APPENDIX 9D6

Water Quality
Mitigation – Silt Curtain
Application

<u>APPENDIX D6</u> WATER QUALITY MITIGATION <u>SILT CURTAIN APPLICATION</u>

D6-1 INTRODUCTION

- D6-1.1 For the combined TM-CLKL+HKBCF+HKLR projects, 3 scenario years have been selected for hydrodynamic and water quality modelling based on the worst case calculated sediment losses following the anticipated project programme. The anticipated programme is shown in Figure 24 of **Appendix D5**.
- D6-1.2 The results of the construction phase water quality modelling has shown that, even with the integrated measures described in Section 6, exceedances of the water quality objectives would occur and that further mitigation would be required. The implementation of silt curtains have been proposed as the primary mitigation option. However, the application and effectiveness of silt curtains does depend on the aquatic conditions in which they are proposed and issues such as water depth and current speed can affect the viability and effectiveness of this measure, with speeds of about 0.5m/s generally being considered as allowing effective anchoring and use of silt curtains.
- D6-1.3 In order to assess the viability of the use of silt curtains as mitigation for the works sites, the flow velocities in the study area have been reviewed. The modelled flow patterns indicating the peak ebb and flood at 3 depth (surface, middepth and bottom) are presented in the vector plots in Annex A for each of the 3 scenario years, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (Figures 013 to 036 for each year). The location of the construction plant at those times is, also, indicated. Review of the plots shows that the flows over most of the site area, where the HKBCF, TMCLKL southern landfall and HKLR reclamation will be constructed, are, in general, below 0.5m/s and, therefore, suitable for silt curtain deployment.
- D6-1.4 However, at the northern end of the HKBCF/TM-CLKL southern landfall works (Phase 2 of the HKBCF work), the site will be influenced by the higher east-west flows which are typically between 1-2m/s. As such, in this area, silt curtain would unlikely be effective unless additional measures to protect against the flow are deployed. Therefore, to protect against the higher flows and allow the use of the silt curtain for the Phase 2 HKBCF works, a steel sheet piled wall is proposed to reduce the flow to ensure the effectiveness of the silt curtain system.
- D6-1.5 At the TM-CLKL northern landfall works site, the southern section of the reclamation falls within areas of higher flows (again, typically 1-2m/s) and, in addition, the water depths in this area are high at over 10m and as such, the deployment of silt curtains is deemed not feasible for portions N-C and N-B of the landfall. However, in the shallow and low speed waters close to the coastline when portion N-A of the northern landfall is being constructed, a silt curtain would be able to be used.
- D6-1.6 Based upon the review, it was concluded that silt curtains could be deployed in the majority of the works site for the protection of the marine environment. Further details on the proposed silt curtain arrangement and suitability are provided below.

D6-2 SILT CURTAINS ARRANGEMENT

- D6-2.1 As discussed above, in order to minimise the water quality impacts during the construction stage, deployment of silt curtains has been proposed and the following systems have been recommended:
 - Frame type silt curtain to fully enclose the working area of each grab dredger while carrying out the dredging works; and
 - Silt curtain (single layer or double layer) around or adjacent to the site while the dredging works and filling works are in progress.
- D6-2.2 Both systems are applied for the HKBCF, TM-CLKL southern landfall and HKLR reclamations while only the latter is applicable for Portion N-A of the TM-CLKL northern landfall reclamation. Indicative layouts of the proposed silt curtain arrangements are provided in Annex B, see Figures No. 25308/041/301 to 308 for HKBCF, TM-CLKL southern landfall and HKLR and Figure 9a for the TM-CLKL northern landfall reclamation.
- D6-2.3 As the first measure, the frame type silt curtain is designed to enclose local pollution caused by the grab dredger. This frame type silt curtain is made by a steel frame with floating buoy fixed on the top frame such that it is floating on water. A silt curtain membrane (see attached catalogue in Annex C) or similar product is mounted on the four sides of the steel frame and ballast attached to the bottom of silt curtain extending from the seabed to the seawater level so as to cover the entire water column. The dredging works by the grab dredger would then be carried out within the frame type silt curtain. The position of this frame type silt curtain would be maintained by a chain fixed between the frame structure of silt curtain and the dredger. Details of this frame type silt curtain are shown in Figure No. 25308/041/308 in Annex B.
- D6-2.4 Apart from the frame type silt curtain, deployment of silt curtain (single layer or double layer) around the site is recommended. The indicative layout of silt curtains for HKBCF, TM-CLKL southern landfall and HKLR at different stages of the construction process are shown in Figures No. 25308/041/301 to 306 in Annex B and the curtain proposed during the construction of Portion N-A of the TM-CLKL northern landfall shown in Figure 9a of Annex B. The silt curtains would basically consist of a curtain membrane made by synthetic textile (see Annex C) or similar product, a float system that hangs the curtain in the water, and a weight at the bottom of curtain to fix it at the seabed. Sufficient length of the curtain membrane will be allowed such that there is an amount of slack for the extension of the silt curtain due to wave and tidal effects.
- D6-2.5 While the modelling results have indicated that single silt curtain would be effective, the proposed system would also allow for the application of a double layer of curtain should additional mitigation be required. If a double layer silt curtain is used, a second layer of silt curtain would be placed next to the fist layer curtain with a separation distance of about 10m. As the water depth at the HKBCF/TM-CLKL southern landfall is about 4m to 10m and at the HKLR is about 3m to 4m, the vertical length of silt curtain would not be too long and, therefore, the separation distance of 10m between the two layers of silt curtain is

considered to be adequate, even allowing for the relative movement of the curtains under the tidal and wave actions. As a further measure, installation of silt curtains at specific sensitive receivers such as the seawater intakes could also be considered to mitigate the water quality impact if necessary.

- D6-2.6 The silt curtain should allow access of vessels that enter into or exit from the reclamation area. This could be achieved by the opening formed by two piece of silt curtain with overlapping length of 150m min and a separation distance of about 60m to allow the passage of vessels. The indicative position and details of the above openings are shown in Annex B. Local adjustment of the position of these openings is expected during construction stage to suit the actual site condition and the Contractor's working method.
- D6-2.7 The silt curtain is suitable for use in the site condition where the current velocity of 0.5m/s or less. However, as noted above, the velocity of currents near the northern edge of reclamation site for HKBCF Phase 2 is higher due to its exposure to the area of main flows. In order to enable the deployment of silt curtain to mitigate the water quality impact due to the reclamation activities in HKBCF Phase 2, a sheet pile wall is proposed to protect the silt curtain along the northern edge of the reclamation as shown in Annex B. With the implementation of the sheet piled wall, the silt curtain will not be subject to the influences of the strong currents and can be used. A separate distance of 5m between the silt curtain and sheet pile wall is allowed in this case (see Section 2-2 in figure No. 25308/041/307 in Annex B.
- Yellow marker buoys fitted with yellow flashing lights will be laid along the top surface of the silt curtains at a spacing of about 50m to mark the extent of the silt curtain. As the silt curtain will not the installed in the navigation channel and the flashing lights of the marker buoys of silt curtain will be small in size, it is not considered that there would be significant impacts to the marine traffic and aviation due to the installation of silt curtain.

D6-3 LOSS REDUCTION ASSUMPTIONS

D6-3.1 The assumed effectiveness of the cage type silt curtain for grab dredgers and the single layer of silt curtains proposed are presented in **Table D6-1** below, together with the loss reductions that could be assumed for an additional layer of silt curtain if this was considered.

Table D6-1 Summary Table of Loss Reductions from Silt Curtain Configurations

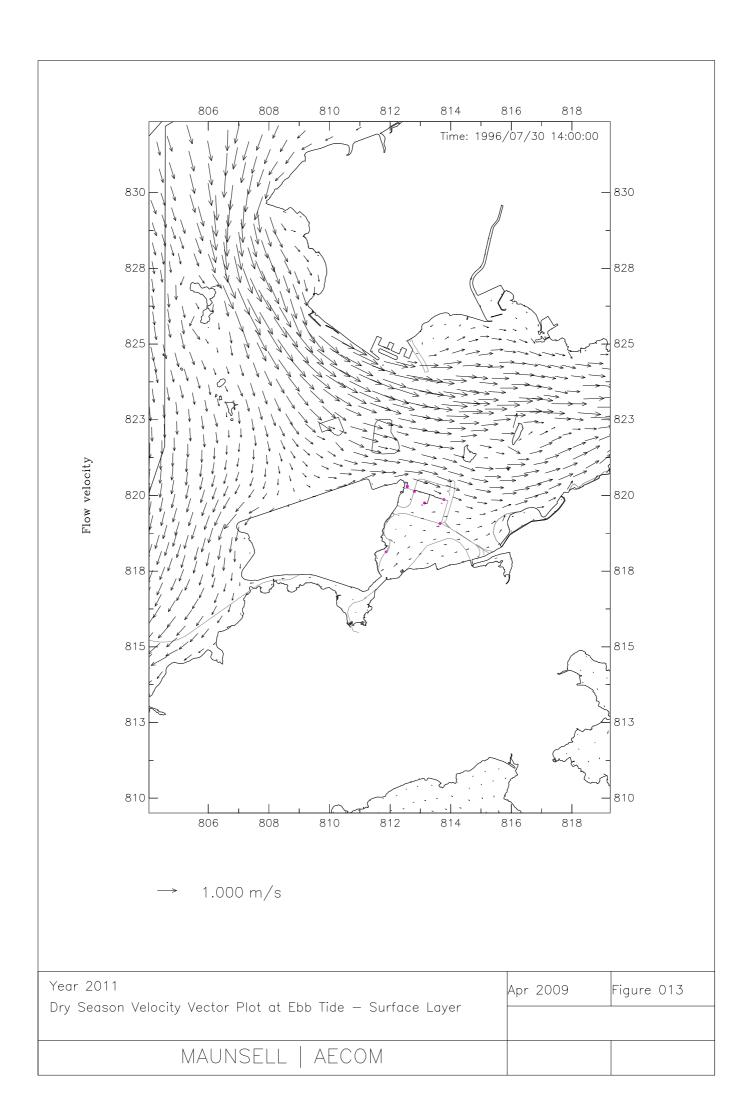
Silt Curtain Type	Loss Reduction Factor	Remark
Dredging Activities		
Cage type for Grab Dredger (1)	80%	Typical, also reviewed in LNG
		Terminal EIA
Floating Single Silt Curtain (2)	75%	Manufactures Brochure
Second layer of Floating Silt	50%	LNG Terminal EIA
Curtain (3)		
Combined Reduction (1+2)	95%	For grab dredger only
Combined Reduction (1+2+3)	97%	For grab dredger only
Combined Reduction (2+3)	87%	

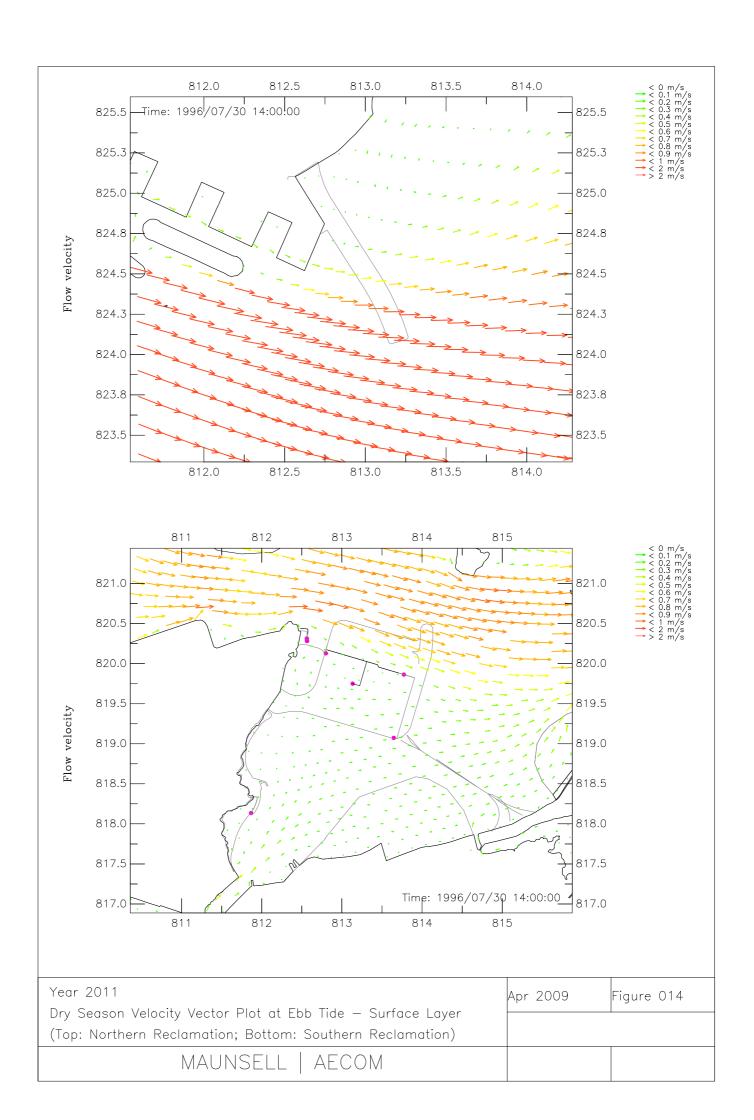
Filling Activities		
Floating Single Silt Curtain (4)	45%	
Second layer of Floating Silt	30%	Proportional scaling following the
Curtain (5)		reduction for dredging
Combined Reduction (4+5)	61%	

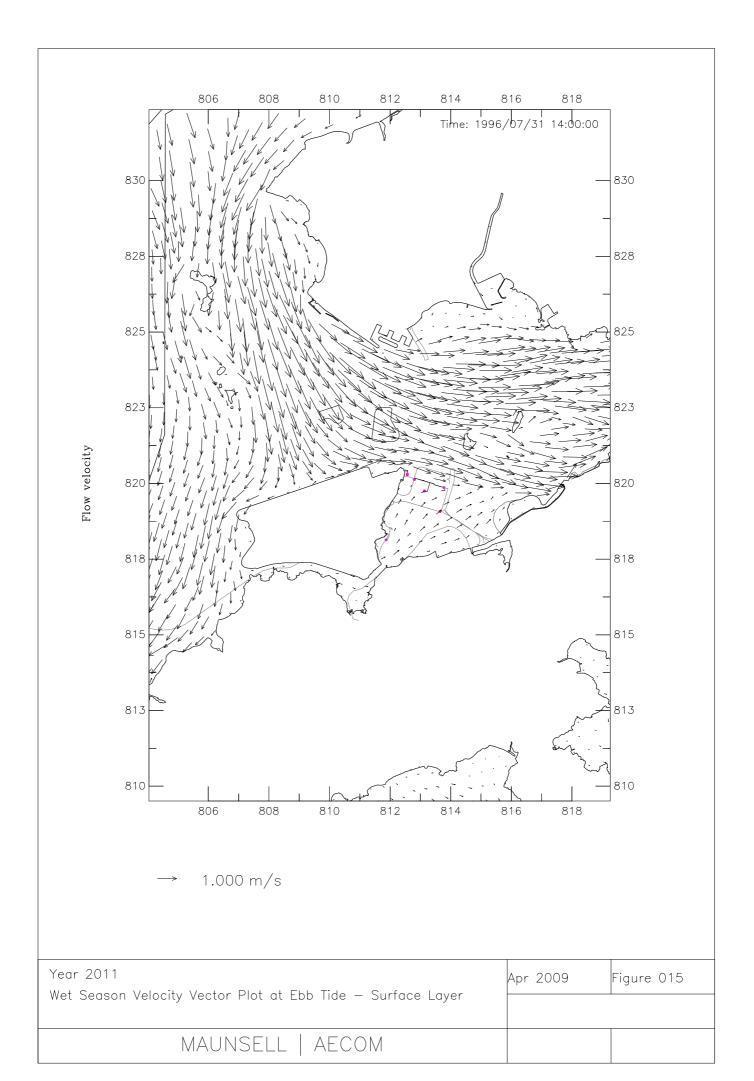
D6-3.2 The calculated reduction in sediment losses for these mitigation options are summarised in **Table D6-2** below.

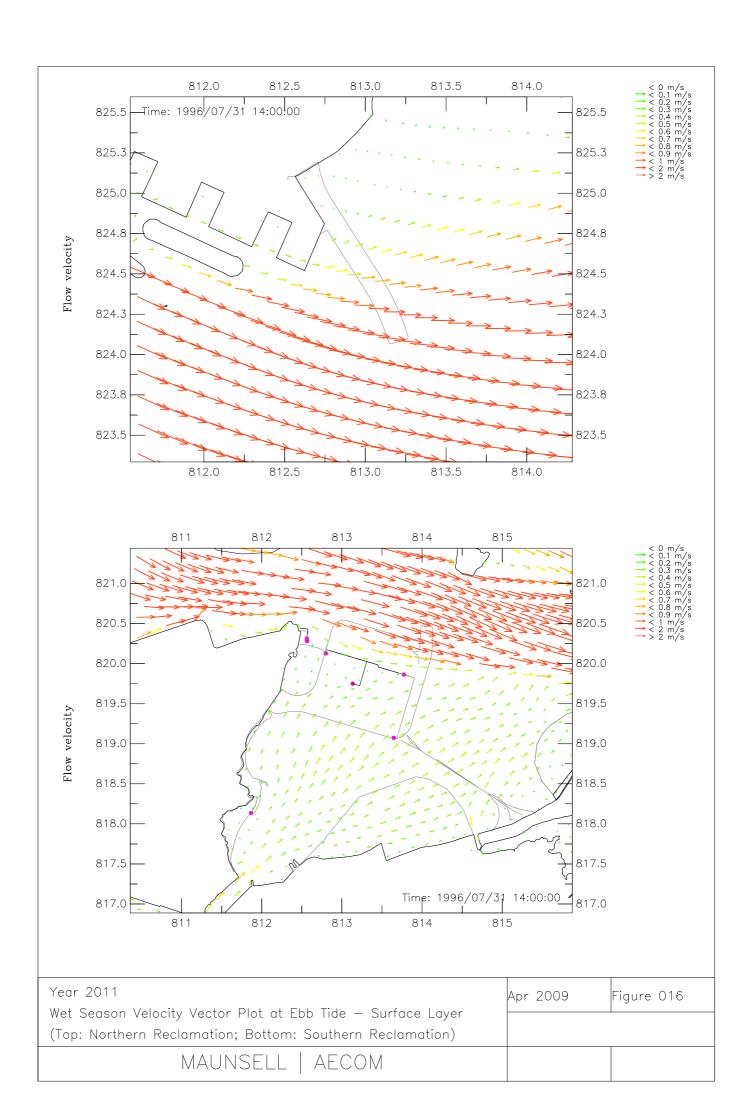
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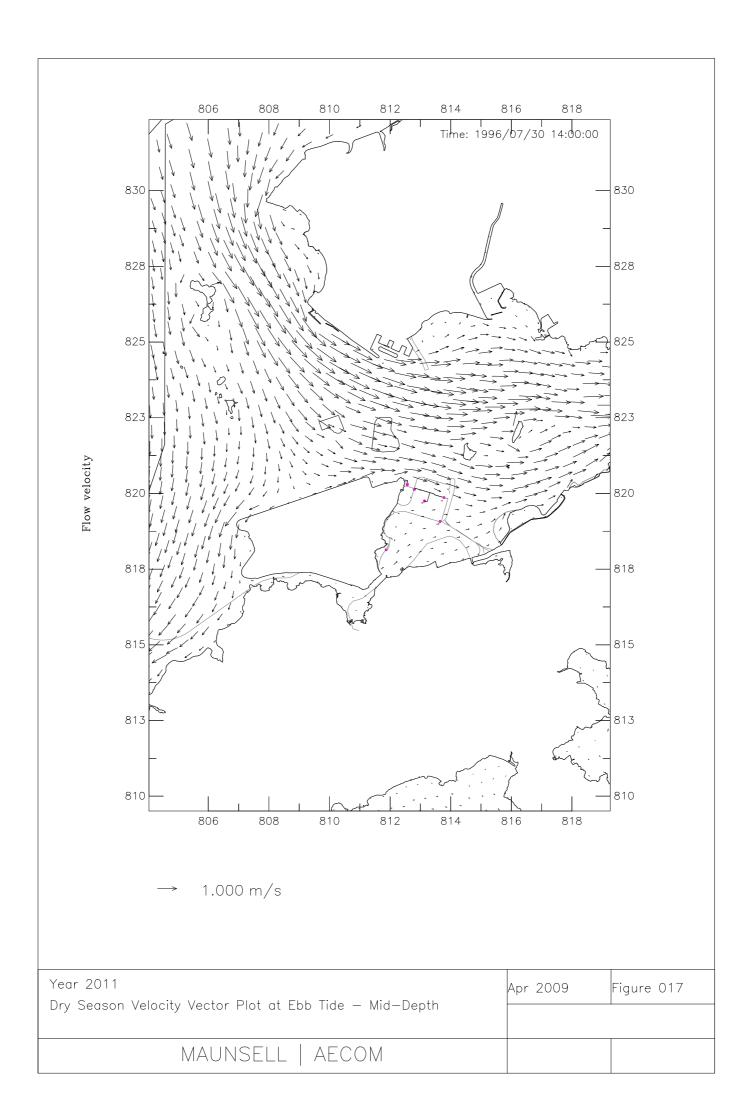
Option	Silt	Public Fill	2011	2012	2013	Remark
	Curtain	for	Loss	Loss	Loss	
		Seawall	(kg/day)	(kg/day)	(kg/day)	
0	0	30%	4,394,000	2,008,000	1,705,000	Base case
1	1+1	30%	1,220,000	672,000	577,000	Single layer of silt
						curtain. Always cage for
						grab dredger. TM-
						CLKL, no silt curtain for
						northern reclamation
						except FN4
2	2+1	30%	844,000	541,000	406,000	Double layers of silt
						curtain. Always cage for
						grab dredger. TM-
						CLKL, no silt curtain for
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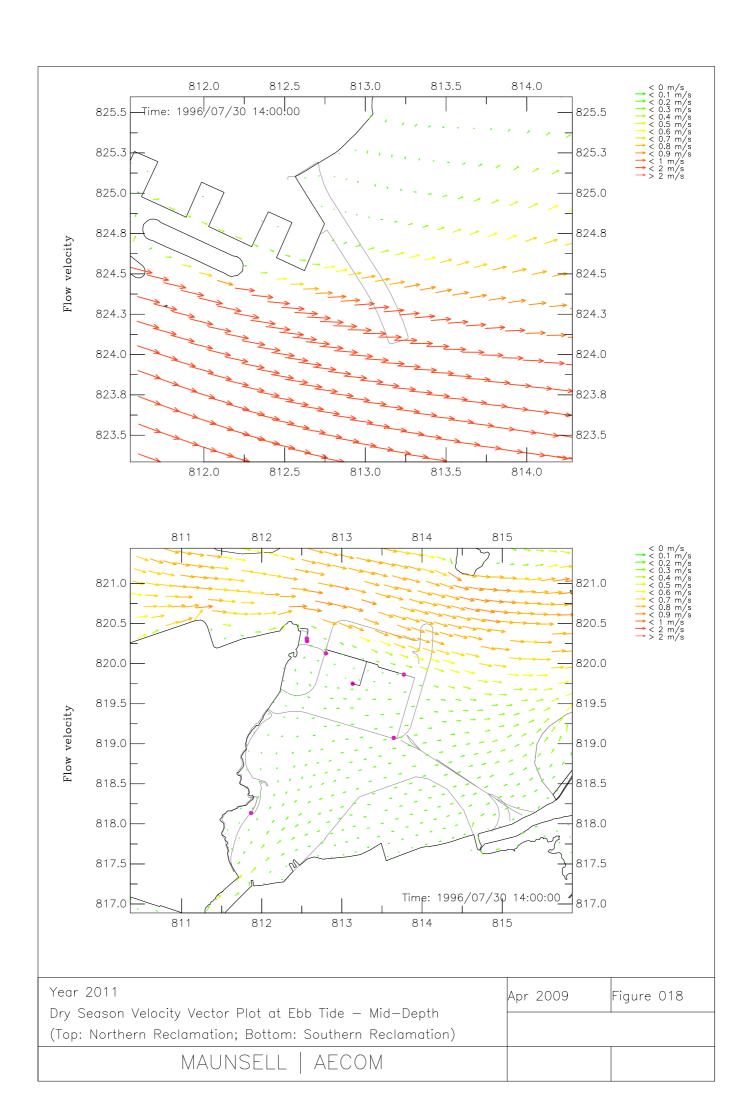


