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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is managing a number of marine disposal facilities in Hong Kong waters, including the Contaminated Mud Pits (CMPs) to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) for the disposal of contaminated sediment, and various open-sea disposal grounds located to the South of Cheung Chau (SCC), East of Tung Lung Chau (ETLC) and East of Ninepins (ENP) for the disposal of uncontaminated sediment.

Environmental Permits (EPs) (Ref. No. EP-312/2008/A) was issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the CEDD, the Permit Holder, on 28 November 2008 for the Project - Disposal of Contaminated Sediment – Dredging, Management and Capping of Sediment Disposal Facility at Sha Chau.

Under the requirements of the EP, EM&A programmes which encompass water and sediment chemistry, fisheries assessment, tissue and whole body analysis, sediment toxicity and benthic recolonisation studies as set out in the EM&A Manuals are required to be implemented. EM&A programmes have been continuously carried out during the operation of the CMPs at ESC. A review of the collection and analysis of such environmental data from the monitoring programme demonstrated that there had not been any adverse environmental impacts resulting from disposal activities. The current programme will assess the impacts resulting from dredging, disposal and capping operations of CMP V.

A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring as well as combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been effective for the EM&A activities since December 2020. The latest sampling schedule is provided in **Appendix A**.

The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In November 2021, the following works were undertaken:

- Disposal of contaminated mud at ESC CMP Vb; and
- Capping operations at ESC CMP Vd.

Table 1.1: Works Schedule for ESC CMP V



¹ ERM (2013) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 4/2009 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at East Sha Chau. For CEDD.

² ERM (2017) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 23/2012 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pits to the South of The Brothers and at East Sha Chau (2012 - 2017). For CEDD.

1.2 Reporting Period

This Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – November 2021 covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of November 2021 (from 1 to 30 November 2021).

1.3 Details of Sampling and Laboratory Testing Activities

The following monitoring activities were undertaken for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs; and
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

No outstanding sampling remained for the reporting month (November 2021).

2 Brief Discussion of Monitoring Results for ESC CMP V

2.1 Introduction

This section presents a brief discussion of the results obtained from the following monitoring activities for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs; and
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

2.2 Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb – in November 2021

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 3 November 2021. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) set by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This consists of a review of the EPD routine water quality monitoring data for the dry season period (November to March) of 2011 – 2020 from stations in the North Western Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located.³ For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference (Upstream) station was used for the basis as the WQO. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see **Table B1** of **Appendix B** for details).

2.2.1 In-situ Measurements

Analyses of results for November 2021 indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and DO complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations (**Table B2** of **Appendix B**). Levels of DO and Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

2.2.2 Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

Analyses of results for November 2021 indicated that the SS level at both Downstream and Upstream stations complied with the WQO and the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

Overall, the monitoring results indicated that the mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb did not appear to cause any deterioration in water quality during this reporting period.

2.3 Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs – in November 2021

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 4 November 2021. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see **Section 2.2** above for details). The monitoring results are shown in **Tables B3 and B4** of **Appendix B** and **Figures 1 to 10** of **Appendix C**. A total of sixteen (16) monitoring stations were sampled in November 2021 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

³ http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en

2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, Salinity and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in November 2021.

The levels of DO and Turbidity complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations (**Table B3** of **Appendix B**; **Figures 3 and 6** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, in-situ measurement results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable impacts in water quality in November 2021.

2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

Laboratory analysis of samples obtained during the reporting period indicated that the concentrations of Arsenic, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Nickel and Zinc were detected in the samples at some/all stations and their concentrations of most metals and metalloids were generally similar across stations, except the concentrations of Lead and Zinc which were higher at Impact (IPE) station (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 7** of **Appendix C**).

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) at all stations complied with the WQO (0.5 mg/L) (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 8** of **Appendix C**). The concentration of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) was higher at Ma Wan station (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 8** of **Appendix C**). The concentration of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) was lower at Reference (RFE) station (**Table B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**).

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS level at Ma Wan station complied with the dry season WQO (13.1 mg/L) and the Action and Limit Levels. SS levels at Reference (RFE), Impact (IPE) and Intermediate (INE) stations were above the dry season WQO but in compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B4** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 10** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality during the reporting period. Detailed statistical analysis will be presented in the Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate any spatial and temporal trends of potential concern.

2.4 Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb – in November 2021

Monitoring locations for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vb are shown in **Figure 2.2**. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled on 2 November 2021.

