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1.1 BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the East of Sha Chau area has been the site of a series of dredged contaminated mud pits (CMPs) designed to provide confined marine disposal capacity for contaminated mud arising from the HKSAR's dredging and reclamation projects. CMP IVc is presently in operation for backfilling by contaminated mud and is anticipated to reach its capacity in 2010. A series of four newly constructed seabed pits at the East of Sha Chau area, CMP Va-d, will be provided for the disposal of contaminated mud after CMP IVc is full. Dredging operations are now taking place to construct CMP Va. The environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the CMPs at the East of Sha Chau area presently covers disposal operations at CMP IVc and dredging operations at CMP V.

1.2 REPORTING PERIOD

This *Monthly Progress Report* covers the monitoring period of May 2010.

1.3 DETAILS OF SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING ACTIVITIES

No sampling activity was conducted for CMP IVc during the reporting period. For CMP V, sampling for *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* was conducted on 24 May 2010. A summary of field activities are presented in *Annex A*.

A summary of laboratory analysis results submitted by the Contractor in this reporting month is presented in *Table 1.1*.

Table 1.1 Summary of laboratory analysis results submitted by the Contractor during the reporting month

Key Task	Monitoring Component	Results Received from the Contractor
CMP V		
Water Sampling and	Impact Monitoring during	May's sampling:
Chemical Analysis	Dredging Operations	24 May 2010

1.4 DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND / OR ANALYSIS

No outstanding sampling and laboratory analysis remained from May 2010.

1.5 Brief Discussion of the Monitoring Results

Results of *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry* for April 2010 are presented for CMP IV. Results of *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* for May 2010 are presented for CMP V. Detailed results will be discussed in the relevant *Quarterly Reports*.

1.5.1 CMP IV

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010

Concentrations of metals at all stations were below the *Lower Chemical Exceedance Level (LCEL)*, with the exception of Arsenic (*Figures 1* and 2 of *Annex B*). Concentrations of Arsenic slightly exceeded the *LCEL* at all Near Pit and Pit Edge stations. No metal concentrations exceeded the *UCEL (Figures 1* and 2 of *Annex B)*.

Concentrations of Total DDT and 4,4" DDE were higher than the detection limits at the Pit-Edge station CPA (*Figure 3* of *Annex B*). Total Organic Carbon (TOC) concentration in the sediment was the highest at the Pit-Edge station CPB when compared to other stations (*Figure 4*). Sediments were mainly composed of silt and clay (65.0 – 95.5 %) materials with the exception of Pit-Edge station CPA, in which sediments were mainly composed of sand (63 %; *Figure 5*).

Concentrations of Low Molecular Weight (LMW) Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), High Molecular Weight (HMW) PAHs, Total PAHs, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and TBT were below detection limits in sediment samples collected from all stations.

1.5.2 *CMP V*

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V – May 2010

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V was conducted on 24 May 2010. Sampling was conducted during both mid-ebb and mid-flood tides at two Reference (Upstream) stations upstream and five Impact (Downstream) stations downstream of the dredging operations at CMP V. Monitoring was also conducted at the Ma Wan station. At each station, *in-situ* measurements of water quality parameters as well as water samples were taken from three depths in the water column (ie surface: 1 m below sea surface, mid-depth and bottom: 1 m above the seabed).

Monitoring results are presented in *Figures 6* to 9 of *Annex B*. Levels of DO, depth-average Turbidity and TSS complied with the Action and Limit Levels set in the *Baseline Monitoring Report* ⁽¹⁾ (*Tables B1* and *B2* of *Annex B*).

1.6 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH

The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next monthly period of June 2010:

- Water Column Profiling for CMP IV;
- Water Quality Monitoring during Capping for CMP IV; and,
- Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations for CMP V.

The sampling schedule is presented in *Annex A*.

1.7 STUDY PROGRAMME

A summary of the Study programme is presented in *Annex C*.