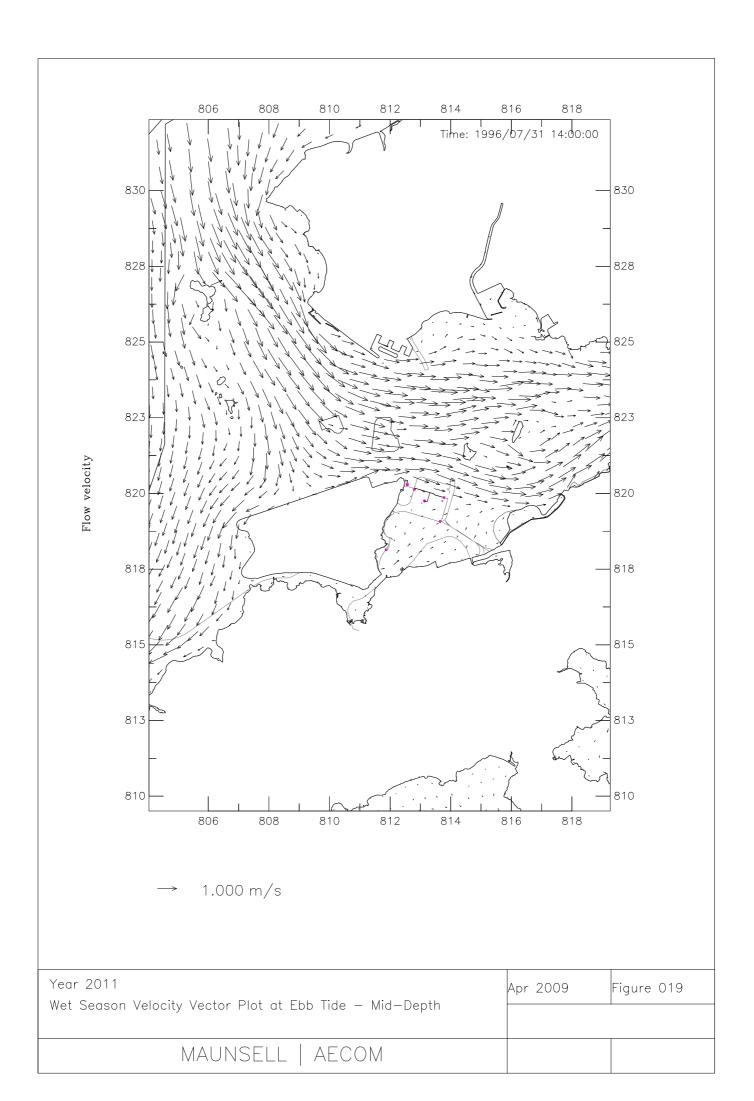


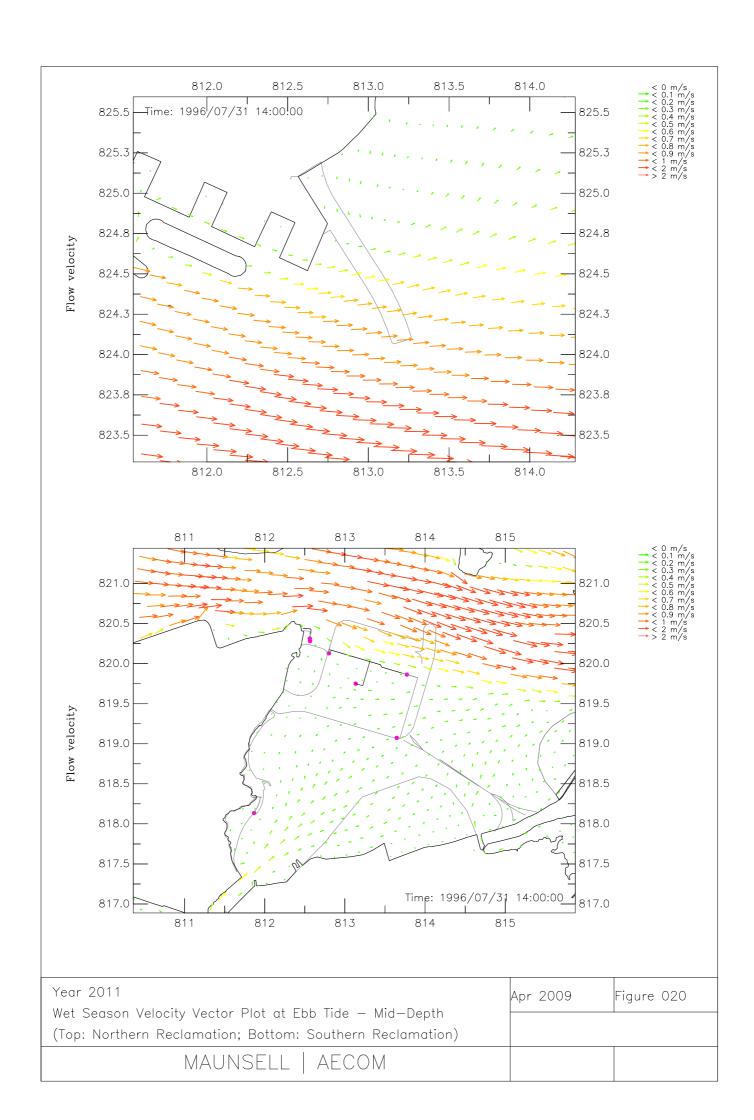


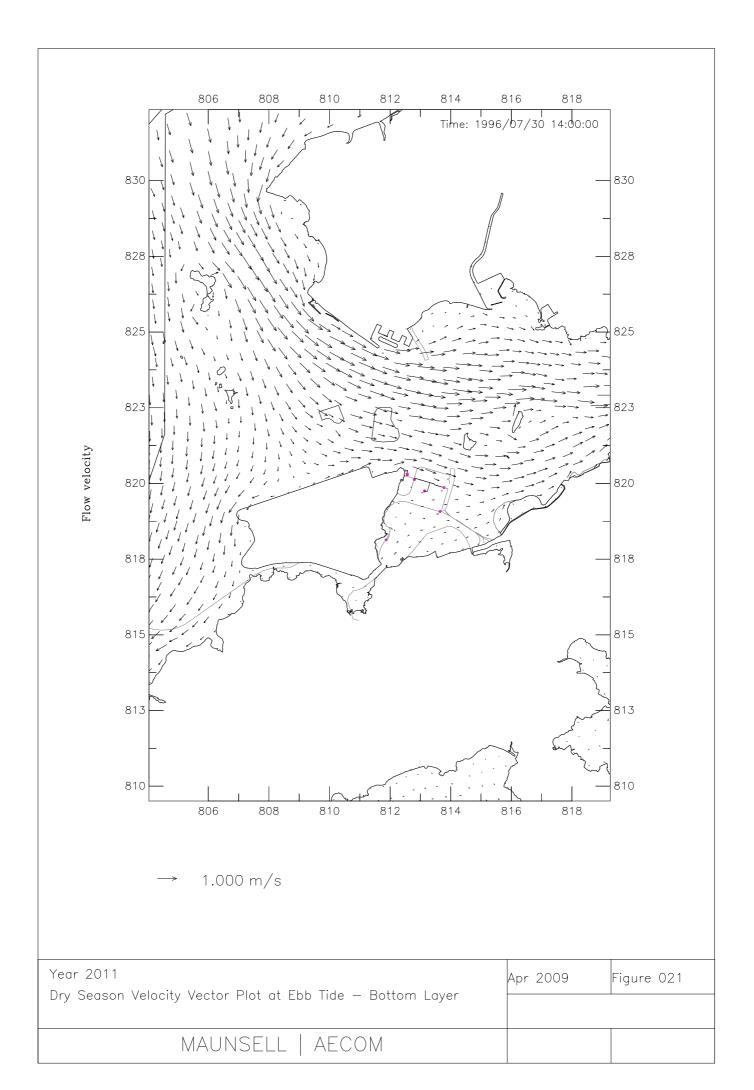


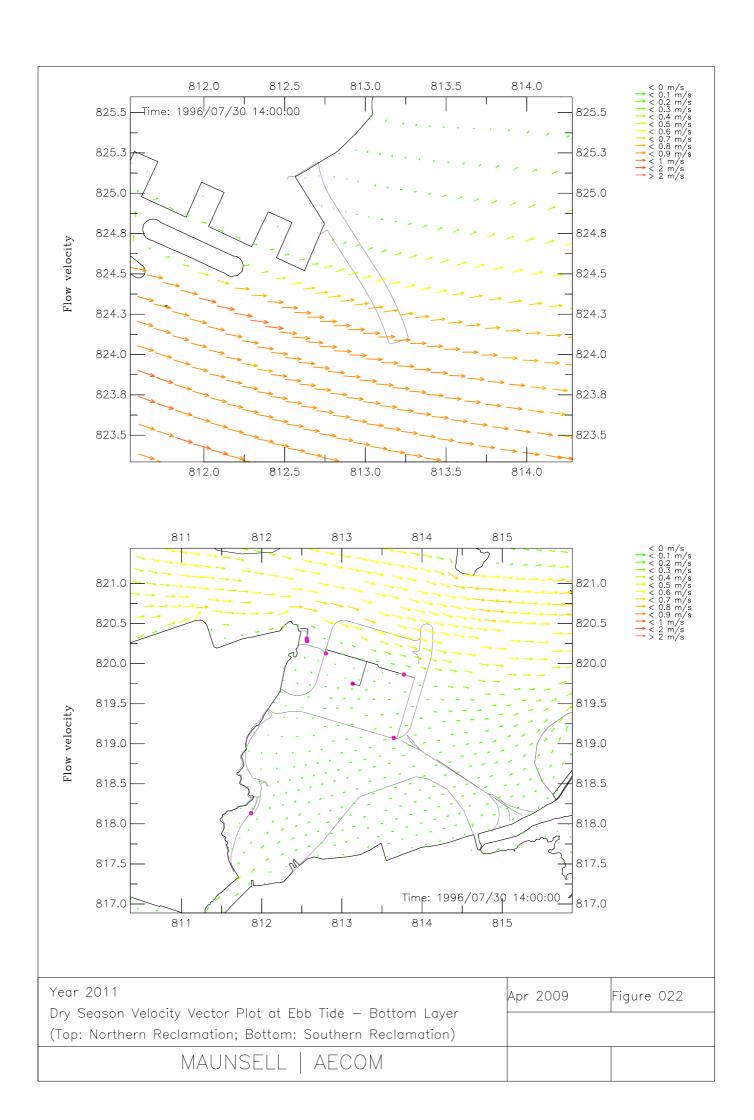


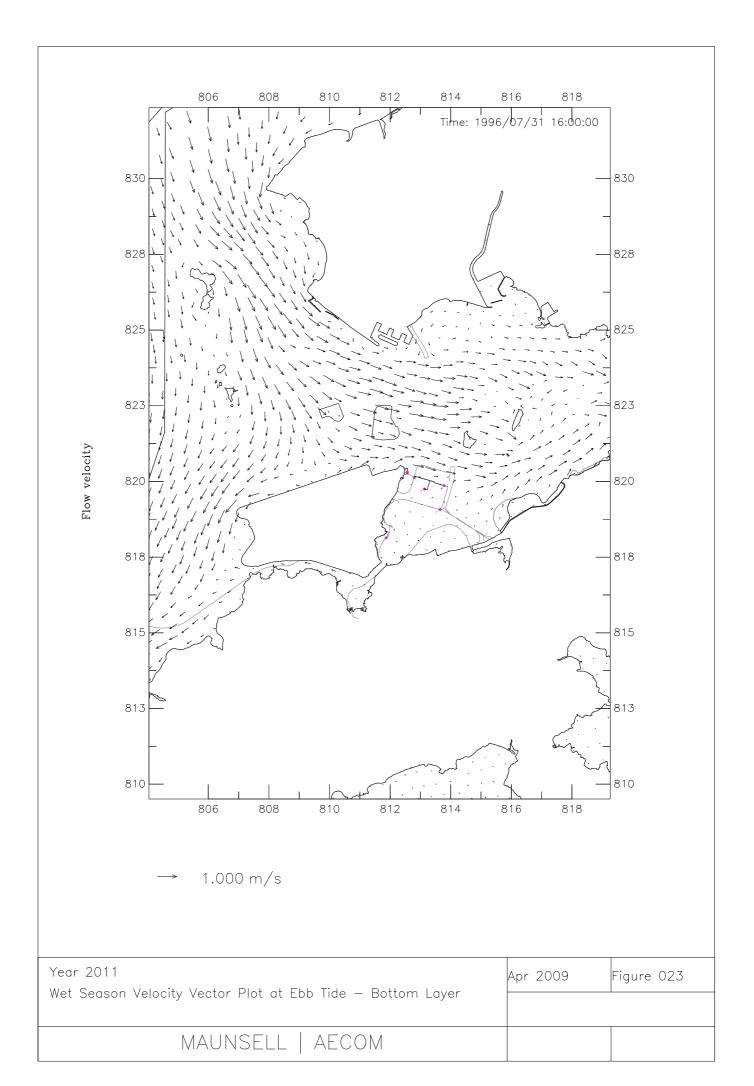


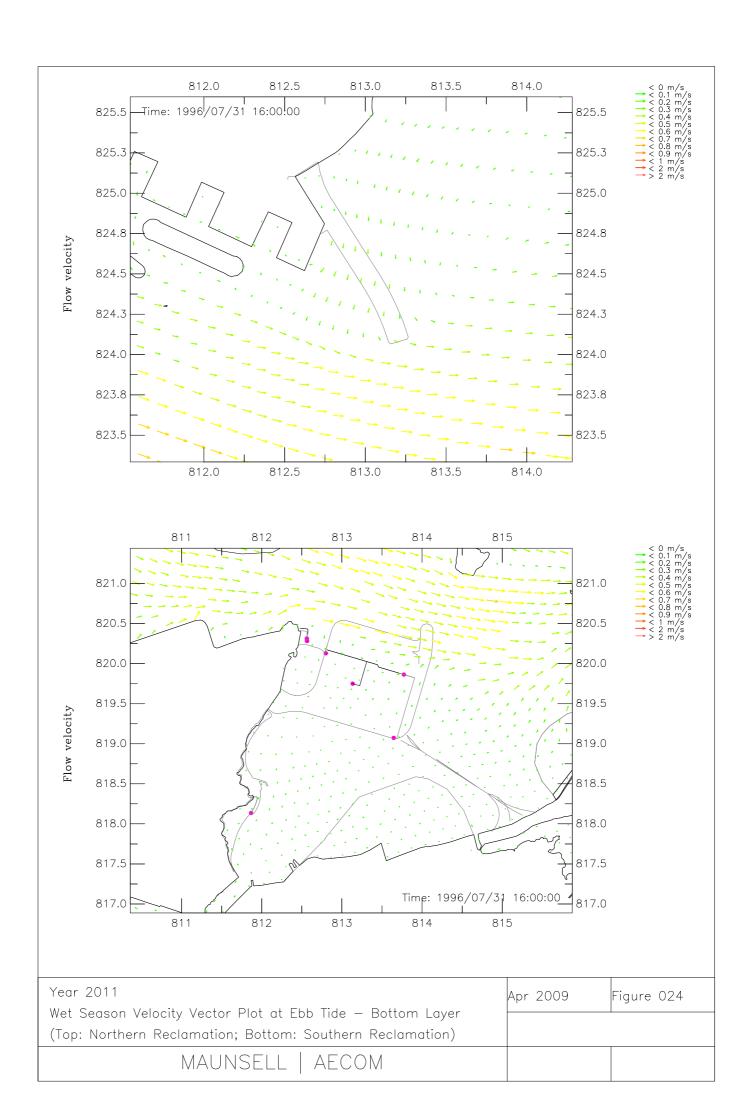


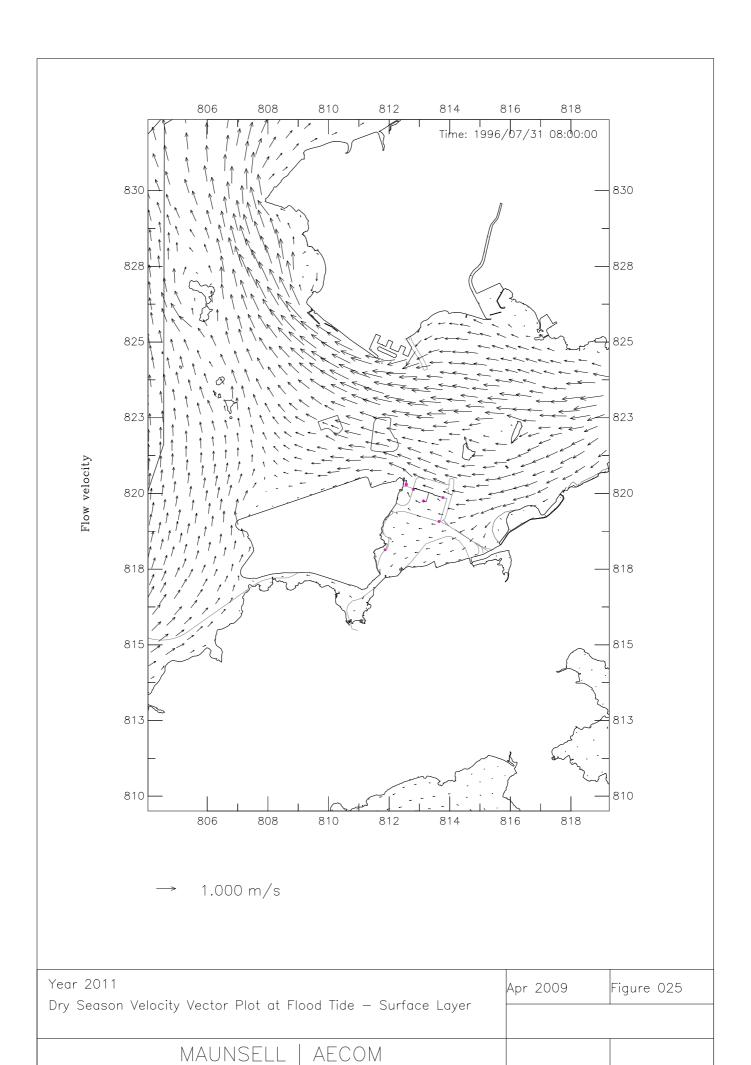


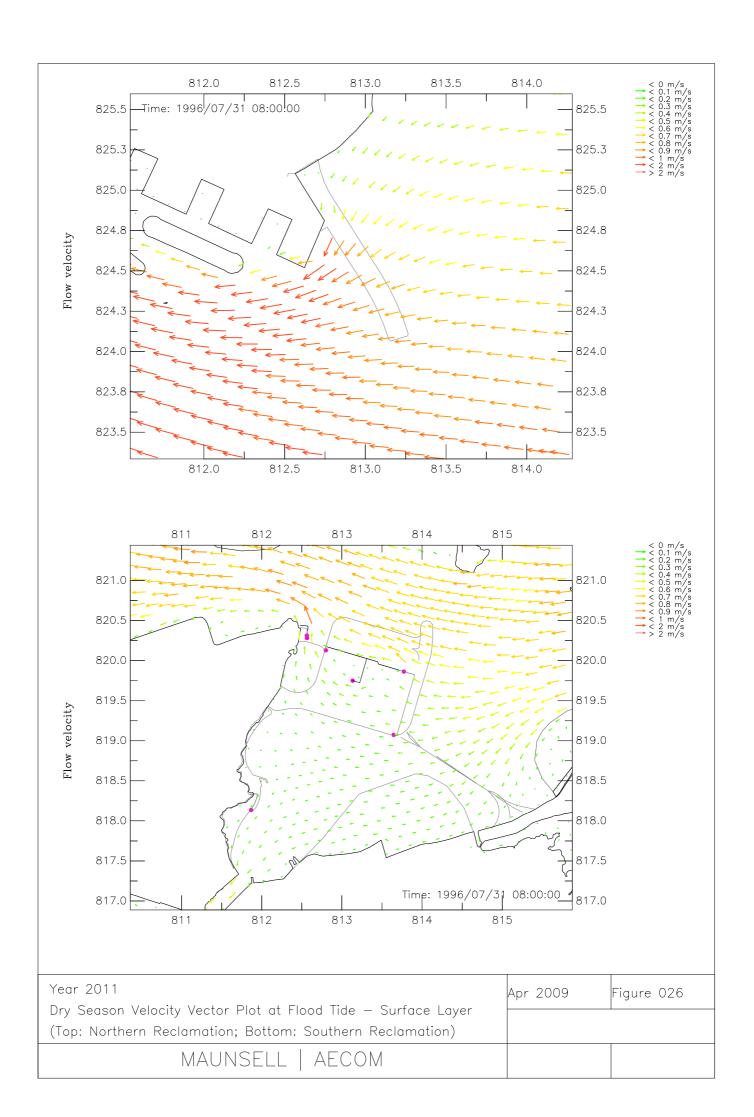