The concentrations of all inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at all stations (**Figures 11 and 12** of **Appendix C**).

For organic contaminants, the concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) was lower at Pit-Edge station ESC-NECB during the reporting period (**Figure 13** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Low Molecular Weight and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) were lower than the LECLs at all stations (**Figure 14** of **Appendix C**). The concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) was higher at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA (**Figure 15** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Overall, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality outside the pit area as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period.

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Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

3 Future Key Issues

3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

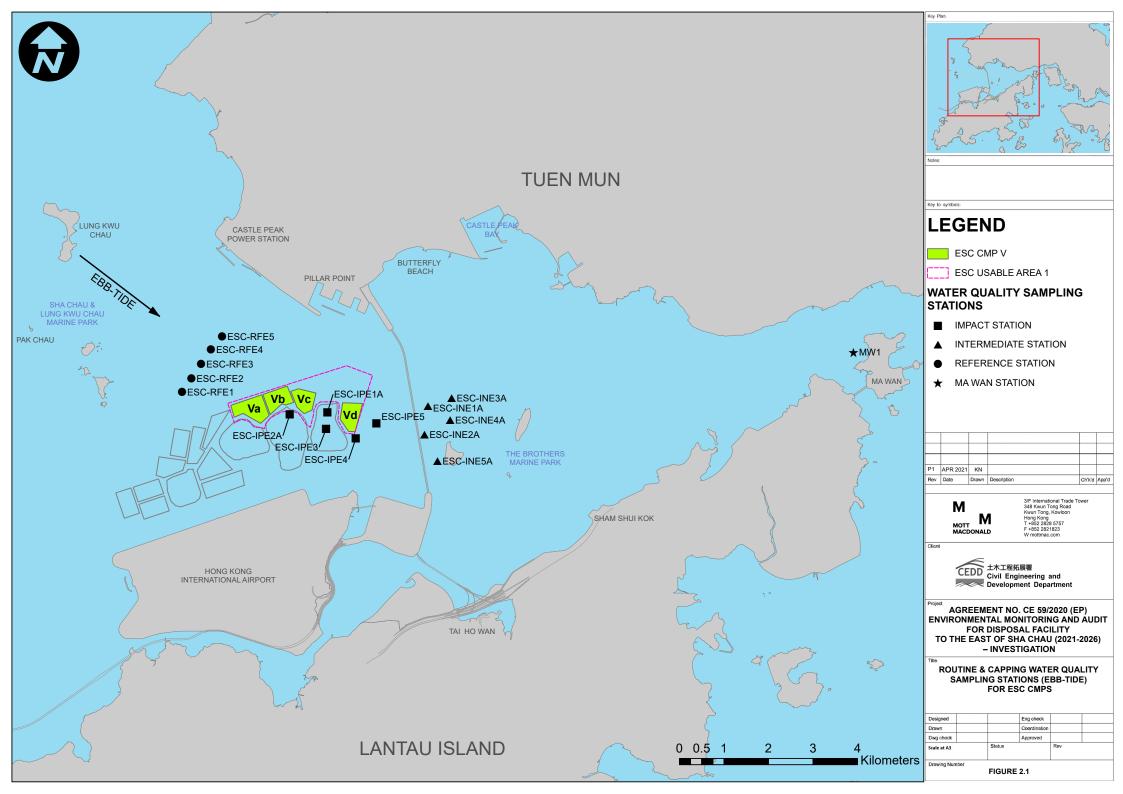
The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of December 2021 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

