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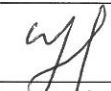

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**Environmental Team for the Widening of  
Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between  
Island House Interchange and Fanling**

**(Stage 1)  
Between Island House Interchange and  
Tai Hang - Investigation**

**Monthly EM&A Report  
for November 2012**

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Environmental Permit No.: EP-324/2008/A  
Condition 3.3 – Submission of Monthly EM&A Report for November 2012 (Stage 1)**

We refer to the captioned Monthly EM&A Report received on 13 December 2012 submitted by ET via email. Pursuant to EP Condition 3.3, I hereby verify the Monthly EM&A Report for November 2012 (Stage 1) for the Project.

Yours faithfully  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed widening of Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling (the Project) is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) (EIAO) and is governed by an Environmental Permit (EP-324/2008)(EP) issued by EPD on 23 December 2008. Subsequently, EPD issued a Variation of Environmental Permit (EP-324/2008/A) (VEP) on 31 January 2012.

The Project aims to widen Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway to dual 4-lane carriageway in order to alleviate the current traffic congestion problems and to cope with the increasing transport demands to and from the urban areas and also cross boundary traffic.

The construction works for this Project will be delivered in 2 stages i.e. Stage 1 (between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang) and Stage 2 (between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange). The construction works of Stage 1 were commenced on 23 November 2009 and will tentatively be completed in December 2013; while construction programme of Stage 2 is currently under review. This report focuses on Stage 1 of the Project only.

The construction phase of Stage 1 under the EP and the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) programme for Stage 1 of the Project commenced on 23 November 2009. The impact environmental monitoring and audit includes air quality and noise monitoring.

This report documents the findings of EM&A works conducted in the period between 1 and 30 November 2012. As informed by the Contract 1 Contractor (China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.), construction activities in the reporting period were:-

- Temporary Shoring, Sheetpiling and Excavation;
- Pile Cap Construction (Noise Barrier);
- Installation of Soil Nails;
- At-grade Road Construction;
- Widening and Demolition of Central Dividers;
- Retaining Wall Construction;
- Bridge Deck Construction;
- Noise Barrier Footing Construction;
- Noise Barrier Panels Installation;
- Asphalt Laying;
- Installation of Drainage Pipes;
- Modification of Edge coping; and
- Demolition of Temperate bridge TB1 & TB2.

The construction works carried out by the Contract 2 Contractor (Gammon Construction Ltd.) in the reporting period were:-

- Condition survey of existing structures;
- Excavation of trial trenches to locate existing utilities;
- Ground investigation and predrilling;
- Construction of haul road;
- Extension of box culvert and subway;
- Piling and structural works of bridges;
- Construction of pilecap / spread footing of noise barrier / semi noise enclosure;
- Slope works, including installation of soil nails;
- Retaining wall construction;
- Noise barrier construction;
- Modification of existing bridge structures;
- Entrusted watermains works; and
- Sewer Installation.

### **Reporting Change**

There was no reporting change required in the reporting month.

### **Breaches of Action and Limit Levels for Air Quality**

No exceedance of Action and Limit Level was recorded for 1-hour and 24-hour TSP monitoring in the reporting month.

### **Breaches of Action and Limit Levels for Noise**

Three (3) Action Level exceedances of construction noise were recorded in the reporting month, since three (3) noise related complaints were received and followed by Environmental Team in the reporting month.

No Limit Level exceedance of construction noise was recorded in the reporting month.

### **Complaint, Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecution**

There were four (4) complaints (included one (1) air related complaint and three (3) noise related complaints) followed up by Environmental Team in November 2012. Investigation was carried out. The findings, proposed mitigation measures and follow-up site visit findings were submitted to all relevant parties. Summary of investigation is described in Section 4.6.2.

No notification of summons and successful prosecution was received in the reporting month.

### **Future Key Issues**

Key issues to be considered in the coming month included:-

- Properly store and label oils and chemicals on site;
- Chemical, chemical waste and waste management;
- Collection of construction waste should be carried out regularly;
- Site runoff should be properly collected and treated prior to discharge;
- Properly maintain all drainage facilities and wheel washing facilities on site;
- Exposed slopes should be covered up properly if no temporary work will be conducted;
- Suppress dust generated from excavation, breaking and drilling activities, haul road traffic and grout mixing process;
- Quieter powered mechanical equipment should be used;
- Closely check and replace the sound insulation materials wrapped at the concrete breaker tip regularly;
- Better scheduling of construction works to minimize noise nuisance; and
- Tree protective measures for all retained trees should be well maintained.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1. Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway are expressways in the North East New Territories connecting Sha Tin, Tai Po and Fanling. These highways form a vital part of the strategic Route 9, which links other major strategic routes to Shenzhen. At present, this section of Route 9 is dual 3-lane carriageway. However, at several major interchanges along this section of Route 9, the highway is only dual-2 lane. Severe congestion is a frequent occurrence during peak periods, particularly in the Kowloon bound direction.
- 1.1.2. The objective of the Project “Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling” is to widen Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway to dual 4-lane carriageway in order to alleviate the current traffic congestion problems and to cope with the increasing transport demands to and from the urban areas and also cross boundary traffic.
- 1.1.3. The Project is a designated project and is governed by an Environmental Permit (EP-324/2008)(EP) issued by EPD on 23 December 2008. Subsequently, EPD issued a Variation of Environmental Permit (EP-324/2008/A) (VEP) on 31 January 2012.
- 1.1.4. The scope of the Project comprises mainly:-
- (i) Widening of a 5.7 km section of Tolo Highway and 3.0 km section of Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Wo Hop Shek Interchange from the existing dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane, including construction of new vehicular bridges;
  - (ii) Widening of interchange sections at Island House Interchange, Tai Po North Interchange, and Lam Kam Road Interchange from dual 2-lane to dual 3-lane, except Sha Tin bound carriageway at Tai Po North Interchange, which is widened from 3-lane to 4-lane, including realignment of various slip roads;
  - (iii) Modification and reconstruction of highways, vehicular bridges, underpasses and footbridges.
- 1.1.5. The construction works for this Project will be delivered in 2 stages i.e. Stage 1 (between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang) and Stage 2 (between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange). The construction works of Stage 1 commenced on 23 November 2009 and will tentatively be completed in December 2013; while construction programme of Stage 2 is currently under review. This report focuses on Stage 1 of the Project only.
- 1.1.6. The construction works for Stage 1 of the Project will be implemented under 2 works contracts (Contract 1 and Contract 2). Contract 1 covers the section of Tolo Highway between Island House Interchange and Ma Wo, Contract 2 covers the section of Tolo Highway between Ma Wo and Tai Hang.
- 1.1.7. Hyder-Arup-Black and Veatch Joint Venture (HABVJV) are appointed by Highways Department (HyD) as the consultants for the design and construction assignment for the Tolo project under Agreement No. CE 58/2000 Supplementary Agreement No. 3 (SA3) (i.e. the Engineer for the Contracts).
- 1.1.8. China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd. (CSHK) was commissioned as the Contractor of Contract 1 of Stage 1 of the Project, while Gammon Construction Limited (GCL) was commissioned as the Contractor of Contract 2 of Stage 1 of the Project.
- 1.1.9. AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. was employed by HyD as the Environmental Team (ET) to undertake the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) works for Stage 1 of the Project and Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Ltd. acts as the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) for the Contracts.
- 1.1.10. The construction phase of Stage 1 under the EP commenced on 23 November 2009.