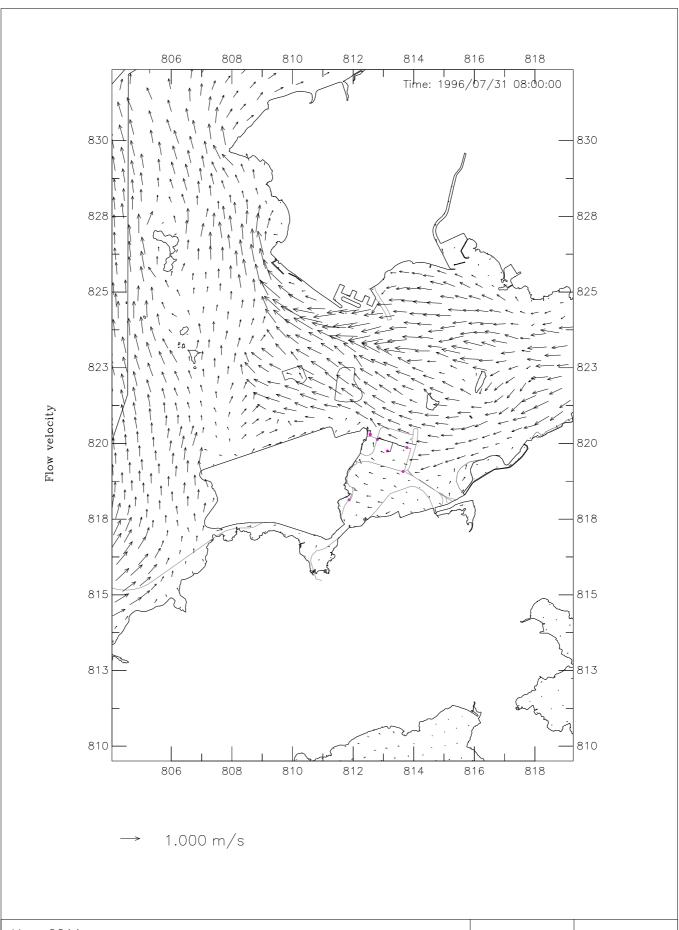




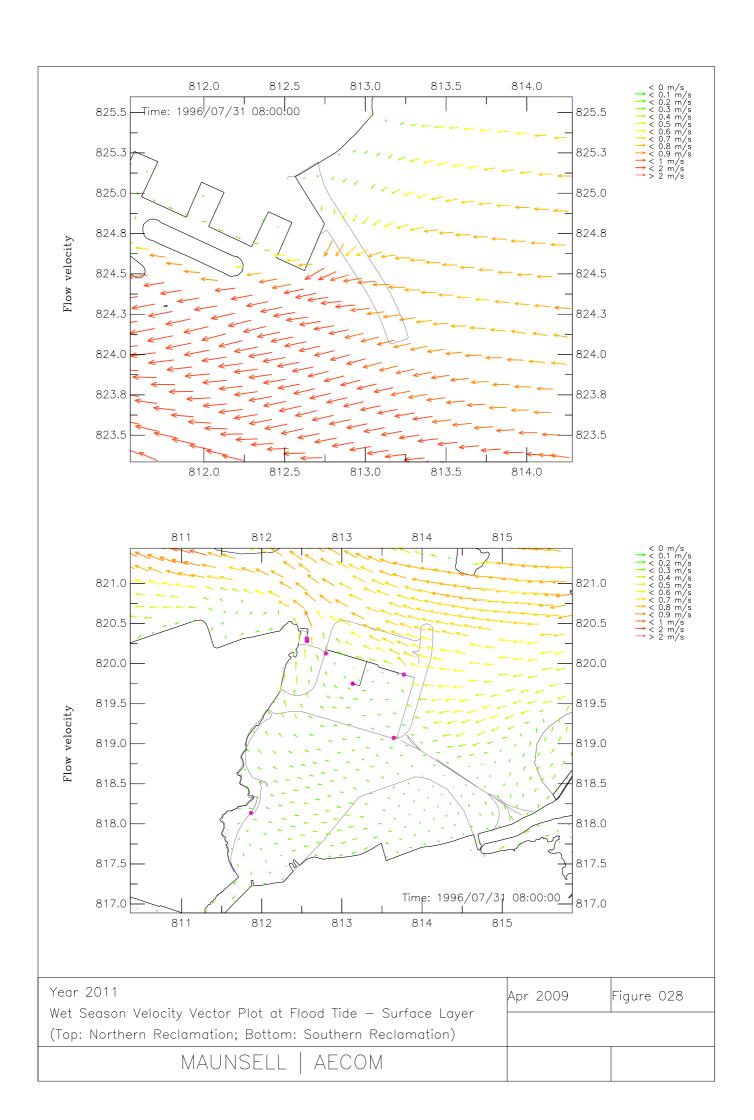


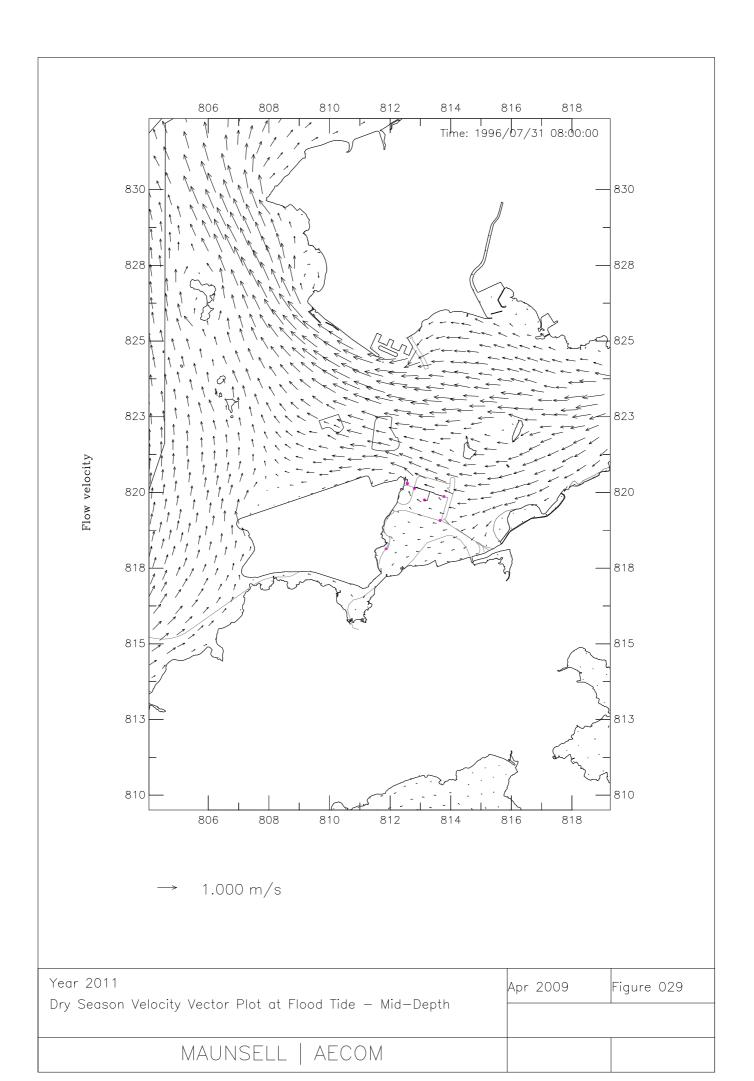


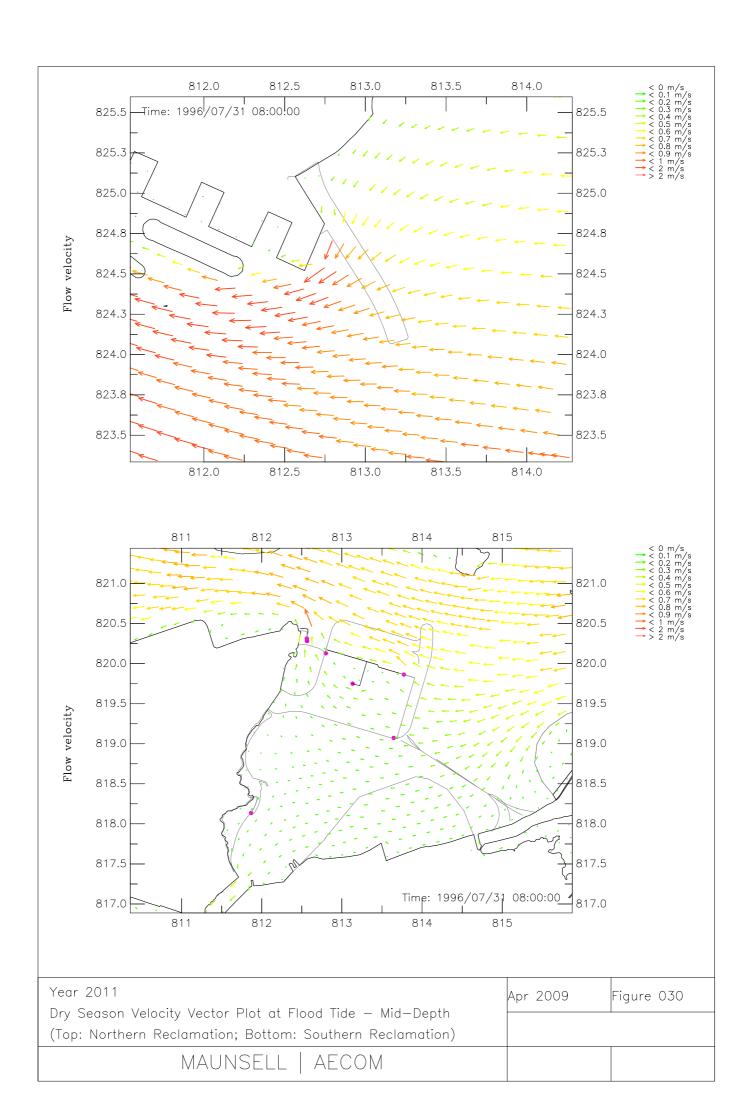


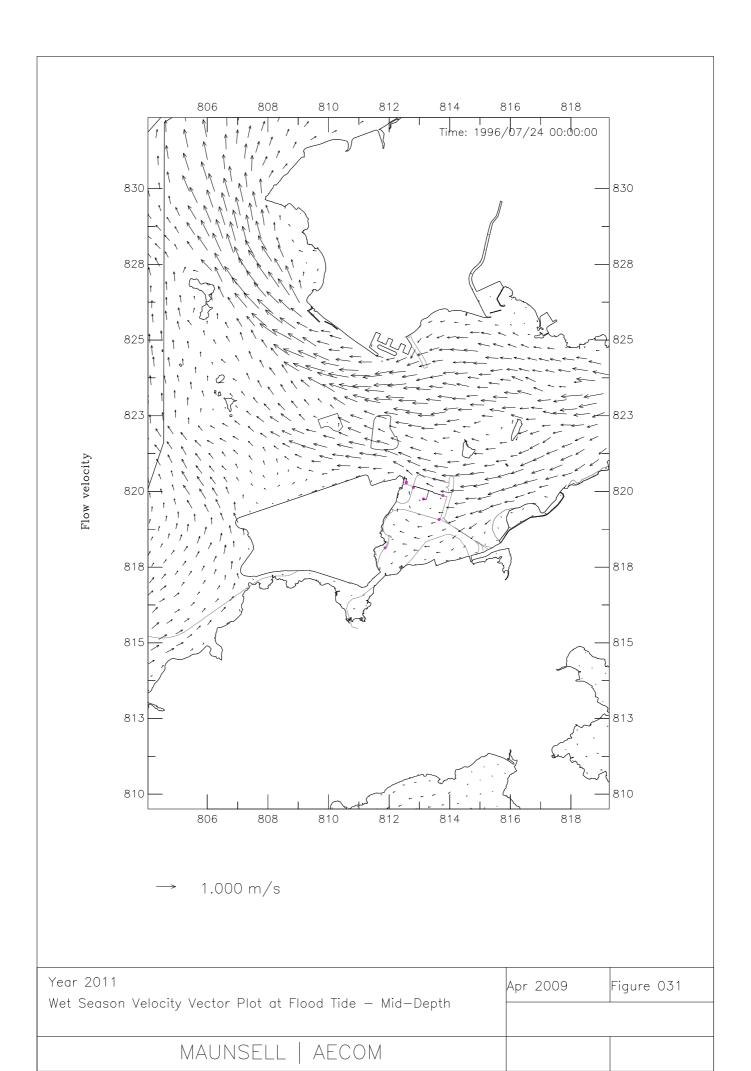


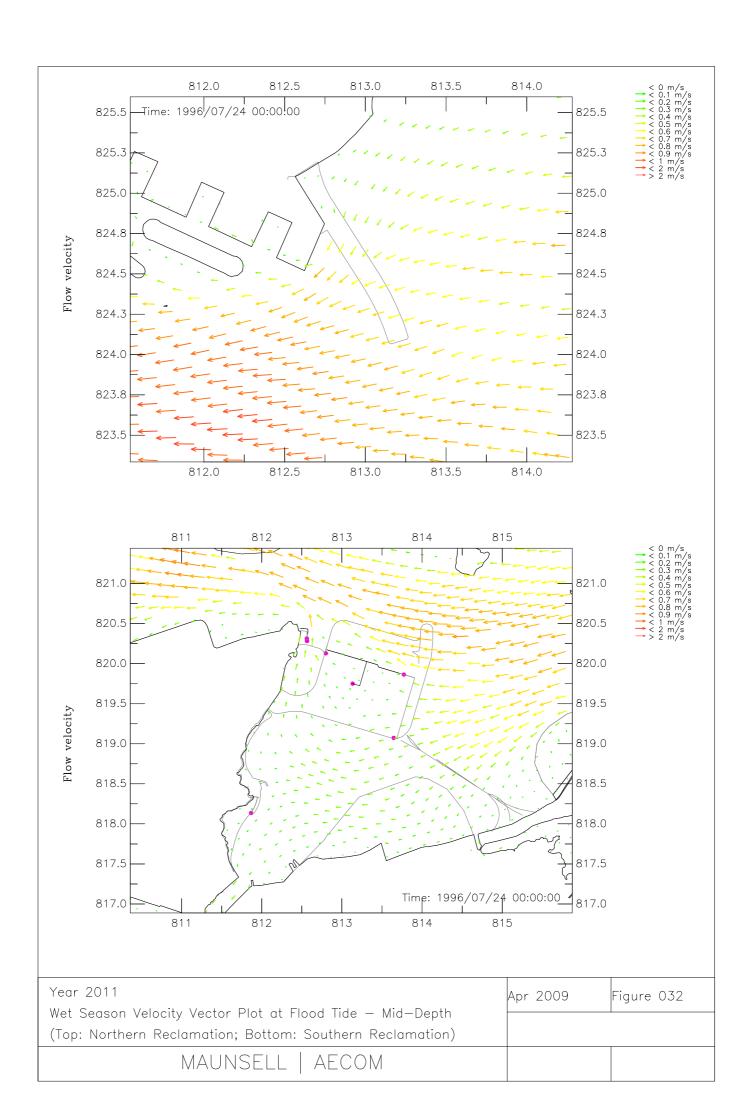
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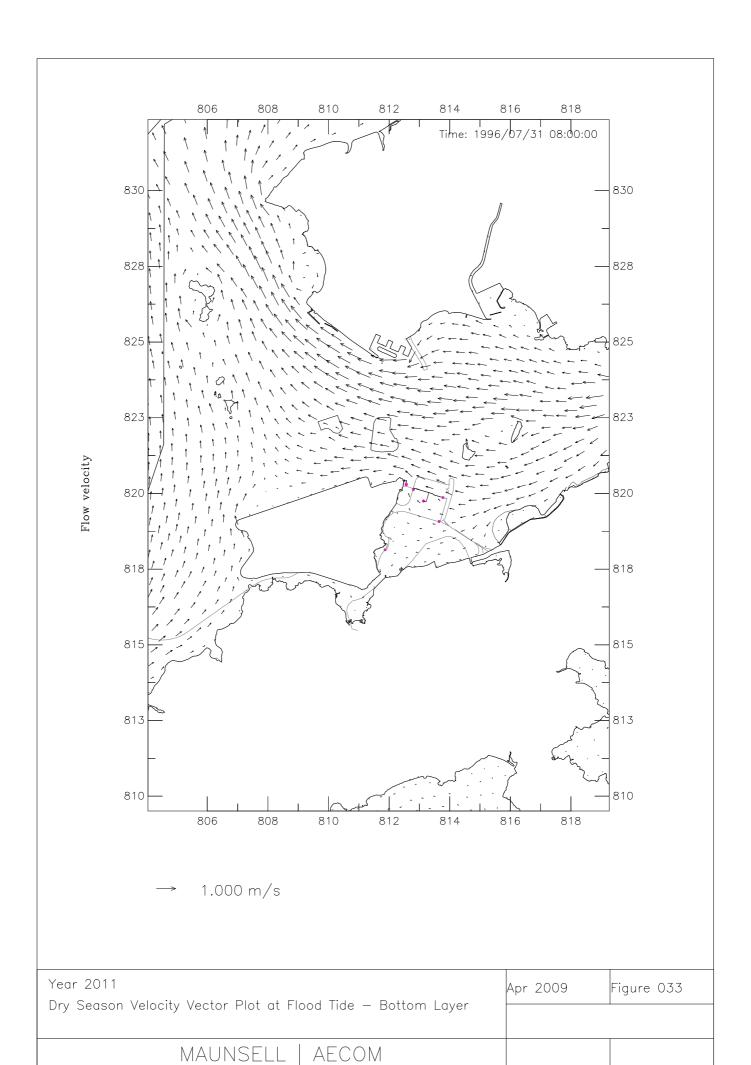