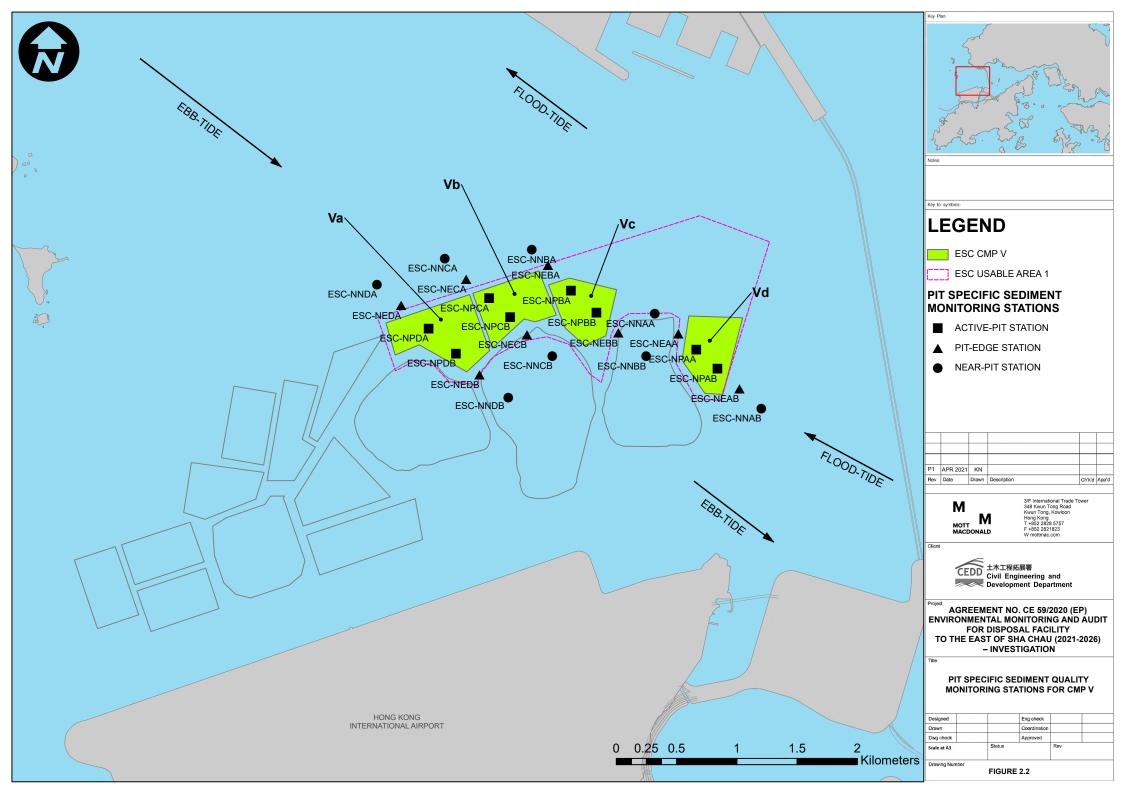
- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb; and
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs.

3.2 Study Programme

A summary of the Study Programme is presented in **Appendix D**.

Figures





Appendices

Sampling Schedule Appendix A

Appendix B Water Quality Monitoring Results

Appendix C **Graphical Presentations**

Appendix D Study Programme

Appendix A. Sampling Schedule

East of Sha Chau CMPs Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule (January 2021 - March 2026)