1.1.11. According to the updated EM&A Manual of Stage 1 of the Project, there is a need of an EM&A programme including air quality and noise monitoring. The EM&A programme for Stage 1 of the Project commenced on 23 November 2009.

## 1.2 Scope of Report

1.2.1 This is the thirty-seventh monthly EM&A Report under the Agreement No. CE 20/2009 (EP) - Widening of Tolo Highway between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang – Investigation. This report presents a summary of the environmental monitoring and audit works, list of activities and mitigation measures proposed by the ET for Stage 1 of the Project in November 2012.

## 1.3 Project Organization

1.3.1 The project organization structure is shown in Appendix A. The key personnel contact names and numbers are summarized in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1 Contact Information of Key Personnel**

Party	Position	Name	Telephone	Fax
<b>ER of Stage 1, Contract 1</b> (Hyder-Arup-Black & Veatch Joint Venture)	Chief Resident Engineer /TOL01	James Tsang	9038 8797	26674000
<b>ER of Stage 1, Contract 2</b> (Hyder-Arup-Black & Veatch Joint Venture)	Chief Resident Engineer /TOL02	Paul Appleton	9097 5833	2653 2348
<b>IEC of Stage 1</b> (Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Limited)	Independent Environmental Checker	Terence Kong	2828 5919	2827 1823
<b>Contractor of Stage 1, Contract 1</b> (China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited)	Site Agent	Eddie Tang	9863 7686	2667 5666
	Environmental Officer	Ken Cheung	9803 5297	2667 5666
		M L Lam	9489 4641	2667 5666
<b>Contractor of Stage 1, Contract 2</b> (Gammon Construction Limited)	Site Agent	John Chan	3126 1202	2559 3410
	Environmental Officer	Thomson Chang	9213 6569	2559 3410
		Crispin Ao	9223 8773	2559 3410
		Ao Ho Fo	9220 5848	2559 3410



Party	Position	Name	Telephone	Fax
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#### 1.4 Summary of Construction Works

1.4.1 The construction phase of Stage 1 under the EP commenced on 23 November 2009.

1.4.2 Details of the construction works carried out by the Contract 1 Contractor (China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.) in this reporting period are listed below:-

- Temporary Shoring, Sheetpiling and Excavation;
- Pile Cap Construction (Noise Barrier);
- Installation of Soil Nails;
- At-grade Road Construction;
- Widening and Demolition of Central Dividers;
- Retaining Wall Construction;
- Bridge Deck Construction;
- Noise Barrier Footing Construction;
- Noise Barrier Panels Installation;
- Asphalt Laying;
- Installation of Drainage Pipes;
- Modification of Edge coping; and
- Demolition of Temperate bridge TB1 & TB2.

1.4.3 Details of the construction works carried out by the Contract 2 Contractor (Gammon Construction Ltd.) in this reporting period are listed below:-

- Condition survey of existing structures;
- Excavation of trial trenches to locate existing utilities;
- Ground investigation and predrilling;
- Construction of haul road;
- Extension of box culvert and subway;
- Piling and structural works of bridges;
- Construction of pilecap / spread footing of noise barrier / semi noise enclosure;
- Slope works, including installation of soil nails;
- Retaining wall construction;
- Noise barrier construction;
- Modification of existing bridge structures;
- Entrusted watermains works; and
- Sewer Installation.

1.4.4 The Construction Programmes are shown in Appendix B.

1.4.5 The general layout plan of the Project site showing the contract areas is shown in Figure 1.1.

1.4.6 The environmental mitigation measures implementation schedule are presented in Appendix C.

## 1.5 Summary of EM&A Programme Requirements

1.5.1 The EM&A programme required environmental monitoring for air quality, noise and environmental site inspections for air quality, water quality, noise, waste management, ecology, and landscape and visual impact. The EM&A requirements for each parameter described in the following sections include:-

- All monitoring parameters;
- Monitoring schedules for the reporting month and forthcoming months;
- Action and Limit levels for all environmental parameters;
- Event / Action Plan;
- Environmental mitigation measures, as recommended in the Project EIA study final report; and
- Environmental requirement in contract documents.

## 2 AIR QUALITY MONITORING

### 2.1 Monitoring Requirements

2.1.1 In accordance with the updated EM&A Manual, baseline 1-hour and 24-hour TSP levels at 4 air quality monitoring stations were established. Impact 1-hour TSP monitoring was conducted for at least three times every 6 days, while impact 24-hour TSP monitoring was carried out for at least once every 6 days. The Action and Limit level of the air quality monitoring is provided in Appendix D.

### 2.2 Monitoring Equipment

2.2.1 24-hour TSP air quality monitoring was performed using High Volume Sampler (HVS) located at each designated monitoring station. The HVS meets all the requirements of the updated EM&A Manual. Portable direct reading dust meters were used to carry out the 1-hour TSP monitoring. Brand and model of the equipment is given in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 Air Quality Monitoring Equipment**

Equipment	Brand and Model
Portable direct reading dust meter (1-hour TSP)	Sibata Digital Dust Monitor (Model No. LD-3 and LD-3B)
High Volume Sampler (24-hour TSP)	Tisch Total Suspended Particulate Mass Flow Controlled High Volume Air Sampler (Model No. TE-5170 & GMW-2310)

## 2.3 Monitoring Locations

2.3.1 Monitoring locations AM2 and AM3 were set up at the proposed locations in accordance with updated EM&A Manual. However, for monitoring locations: Dynasty View and Tai Po Garden, proposed in the updated EM&A Manual, as approval could not be obtained from the owner's corporation of the premises, baseline and impact air quality monitoring was conducted at 13 Ha Wun Yiu (AM1) and Tai Kwong Secondary School (AM4) respectively. The monitoring station at 13 Ha Wun Yiu (AM1) was relocated to Fan Sin Temple, 3 Sheung Wun Yiu (AM1A) in February 2010. Also, the monitoring station at Tai Kwong Secondary School (AM4) was relocated to 168 Shek Kwu Lung Village (AM4A) in September 2011.