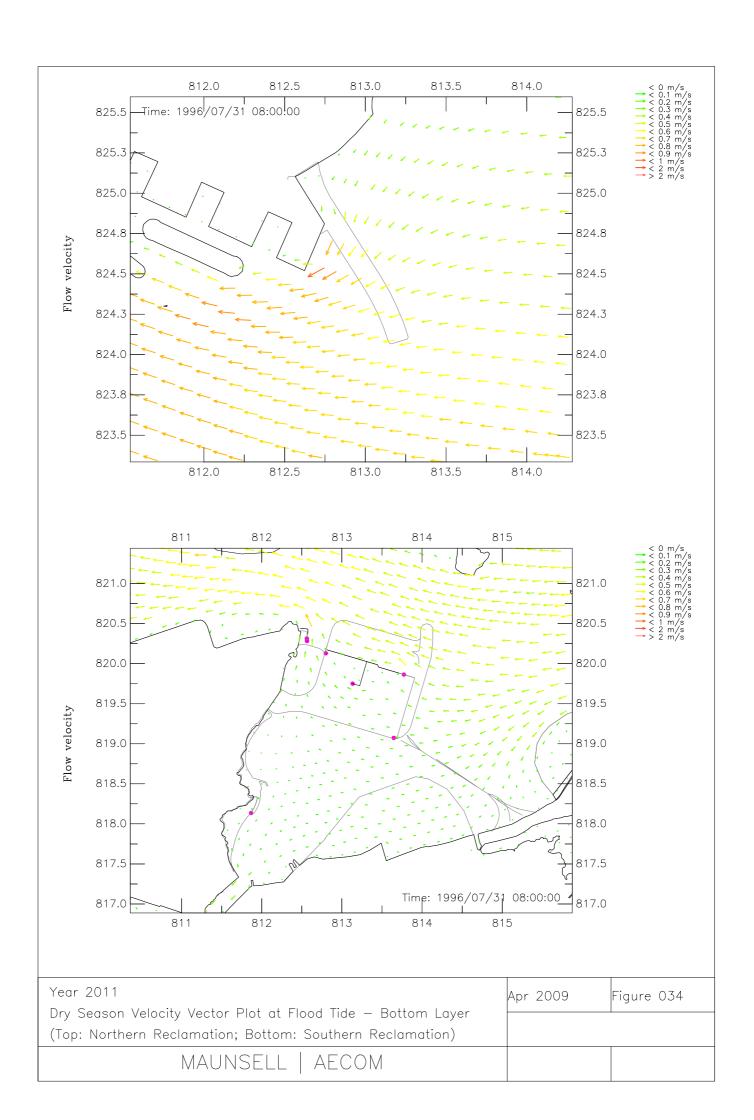


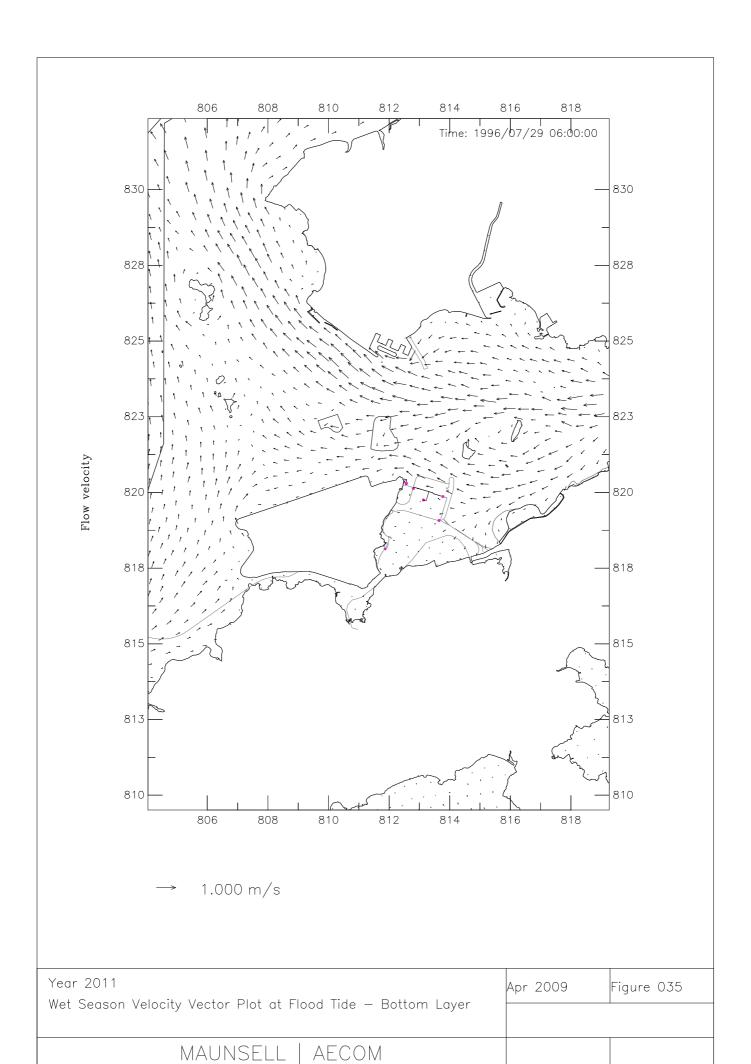


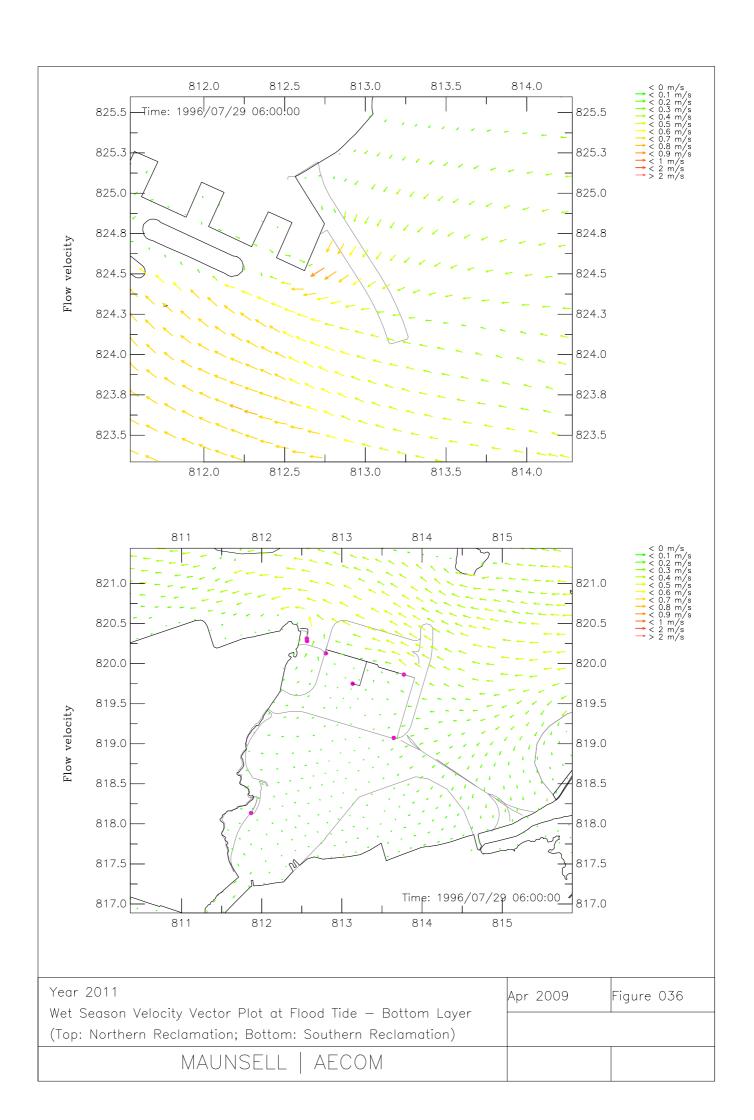


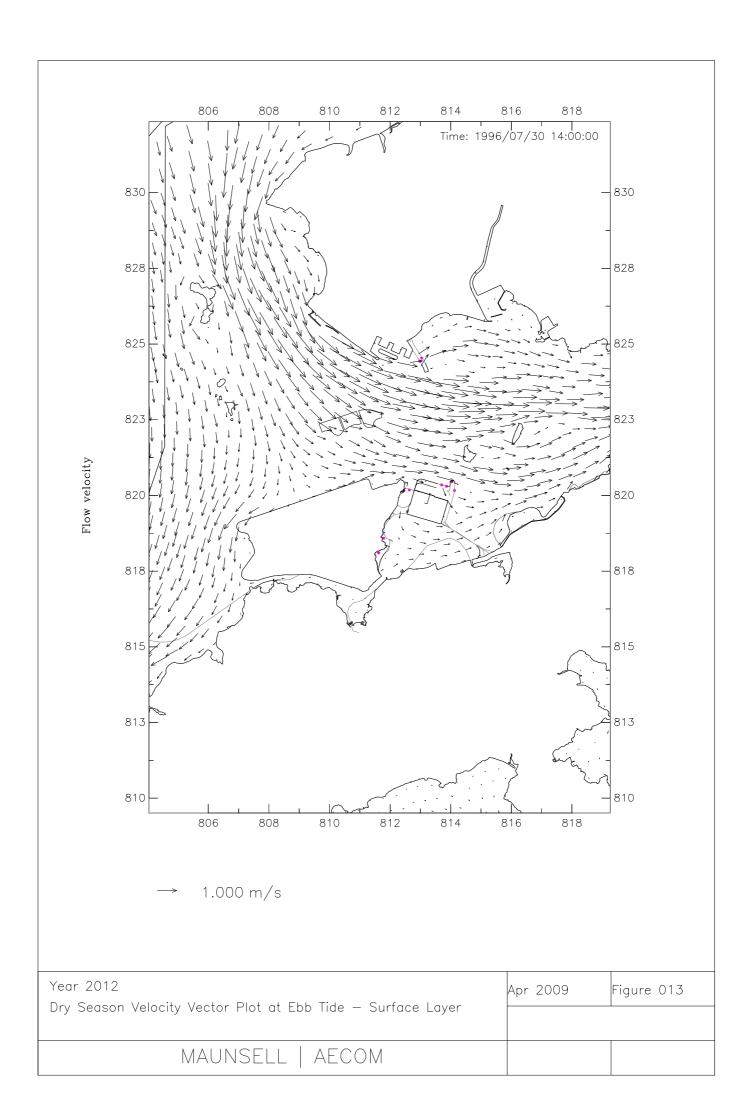


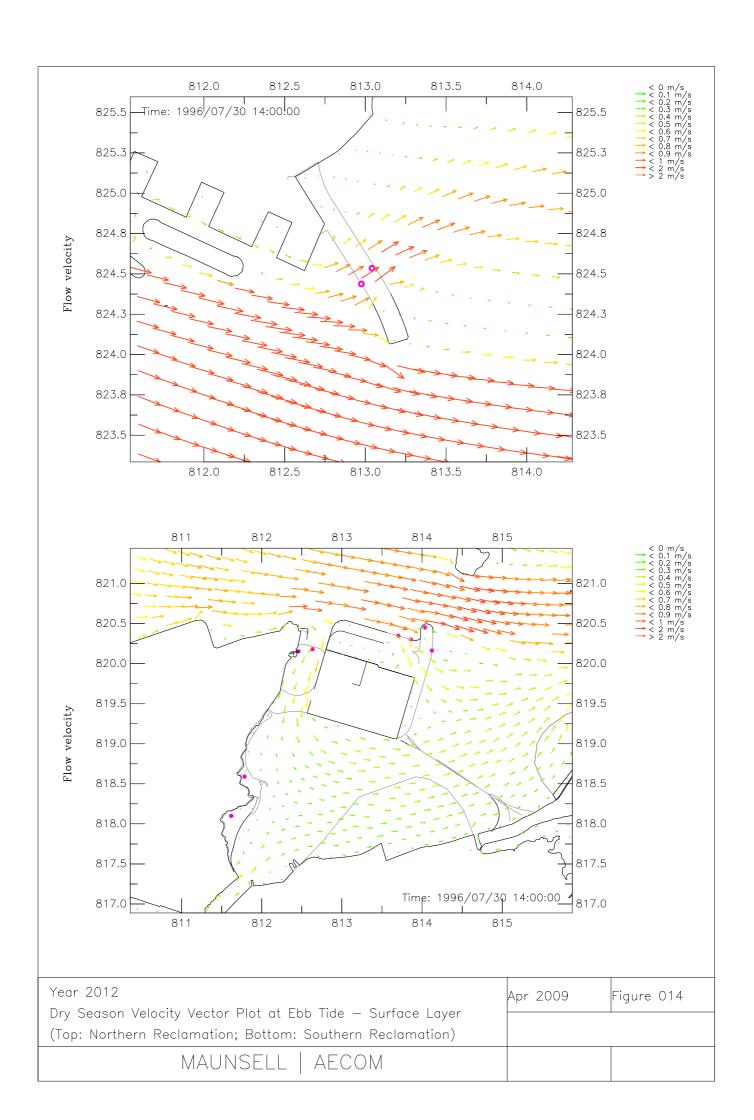


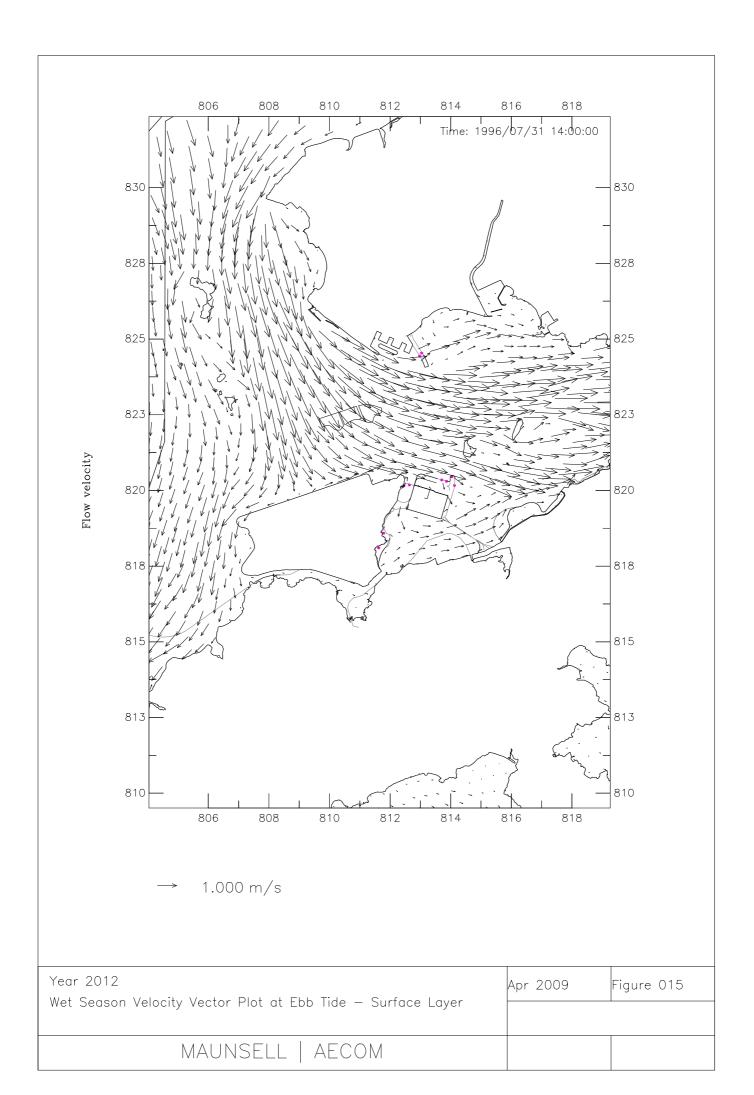


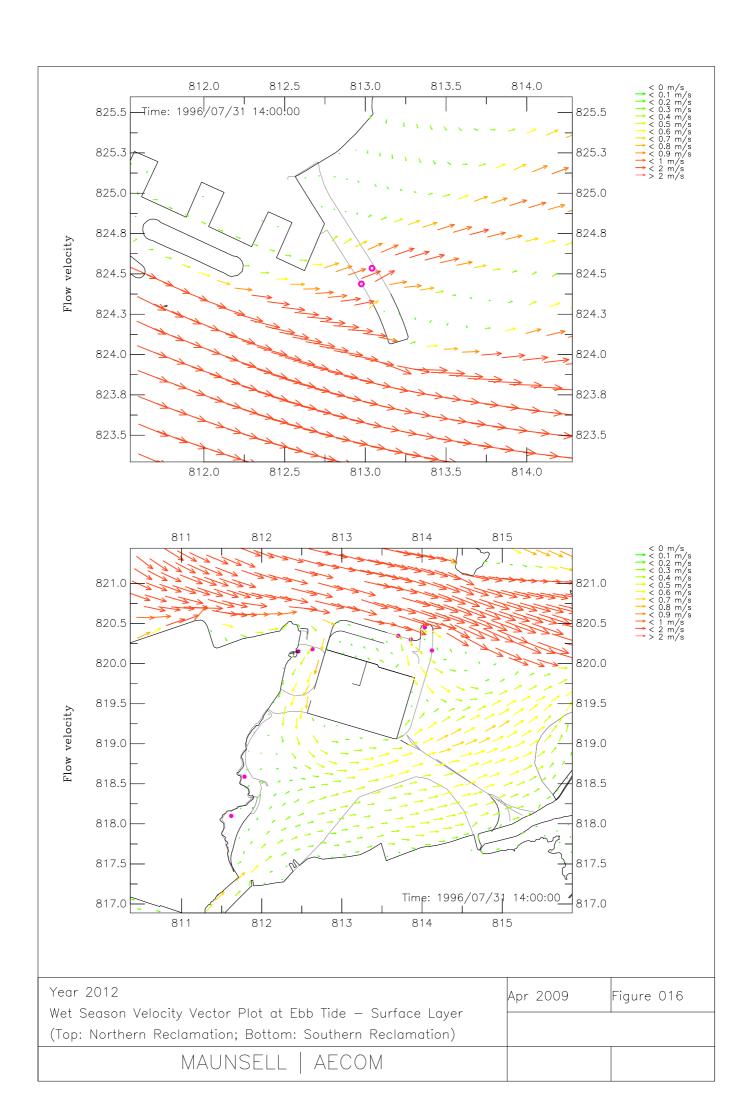


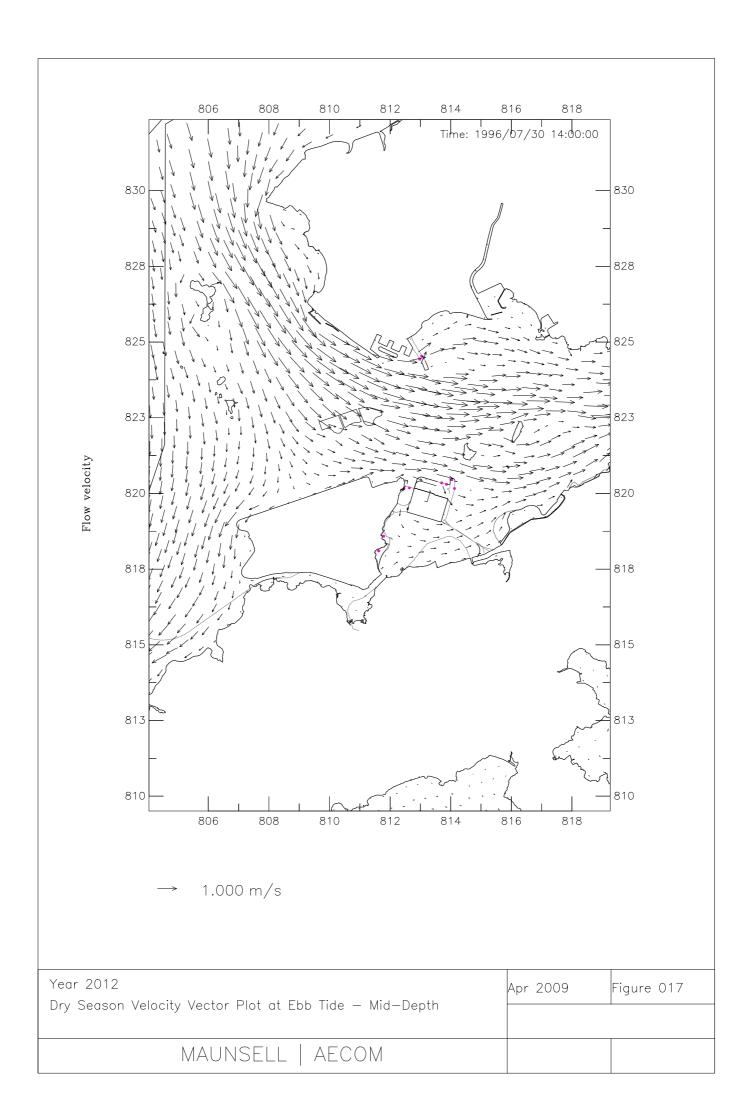


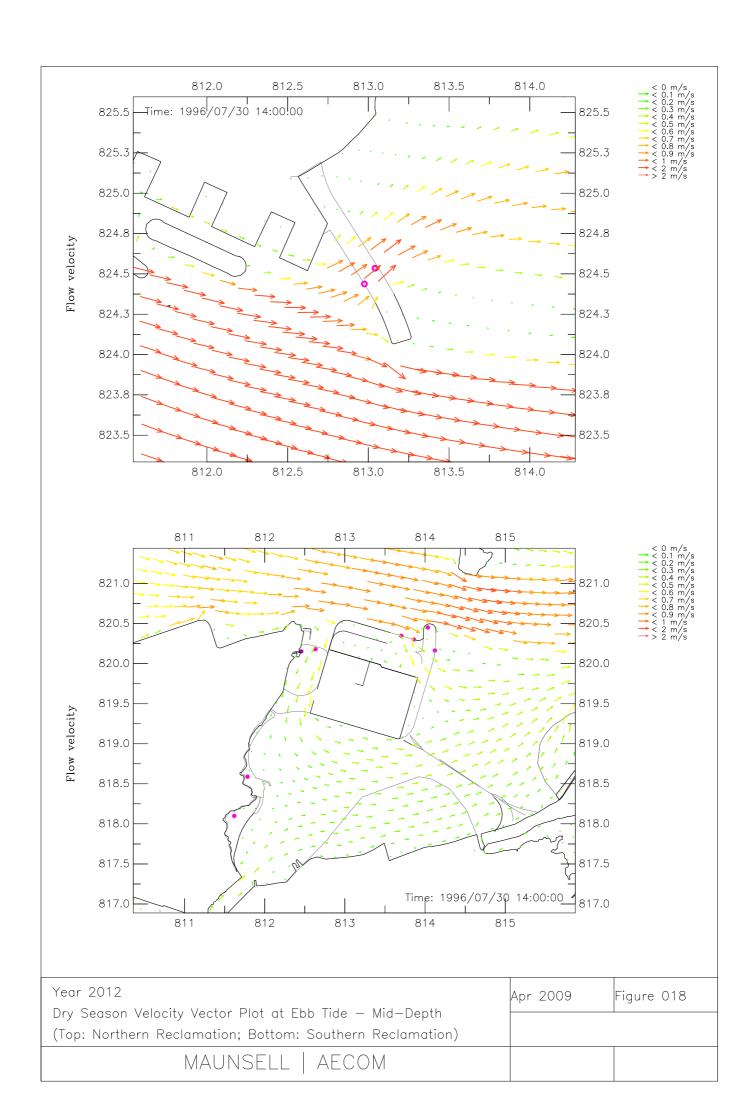


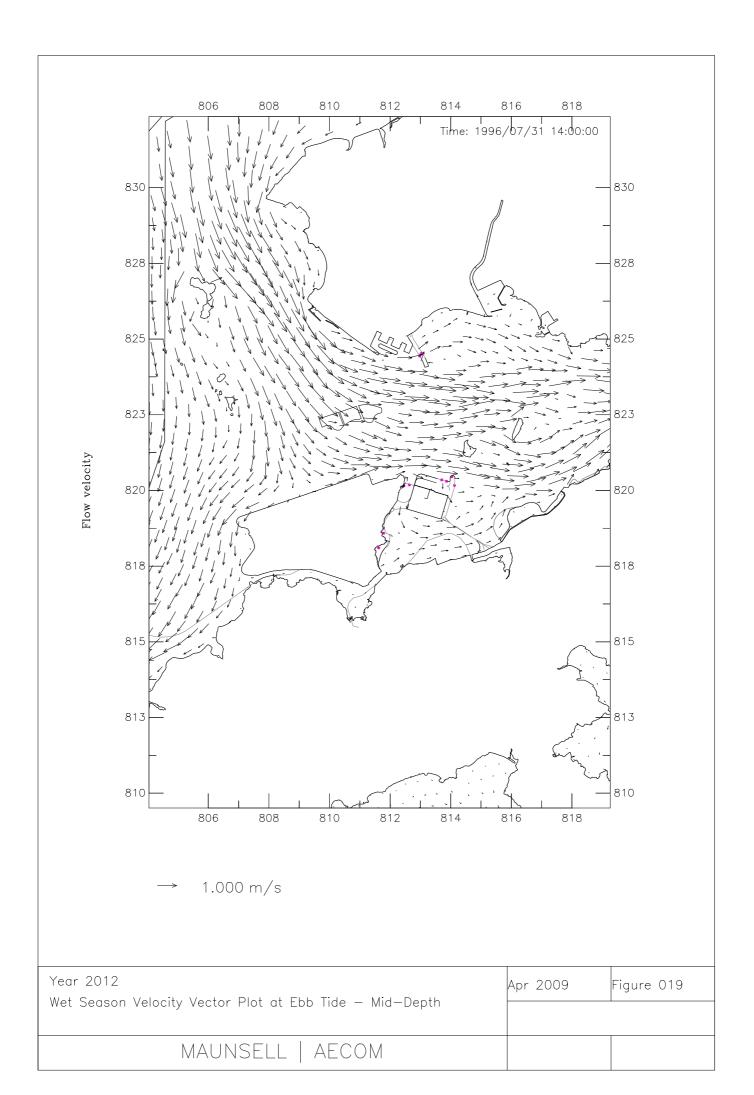


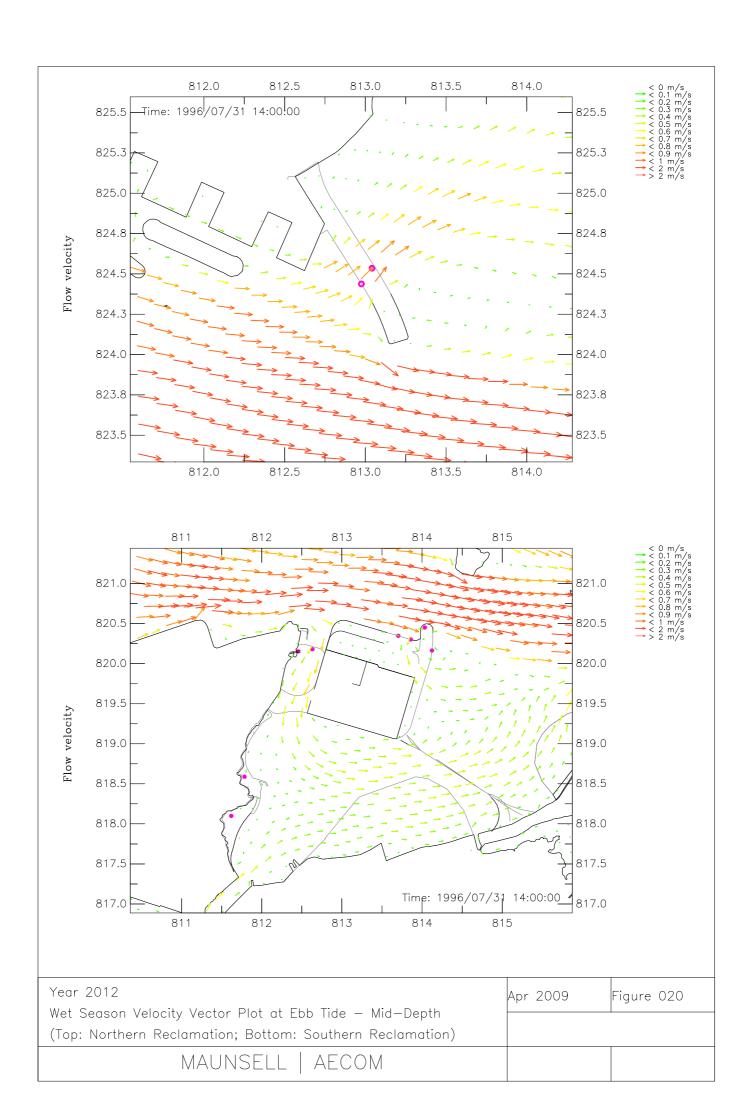


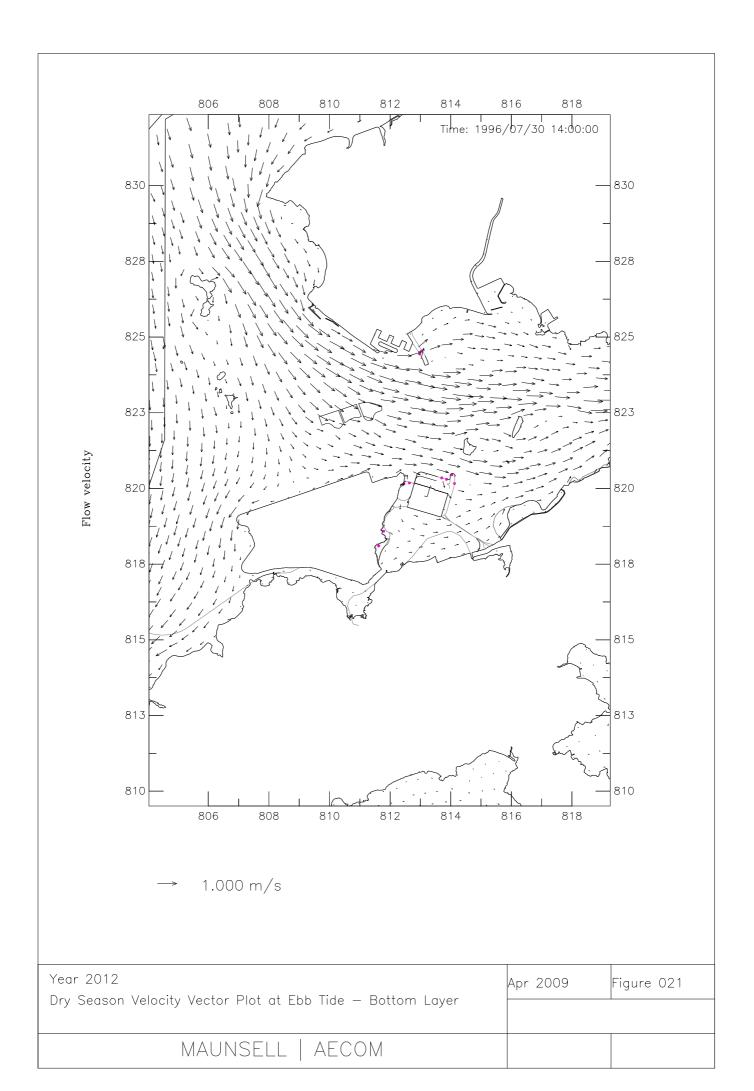


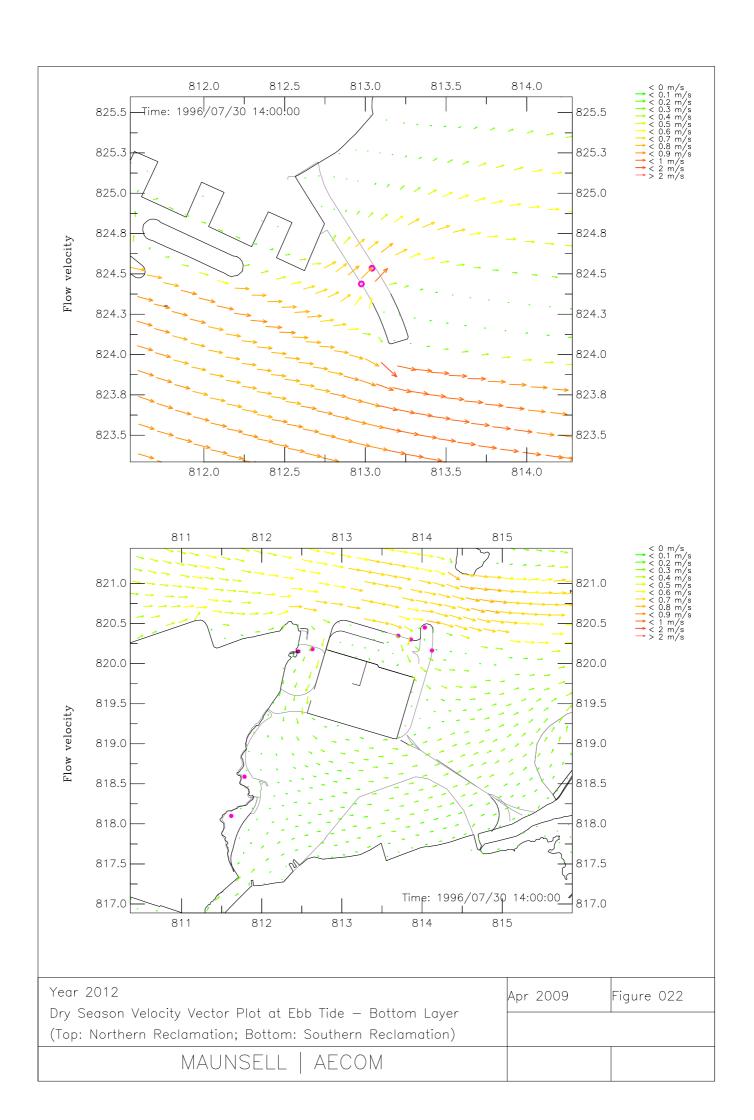