⁽¹⁾ ERM (2009) Baseline Monitoring Report. Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at Sha Chau (2009-2013) – Investigation. Agreement No. CE 4/2009(EP). Submitted to EPD in September 2009.

Annex A

Sampling Schedule

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Active-Pit	Code	Frequency	J	009 A	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	10 A	M	1
Active-Pit	NCA 1 - 8 NCB 1 - 8	3 times per year 3 times per year		*				*				*		1
Pit-Edge	CPA 1-8	3 times per year		*				*				*		1
Near-Pit	CPB 1-8	3 times per year		*				*				*		1
	CNA 1-8 CNB 1-8	3 times per year 3 times per year		*				*				*		1
Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry		•	J	A	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	_ T
Near-field Stations	RNA 1-9	2 times per year		*				*						1
Mid-field Stations	RNB 1-9	2 times per year		*				*						1
	RMA 1-9 RMB 1-9	2 times per year 2 times per year		*				*						_
Capped Pit Stations	RCA 1-9	2 times per year		*				*						-
Far-Field Stations	RCB 1-9	2 times per year		*				*						1
	RFA 1-9 RFB 1-9	2 times per year 2 times per year		*				*						
Sediment Toxicity Tests Near-Field Stations			J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
vear-rieu Stations	TCA TCB	2 times per year 2 times per year		3				3						1
Reference Stations	TRA	2 times per year		3				3						_
	TRB	2 times per year		3				3						1
Tissue/ Whole Body Sampling			J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	
Near-Pit Stations	INA	2 times per year		*						*				
Reference North	INB	2 times per year		*						*				
	TNA TNB	2 times per year 2 times per year		*						*				_
Reference South	TSA	2 times per year		*						*				
Demersal Trawling	TSB	2 times per year	Y		S	0	N	D	Y-	F	M	A	M	_
Near Pit Stations	INA 1-5	46	J	A 5	3	U	IN	D	J	5	IVI	A	IVI	_
Reference North	INA 1-5 INB 1-5	4 times per year 4 times per year	5	5					5	5				_
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Reference South	TSA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5					5	5				-
	TSB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5					5	5				-
Capping Ebb Tide			J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	
mpact Station Downcurrent	IPE1	4 times per year	3	3				3		3				-
	IPE2 IPE3	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				
	IPE4 PFC1	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				-
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INE1	4 times per year	3	3				3		3				-
	INE2 INE3	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				
	INE4 INE5	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				_
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFE1	4 times per year	3	3				3		3				_
	RFE2 RFE3	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				_
	RFE4 RFE5	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				-
Flood Tide Impact Station Downcurrent														
	INF1 PFC2	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				_
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INF3	4 times per year	3	3				3		3				
	IPF1 IPF2 IPF3	4 times per year 4 times per year	3 3	3 3				3 3		3 3				
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFF1	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				1
	RFF2 RFF3	4 times per year 4 times per year	3	3				3		3				_
Routine Water Quality Monitoring		1.7	ī	A	S	0	N	D	Ιτ	F	M	A	M	
Ebb Tide Impact Station Downcurrent			É					Ē	Ĺ	Ė			-	-
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	IPE3 IPE4	2 times per year 2 times per year	F	*						*				_
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	INE3 INE4	2 times per year 2 times per year	E	*		Ē	Ē	Ē	Ē	*	Ē	Ē	Ē	_
Reference Station Upcurrent	INE5	2 times per year	E	*					E	*				_
	RFE1 RFE2	2 times per year 2 times per year	E	*						*				_
	RFE3 RFE4	2 times per year 2 times per year	E	*						*				_
Flood Tide	RFE5	2 times per year	\vdash	*		<u> </u>	<u> </u>			*		<u> </u>		_
mpact Station Downcurrent	INF1	2 times per year		*						*				_
intermediate of the P	INF2 INF3	2 times per year 2 times per year	E	*						*				_
ntermediate Station Downcurrent	IPF1	2 times per year		*						*				1
Reference Station Unavisual	IPF2 IPF3	2 times per year 2 times per year	F	*						*				1
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFF1	2 times per year	F	*						*				1
	RFF2 RFF3	2 times per year 2 times per year		*						*				_
Water Column Profiling	WCD1	6 times ====	J	A	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
rume Stations	WCP1 WCP2	6 times per year 6 times per year	2	2				2	2	2				_
Benthic Recolonisation Studies			J	A	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
Capped Contaminated Mud Pits	CPA 1-3	2 times per year		3				3						1
	CPB 1-3	2 times per year	\vdash	3			<u> </u>	3	\vdash	-	_			
Pataranaa Statiana	CPC 1-3	2 times per year	\vdash	3										1
Reference Stations	CPC 1-3 RBA 1-3 RBB 1-3	2 times per year 2 times per year 2 times per year		3				3						