| Parameter / Station Type Pit Specific Sediment Ch Active-Pit | | Frequency | Jan Feb N | Mar Apr N | May Jun . | Jul Aug S | ep Oct Nov | Dec Jar | | ar Apr May | Jun Jul | Aug Sep | Oct Nov | Dec Jan F | eb Mar Apr | May Jun | Jul Aug | Sep Oct Nov | Dec Jan Feb | Mar Apr May | Jun Jul Au | Sep Oct | | 025 an Feb 1 | Mar Apr Ma | y Jun Jul | Aug Sep Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | |
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| | ESC-NPAA ESC-NPAB | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 6 6 6 6 6 | |
| Pit-Edge | ESC-NEAA ESC-NEAB | Monthly Monthly | 6 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 6 6 | |
| Near-Pit | ESC-NNAA ESC-NNAB | Monthly Monthly | | | | 6 6 6 | | | | 6 6 6 | | | | 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 6 6 | | 6 6 6 | | | 6 6 | | | 6 6 | | 6 6 6 | |
| Cumulative Impact Sedio | | | Jan Feb N | Mar Apr N | | | | | | | | | ' ' | | | | | | | | Jun Jul Au | | | | | | | Nov Dec Jan I | |
| Near-field Stations | ESC-RNA ESC-RNB1 | 4 times per year 4 times per year | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 |
| Mid-field Stations | ESC-RMA ESC-RMB | 4 times per year 4 times per year | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 | 6 | | 6 |
| Capped Pit Stations | ESC-RCA1 | 4 times per year | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Far-field Stations | ESC-RCA2 | 4 times per year 4 times per year | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Ma Wan Station | ESC-RFB MW1 | 4 times per year 4 times per year | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 | 6 | | 6 |
| Sediment Toxicity Tests | | | Jan Feb N | Mar Apr N | May Jun . | Jul Aug S | ep Oct Nov | Dec Jar | n Feb Ma | ar Apr May | Jun Jul | Aug Sep | Oct Nov | Dec Jan F | eb Mar Apr | May Jun | Jul Aug | Sep Oct Nov | Dec Jan Feb | Mar Apr May | Jun Jul Au | Sep Oct | Nov Dec J | an Feb I | Mar Apr Ma | y Jun Jul | Aug Sep Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | |
| Near-pit Stations | ESC-TDA ESC-TDB1 | 2 times per year 2 times per year | 5 | | \blacksquare | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | | 5 | \blacksquare | | 5 | | 5 |
| Reference Stations | ESC-TRA ESC-TRB | 2 times per year 2 times per year | 5 | | \blacksquare | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | | 5 | $\overline{+}$ | | 5 | | 5 |
| Ma Wan Station | MW1 | 2 times per year | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 |
| Tissue / Whole Body Sar Near-pit Stations | | | Jan Feb N | Mar Apr N | Aay Jun . | Jul Aug S | ep Oct Nov | Dec Jar | n Feb Ma | ar Apr May | Jun Jul | Aug Sep | Oct Nov | Dec Jan F | eb Mar Apr | May Jun | Jul Aug | Sep Oct Nov | Dec Jan Feb | Mar Apr May | Jun Jul Au | Sep Oct | Nov Dec J | an Feb I | Mar Apr Ma | y Jun Jul | Aug Sep Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | Feb Mar |
| Reference North | ESC-INA ESC-INB | 2 times per year 2 times per year | | | # | - | | | * | | | | | | | | - | | * | | * | | | * | | | * | | * |
| Reference South | TNA TNB | 2 times per year 2 times per year | * | Н | \coprod | • | | | * | | | * | | | • | | * | | * | | * | | | * | | | * | | * |
| | TSA TSB | 2 times per year 2 times per year | * | | \blacksquare | * | | | * | | | * | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | * | | | * * | | * |
| Demersal Trawling Near-pit Stations | | | | Mar Apr N | | | ep Oct Nov | | | ar Apr May | | | Oct Nov | | | | | Sep Oct Nov | | | | Sep Oct | | | Mar Apr Ma | | Aug Sep Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | |
| Reference North | ESC-INA ESC-INB | 4 times per year 4 times per year | 5 5 5 | $\pm I$ | | 5 5 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | 5 | | 5 | | | 5 5 5 5 | | 5 5 5 5 | | 5 5 | H | | 5 5 5 5 | H | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
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| Capping * Ebb Tide | | | Jan Feb N | Mar Apr N | May Jun . | Jul Aug S | ep Oct Nov | Dec Jar | n Feb Ma | ar Apr May | Jun Jul | Aug Sep | Oct Nov | Dec Jan F | eb Mar Apr | May Jun | Jul Aug | Sep Oct Nov | Dec Jan Feb | Mar Apr May | Jun Jul Au | Sep Oct | Nov Dec J | an Feb 1 | Mar Apr Ma | y Jun Jul | Aug Sep Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | Feb Mar |
| Impact Station Downcur | | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | П | # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ŧ |
| | ESC-IPE3 ESC-IPE4 | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | \exists | # | | | | Ħ | | | | | | | \exists | | | | | | | | Ħ | | | | | \pm |
| Intermediate Station Dov | ESC-INE1A | 4 times per year * | | \pm | \Rightarrow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \pm | | | | | \Rightarrow |
| | ESC-INE3A ESC-INE4A | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | | # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \pm |
| Reference Station Upcur | ESC-INE5A | | | | # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 丰 |
| | ESC-RFE2 ESC-RFE3 | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | # | # | | | | Ħ | | | | | | | | \blacksquare | | | | | H | | \blacksquare | + | | | | \mp |
| Ma Wan Station | ESC-RFE4 ESC-RFE5 | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | | # | | | | | | | | | | | | Ш | | | | | | | \perp | | | | | # |
| Flood Tide | MW1 | 4 times per year * | | ΗĪ | | | | | | | | | | T | | | | | | | | | | ΙŢ | | | | | |
| Impact Station Downcur | rent ESC-IPF1 ESC-IPF2 | 4 times per year * 4 times per year * | | H | # | | | | H | | | | | | | | П | | | | | | | H | | | | | Ħ |
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| Plume Stations | WCP1 | Monthly* | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 2 2 |
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| Capped Stations at CMP | V ESCV-CPA | 2 times per year 2 times per year | | П | 茾 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | П | Ħ | | | | Ŧ |
| Before C. | ESCV-CPC | 2 times per year 2 times per year 2 times per year | | | # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \pm | | | | | \pm |
| Reference Stations | RBA RBB | 2 times per year 2 times per year | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Impact Monitoring for Di | RBC1 | 2 times per year | Jan Feb 1 | Mar Apr A | May Jun | Jul Aug s | ep Oct Nov | Dec lor | n Feh M | ar Apr Me | / Jun Iu | Aug Sen | Oct Nov | Dec Jan E | eb Mar An- | May Jun | Jul Aug | Sep Oct Nov | Dec Jan Feb | Mar Anr Mov | Jun Jul A. | Sen Oct | Nov Dec 1 | an Feb. | Mar Apr Ma | y Jun Jul | Aug Sen Oct | Nov Dec Jan I | Feb Mar |
| Impact Monitoring for Di Upstream Stations | US1 | 3 times per week | van red N | rpr | Journ J | Aug 5 | - P OCE 140V | Jec Jar | - co Ma | - Lyn Wa) | , Jun Jul | , mg sep | - NOV | Joe van F | mar Apr | y vun | Jul Adg | - SP SUL MOV | Jos Jan Pet | | van van Au | o John OCI | Dec J | reu l | -chi wa | , Jun Jul | g Sep Uct | Dec Jan I | -u mar |
| Downstream Stations | US2 DS1 | 3 times per week 3 times per week | | | \pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \pm |
| | DS2 DS3 DS4 | 3 times per week 3 times per week 3 times per week | | | # | | | | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | H | | \blacksquare | | | | | \mp |
| Ma Wan Station | DS5 | 3 times per week | | + | # | | | | | | | | | | | \perp | | | | | | | | + | \perp | | | | # |
| Notes: (1) The number shown in o | MW1 | 3 times per week | | | | | | | | | | | шШ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | للك |