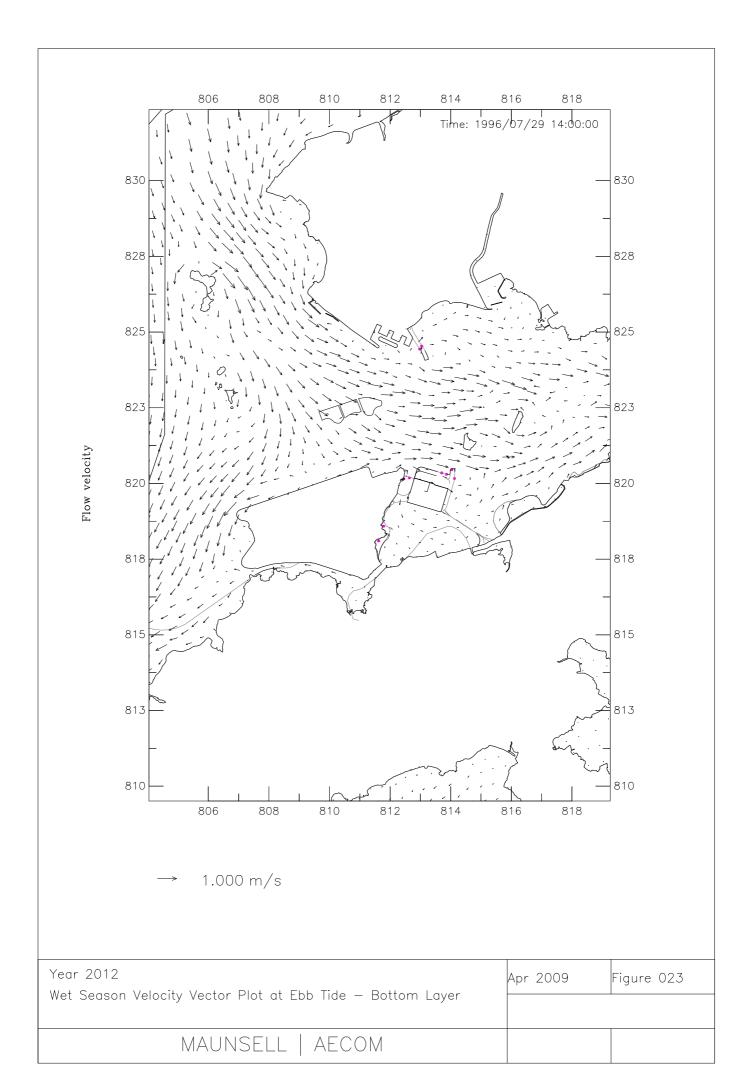


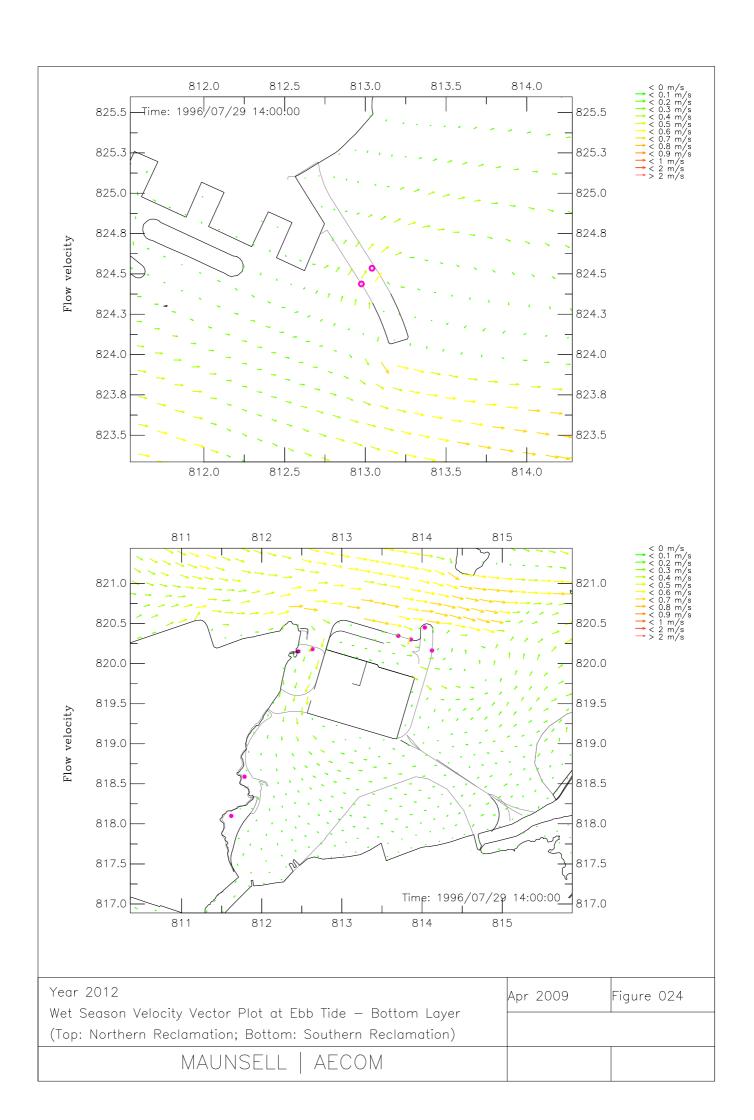


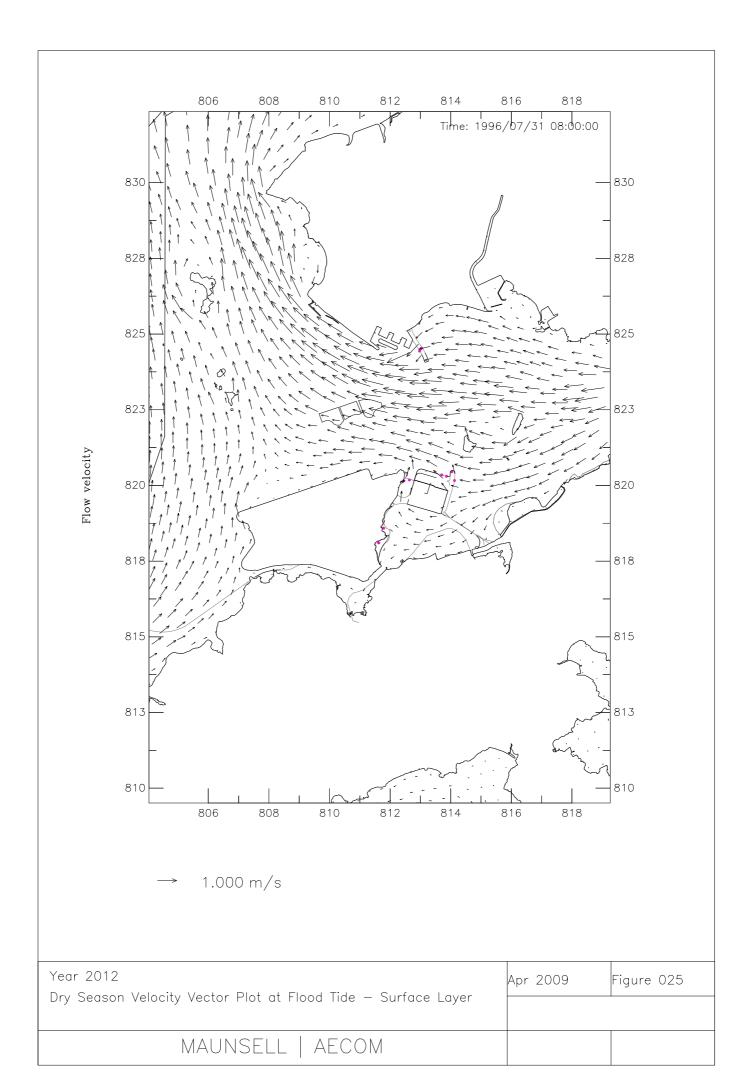


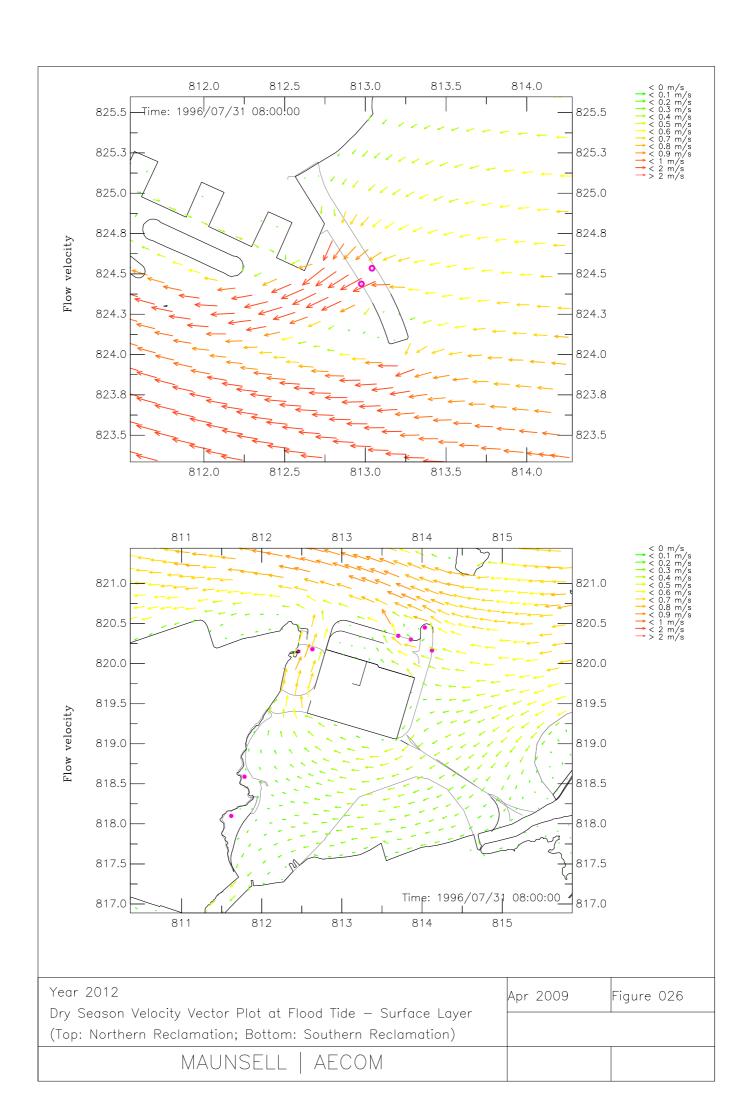


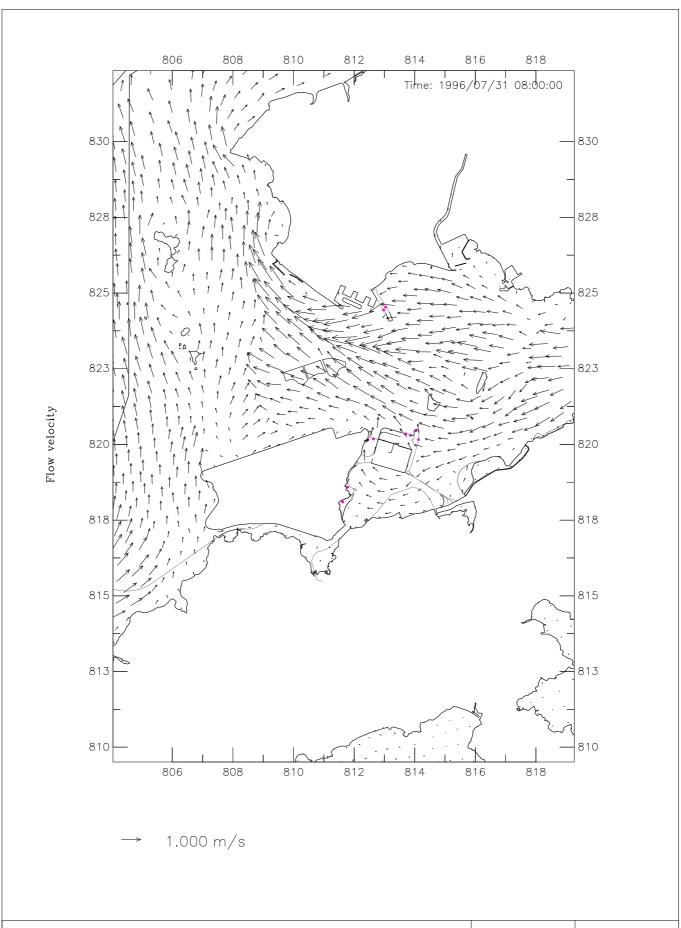




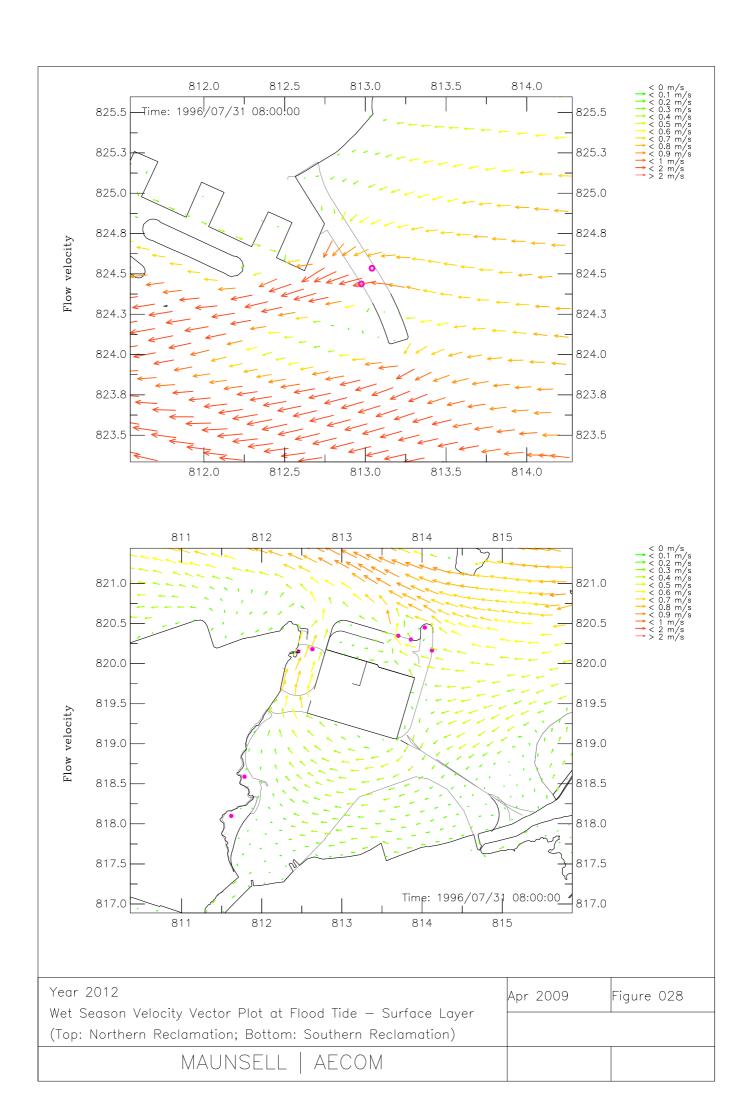


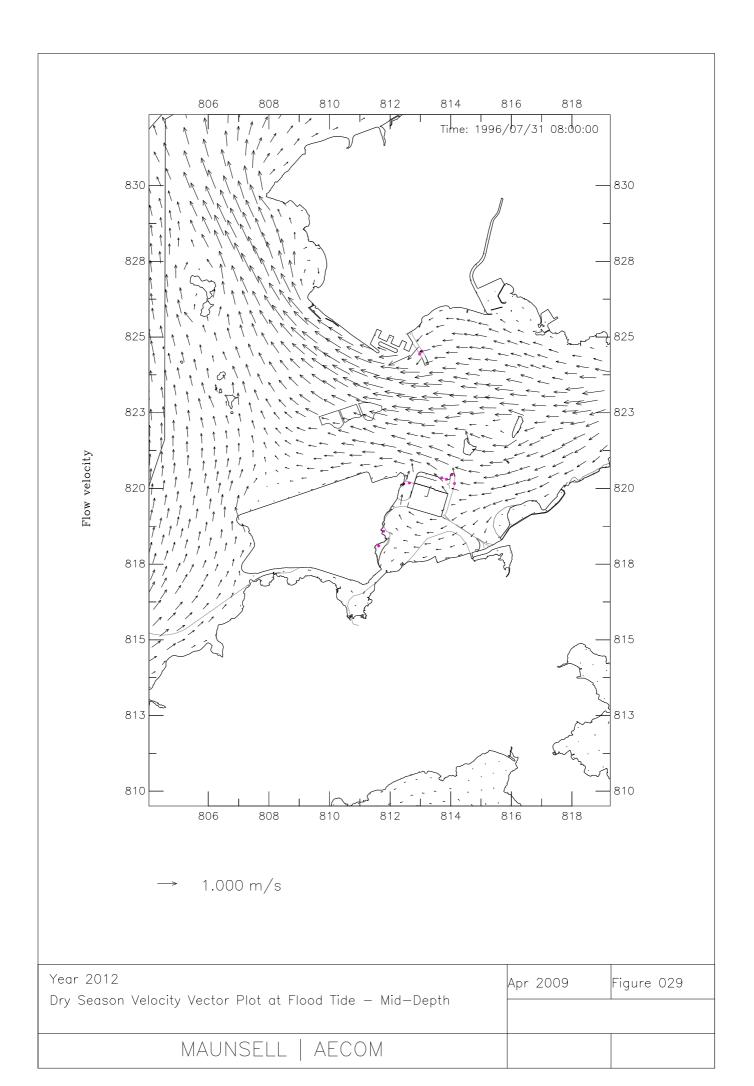


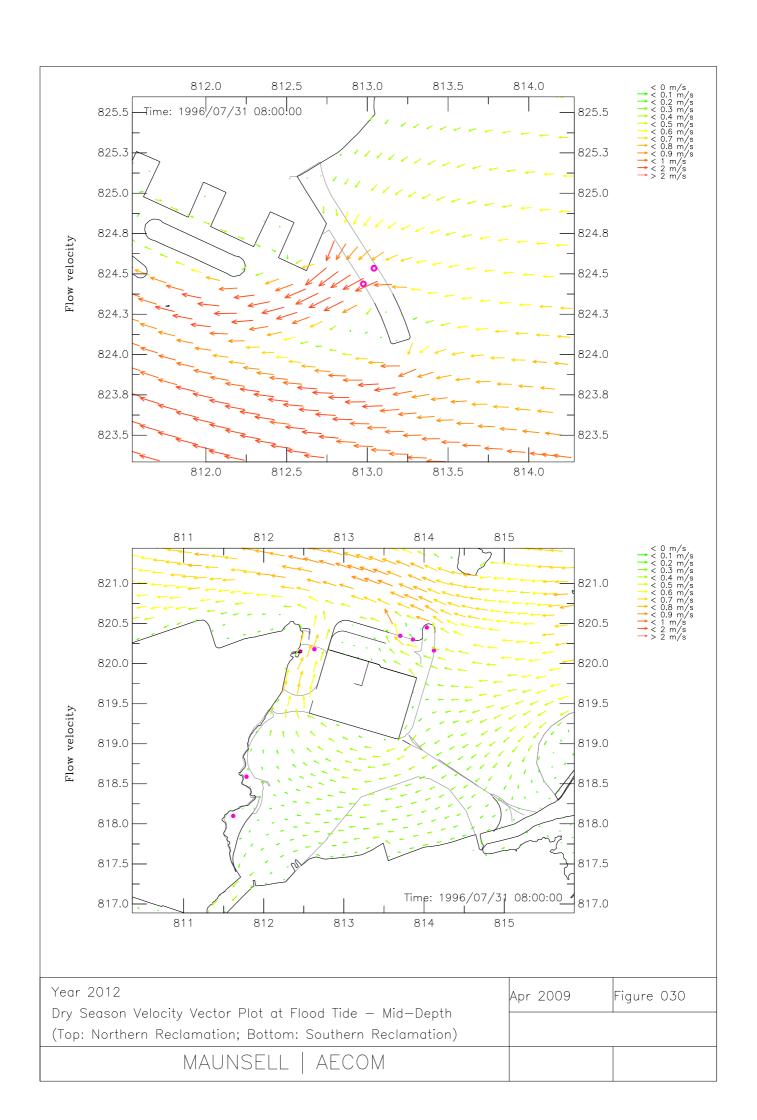


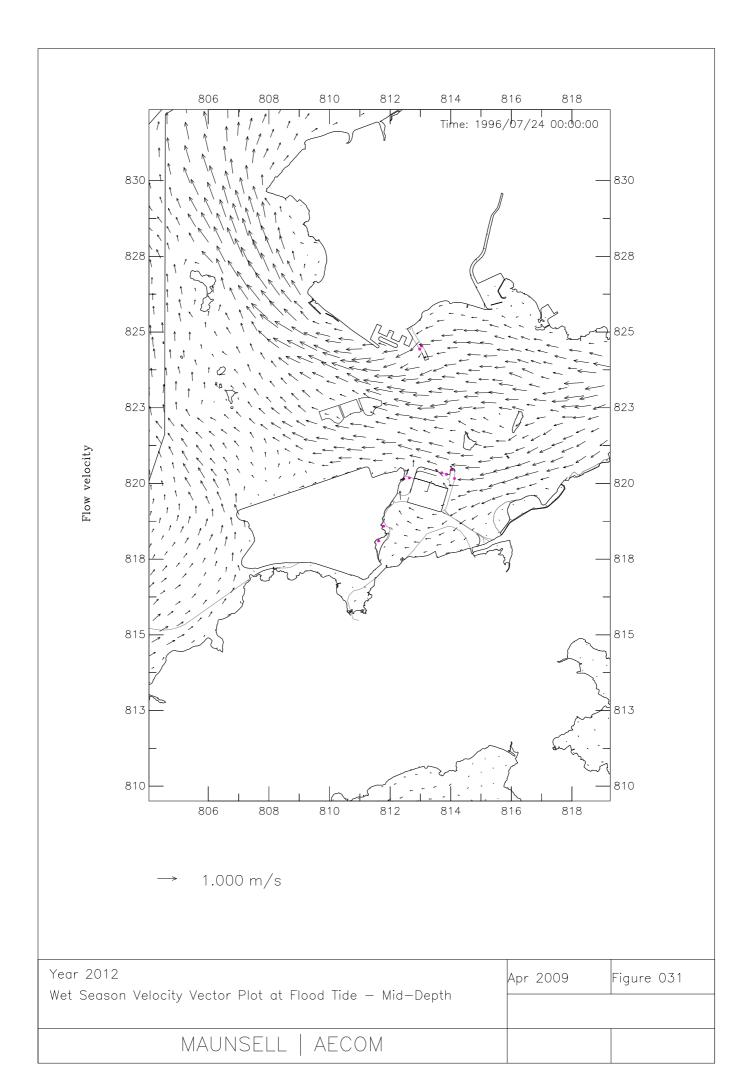


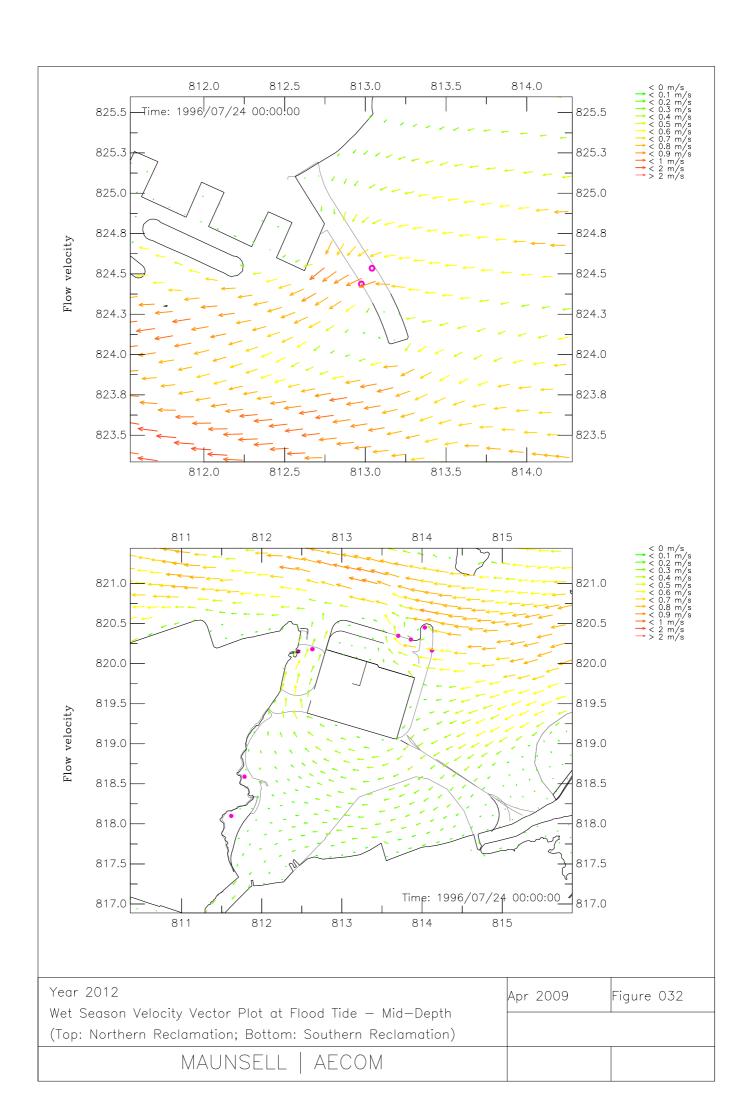
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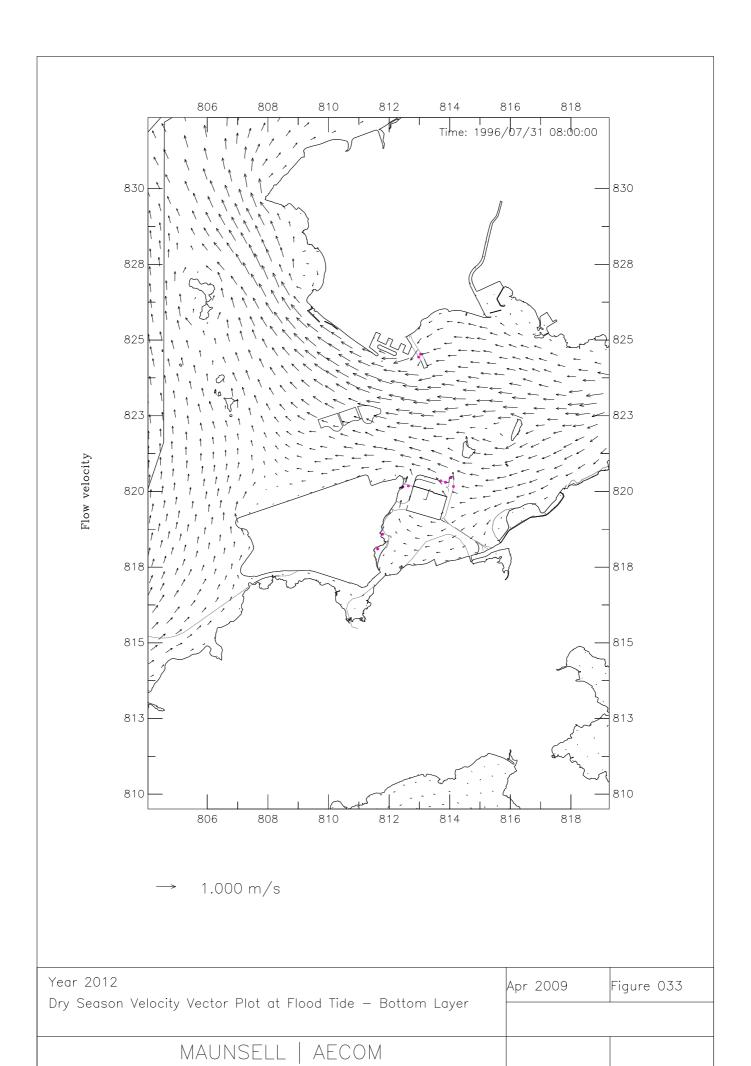