2.3.2 Figure 2.1 shows the locations of monitoring stations. Table 2.2 describes the details of the monitoring stations.

**Table 2.2 Locations of Impact Air Quality Monitoring Stations**

Monitoring Station	Location	Description
AM1A	3 Sheung Wun Yiu	Ground floor at the boundary outside Fan Sin Temple
AM2	12 Shan Tong New Village	Ground floor outside the premises
AM3	Riverain Bayside	Roof of the switch room
AM4A	168 Shek Kwu Lung Village	Roof of the switch room

## 2.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

2.4.1 Table 2.3 summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of impact TSP monitoring.

**Table 2.3 Air Quality Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration**

Parameter	Frequency and Duration
1-hour TSP	Three times every 6 days while the highest dust impact was expected
24-hour TSP	Once every 6 days

## 2.5 Monitoring Methodology

2.5.1 24-hour TSP Monitoring

- (a) The HVS was installed in the vicinity of the air sensitive receivers. The following criteria were considered in the installation of the HVS.
- (i) A horizontal platform with appropriate support to secure the sampler against gusty wind was provided.
  - (ii) The distance between the HVS and any obstacles, such as buildings, was at least twice the height that the obstacle protrudes above the HVS.
  - (iii) A minimum of 2 meters separation from walls, parapets and penthouse for rooftop sampler.
  - (iv) A minimum of 2 meters separation from any supporting structure, measured horizontally.
  - (v) No furnace or incinerator flues nearby.
  - (vi) Airflow around the sampler was unrestricted.

- (vii) Permission was obtained to set up the samplers and access to the monitoring stations.
  - (viii) A secured supply of electricity was obtained to operate the samplers.
  - (ix) The sampler was located more than 20 meters from any dripline.
  - (x) Any wire fence and gate, required to protect the sampler, did not obstruct the monitoring process.
  - (xi) Flow control accuracy was kept within  $\pm 2.5\%$  deviation over 24-hour sampling period.
- (b) Preparation of Filter Papers
- (i) Glass fibre filters, G810 were labelled and sufficient filters that were clean and without pinholes were selected.
  - (ii) All filters were equilibrated in the conditioning environment for 24 hours before weighing. The conditioning environment temperature was around 25 °C and not variable by more than  $\pm 3$  °C; the relative humidity (RH) was < 50% and not variable by more than  $\pm 5\%$ . A convenient working RH was 40%.
  - (iii) All filter papers were prepared and analysed by ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd., which is a HOKLAS accredited laboratory and has comprehensive quality assurance and quality control programmes.
- (c) Field Monitoring
- (i) The power supply was checked to ensure the HVS works properly.
  - (ii) The filter holder and the area surrounding the filter were cleaned.
  - (iii) The filter holder was removed by loosening the four bolts and a new filter, with stamped number upward, on a supporting screen was aligned carefully.
  - (iv) The filter was properly aligned on the screen so that the gasket formed an airtight seal on the outer edges of the filter.
  - (v) The swing bolts were fastened to hold the filter holder down to the frame. The pressure applied was sufficient to avoid air leakage at the edges.
  - (vi) Then the shelter lid was closed and was secured with the aluminum strip.
  - (vii) The HVS was warmed-up for about 5 minutes to establish run-temperature conditions.
  - (viii) A new flow rate record sheet was set into the flow recorder.
  - (ix) On site temperature and atmospheric pressure readings were taken and the flow rate of the HVS was checked and adjusted at around 1.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min, and complied with the range specified in the updated EM&A Manual (i.e. 0.6-1.7 m<sup>3</sup>/min).
  - (x) The programmable digital timer was set for a sampling period of 24 hrs, and the starting time, weather condition and the filter number were recorded.
  - (xi) The initial elapsed time was recorded.
  - (xii) At the end of sampling, on site temperature and atmospheric pressure readings were taken and the final flow rate of the HVS was checked and recorded.
  - (xiii) The final elapsed time was recorded.
  - (xiv) The sampled filter was removed carefully and folded in half length so that only surfaces with collected particulate matter were in contact.
  - (xv) It was then placed in a clean plastic envelope and sealed.
  - (xvi) All monitoring information was recorded on a standard data sheet.
  - (xvii) Filters were then sent to ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. for analysis.
- (d) Maintenance and Calibration
- (i) The HVS and its accessories were maintained in good working condition, such as replacing motor brushes routinely and checking electrical wiring to ensure a continuous power supply.
  - (ii) 5-point calibration of the HVS was conducted using TE-5025A Calibration Kit prior to the commencement of baseline monitoring. Bi-monthly 5-point calibration of the HVS will be carried out during impact monitoring.
  - (iii) Calibration certificate of the HVSs are provided in Appendix E.

## 2.5.2 1-hour TSP Monitoring

### (a) Measuring Procedures

The measuring procedures of the 1-hour dust meter were in accordance with the Manufacturer's Instruction Manual as follows:-

- (i) Turn the power on.
- (ii) Close the air collecting opening cover.
- (iii) Push the "TIME SETTING" switch to [BG].
- (iv) Push "START/STOP" switch to perform background measurement for 6 seconds.
- (v) Turn the knob at SENSI ADJ position to insert the light scattering plate.
- (vi) Leave the equipment for 1 minute upon "SPAN CHECK" is indicated in the display.
- (vii) Push "START/STOP" switch to perform automatic sensitivity adjustment. This measurement takes 1 minute.
- (viii) Pull out the knob and return it to MEASURE position.
- (ix) Push the "TIME SETTING" switch the time set in the display to 3 hours.
- (x) Lower down the air collection opening cover.
- (xi) Push "START/STOP" switch to start measurement.

### (b) Maintenance and Calibration

- (i) The 1-hour TSP meter was calibrated at 1-year intervals against a continuous particulate TEOM Monitor, Series 1400ab. Calibration certificates of the Laser Dust Monitors are provided in Appendix E.
- (ii) 1-hour validation checking of the TSP meter against HVS is carried out yearly at the air quality monitoring locations.

## 2.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

2.6.1 The schedule for environmental monitoring in November 2012 is provided in Appendix F.

## 2.7 Monitoring Results

2.7.1 The baseline condition of air quality in the Project site was reviewed in October and November 2009. A baseline monitoring of air quality, in terms of 1-hour Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) and 24-hour TSP, was carried out from 20 October 2009 to 4 November 2009 for 14 days. The baseline monitoring report was submitted by ETL and approved by the ER and the IEC on 9 November 2009. Action Levels for air quality were established and are summarized in Table 2.4, Table 2.5 and Appendix D.

## 2.8 Results and Observations

2.8.1 The monitoring results for 1-hour TSP and 24-hour TSP are summarized in Table 2.4 and 2.5 respectively. Detailed impact air quality monitoring results are presented in Appendix G.

**Table 2.4 Summary of 1-hour TSP Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period**

	Average ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Range ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Action Level ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Limit Level ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
<b>AM1A</b>	81.8	76.5 – 84.9	302.1	500
<b>AM2</b>	81.9	78.4 – 86.3	301.9	500
<b>AM3</b>	82.4	77.5 – 87.4	301.9	500
<b>AM4A</b>	81.9	78.4 – 85.5	302.3	500

**Table 2.5 Summary of 24-hour TSP Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period**

	Average ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Range ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Action Level ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Limit Level ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
<b>AM1A</b>	47.8	18.4 – 83.1	176.6	260
<b>AM2</b>	42.3	10.5 – 66.6	178.6	260
<b>AM3</b>	41.9	13.3 – 60.8	193.1	260
<b>AM4A</b>	62.3	15.9 – 90.7	198.5	260

2.8.2 The major dust source in the reporting period included construction activities from Stage 1 of the Project, as well as nearby traffic emissions.

2.8.3 All 1-hour and 24-hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Level at all monitoring locations in the reporting month.