Sampling completed

Annex A2 - East of Sha Chau Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule for CMP V (July 2009 - April 2010)

					2009					2010					
Baseline Water Quality Monitoring						0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	
Near Field	ESC-WNAA		*	*											
	ESC-WNAB		*	*											
	ESC-WNAC		*	*											
	ESC-WNAD	To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-ebb tide of	*	*											
	ESC-WNBA	each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	*	*											
	ESC-WNBB		*	*											
	ESC-WNBC		*	*											
	ESC-WNBD		*	*											
Mid Field ESC-WMB To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-eb ESC-WMA each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	ESC-WMB	To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-ebb tide of	*	*											
		*	*												
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Far Field	ESC-WFA	ESC-WFA ESC-WFB MW1 To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-ebb tide of each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	*	*										\neg	
	ESC-WFB		*	*										\neg	
	MW1		*	*										\neg	
														\neg	
Reference Stations	NM1		*	*									\dashv	\dashv	
	NM2		*	*									\dashv	\dashv	
	NM3	To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-ebb tide of	*	*									\dashv	\dashv	
	NM5	each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	*	*									\dashv	\dashv	
	NM6		*	*									$\overline{}$	\dashv	
													\dashv	\dashv	
			-	1										\neg	
Water Column Profiling			J	A	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	
Plume Stations	Upstream				2	2	2	2	2	2					
	Downstream				2	2	2	2	2	2					
Water Outlie I and Maritain for Double			Ιτ	1 a 1	C	0	ът	Ъ	т	г	M	A	M	т	
Water Quality Impact Monitoring for Dredgin	•		J	A	S	O *	N *	D	J *	F *	IVI	A	IVI	J *	
Downcurrent Impact Stations	1							-	- 7		7	-	1	*	
	2				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	3				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	4				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
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Upcurrent Stations	1				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	2				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	MW1				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
	1V1 VV 1														

Sampling completed
Sampling to be completed

Annex B

Monitoring Results

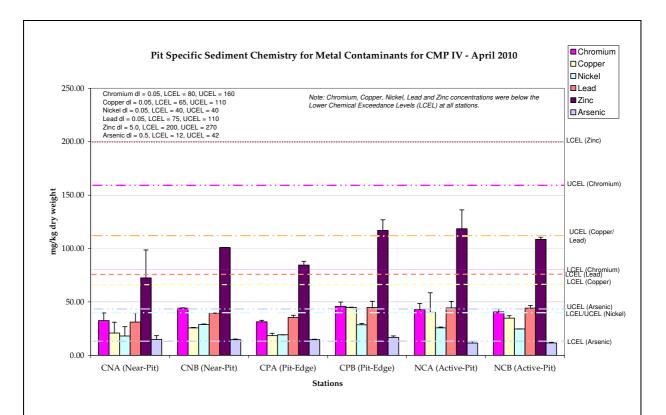


Figure 1: Concentrations of Metals (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn and As) in sediment samples for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010.