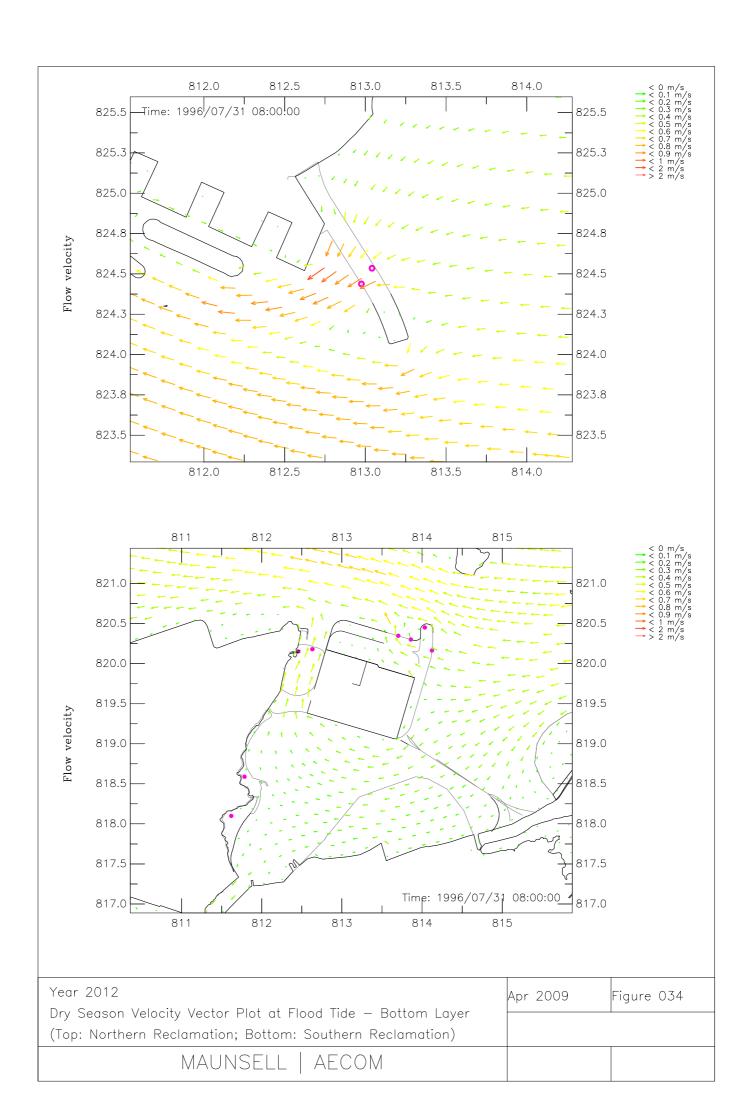


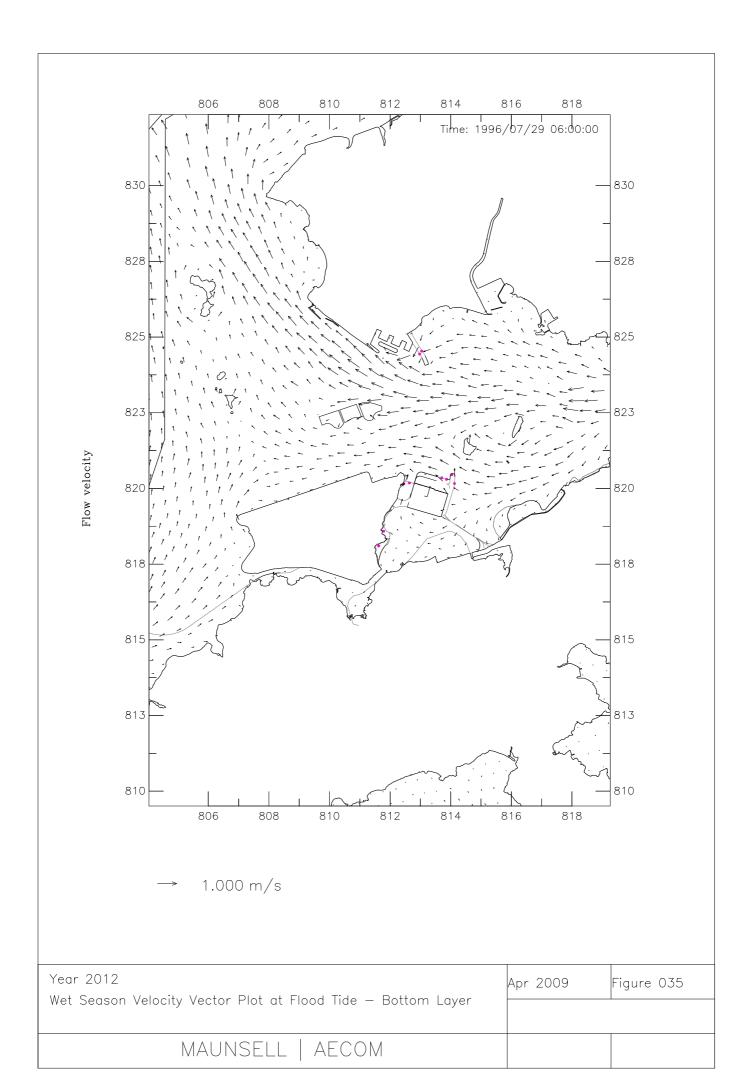


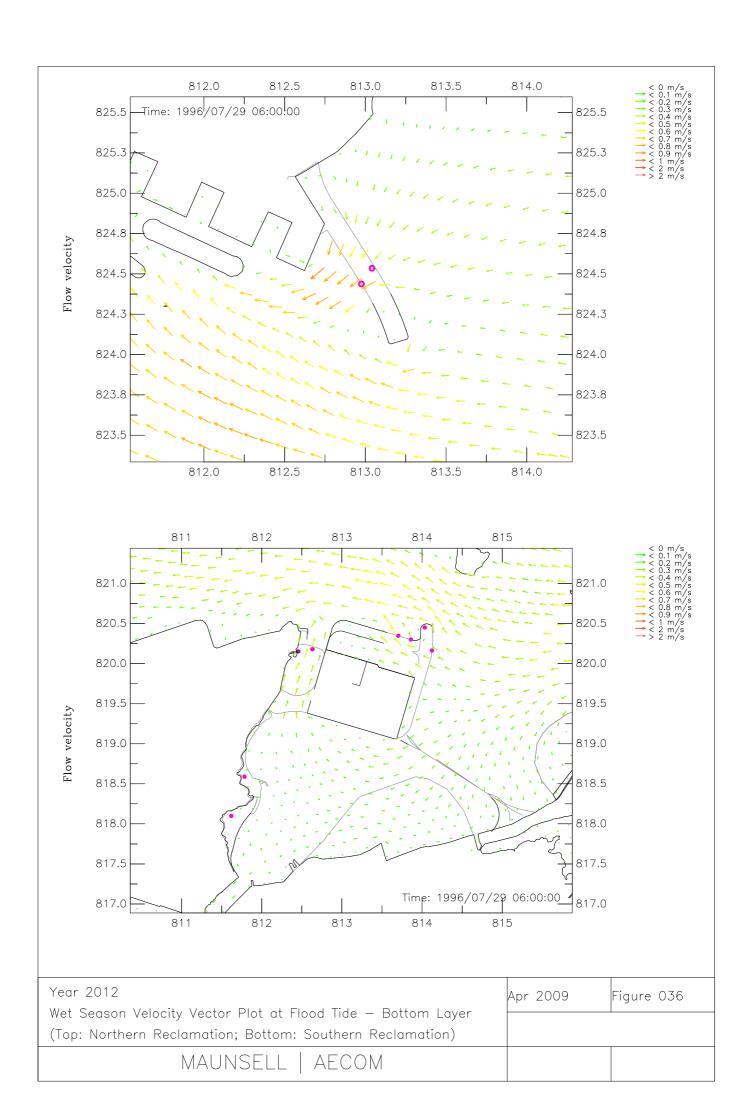


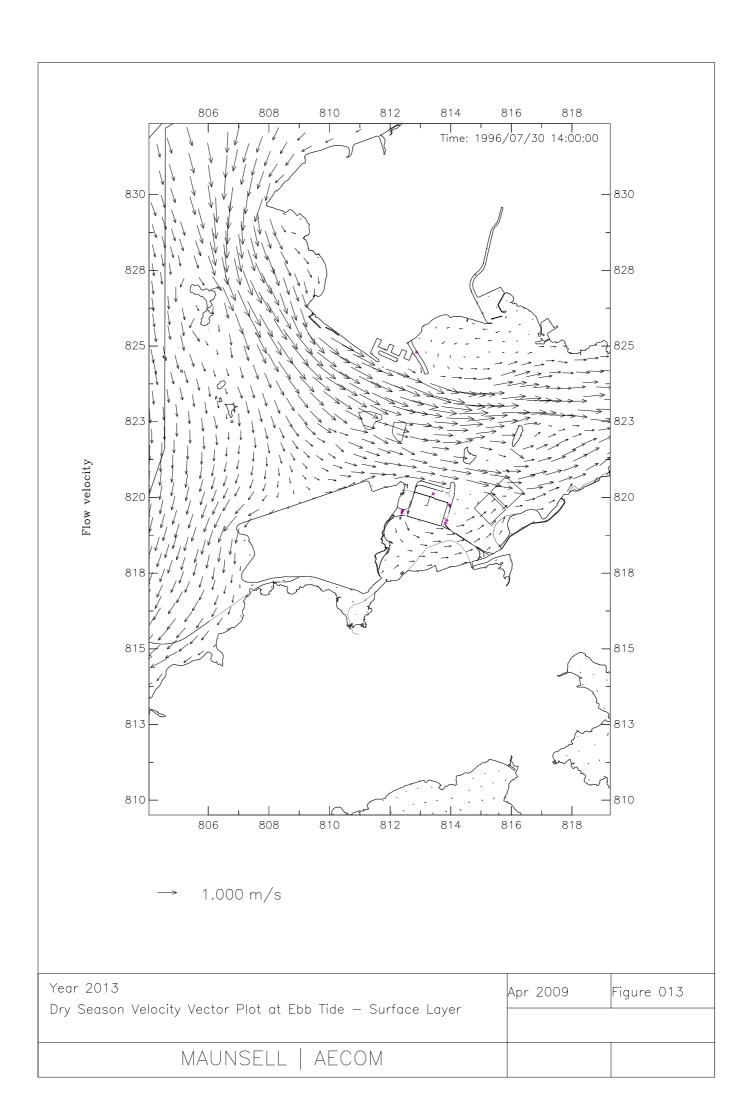


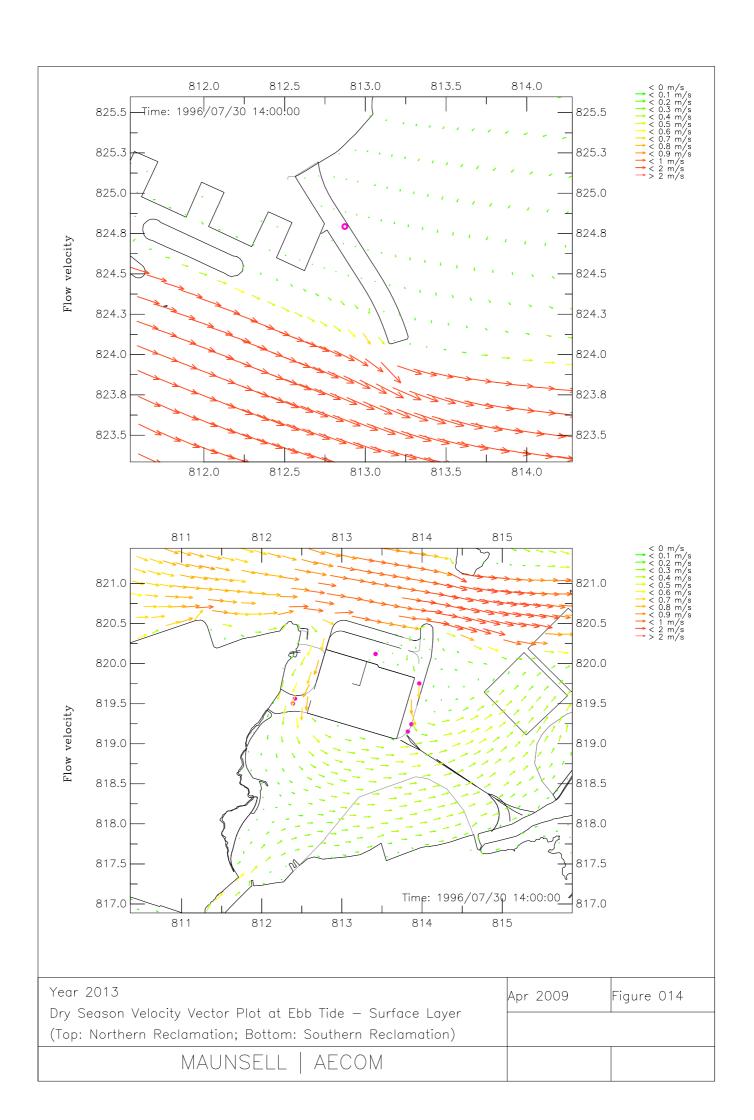


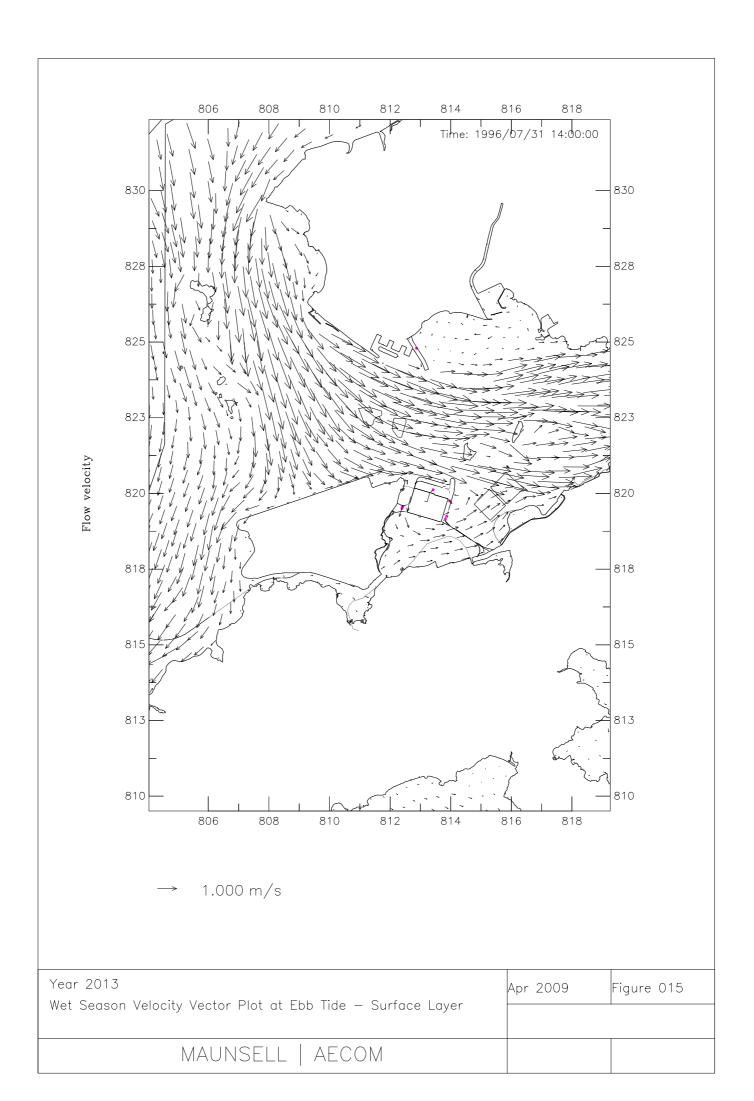


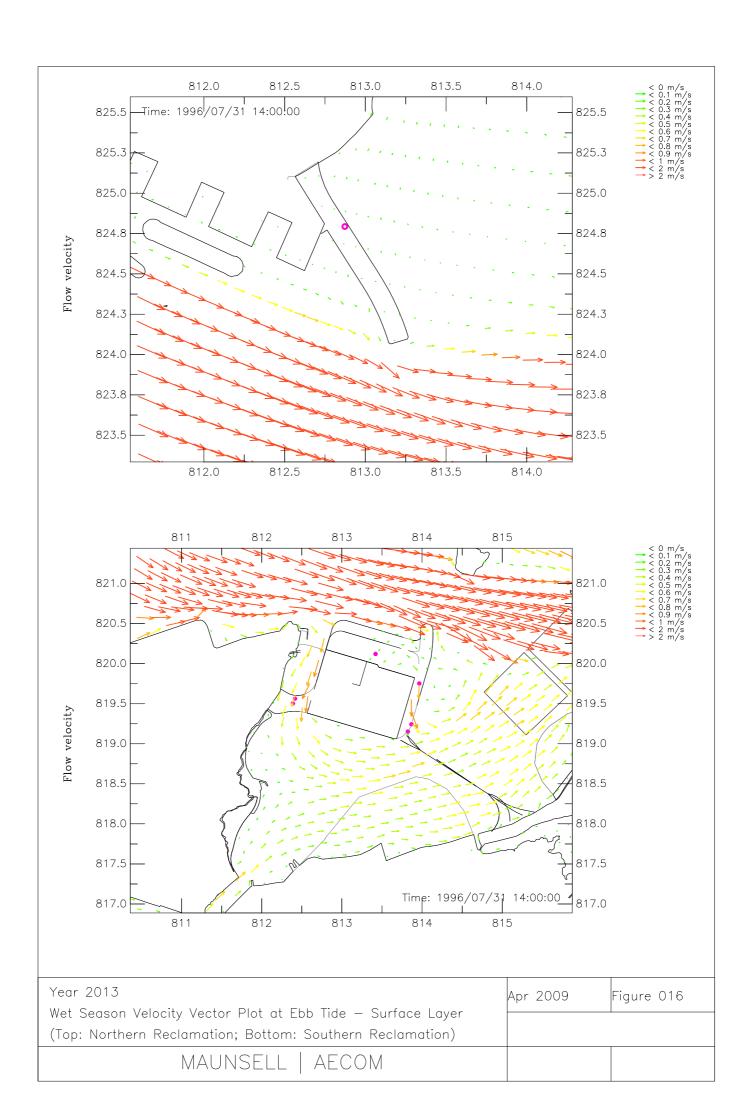


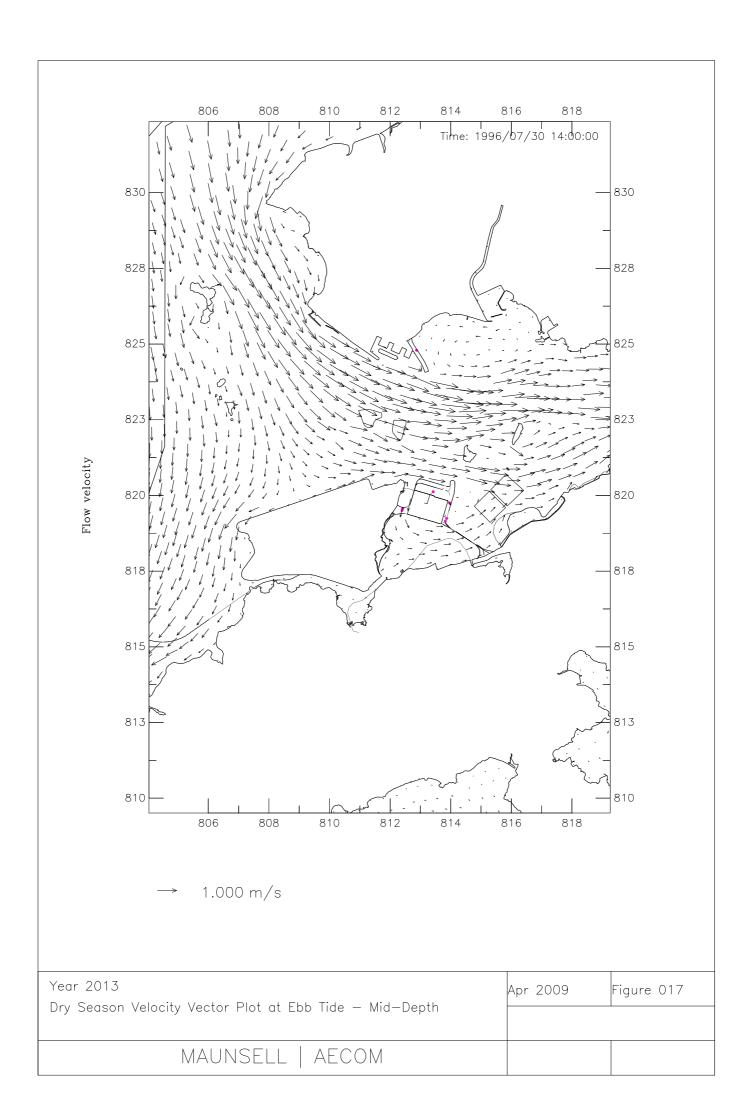


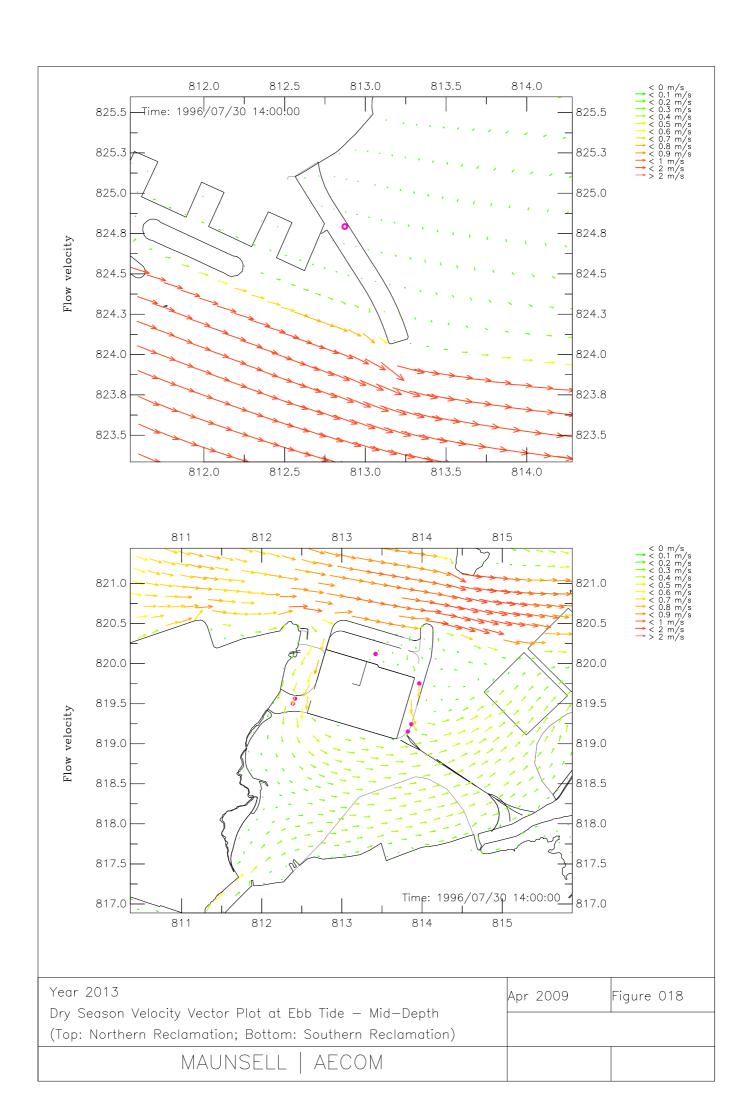


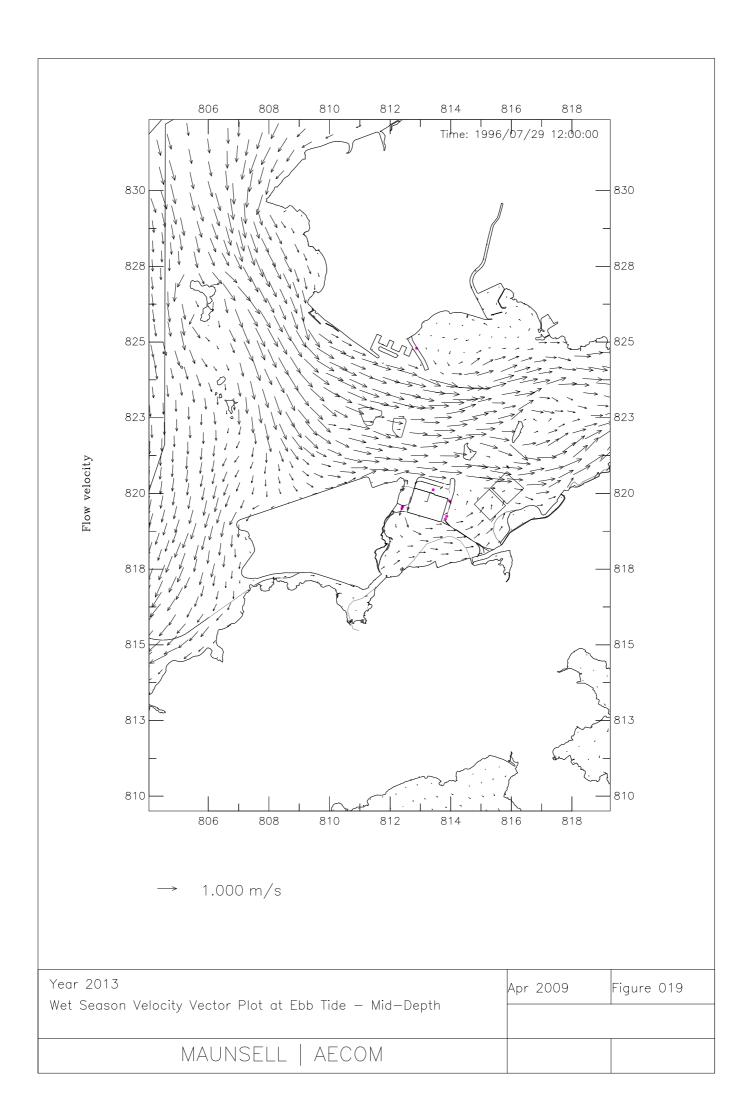


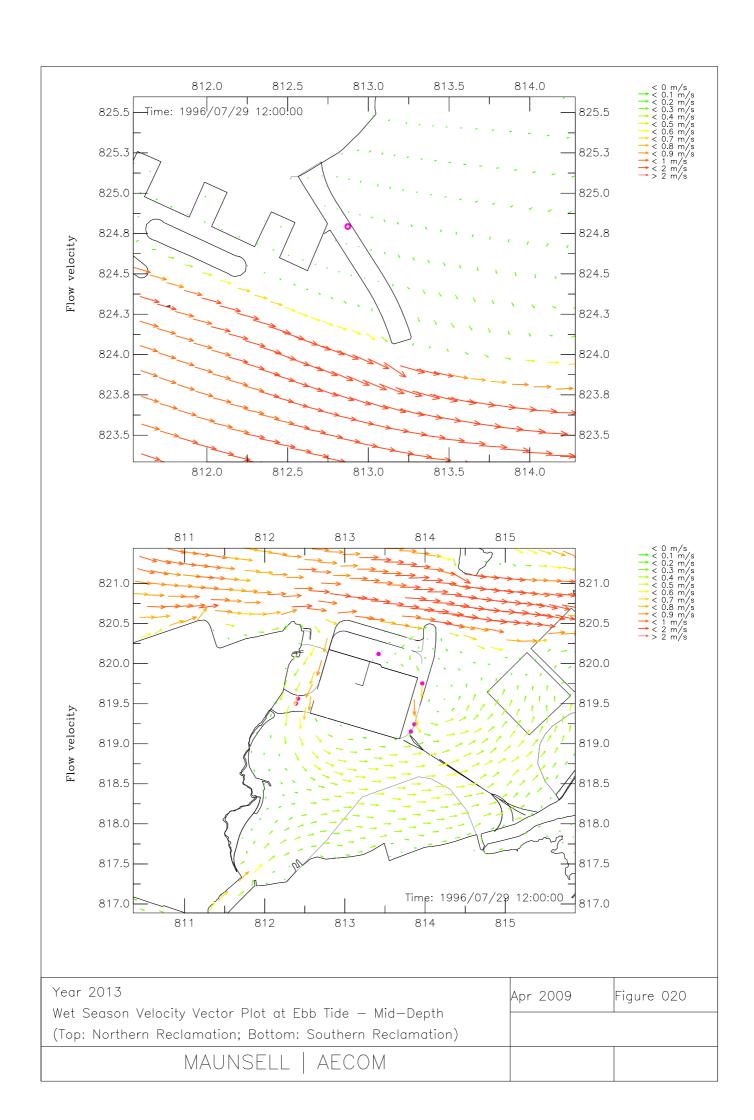


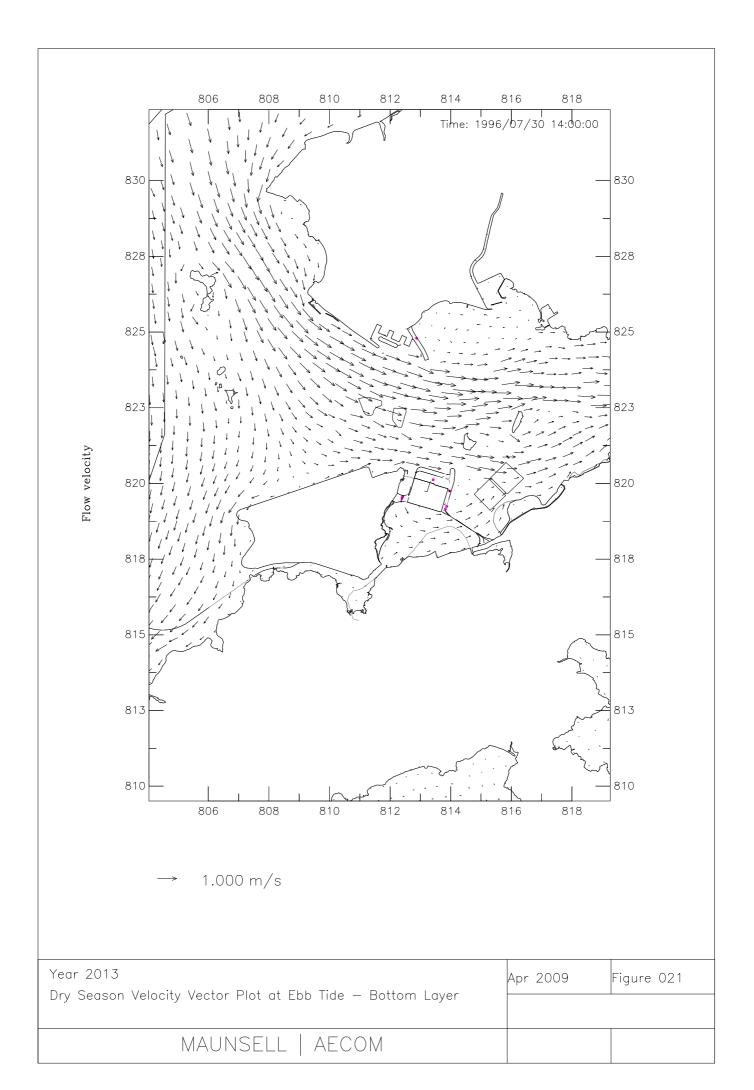


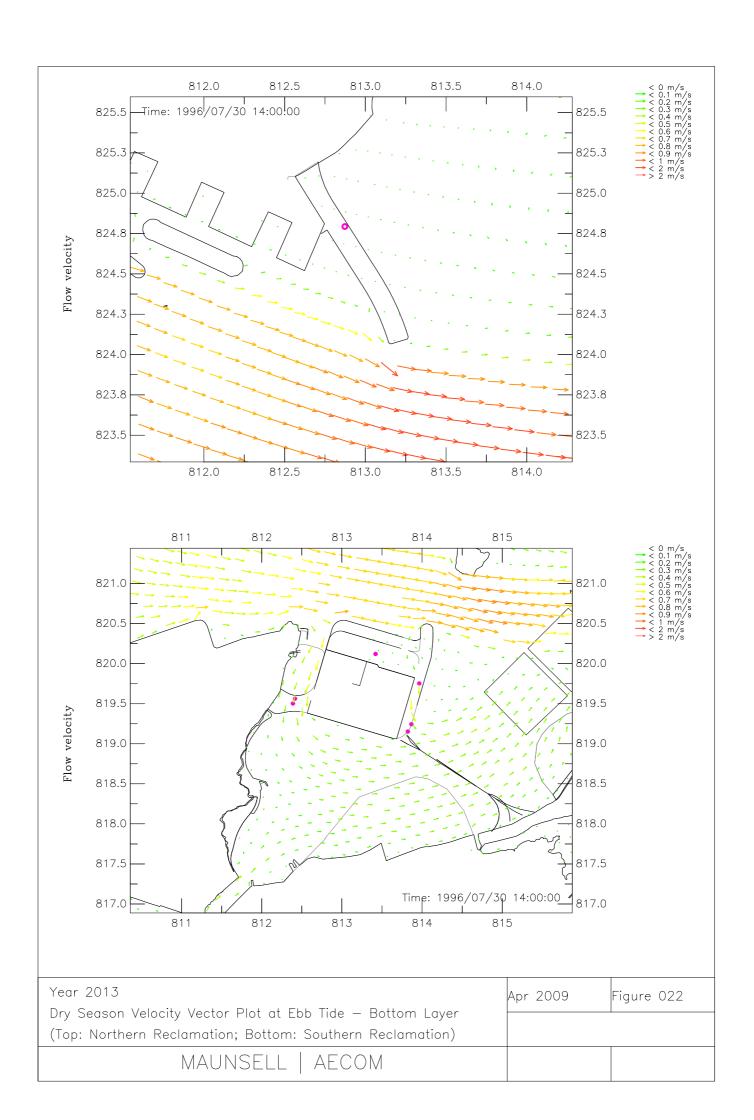