2.8.4 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix J.

2.8.5 Weather information including wind speed and wind direction is annexed in Appendix H. The information was obtained from Hong Kong Observatory Sha Tin and Tai Mei Tuk Automatic Weather Station. As some of the weather data in November 2012 from the Tai Mei Tuk Automatic Weather Station were missing, the weather data from Tai Po Automatic Weather Station in November 2012 are included in Appendix H for supplementary purpose.

### 3 NOISE MONITORING

#### 3.1 Monitoring Requirements

3.1.1 In accordance with the EM&A Manual, impact noise monitoring was conducted for at least once per week during the construction phase of Stage 1 of the Project. The Action and Limit level of the noise monitoring is provided in Appendix D.

#### 3.2 Monitoring Equipment

3.2.1 Noise monitoring was performed using sound level meter at each designated monitoring station. The sound level meters deployed comply with the International Electrotechnical Commission Publications (IEC) 651:1979 (Type 1) and 804:1985 (Type 1) specifications. Acoustic calibrator was deployed to check the sound level meters at a known sound pressure level. Brand and model of the equipment is given in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1 Noise Monitoring Equipment**

Equipment	Brand and Model
Integrated Sound Level Meter	Rion NL-31
Acoustic Calibrator	Rion NC-73

#### 3.3 Monitoring Locations

3.3.1 Monitoring stations NM3, NM6 and NM7 were set up at the proposed locations in accordance with updated EM&A Manual. However, for monitoring locations: Tai Po Garden (NM1), Dynasty View (NM2), Hong Kong Teachers' Association Lee Heng Kwei Secondary School (NM4) and Grand Palisades (NM5), proposed in the updated EM&A Manual, impact noise monitoring was conducted at alternative monitoring locations, as approval of access could not be obtained from the owner's corporation of the premises or the principal of the education institutes. The monitoring station at Tai Kwong Secondary School (NM1) was relocated to 168 Shek Kwu Lung Village (NM1A) in September 2011.

3.3.2 Figure 2.1 shows the locations of the monitoring stations. Table 3.2 describes the details of the monitoring stations.

**Table 3.2 Locations of Impact Noise Monitoring Stations**

Monitoring Station	Location	Description
NM1A	168 Shek Kwu Lung Village	1m from the exterior wall of the village house
NM2	38 Ha Wun Yiu	1.2m from the ground floor free-field of the village house
NM3	Wong Shiu Chi Middle School	1m from the exterior of the roof top façade of the New Wing
NM4	Uptown Plaza	1m from the exterior of the roof top façade of Block 4
NM5	The Paragon	1m from the exterior of the roof top façade of the club house
NM6	PLK Tin Ka Ping Primary School	1.2m ground floor free-field near the entrance
NM7	Riverain Bayside	1m from the exterior of the roof façade of the switch room

### 3.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

3.4.1 Table 3.3 summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of impact noise monitoring.

**Table 3.3 Noise Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration**

Parameter	Frequency and Duration
30-mins measurement at each monitoring station between 0700 and 1900 on normal weekdays. $L_{eq}$ , $L_{10}$ and $L_{90}$ would be recorded.	At least once per week

### 3.5 Monitoring Methodology

#### 3.5.1 Monitoring Procedure

- (a) Façade measurements were made at all monitoring locations, except monitoring stations NM2 and NM6.
- (b) The sound level meter was set on a tripod at a height of 1.2 m above the ground for free-field measurements at NM2 and NM6.
- (c) The battery condition was checked to ensure the correct functioning of the meter.
- (d) Parameters such as frequency weighting, the time weighting and the measurement time were set as follows:-
  - (i) frequency weighting: A
  - (ii) time weighting: Fast
  - (iii) time measurement:  $L_{eq(30\text{-minutes})}$  during non-restricted hours i.e. 07:00 – 1900 on normal weekdays;  $L_{eq(5\text{-minutes})}$  during restricted hours i.e. 19:00 – 23:00 and 23:00 – 07:00 of normal weekdays, whole day of Sundays and Public Holidays
- (e) Prior to and after each noise measurement, the meter was calibrated using the acoustic calibrator for 94dB(A) at 1000 Hz. If the difference in the calibration level before and after measurement was more than 1 dB(A), the measurement would be considered invalid and repeat of noise measurement would be required after re-calibration or repair of the equipment.
- (f) During the monitoring period, the  $L_{eq}$ ,  $L_{10}$  and  $L_{90}$  were recorded. In addition, site conditions and noise sources were recorded on a standard record sheet.
- (g) Noise measurement was paused during periods of high intrusive noise (e.g. dog barking, helicopter noise) if possible. Observations were recorded when intrusive noise was unavoidable.
- (h) Noise monitoring was cancelled in the presence of fog, rain, wind with a steady speed exceeding 5m/s, or wind with gusts exceeding 10m/s.

#### 3.5.2 Maintenance and Calibration

- (a) The microphone head of the sound level meter was cleaned with soft cloth at regular intervals.
- (b) The meter and calibrator were sent to the supplier or HOKLAS laboratory to check and calibrate at yearly intervals.
- (c) Calibration certificates of the sound level meters and acoustic calibrators are provided in Appendix E.



### 3.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

3.6.1 The schedule for environmental monitoring in November 2012 is provided in Appendix F.

### 3.7 Monitoring Results

3.7.1 The monitoring results for construction noise are summarized in Table 3.4 and the monitoring data is provided in Appendix I.

**Table 3.4 Summary of Construction Noise Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period**

	Average, dB(A), $L_{eq}$ (30 mins)	Range, dB(A), $L_{eq}$ (30 mins)	Limit Level, dB(A), $L_{eq}$ (30 mins)
NM1A	62.3	60.5 – 63.7	75
NM2	65.5*	62.2 – 67.9*	75
NM3	63.2	61.9 – 64.7	70 <sup>#</sup>
NM4	65.3	63.5 – 67.0	75
NM5	62.4	56.9 – 64.5	75
NM6	62.4*	57.9 – 63.9*	70 <sup>#</sup>
NM7	60.0	57.2 – 63.0	75

\*+3dB(A) Façade correction included

# Limit Level of 70dB(A) applies to education institutes while 65dB(A) applies during school examination period.

3.7.2 There was three (3) noise related complaint followed up by Environmental Team in the reporting period. Hence, three (3) Action Level exceedances were recorded.

3.7.3 No noise monitoring result exceeding the Limit Level was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting month.

3.7.4 Major noise sources during the noise monitoring included construction activities of Stage 1 of the Project and nearby traffic noise and general school activities.

3.7.5 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix J.

## **4 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

### **4.1 Site Inspection**

4.1.1 Site Inspections were carried out on a weekly basis to monitor the implementation of proper environmental pollution control and mitigation measures for Stage 1 of the Project. In the reporting month, 4 site inspections were carried out on 8, 14, 21 and 28 November 2012 for Contract 1 of the Project, and 5 site inspections for Contract 2 of the Project were carried out on 1, 7, 15, 22 and 29 November 2012.