Notes:

(1) The number shown in each cell represents the numbers of replicates per monitoring station. The number shown in green bolded text represented monitoring works have been conducted before/ during the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report, while the number shown in black represent planned monitoring works after the reporting period of this Monthly EM&A Report.

⁽²⁾ For the planned Routine Water Quality Monitoring (i.e. the numbers of replicates per monitoring station shown in black), the monitoring will be conducted at mid-ebb OR mid-flood tide. The yearly tidal selection of this monitoring will be based on a principle to obtain 6 months monitoring data at mid-ebb, and 6 months monitoring data at mid-flood.

⁽³⁾ Impact Monitoring for Dredging will be scheduled when dredging operations commence.

⁽⁴⁾ Benthic Recolonisation Studies for CMP V will be scheduled when capping operation for CMP V is completed.

Remarks:

A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality & sediment monitoring and combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been implemented for the EM&A activities since December 2020. Water Quality Monitoring during Capping Operation and Routine Water Quality Monitoring are combined such that Routine Water Quality Monitoring have be conducted monthly starting in December 2020. The number of sampling replicates can be further reduced according to Sections 3 and 4, subject to the findings of the further data review.

Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results



Table B1: Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Disposal and Capping **Activities at ESC CMP V**

| Parameters | Action | Limit | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dissolved Oxygen (DO) | Surface and Middle Depth ⁽²⁾ | Surface and Middle Depth ⁽²⁾ | | | | |
| in mg L ⁻¹ (Surface, Middle & Bottom) ⁽¹⁾ | 5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.76 | 1%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 3.11 ⁽³⁾ | | | | |
| | and | and | | | | |
| | Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day) | Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day) | | | | |
| | Bottom | Bottom | | | | |
| | 5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = 2.96 | The average of the impact station readings are < 2 | | | | |
| | and | and | | | | |
| | Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day) | Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day) | | | | |
| Suspended Solids (SS) in mg L ⁻¹ | 95%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = 37.88 | 99%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = 61.92 | | | | |
| (depth-averaged)(5) | and | and | | | | |
| | 120% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day | 130% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day | | | | |
| Turbidity | 95%-ile of baseline data = 28.14 | 99%-ile of baseline data = 38.32 | | | | |
| in NTU | and | and | | | | |
| (depth-averaged)(4)(5) | 120% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day | 130% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day | | | | |

Notes:

- For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.
- 2. Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface and Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.
- Given the Action Level for DO for Surface and Middle layers has already been lower than 4 mg L-1, it is proposed to set 3. the Limit Level at 3.11 mg L⁻¹ which is the first percentile of the baseline data.
- "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.