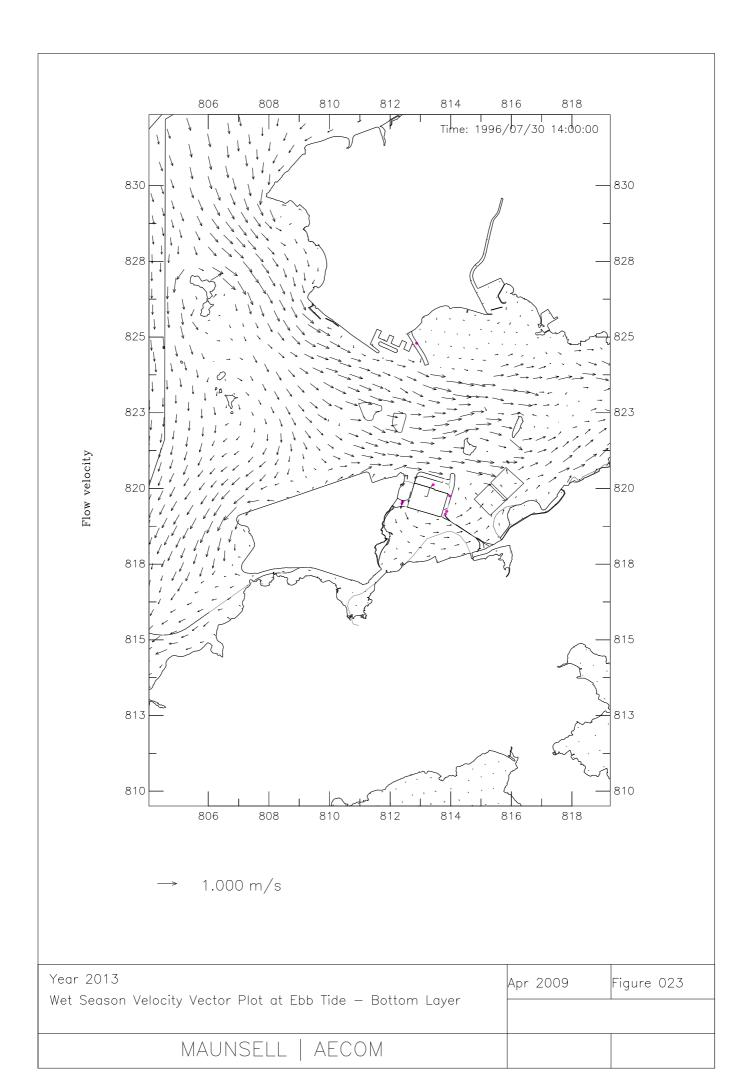


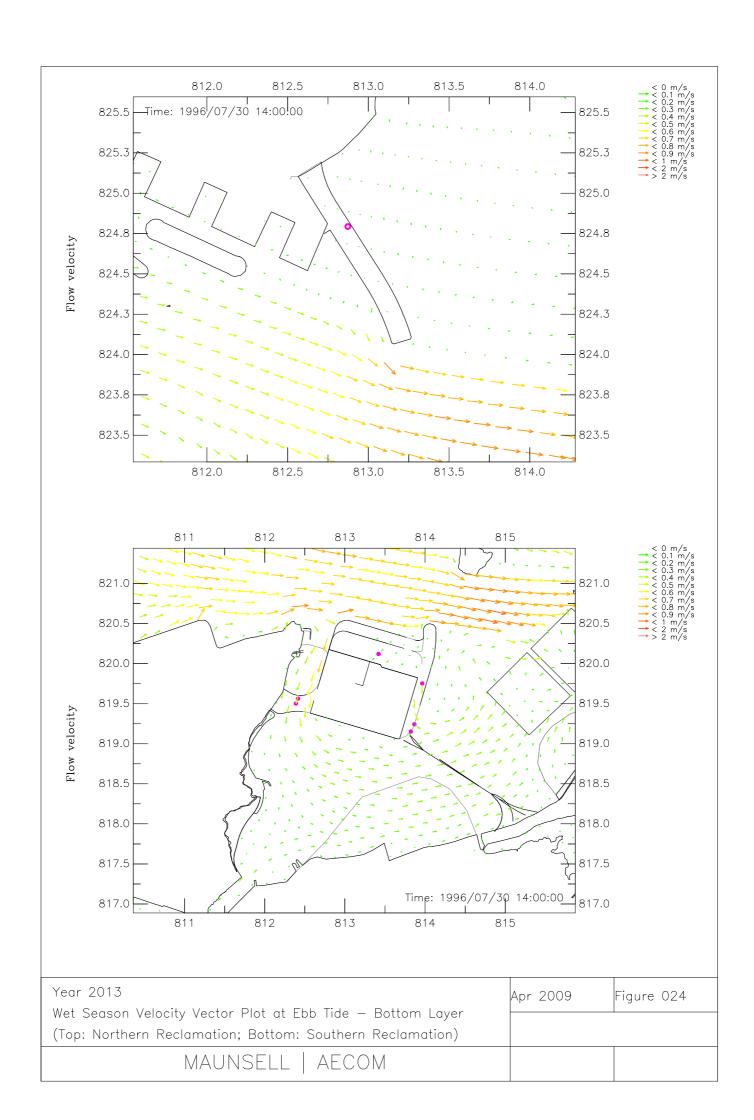


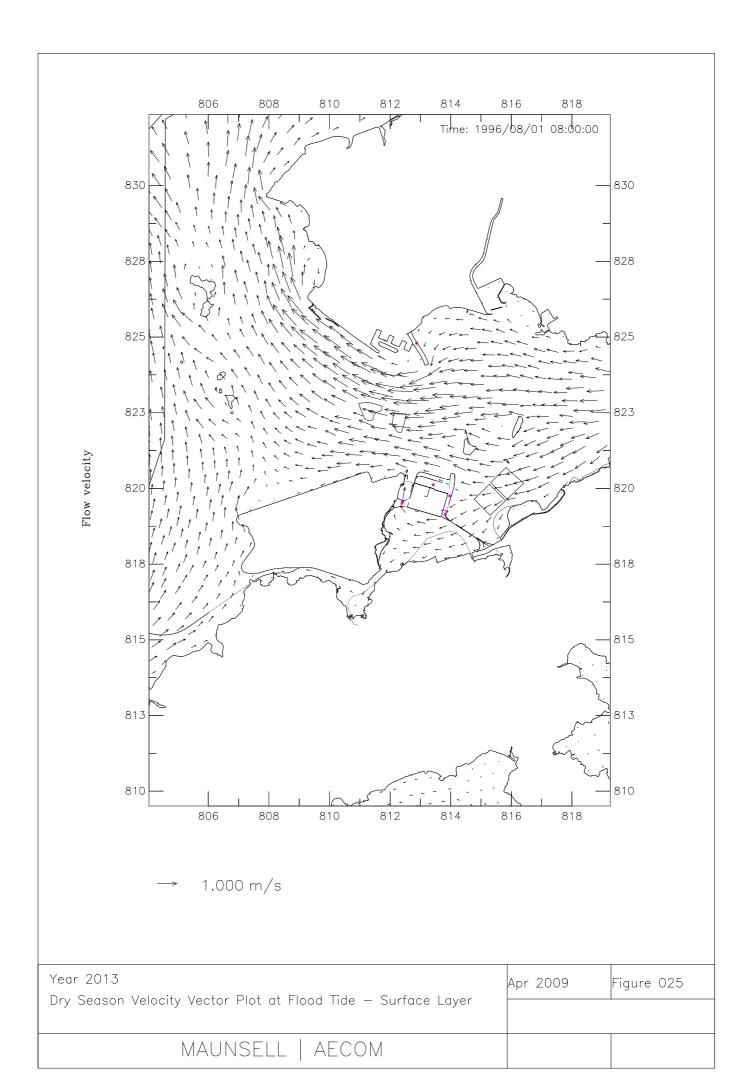


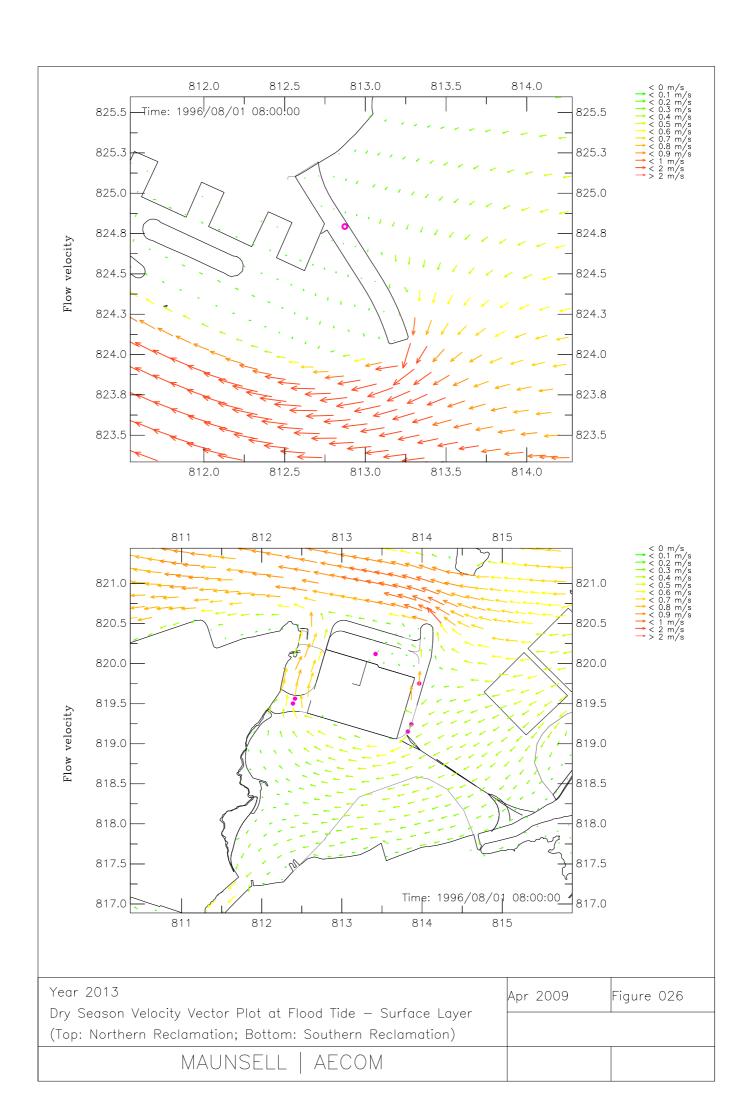


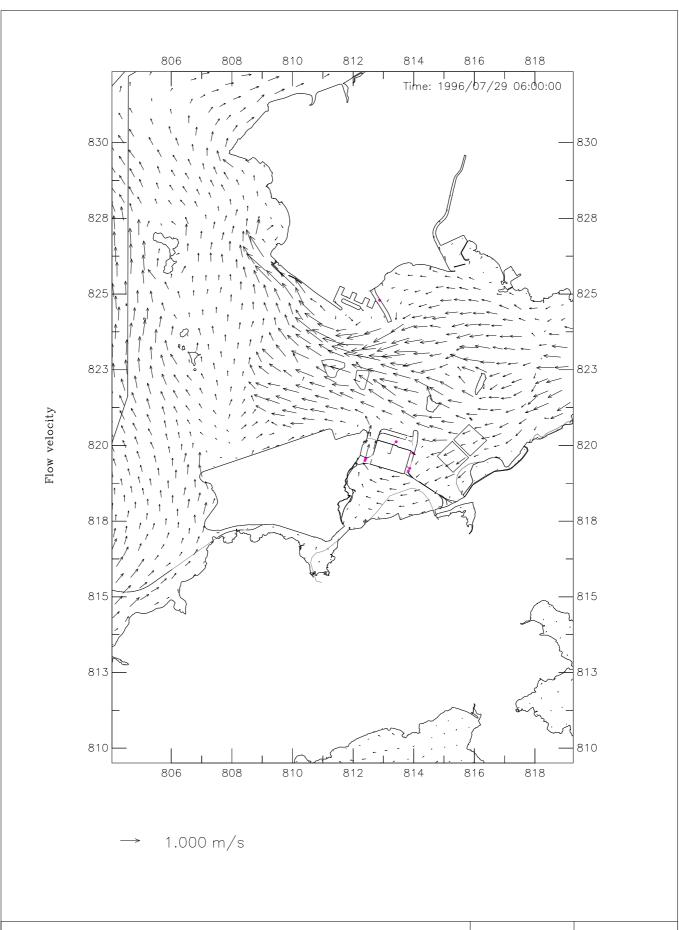




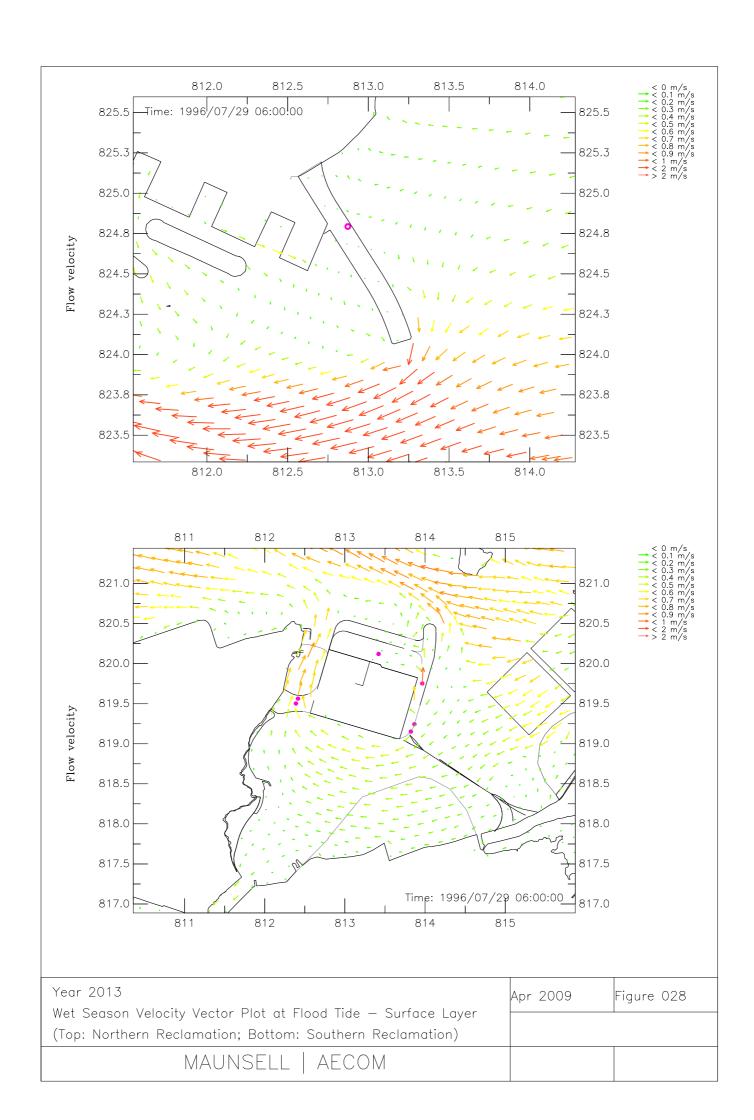


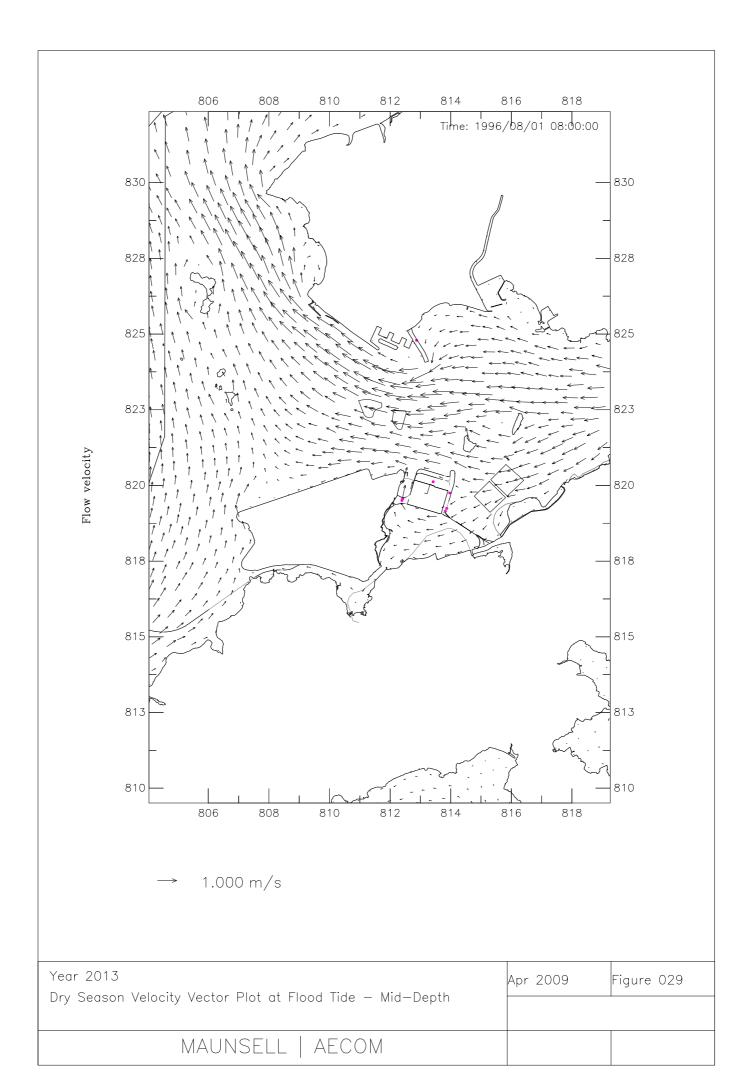


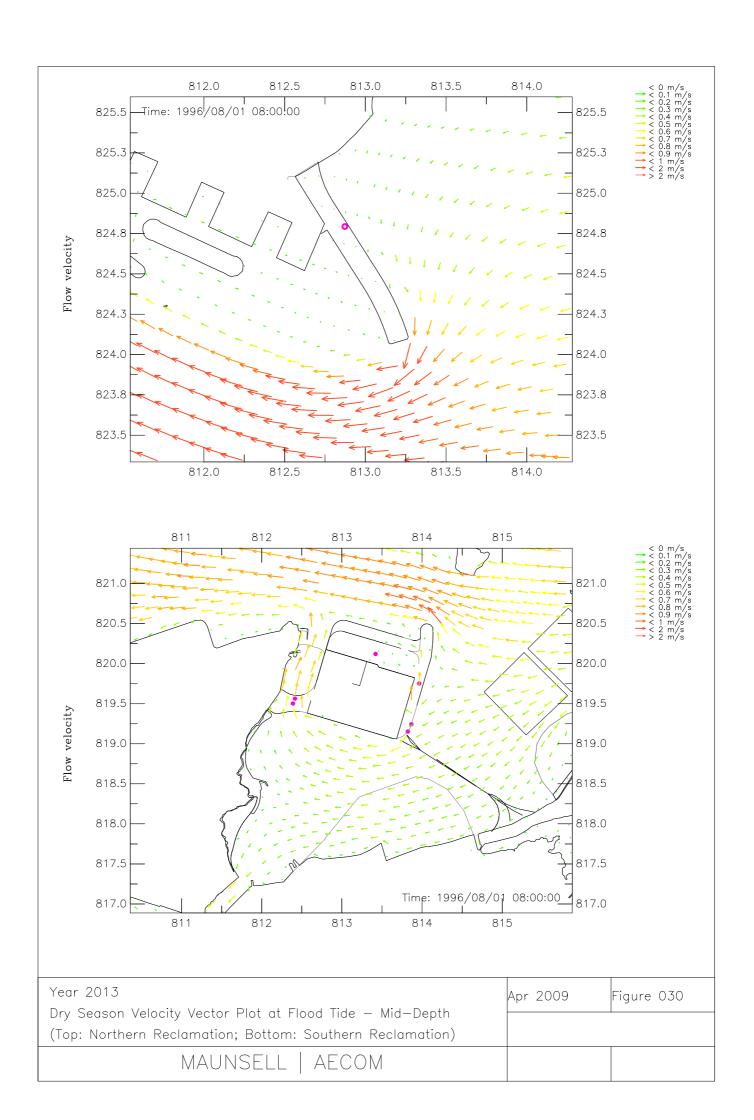


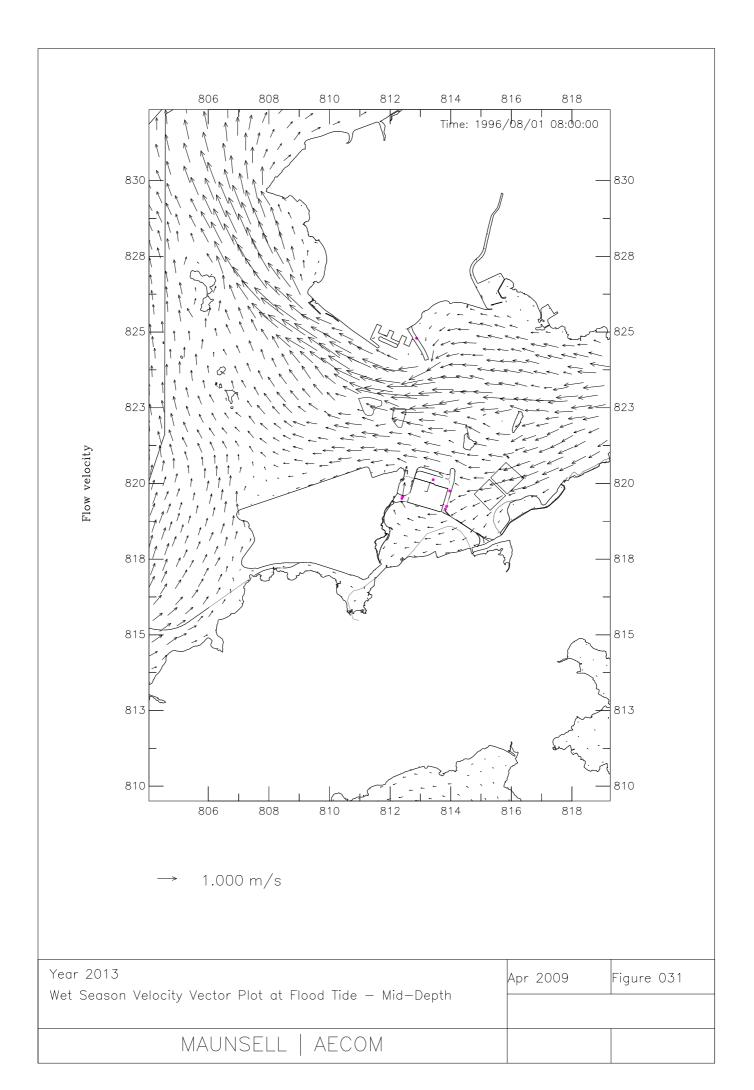


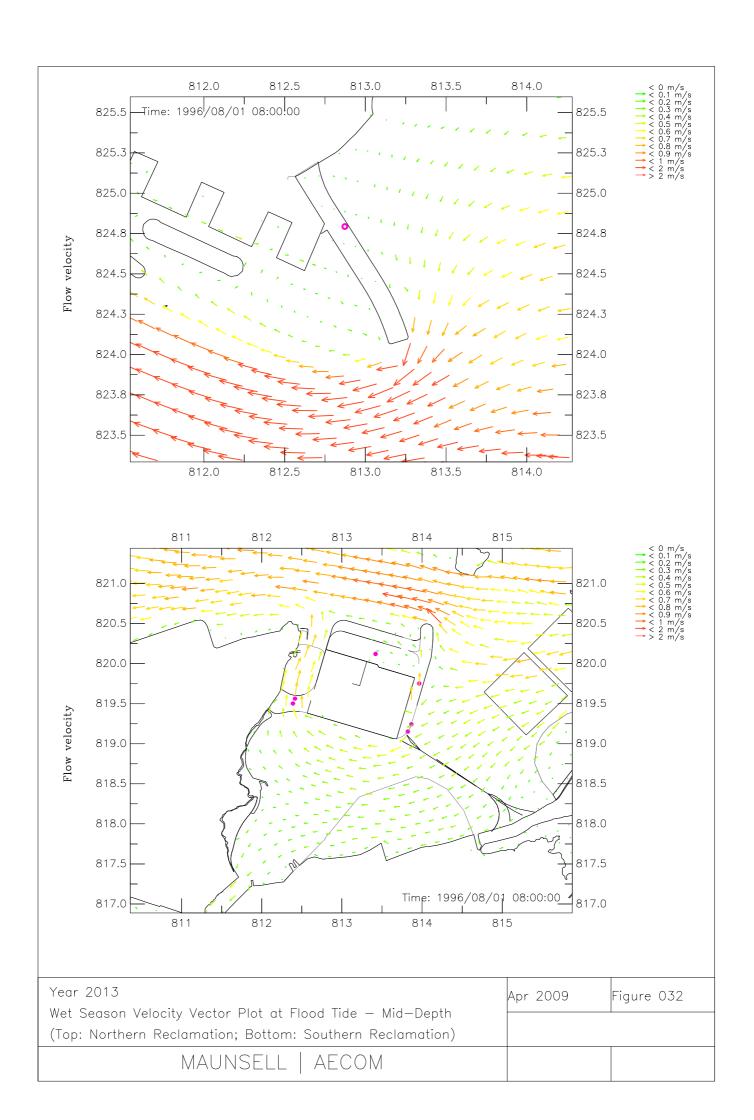
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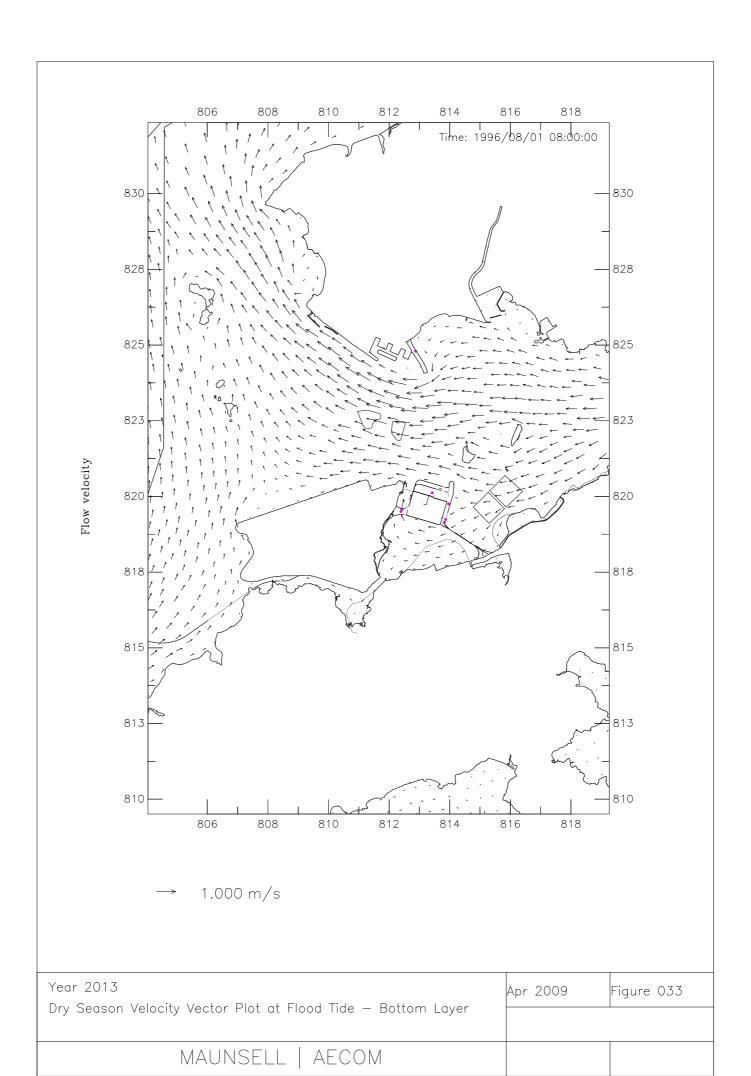