4.1.2 The environmental site inspections summaries are provided in Appendix K.

4.1.3 Particular observations during the site inspections for Contract 1 are described below:

#### ***Air Quality***

4.1.4 Soil stockpiles were accumulated near the receiving pit. The Contractor was reminded to cover the soil stockpile by tarpaulin sheet properly.

4.1.5 Broken concretes were accumulated at New Banyan Bridge. The Contractor was reminded to spray the broken concretes with water or cover the broken concretes by impervious sheet properly to prevent any fugitive dust generation.

#### ***Noise***

4.1.6 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### ***Water Quality***

4.1.7 Broken Sandbags were observed at Area NB19. The Contractor was reminded to replace the broken sandbags.

4.1.8 Stagnant waters were accumulated inside the tray and I-joint at Gate 3. The Contractor was reminded to remove the stagnant water regularly.

#### ***Chemical and Waste Management***

4.1.9 C&D wastes were accumulated at Gate 30. The Contractor was reminded to remove the C&D waste regularly.

4.1.10 C&D wastes were accumulated at Area NB6. The Contractor was reminded to remove the C&D waste more frequently and maintain the site cleanliness and tidiness.

4.1.11 No drip tray provided for chemical container was observed at Area NB19. The Contractor was reminded to provide drip trays for all oil drums / chemical containers on site to prevent any oil / chemical leakage. The Contractor was also reminded to label all chemical containers properly.

#### ***Landscape and Visual Impact***

4.1.12 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### ***Miscellaneous***

4.1.13 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

4.1.14 Particular observations and reminder during the site inspections for Contract 2 are described below:

***Air Quality***

4.1.15 The Contractor was reminded to cover the broken concretes and stockpiles at Hong Lok Yuen road by tarpaulin sheets after works to prevent any fugitive dust generation.

4.1.16 Mud trails were observed near the site entrance/exit at Gate 11 and Gate 15 and wheel washing facility at Gate 15 was also observed malfunction. The Contractor was reminded to repair the wheel washing facility as soon as possible and provide proper wheel washing facility during the repairing period. The Contractor should ensure that wheel washing facilities were operating at all vehicular site entrances/exits to wash off the deposited silt on vehicles' wheels and bodies and combine with cleaning of public roads wherever necessary and practical. The Contractor was recommended to provide a maintenance schedule for all wheel washing facilities on site.

***Noise***

4.1.17 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

***Water Quality***

4.1.18 Silt from construction site was observed accumulated on haul road at Area NB42. The Contractor was reminded to provide proper mitigation measures (e.g. bunds/sandbags at site work areas) to prevent any silt or silty water running off from the construction site to the haul road and nearby public drains. Silt on the haul road should be removed as soon as possible. The Contractor was also reminded to maintain the haul road in clean condition.

4.1.19 Silts were accumulated in wheel washing bays at Gate 11 and Gate 15 and u-channel connecting to sedimentation tank at Gate 15. The Contractor was reminded to remove the silt from wheel washing bays and u-channel more frequently.

4.1.20 Broken concretes and stockpile of sands were placed at Area NLKSA without mitigation measure. The Contractor was reminded to cover the broken concretes and stockpile of sands by tarpaulin sheets properly to prevent any silty water surface runoff to nearby public road due to rainfall.

***Chemical and Waste Management***

4.1.21 Breaking tip of breaker was found placed on bare ground at Area NLKSA. The Contractor was reminded to place the breaking tip onto the tarpaulin sheet to avoid oil leakage from the breaking tip to the ground

4.1.22 C&D wastes and general refuses were accumulated at Tai Wo West services road and Area NLKNA. The Contractor was reminded to remove the C&D wastes regularly and maintain the site tidiness and cleanliness.

4.1.23 C&D wastes were accumulated at Area RWB12B. The Contractor was reminded to remove the C&D waste regularly and maintain the site cleanliness and tidiness.

***Landscape and Visual Impact***

4.1.24 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

***Miscellaneous***

4.1.25 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### 4.2 Advice on the Solid and Liquid Waste Management Status

- 4.2.1 The Contract 1 Contractor (CSHK) and the Contract 2 Contractor (GCL) are registered as chemical waste producers for Stage 1 of the Project. C&D material sorting was carried out on site. Sufficient numbers of receptacles were available for general refuse collection.
- 4.2.2 As advised by the Contract 1 Contractor (CSHK), 485m<sup>3</sup> of inert C&D material was disposed as public fill to Tuen Mun 38 (of which 17m<sup>3</sup> was broken concrete), while 78m<sup>3</sup> of general refuse was disposed at NENT landfill. 133kg of paper/cardboard packaging, 0kg of plastics and 0kg of metals were collected by recycling contractor in the reporting month. 1,833m<sup>3</sup> and 633m<sup>3</sup> of inert C&D materials were reused on site and reused in NENT for backfilling purpose respectively. 2,200kg chemical waste was collected by licensed contractor in the reporting period.
- 4.2.3 As advised by the Contract 2 Contractor (GCL), 280m<sup>3</sup> of inert C&D material were disposed to Tuen Mun 38 and 475m<sup>3</sup> general refuse was disposed to NENT landfill in the reporting period. No chemical waste was collected by licensed contractor in the reporting period.
- 4.2.4 The Contract 1 Contractor (CSHK) and the Contract 2 Contractor (GCL) are advised to maintain on site waste sorting and recording system and maximize reuse / recycle of C&D wastes.

#### 4.3 Environmental Licenses and Permits

- 4.3.1 The environmental licenses and permits for Stage 1 of the Project and valid in the reporting month is summarized in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1 Summary of Environmental Licensing and Permit Status**

Statutory Reference	License/ Permit	License or Permit No.	Valid Period		License/ Permit Holder	Remarks
			From	To		
EIAO	Environmental Permit	EP-324/2008/A	31/01/2012	N/A	HyD	Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Ma Wo
WPCO	Discharge License (Office)	WT00005096-2009	03/12/2009	31/12/2014	CSHK	Discharge at Site Office
	Discharge License (Site)	WT00005445-2009	15/12/2009	31/12/2014	CSHK	Discharge of Construction Runoff
	Discharge License (Office)	WT00006782-2010	25/06/2010	30/06/2015	GCL	Discharge at Site Office
	Discharge License (Site)	WT00007162-2010	09/08/2010	31/07/2015	GCL	Discharge of Construction Runoff
WDO	Chemical Waste Producer Registration	5213-727-C3249-46	25/09/2009	N/A	CSHK	Chemical waste produced in Contract HY/2008/09
		5213-722-G2347-18	18/05/2010	N/A	GCL	Chemical waste produced in Contract HY/2009/08