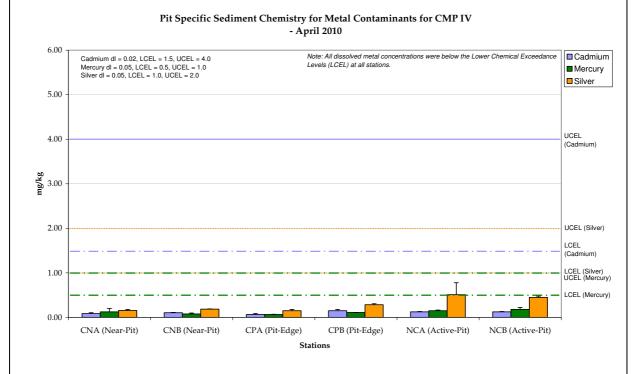


Figure 2: Concentrations of Metals (Cd, Hg and Ag) in sediment samples for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010.

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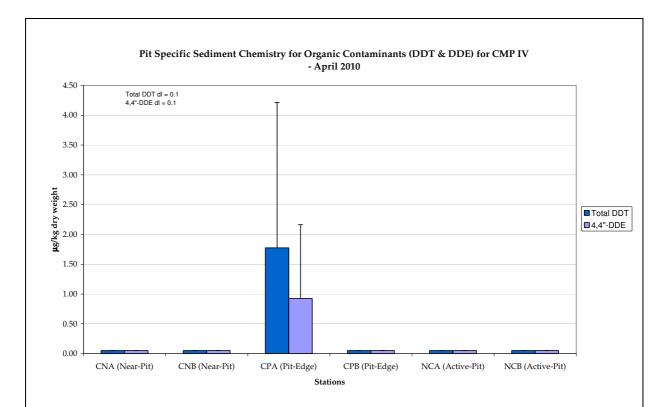


Figure 3: Concentrations of DDT and DDE in sediment samples for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010.

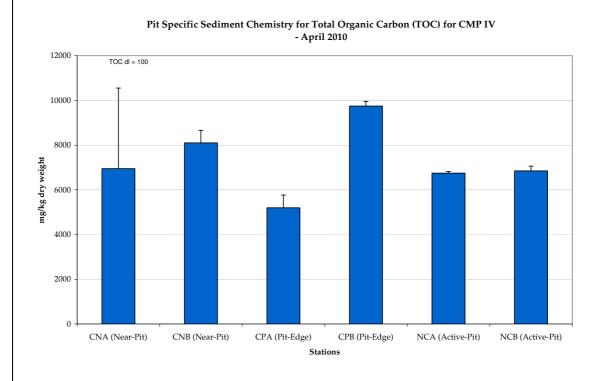


Figure 4: Concentrations of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in sediment samples for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010.

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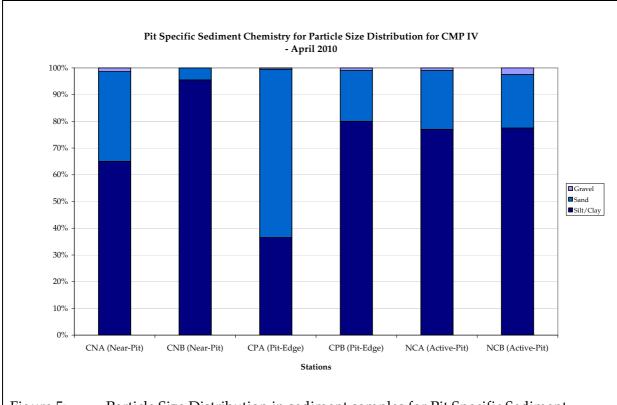


Figure 5: Particle Size Distribution in sediment samples for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP IV during April 2010.