 For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.



Table B2: Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vb in November 2021

| Station | Temp. | Salinity | Turbidity | Dissolve | ed Oxygen | рН | Suspended Solids | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|--|
| | (°C) | (ppt) | (NTU) | (%) | (mg L ⁻¹) | | (mg L ⁻¹) | | |
| WCP 1 (Downstream) | 25.90 | 32.47 | 10.86 | 93.18 | 6.30 | 8.14 | 8.0 | | |
| WCP 2 (Upstream) | 26.04 | 32.24 | 7.77 | 93.72 | 6.33 | 8.14 | 5.4 | | |
| WQO (Dry Season) | N/A | 29.01 - 35.46# | N/A | N/A | >4 | 6.5 - 8.5 | 13.1 | | |

Notes:

- 1. *Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- 3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Table B3: In-situ Monitoring Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in November 2021

| Station | Temp. | Salinity | Turbidity | Dissolve | Dissolved Oxygen | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | (°C) | (ppt) | (NTU) | (%) | (mg L ⁻¹) | | | |
| RFE (Reference) | 26.10 | 32.09 | 9.07 | 94.62 | 6.39 | 8.13 | | |
| IPE (Impact) | 25.98 | 32.39 | 14.59 | 94.18 | 6.37 | 8.17 | | |
| INE (Intermediate) | 25.93 | 32.56 | 9.60 | 91.66 | 6.20 | 8.14 | | |
| Ma Wan | 26.08 | 32.99 | 4.21 | 84.60 | 5.69 | 8.11 | | |
| WQO (Dry Season) | N/A | 28.88 - 35.30# | N/A | N/A | >4 | 6.5 - 8.5 | | |

Notes:

- 1. *Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- 3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Table B4: Laboratory Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in November 2021

| Station | As | Cd | Cr | Cu | Pb | Hg | Ni | Ag | Zn | NH_3 | TIN | BOD ₅ | SS |
|---------|--------|--|--------|--------|--|--|--------|---|--------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|
| | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (µg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) |
| RFE | 2.07 | <lor< td=""><td>0.64</td><td>1.36</td><td><lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>16.97</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.76</td><td>15.2</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.64 | 1.36 | <lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>16.97</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.76</td><td>15.2</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | <lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>16.97</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.76</td><td>15.2</td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.53 | <lor< td=""><td>16.97</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.76</td><td>15.2</td></lor<> | 16.97 | 0.09 | 0.35 | 0.76 | 15.2 |
| IPE | 2.09 | <lor< td=""><td>1.03</td><td>1.66</td><td>0.71</td><td><lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>19.56</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.32</td><td>0.87</td><td>22.9</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | 1.03 | 1.66 | 0.71 | <lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>19.56</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.32</td><td>0.87</td><td>22.9</td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.53 | <lor< td=""><td>19.56</td><td>0.09</td><td>0.32</td><td>0.87</td><td>22.9</td></lor<> | 19.56 | 0.09 | 0.32 | 0.87 | 22.9 |
| INE | 1.99 | <lor< td=""><td>0.72</td><td>1.70</td><td><lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>18.93</td><td>0.11</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.89</td><td>13.3</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.72 | 1.70 | <lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>18.93</td><td>0.11</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.89</td><td>13.3</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | <lor< td=""><td>0.53</td><td><lor< td=""><td>18.93</td><td>0.11</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.89</td><td>13.3</td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.53 | <lor< td=""><td>18.93</td><td>0.11</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.89</td><td>13.3</td></lor<> | 18.93 | 0.11 | 0.35 | 0.89 | 13.3 |
| Ma Wan | 1.85 | <lor< td=""><td>0.68</td><td>1.40</td><td><lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.65</td><td><lor< td=""><td>14.58</td><td>0.16</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.90</td><td>10.3</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.68 | 1.40 | <lor< td=""><td><lor< td=""><td>0.65</td><td><lor< td=""><td>14.58</td><td>0.16</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.90</td><td>10.3</td></lor<></td></lor<></td></lor<> | <lor< td=""><td>0.65</td><td><lor< td=""><td>14.58</td><td>0.16</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.90</td><td>10.3</td></lor<></td></lor<> | 0.65 | <lor< td=""><td>14.58</td><td>0.16</td><td>0.35</td><td>0.90</td><td>10.3</td></lor<> | 14.58 | 0.16 | 0.35 | 0.90 | 10.3 |