Statutory Reference	License/ Permit	License or Permit No.	Valid Period		License/ Permit Holder	Remarks
			From	To		
WDO	Billing Account for Disposal of Construction Waste	7009328	08/09/2009	N/A	CSHK	Waste disposal in Contract HY/2008/09
		7010320	02/03/2010	N/A	GCL	Waste disposal in Contract HY/2009/08
.NCO	Construction Noise Permit	GW-RN0350-12	22/07/2012	13/01/2013	CSHK	Modification of Sign Gantries along Tolo Highway
		GW-RN0351-12	19/07/2012	18/01/2013	CSHK	TB1&2 Construction
		GW-RN0417-12	28/08/2012	17/11/2012	CSHK	Bridge 10A Deck Stitching
		GW-RN0415-12	30/08/2012	29/11/2012	CSHK	Works next to MTRC's Tracks
		GW-RN0434-12	13/09/2012	16/02/2013	CSHK	Routine Road Maintenance
		GW-RN0462-12	25/09/2012	01/12/2012	CSHK	Tree felling works at slip road from Tolo Highway to Tai Po Road
		GW-RN0463-12	04/10/2012	03/12/2012	CSHK	Road Marking Alternation near Lam Kam Railway Bridge and Tai Po Road
		GW-RN0464-12	27/09/2012	10/11/2012	CSHK	Demolition of Portal Frame in TB1&2
		GW-RN0461-12	27/09/2012	05/01/2013	CSHK	Road Repaving Work at Tolo Highway near Island House Interchange
		GW-RN0478-12	04/10/2012	29/03/2013	CSHK	Road Marking Alternation for slip road from Tolo Highway to Yuen Shin Road
		GW-RN0476-12	07/10/2012	16/12/2012	CSHK	Noise Barrier Installation at Tolo Highway near Shan Tong New Village
		GW-RN0510-12	27/10/2012	06/01/2013	CSHK	Noise Barrier Installation at Slip Road from Tat Wan Road to Tolo Highway
		GW-RN0512-12	28/10/2012	06/01/2013	CSHK	Tree Felling at slope along North Bound of Tolo Highway near Shan Tong New Village and Tat Wan Road

Statutory Reference	License/ Permit	License or Permit No.	Valid Period		License/ Permit Holder	Remarks
			From	To		
		GW-RN0517-12	28/10/2012	09/12/2012	CSHK	Noise Barrier Installation at Tolo Highway near Classical Garden
		GW-RN0515-12	03/11/2012	26/11/2012	CSHK	Road Marking Alternation near W8
		GW-RN516-12	24/10/2012	23/04/2013	CSHK	Construction of W4 - NLKRB South Abutment
		GW-RN560-12	17/11/2012	31/01/2013	CSHK	Demolition of Temporary Bridge (TB1&2)
		GW-RN0550-12	20/11/2012	02/03/2013	CSHK	Road Marking Alternation Banyan West Bridge
		GW-RN0564-12	29/11/2012	30/04/2013	CSHK	Installation of Noise Barrier at Tolo Highway near Yuen Shin Road
		GW-RN0565-12	22/11/2012	09/02/2013	CSHK	Bridge 10A Deck Stitching
		GW-RN0566-12	30/11/2012	28/02/2013	CSHK	Works next to MTRC's Tracks
		GW-RN0595-12	08/12/2012	06/01/2013	CSHK	Road Marking Alternation at Tolo Highway near Classical Garden
		GW-RN0297-12	15/06/2012	30/11/2012	GCL	A section of Tolo Highway (North bound) near Shek Lin Road, Tai Po
		GW-RN0330-12	29/08/2012	28/02/2013	GCL	Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway near Tai Po Tai Wo Road, Lam Kam Interchange & Tai Wo Service Road West
		GW-RN0406-12	25/08/2012	03/11/2012	GCL	Dismantle of Overhead Falsework Between Pier 5 and 6
		GW-RN0398-12	27/08/2012	24/02/2013	GCL	Construction of Bridge 12A at Tolo Highway
		GW-RN0429-12	12/09/2012	10/11/2012	GCL	Slip Road of Tai Po Tai Wo Road to Tolo Highway
		GW-RN0433-12	11/09/2012	23/11/2012	GCL	NLKP1 Tower Crane Erection

Statutory Reference	License/ Permit	License or Permit No.	Valid Period		License/ Permit Holder	Remarks
			From	To		
		GW-RN0453-12	30/09/2012	23/12/2012	GCL	Removal and painting of road marking at Tolo Highway southbound
		GW-RN0493-12	15/10/2012	14/04/2013	GCL	Construction of Bridge 15A
		GW-RN0492-12	09/10/2012	30/11/2012	GCL	Renewal of GW-RN0297-12 with one additional powered mechanical equipment
		GW-RN0529-12	04/11/2012	28/04/2013	GCL	New Lam Kan Bridge Pier 4 and 5
		GW-RN0546-12	20/11/2012	28/02/2013	GCL	Removal of Existing Sign Gantry (Nsn45) at Fanling Highway
		GW-RN0549-12	15/11/2012	28/02/2013	GCL	Erection of Overhead Falsework Between NLKP9 and NLKP10
		GW-RN0551-12	16/11/2012	10/03/2013	GCL	Slip Road of Tai Po Tai Wo Road to Tolo Highway

#### 4.4 Implementation Status of Environmental Mitigation Measures

- 4.4.1 In response to the site audit findings, the Contractors carried out corrective actions.
- 4.4.2 A summary of the Implementation Schedule of Environmental Mitigation Measures (EMIS) is presented in Appendix C. Most of the necessary mitigation measures were implemented properly.

#### 4.5 Summary of Exceedances of the Environmental Quality Performance Limit

- 4.5.1 All 1-hour and 24-hour TSP monitoring results complied with the Action / Limit Levels in the reporting period.
- 4.5.2 Three (3) Action Level exceedances of construction noise were recorded in the reporting period, since three (3) noise related complaints were received and followed by Environmental Team in the reporting period.
- 4.5.3 No Limit Level exceedance was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting period.



#### 4.6 Summary of Complaints, Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecutions

4.6.1 The Environmental Complaint Handling Procedure is annexed in Figure 4.1.

4.6.2 There were four (4) complaints (included one (1) air related complaint and three (3) noise related complaints) followed up by Environmental Team in November 2012.

4.6.3 The (1<sup>st</sup>) noise complaint (from a resident of The Paragon), was received by EPD on 5 November 2012, and referred from EPD on 6 November 2012. The complaint was about the suspected construction noise generated from the suspected construction activities at Tolo Highway on 4 November 2012 at 3:00a.m.

As informed by the Contractor (China State Construction Engineering (HK) Ltd.) and confirmed by the Engineer of the Project, road marking and road pavement works for road diversion were carried out in a section of Tolo Highway near Wall 8 (near The Paragon at Tai Po) during the period from 3 November 2012 at 22:30 to 4 November 2012 at 05:00. No PMEs were operating during 22:30 to 23:00 on 3 November and during 05:00 and 07:00 on 4 November 2012, and no road miller / mini road miller was operating between 02:00 and 05:00 on 4 November 2012. A valid Construction Noise Permit (CNP No.: GW-RN0515-12) was obtained for the use of certain powered mechanical equipments (PMEs). The numbers and types of powered mechanical equipments operated on the date were complied with the CNP. Site diary and list of plants used during the road diversion works (provided by the Engineer of the Project) were also checked for verification. Road marking and road pavement works for road diversion near Wall 8 were completed on 4 November 2012 and no road diversion works at the same location (near Wall 8) is currently planned in the restricted hours (23:00 – 05:00 of next day) for the coming months. The noise complaint was considered as project-related. Therefore, the Contractor is advised to implement the noise mitigation measures as below:

- Strictly comply with the requirements of the approved CNP for works carried out in restricted hours;
- Propose to use of quality powered mechanical equipments (QPME) for carrying out similar works in the future;
- Review the feasibility of wrapping up the buzzers of construction machineries under safety circumstance to suppress the noise impact;
- Better scheduling of works to minimize noise nuisance;
- Instruct the site workers to keep the noise to minimum during road diversion works in restricted hours;
- Review the possibility for re-sequencing the execution of some remaining road works after completion of the permanent noise barriers to act as a noise screen for mitigation of noise nuisance from the road works; and
- Foster better public relations with the sensitive receivers nearby.

