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# 25th MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR CONTAMINATED MUD PITS AT SHA CHAU July 2011

#### 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 2011. 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 were completed for the construction of CMP Va-b and are now taking place to construct CMP Vc. The environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the CMPs at the East of Sha Chau area presently covers disposal and capping operations at CMP IV and dredging operations at CMP Vc.

#### 1.2 REPORTING PERIOD

This *Monthly Progress Report* covers the monitoring period of July 2011.

#### 1.3 DETAILS OF SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING ACTIVITIES

For CMP IV, *Water Column Profiling* was conducted on 22 July and *Demersal Trawling* was conducted on 27-28 July 2011. For CMP V, sampling for *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* was conducted on 21 July 2011. 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		
Impact Monitoring during Dredging Operations	Water Quality	June 2011 sampling: 8 July 2011

#### 1.4 DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND/OR ANALYSIS

No outstanding sampling and laboratory analysis remained from July 2011.

#### 1.5 Brief Discussion of the Monitoring Results

Results of *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* for July 2011 are presented for CMP V. Detailed results will be discussed in the 9<sup>th</sup> *Quarterly Report*.

#### 1.5.1 CMP V

*Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V – July* 2011

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V was conducted on 21 July 2011. On the survey day, 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 *Table B1* of *Annex B*. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) complied with the Action and Limit Levels set in the *Baseline Monitoring Report* <sup>(1)</sup>. Therefore, there appears to be no evidence of any unacceptable adverse water quality impacts arising from the dredging operations of CMP V at ESC.

#### 1.6 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH

The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next monthly period of August 2011:

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.

- *Pit-Specific Sediment Chemistry* for CMP IV;
- *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry* for CMP IV;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests for CMP IV;
- Benthic Recolonisation Studies for CMP IV;
- *Demersal Trawling* for CMP IV;
- Water Quality Monitoring during Capping for CMP IV;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring for CMP IV;
- Water Column Profiling 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*.

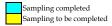
#### Annex A

# Sampling Schedule

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Annex A2 - East of Sha Chau Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule for CMP V (July 2009 - April 2011)

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	ESC-WNAC		*	*																				
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	ESC-WNBA	each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	*	*																				
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	ESC-WMA	each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works	*	*																				
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Far Field	ESC-WFA	To be surveyed 24 times (3 days per week during mid-flood and mid-ebb tide of	*	*																				<u> </u>
	each day) in the month prior to commencement of marine works		*	*																				<u> </u>
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	NM2		*	*																				<u> </u>
	NM3	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	*	*																				!
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#### Annex B

# Monitoring Results

Table B1 Summary Table of DO, Turbidity and TSS Levels Recorded in July 2011

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	_	e DO Levels mg/L)	Average Turbidity	Average TSS Level
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth	Level (NTU)	(mg/L)
2011/07/21	ME	DS1	4.39	5.44	3.76	4.50
		DS2	3.68	5.33	7.57	9.00
		DS3	4.47	5.07	9.15	8.50
		DS4	4.64	5.90	5.57	5.50
		DS5	4.44	5.55	4.25	5.83
		MW1	4.18	5.99	1.73	4.00
		US1	4.34	5.17	4.06	5.33
		US2	3.38	4.79	6.38	8.00
	MF	DS1	4.76	5.28	3.08	4.67
		DS2	3.38	4.62	7.84	10.33
		DS3	4.13	5.45	5.00	6.67
		DS4	4.16	5.29	4.63	6.33
		DS5	4.35	5.15	4.40	5.67
		MW1	3.64	4.66	2.96	7.50
		US1	4.42	5.06	3.48	4.33
		US2	3.78	4.66	5.68	9.33

#### Annex C

# Study Programme