WQO of TIN: 0.5 mg/L Dry Season WQO of SS: 13.1 mg/L

Notes:

- 1. "<LOR" indicates the concentrations of metals and metalloids are below the limit of reporting.
- 2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.
- Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

Appendix C. Graphical Presentations

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

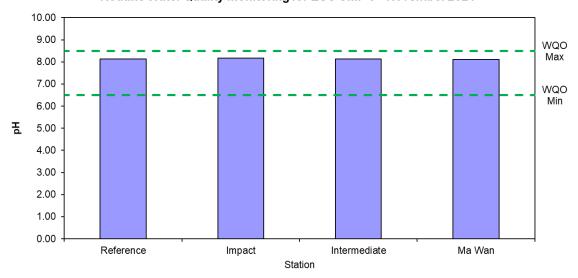


Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

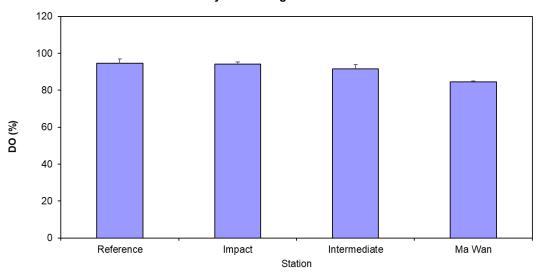


Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD)¹recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

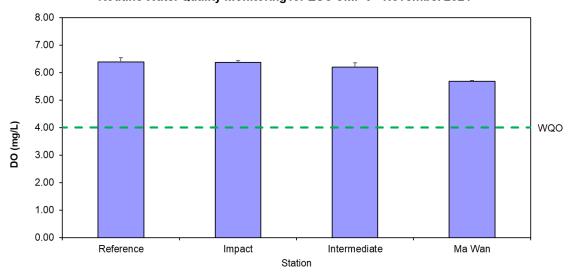


Figure 3: Concentration of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/L; mean + SD)¹recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

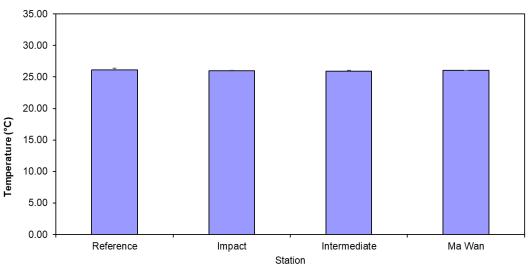


Figure 4: Level of Temperature (°C; mean + SD)¹ recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

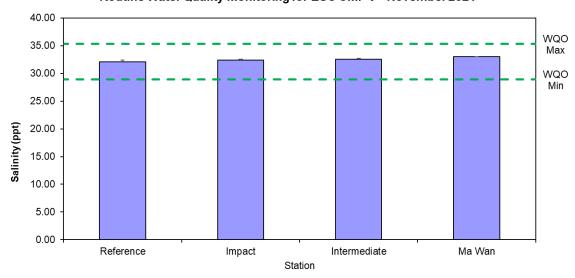


Figure 5: Level of Salinity (ppt; mean + SD)¹recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - November 2021

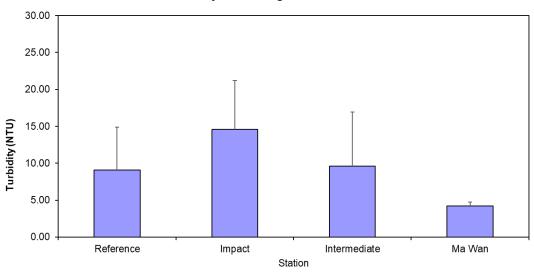


Figure 6: Level of Turbidity (NTU; mean + SD)¹recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

The mean and standard deviation (SD) for in-situ data are the mean and SD for water columns within the area.