4.6.4 An air complaint (from a resident of Ma Wo at Tai Po), was received by EPD on 6 November 2012, and referred from EPD on 8 November 2012. The complaint was about no improvement on the dust nuisance from the road widening construction works by Gammon Construction Ltd. Despite repeated request of frequent water spraying at the entrance of the construction site, such measures were only implemented during senior site staff inspections, while fugitive dust were generated for the rest of the time, causing serious nuisance to the complainant's dwelling. The complainant thereby strongly requested the EPD to monitor the status of water spraying of the construction site.

As informed by the Contractor (Gammon Construction Ltd) and confirmed by the Engineer of the Project, trimming the ground surface for blinding laying at NB31 & W44 was being carried out on 6 November 2012 at the work areas nearby the residential flat of the complainant (shown in Figure 1 – Site Layout near Ma Wo at Tai Po). Mitigation measures, including erection of tarpaulin dust screen along the work areas W45-47, automatic sprinkler system and manual spraying by workers for haul roads and exposed slopes (at work areas NB31, W44 – W47), covering non-working slopes by tarpaulin sheets within work areas, covering of dusty materials carrying in dump trucks within work areas W45-47 were taken by the Contractor. Besides, environmental supervisions (by the Contractor's foremen) were conducted two times everyday to review the adequacy and effectiveness



of dust suppression measure at work areas. Checklists of the Contractor's environmental supervision were checked for verification.

With reference to the monitoring results recorded on days near to the day of complaint at the nearest EM&A monitoring station (AM1A- Sheung Wun Yiu), the 24-hour TSP level on 6 November 2012 were found to be  $83.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , which were below the action level of  $176.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Nevertheless, the complaint was considered as project-related. Therefore, the Contractor is reminded to enhance the dust mitigation as below:

- Confirm the implementation of dust mitigation measures (erection of tarpaulin dust screen along the work areas W45-47, watering for the haul roads and exposed slopes at work areas NB31, W44 – W47, covering non-working slopes by tarpaulin sheets within work areas, covering of dusty materials carrying in dump trucks within work areas W45-47) during all construction / dusty activities to prevent any fugitive dust generation;
- Increase the frequency of watering in the work areas (e.g. the entrance of the construction site, site haul roads and exposed slopes / areas in the work areas NB31, W44-47) to maintain the surface of site haul roads and exposed surfaces in wet condition;
- Extend the water spraying areas to the exposed areas (near work area W45) nearby the residential flat of the complainant;
- Cover the backfilling surface after work;
- Maintain soil surface wet before loading and unloading activities;
- Increase the frequency of the environmental supervision (by the Contractor) to frequently review the adequacy and effectiveness of dust suppression measures to suit the construction progress;
- Inform the complainant before dusty activities to be carried out, such as rock breaking, excavation, grouting and backfilling etc; and
- Foster better public relations with the sensitive receivers / the complainant nearby.

Follow-up site inspection was conducted on 22 November 2012 to confirm the implementation of mitigation measure. During the site inspection, no dusty activity (i.e. loading and unloading activities) and dump truck was observed in work area W45-47. Several dust mitigation measures were implemented at the work area W45-47 as below:

- Dust screen was erected along the site boundary at work area W45-47;
- Impermeable dust screen was erected along the work area W45-47;
- Water spraying for site haul roads / site areas was provided by worker;
- Site haul road / site areas / exposed areas were dampened;
- Non-working slopes was covered by tarpaulin sheets; and
- Impermeable sheet was erected in backfilling area at W47.

Besides, the Contractor's site logs of environmental supervision and records of communication between the Contractor and Ma Wo's residents were also checked. According to the Contractor's site logs of environmental supervision, the frequency of the environmental supervision increased to 3 times per day. Dust suppression measures were provided at work areas W44-47 and the deficiencies were also rectified properly. No fugitive dust arising from the work area W45-47 was observed.

- 4.6.5 The (2<sup>nd</sup>) noise complaint, was received by EPD on 12 November 2012, and referred from EPD on 13 November 2012. The complaint was about construction noise generated from breaking activities at the construction site of Gammon Construction Ltd. nearby Lot no. 450 of Wai Tau Tsuen at Lam Tsuen of Tai Po. The complainant expressed that the noise from the breaking activities began between 8:00am and 9:00am on 30 October 2012 at the construction site of Gammon Construction Ltd. nearby Lot no. 450 of Wai Tau Tsuen at Lam Tsuen of Tai Po, caused nuisance to nearby residents. The complainant requested EPD to follow-up as soon as possible. The complainant expressed that the complainant would call the police for help, if the problem of construction noise could not be handled by the day after the complaint received. The reply had been communicated to the complainant. However, the complainant expressed that construction activities were still carried out by the Contractor after 7:00pm and noise was still generated from construction works. The complainant thereby requested the EPD to follow-up and reply again.

According to the information of the Contractor (Gammon Construction Ltd.) and confirmed by the Engineer, sheet-pile by vibration hammer, H-pile drilling, minor excavation and hand-dig were carried out by the Contractor during 8:00am to 9:00am on 30 October 2012 (Tuesday) and no construction work was carried out by the Contractor after 7:00pm on 30 October 2012 at the construction site nearby Wai Tau Tsuen at Lam Tsuen of Tai Po. In accordance with the Noise Control Ordinance, 7:00am – 7:00pm of any general days are the non-restricted hours of general construction work. Therefore, commencement of construction work at 8:00am on general days is in compliance with the NCO. From observation of the site inspection (by ET) on 15 November 2012, permanent noise barriers were observed erected in some portions of Wai Tau Tsuen at Lam Tsuen of Tai Po as noise suppression measure. However, the noise complaint was considered as project-related. Therefore, the Contractor is advised to implement the noise mitigation measures as below:

- Wrapping the breaker tip with proper noise insulation materials during rock breaking works.
- Wrapping the chain link of sheet-pile machine.
- Erecting movable noise barriers fitted with noise adsorption materials for any noisy activities (e.g. breaking activity).
- Informing the nearby residents in advance (at least one day) of any noisy works to be carried out in the morning.

The matter will be followed-up in the next Monthly EM&A Report (December 2012).