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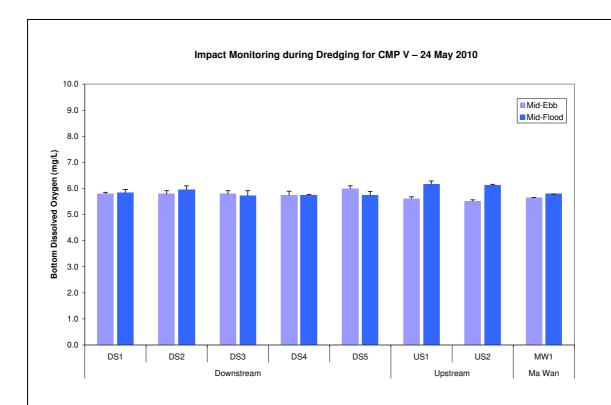


Figure 6: Bottom DO level (mean + SD) at Downstream (DS1, DS2, DS3, DS4 and DS5), Upstream (US1 and US2) and Ma Wan (MW1) stations during Impact Monitoring for Dredging at CMP V on 24 May 2010.

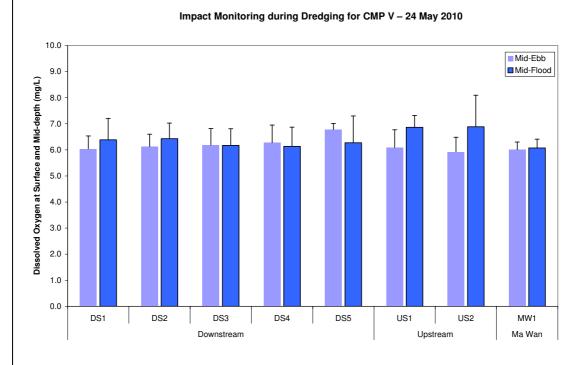


Figure 7: DO level at Surface and Mid-depth (mean + SD) at Downstream (DS1, DS2, DS3, DS4 and DS5), Upstream (US1 and US2) and Ma Wan (MW1) stations during Impact Monitoring for Dredging at CMP V on 24 May 2010.

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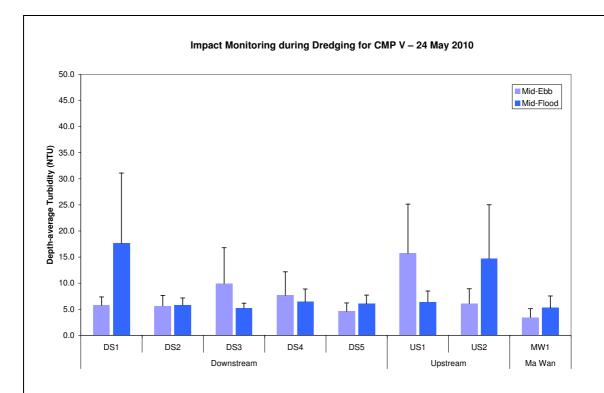


Figure 8: Depth-average Turbidity (mean + SD) at Downstream (DS1, DS2, DS3, DS4 and DS5), Upstream (US1 and US2) and Ma Wan (MW1) stations during Impact Monitoring for Dredging at CMP V on 24 May 2010.

Impact Monitoring during Dredging for CMP V - 24 May 2010

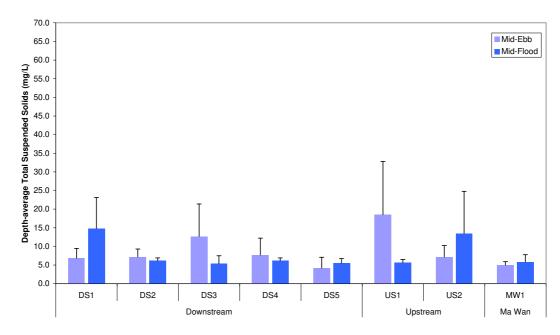


Figure 9: Depth-average TSS (mean + SD) at Downstream (DS1, DS2, DS3, DS4 and DS5), Upstream (US1 and US2) and Ma Wan (MW1) stations during Impact Monitoring for Dredging at CMP V on 24 May 2010.

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Annex C

Study Programme