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V November 2021

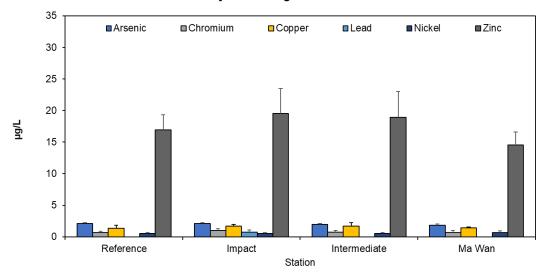
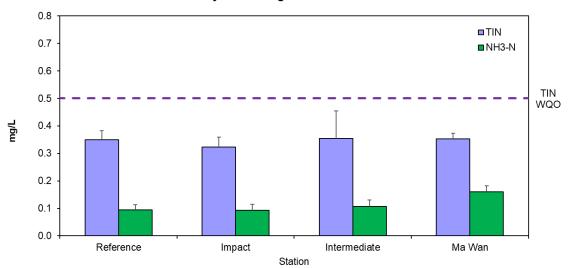


Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Nickel, and Zinc (µg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Nutrients - November 2021



Concentration of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) and Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021 Figure 8:

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Reference



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) November 2021 1.6 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.4 0.2

Figure 9: Level of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Station

Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Suspended Solids - November 2021

Intermediate

Ma Wan

Impact

40 35 30 25 10 5 Reference Impact Intermediate Ma Wan

Figure 10: Concentration of Suspended Solids (SS) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in November 2021

Station

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - November 2021

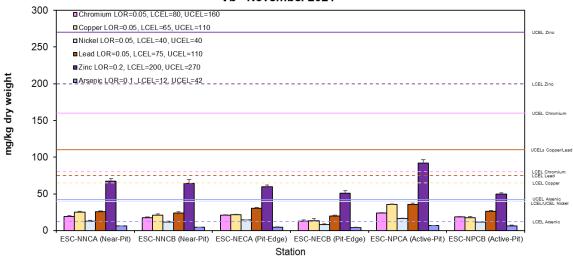


Figure 11: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in November 2021

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - November 2021

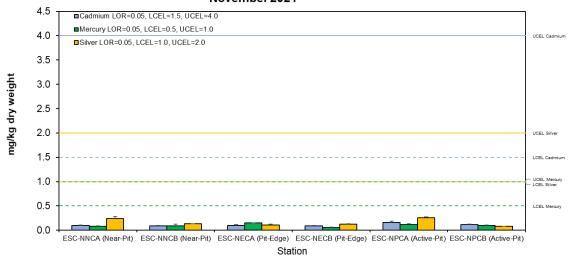


Figure 12: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in November



Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMP Vb - November 2021

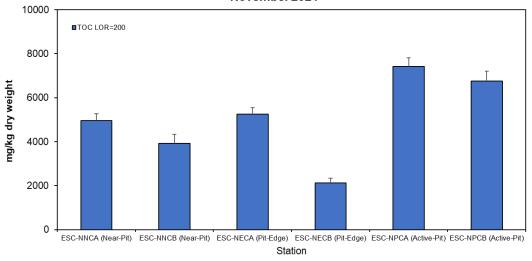


Figure 13: Concentration of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in November 2021

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatics Hydrocarbons (PAHs) at ESC CMP Vb - November 2021

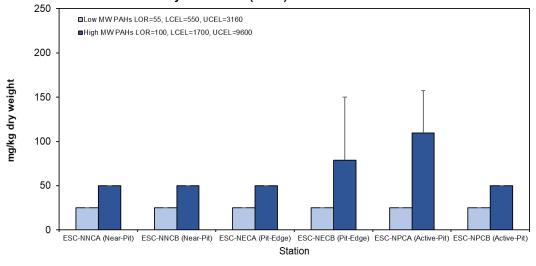
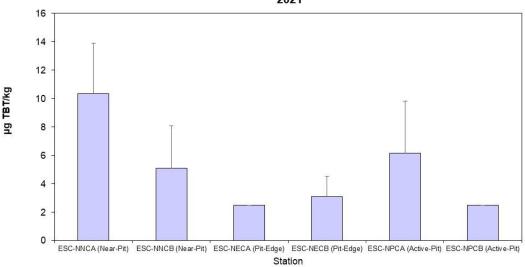


Figure 14: Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in November 2021

Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Tributyltin (TBT) at ESC CMP Vb - November 2021



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Figure 15:} & Concentration of Tributyltin (TBT) (μg TBT/kg; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in November 2021 \\ \end{tabular}$

Appendix D. Study Programme

Study Programme

Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Disposal Facility to the East of Sha Chau (2021-2026) - Investigation

Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited

