaints were received by the ET Leader on 21st and 23rd October 2004, respectively. One of the complaints was concerned about the nighttime construction noise from the project site nearby by Garden Villa. Another complaint was concerned about the dust generation in Butterfly Valley. Based on the information obtained, both complaints were considered valid and associated with the construction works of the Project. The complaint investigation reports were prepared by ET and submitted to all related parties on 20th October and 3rd November 2004.
- 6.6 No environmental prosecution was received in this reporting month.

Recommendations

- 6.7 According to the environmental audit performed in the reporting month, the following recommendations were made:

Dust Impact

- To prohibit any open burning on site.
- To regularly maintain the machinery and vehicles on site.
- To follow up any exceedance caused by the construction works.

- To implement dust suppression measures on all haul roads, stockpiles, dry surfaces and excavation works.

Noise Impact

- To inspect the noise sources inside the site.
- To follow up any exceedance caused by the construction works.
- To space out noisy equipment and position the equipment as far away as possible from sensitive receivers.
- To provide temporary noise barriers for operations of noisy equipment near the noise sensitive receivers in an appropriate location.

Water Impact

- To identify any wastewater discharge from site.
- To regularly maintain and clear up the condition of u-channel, catch pits and wheel washing facilities on site.
- To regularly maintain the sediment control measures after rainstorms.

Waste/Chemical Management

- To check for any accumulation of waste materials or rubbish on site.
- To avoid any discharge or accidental spillage of chemical waste or oil directly from the site.
- To avoid improper handling or storage of oil drum on site.