4.6.6 The (3<sup>rd</sup>) noise complaint (from a resident of Shek Kwu Lung Village), was received by EPD on 29 November 2012, and referred from EPD in the same day. The complaint was about the construction of Widening of Tolo Highway at the foot of the hill slope. According to the complainant, the construction works have been conducted by Gammon Construction Ltd. for a year and the works had been conducted until 20:00 at night in recent months. Due to the short distance of the complainant's premises from the construction site, the nuisance was very annoying. The complainant requested EPD to follow up. According to the information of the Contractor (Gammon Construction Ltd.) and confirmed by the Engineer, no construction work was carried out at Area RWTW2, LB3 (East & West Abutment) & RWTW3 near Shek Kwu Lung Village after 6:00pm in recent months except concreting works (at Area RWTW2 / RWTW3) on 5 October 2012, 31 October 2012 & 23 November 2012 and minor activities (e.g. general cleaning and site tidiness), both of which were completed by 7:00pm. In accordance with the Noise Control Ordinance, 7:00am – 7:00pm of any general days are the non-restricted hours of general construction work. Therefore, carrying out of construction work during 7:00am to 7:00pm on general days is in compliance with the NCO. In accordance with the observation of the site inspection (by ET) on 6 December 2012, temporary acoustic sheet was erected at Area LB3 (West Abutment) as a noise mitigation measure. However, the noise complaint was considered as project-related. Therefore, the Contractor is advised to implement the mitigation measures as below:

- Cease all construction activities at site during restricted hours unless a valid Construction Noise Permit had been obtained for the site areas; and
- Apply for a Construction Noise Permit if any construction work during restricted hours and strictly comply with all conditions stipulated in CNP issued by EPD.

4.6.7 No notification of summons and prosecution was received in the reporting period.

4.6.8 Statistics on complaints, notifications of summons and successful prosecutions are summarized in Appendix L.

## **5 FUTURE KEY ISSUES**

### **5.1 Construction Programme for the Coming Months**

5.1.1 The major construction works for Contract 1 in December 2012 will be:-

- Temporary Shoring, Sheetpiling and Excavation;
- Pile Cap Construction (Noise Barrier);
- Installation of Soil Nails;
- At-grade Road Construction;
- Widening and Demolition of Central Dividers;
- Retaining Wall Construction;
- Bridge Deck Construction;
- Noise Barrier Footing Construction;
- Noise Barrier Panels Installation;
- Asphalt Laying;
- Installation of Drainage Pipes;
- Modification of Edge coping; and
- Demolition of Temperate bridge TB1 & TB2.

5.1.2 The major construction works for Contract 2 in December 2012 will be:-

- Condition survey of existing structures;
- Excavation of trial trenches to locate existing utilities;
- Ground investigation and predrilling;
- Construction of haul road;
- Extension of box culvert and subway;
- Piling and structural works of bridges;
- Construction of pilecap / spread footing of noise barrier / semi noise enclosure;
- Slope works, including installation of soil nails;
- Retaining wall construction;
- Noise barrier construction;
- Modification of existing bridge structures;
- Entrusted watermains works; and
- Sewer Installation.

### **5.2 Key Issues for the Coming Month**

5.2.1 Key issues to be considered in December 2012:-

- Properly store and label oils and chemicals on site;
- Chemical, chemical waste and waste management;
- Collection of construction waste should be carried out regularly;
- Site runoff should be properly collected and treated prior to discharge;
- Properly maintain all drainage facilities and wheel washing facilities on site;
- Exposed slopes should be covered up properly if no temporary work will be conducted;
- Suppress dust generated from excavation, breaking and drilling activities, haul road traffic and grout mixing process;
- Quieter powered mechanical equipment should be used;
- Closely check and replace the sound insulation materials wrapped at the concrete breaker tip regularly;
- Better scheduling of construction works to minimize noise nuisance; and
- Tree protective measures for all retained trees should be well maintained.

### **5.3 Monitoring Schedule for the Coming Month**

5.3.1 The tentative schedule for environmental monitoring in December 2012 is provided in Appendix F.

## 6 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 Conclusions

- 6.1.1 The construction phase and EM&A programme of Stage 1 of the project commenced on 23 November 2009.
- 6.1.2 1-hour TSP, 24-hour TSP and noise monitoring were carried out in the reporting period.
- 6.1.3 All 1-hour and 24-hour TSP monitoring results complied with the Action / Limit Levels in the reporting period.
- 6.1.4 Three (3) Action Level exceedances of construction noise were recorded in the reporting month, since three (3) noise related complaints were received and followed by Environmental Team in the reporting month.
- 6.1.5 No Limit Level exceedance for construction noise was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 6.1.6 Environmental site inspection was carried out 9 times in November 2012. Recommendations on remedial actions were given to the Contractors for the deficiencies identified during the site audits.
- 6.1.7 There were four (4) complaints (included one (1) air related complaint and three (3) noise related complaints) followed up by Environmental Team in November 2012. Investigation was carried out. The findings, proposed mitigation measures and follow-up site visit findings were submitted to all relevant parties.
- 6.1.8 No notification of summons and prosecution was received in the reporting period.

### 6.2 Recommendations

- 6.2.1 According to the environmental site inspections performed in the reporting month, the following recommendations were provided:-

#### ***Air Quality Impact***

- All plants on site should be properly maintained to avoid dark smoke emission.
- All vehicles should be washed to remove any dusty materials before leaving the site.
- Haul roads should be sufficiently dampened to minimize fugitive dust generation.
- Wheel washing facilities should be properly maintained to ensure properly functioning.
- Temporary exposed slopes and open stockpiles should be properly covered.
- Enclosure should be erected for cement mixing operations.
- Provide water spraying to suppress fugitive dust for any dusty construction activity.

#### ***Construction Noise Impact***

- Properly erect the temporary noise barriers in accordance with the Environmental Permit requirement.
- Noise barriers should be closely packed and properly aligned to ensure effective noise reduction.
- Noisy operations should be oriented to a direction away from sensitive receivers as far as possible.
- Sound insulation materials shall be wrapped at the breaker tip for concrete breaking works.
- Noise Emission Label (NEL) shall be affixed to the air compressor and hand-held breaker operating within works area.
- Better scheduling of construction works to minimize noise nuisance.

***Water Quality Impact***

- Silt, debris and leaves accumulated at public drains, wheel washing bays and perimeter u-channels and desilting facilities should be cleaned up regularly.
- Silty effluent should be treated/desilted before discharged. Untreated effluent should be prevented from entering public drain channel.
- Proper drainage channels/bunds should be provided at the site boundaries to collect/intercept the surface run-off from works areas.
- Exposed slopes and stockpiles should be covered up properly during rainstorm.
- Stagnant water accumulated within works area should be removed.

***Chemical and Waste Management***

- C&D materials and wastes, general refuse should be sorted properly and removed timely.
- All chemical containers and oil drums should be properly stored.
- All plants and vehicles on site should be properly maintained to prevent oil leakage.
- All drain holes of the drip trays utilized within works areas should be properly plugged to avoid any oil leakage.
- Oil stains on soil surface and empty chemical containers should be cleared and disposed of as chemical waste.

***Landscape and Visual Impact***

- All retained trees should be properly fenced off at the works area.