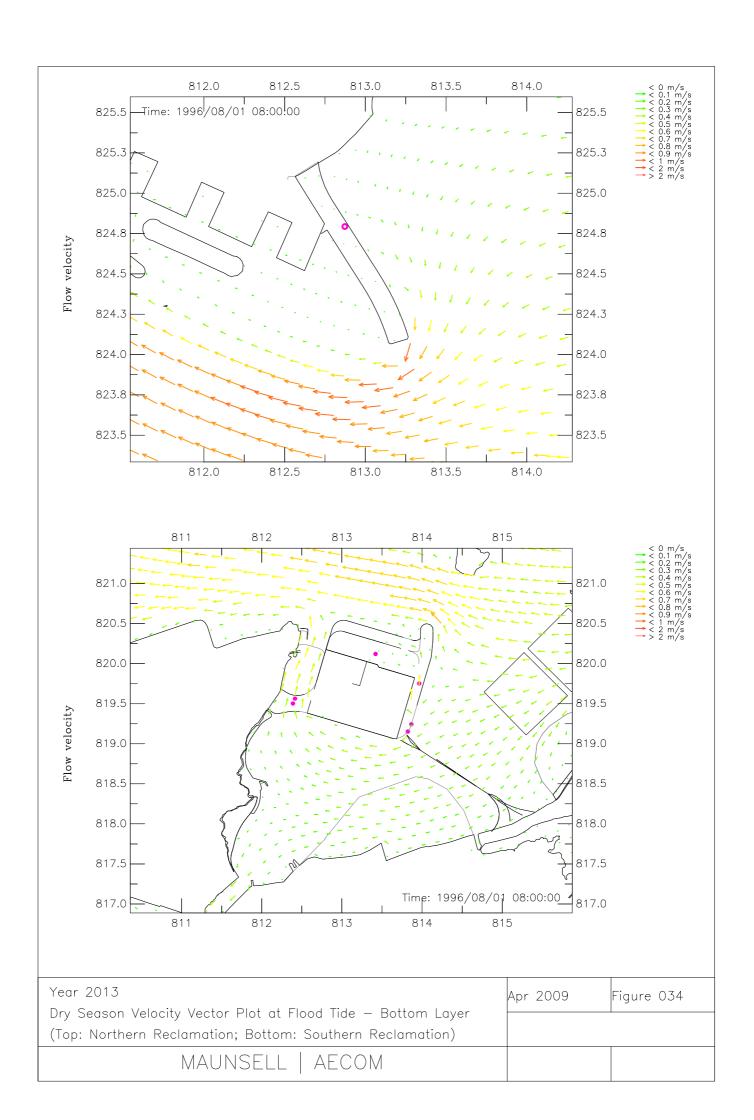


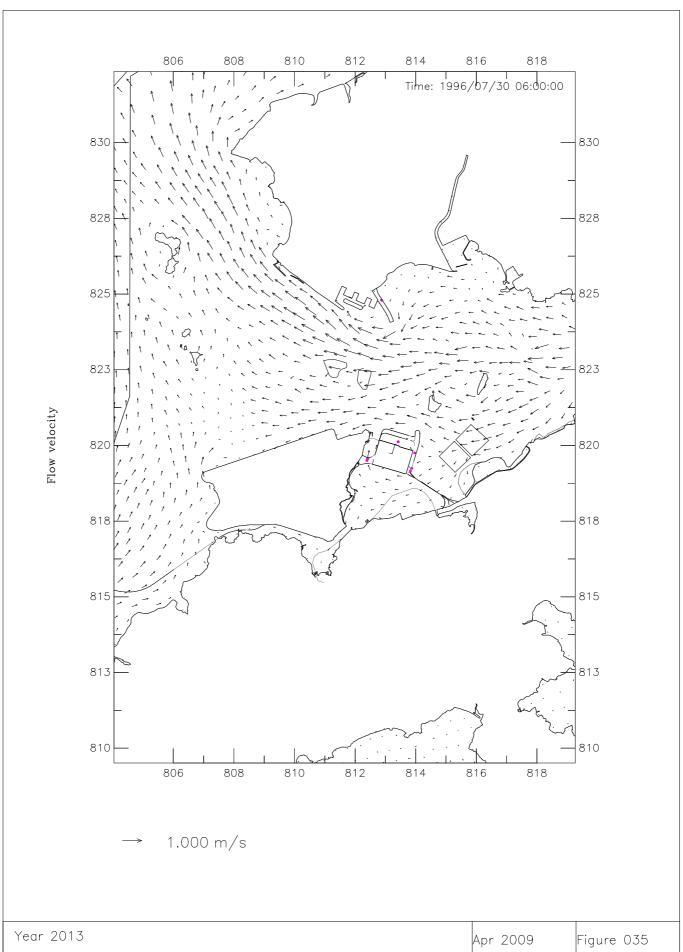




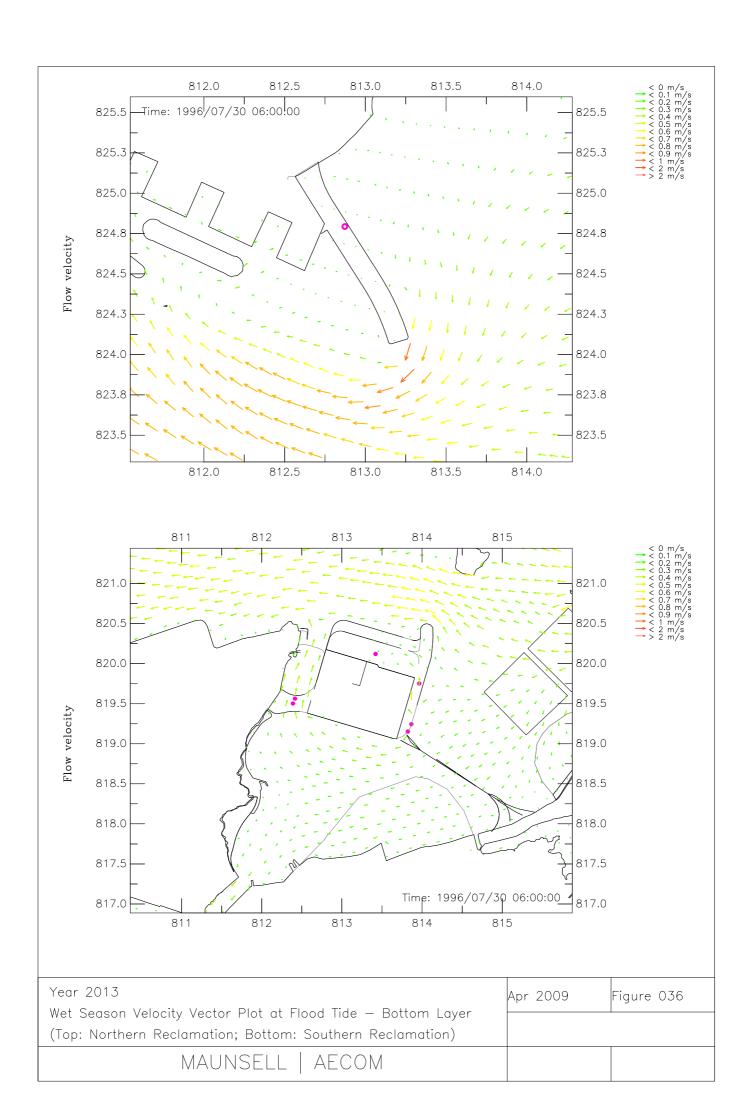


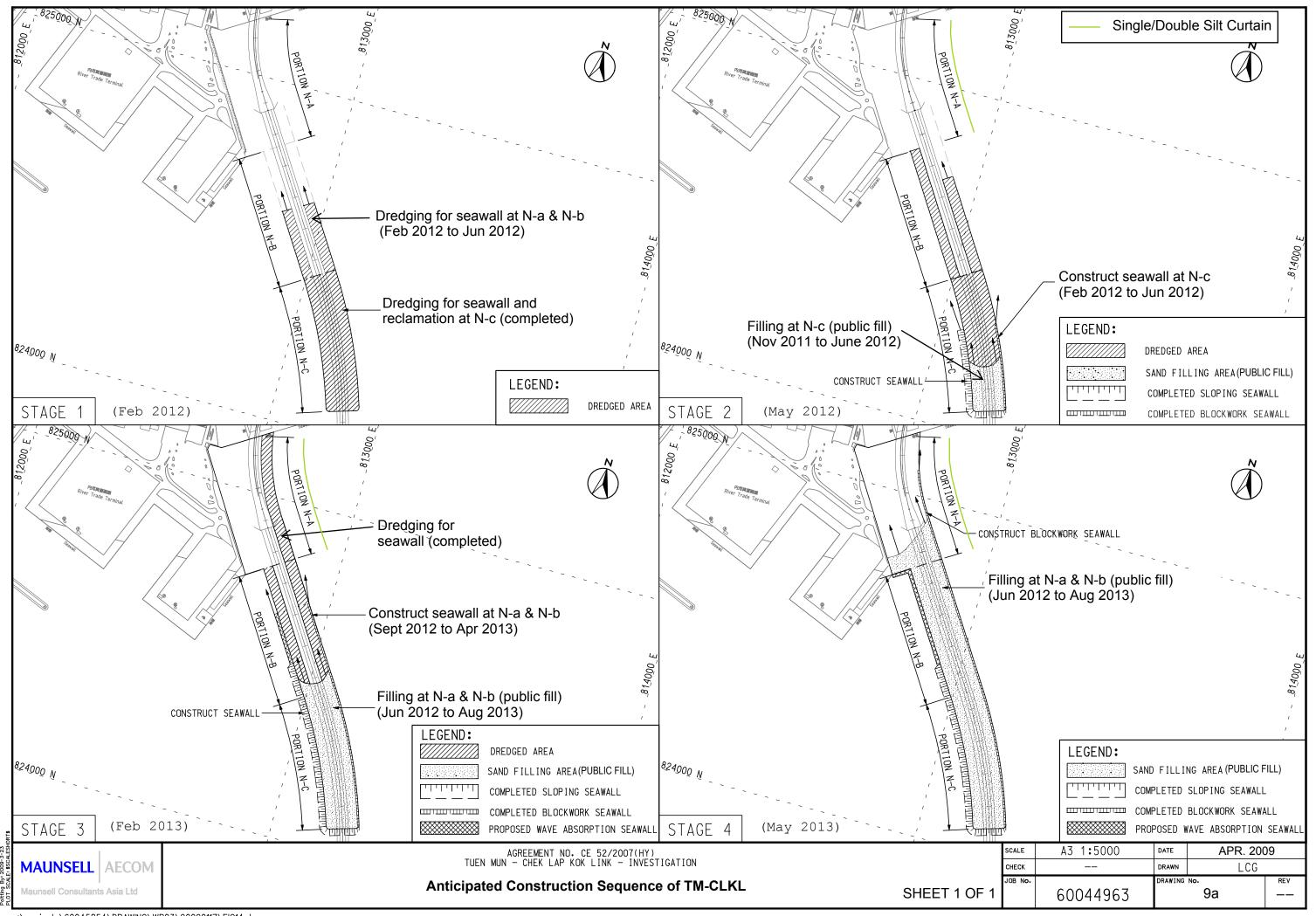


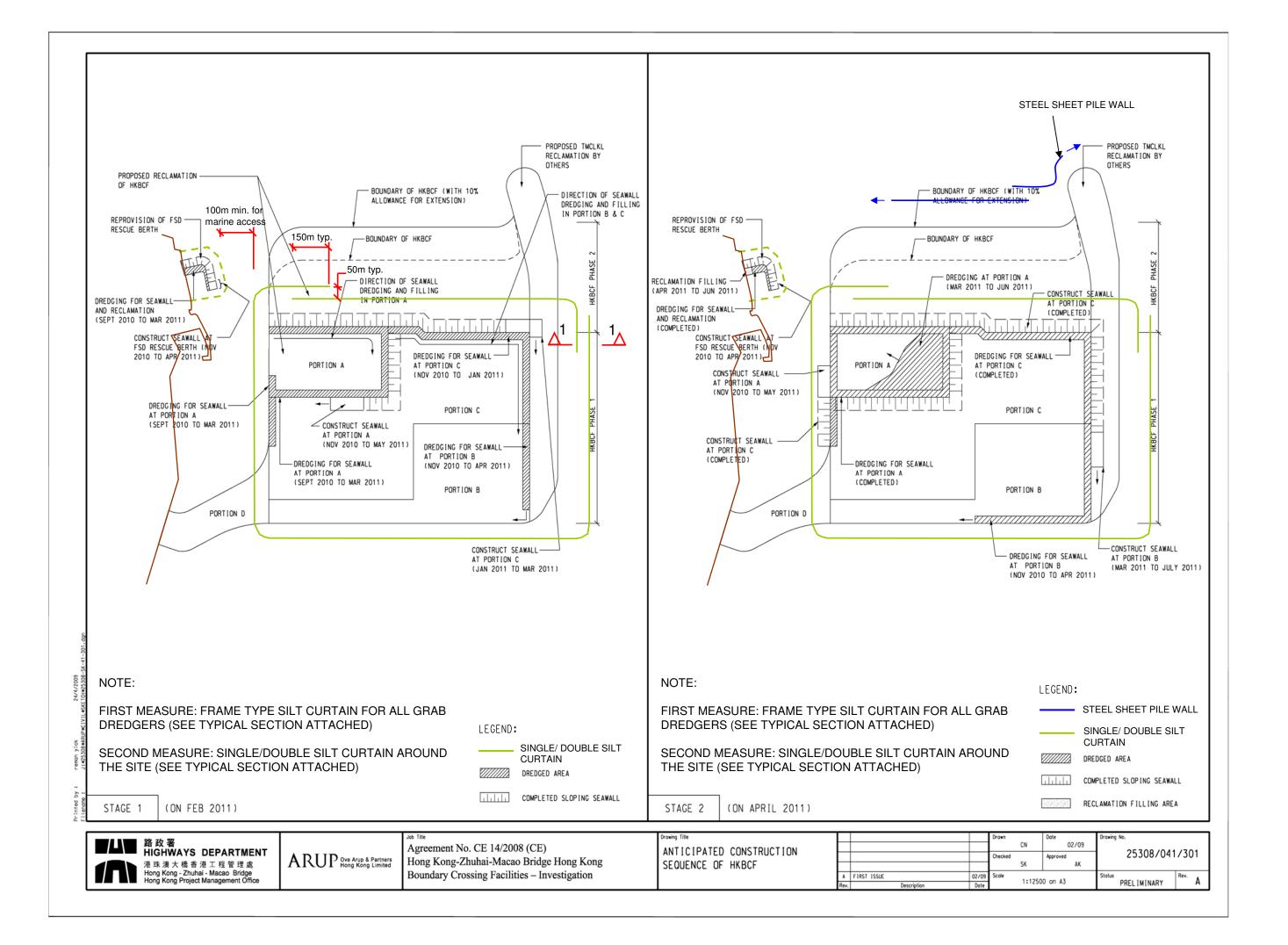


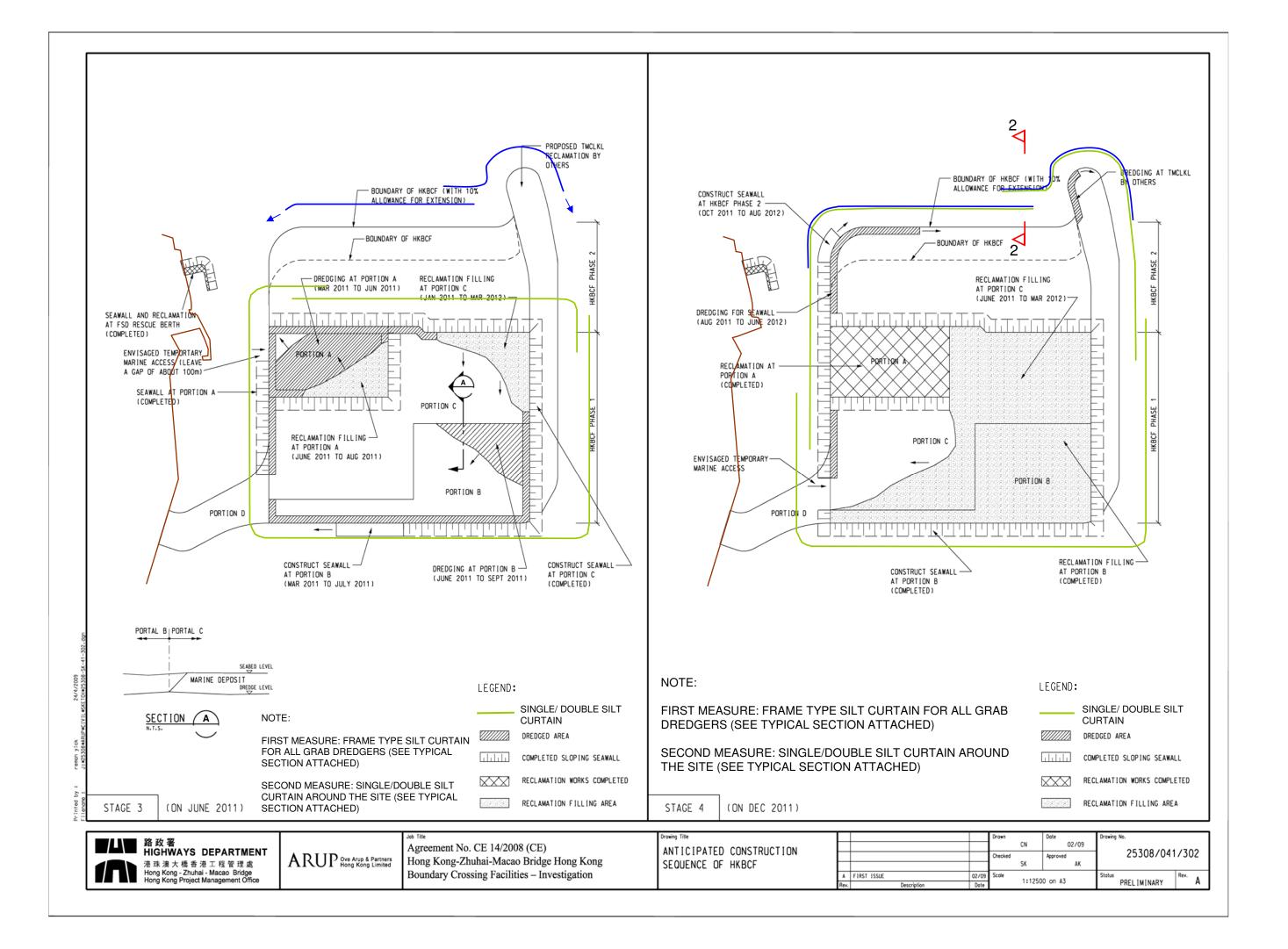


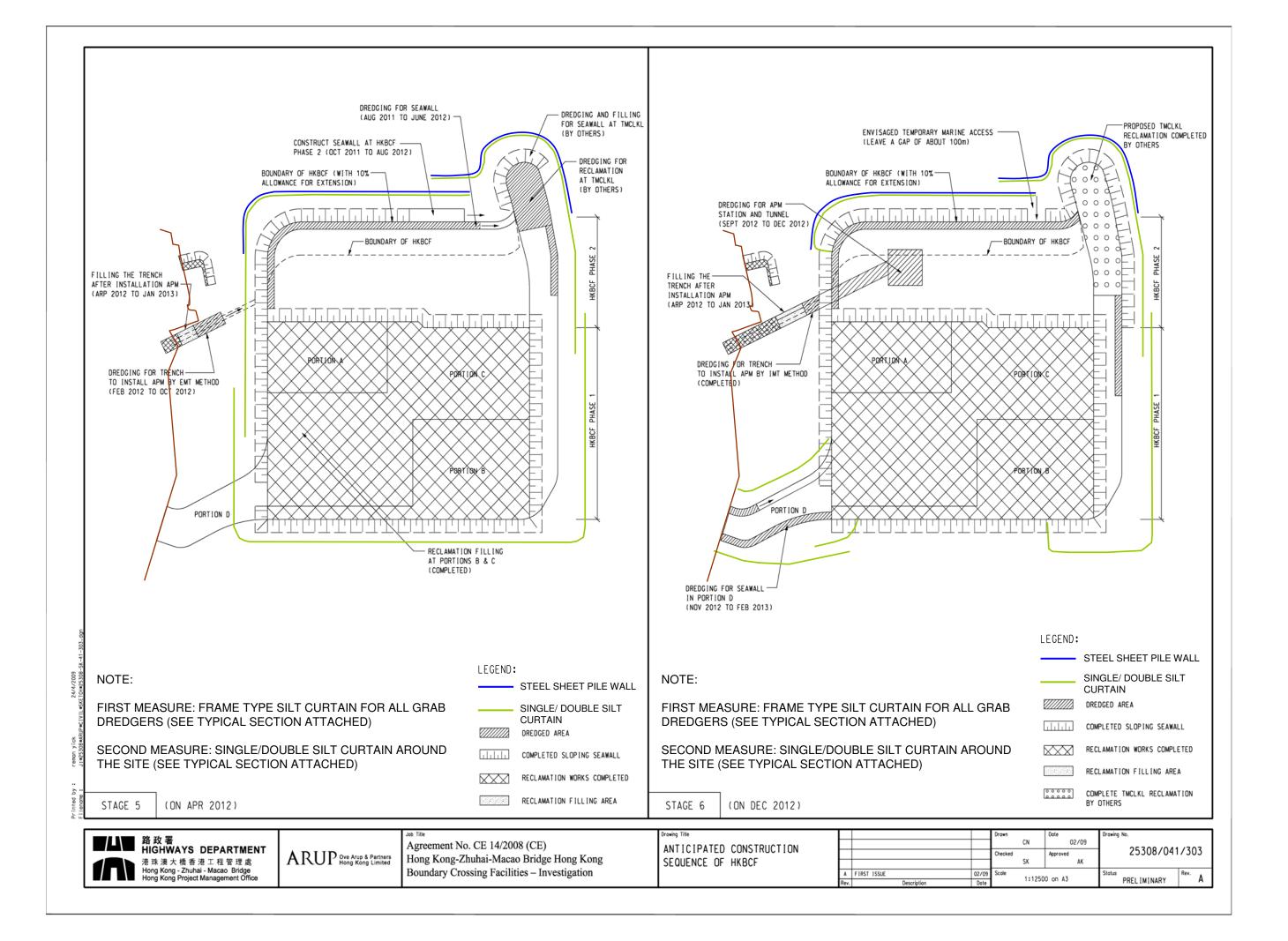
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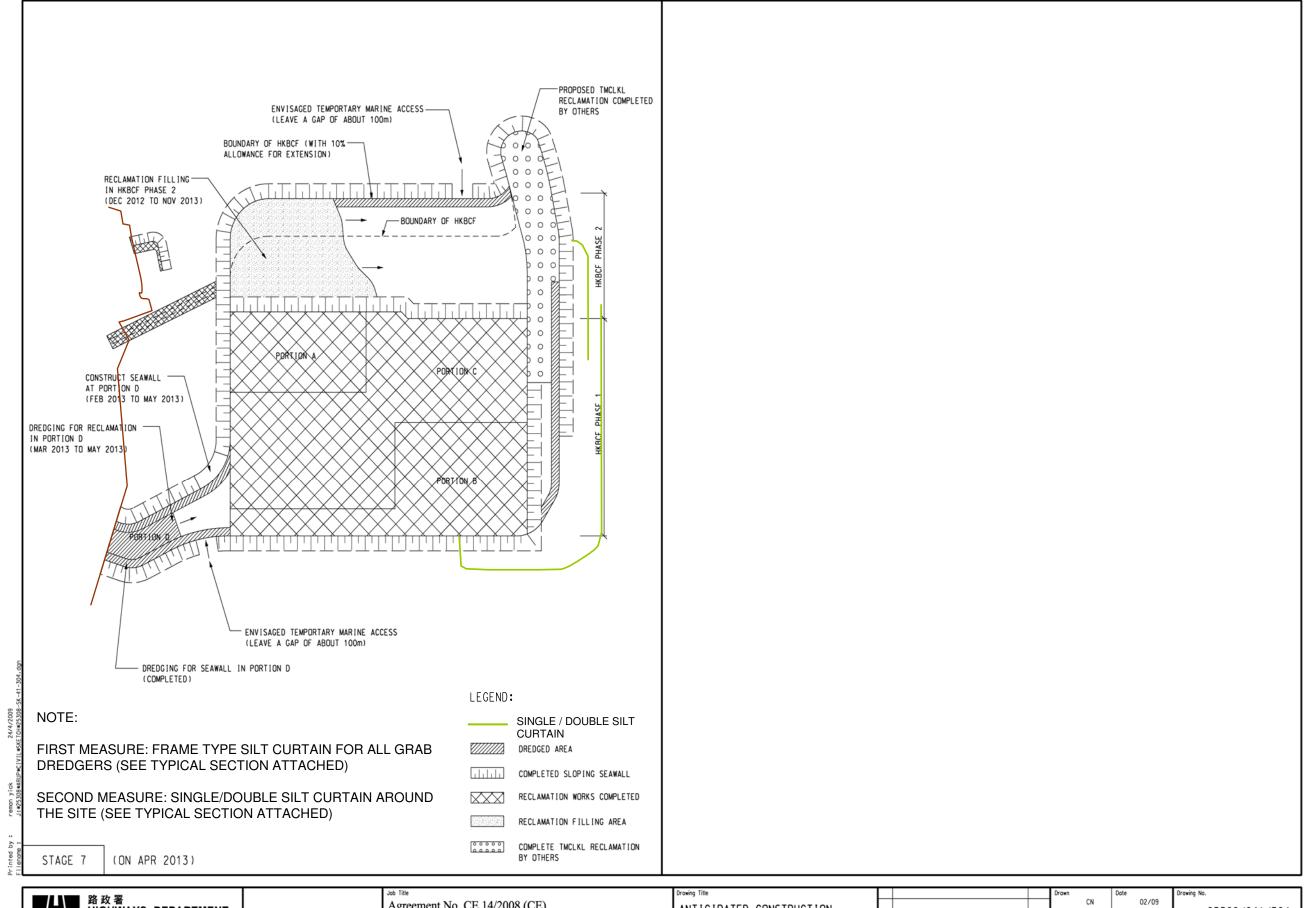












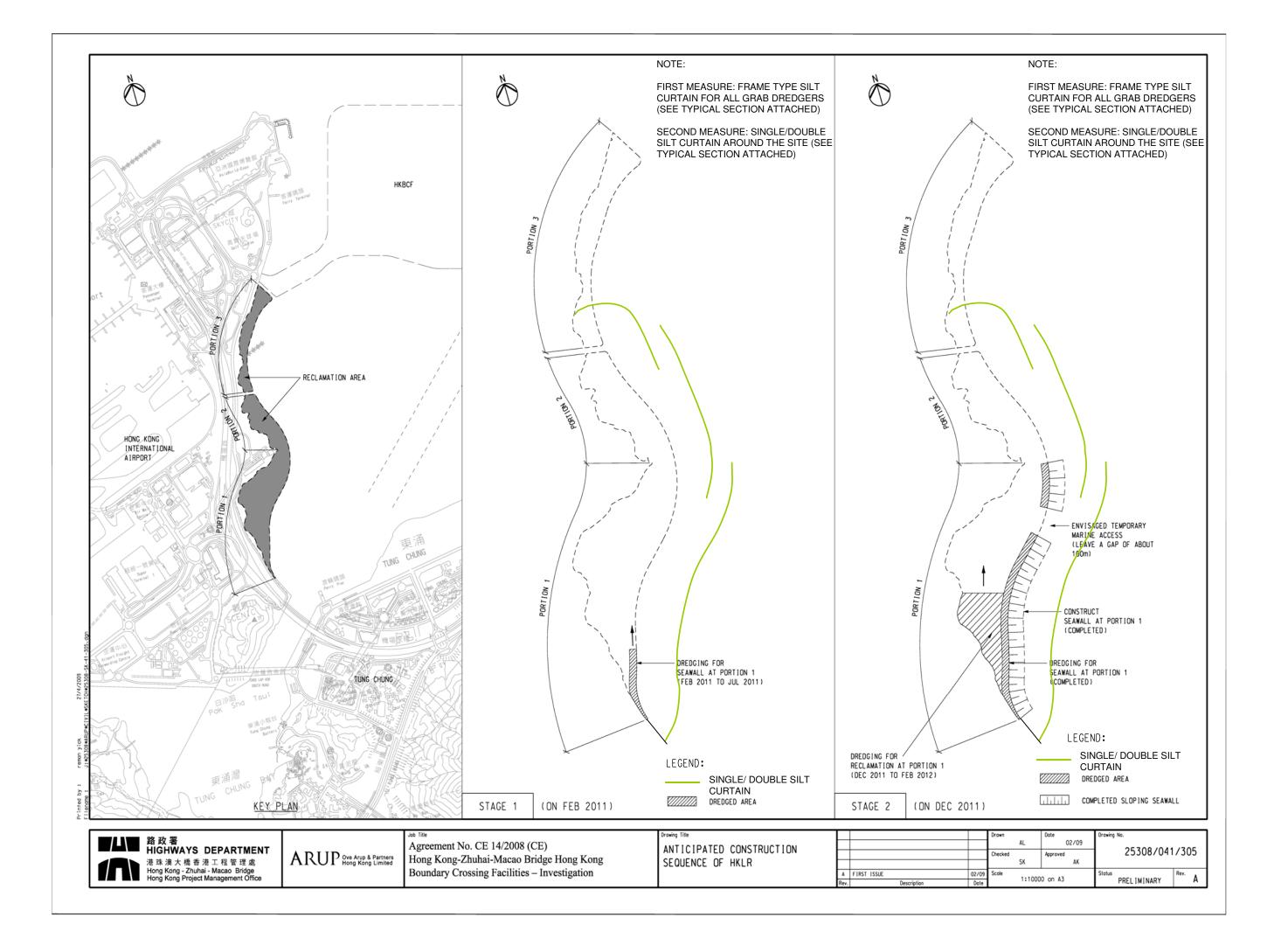


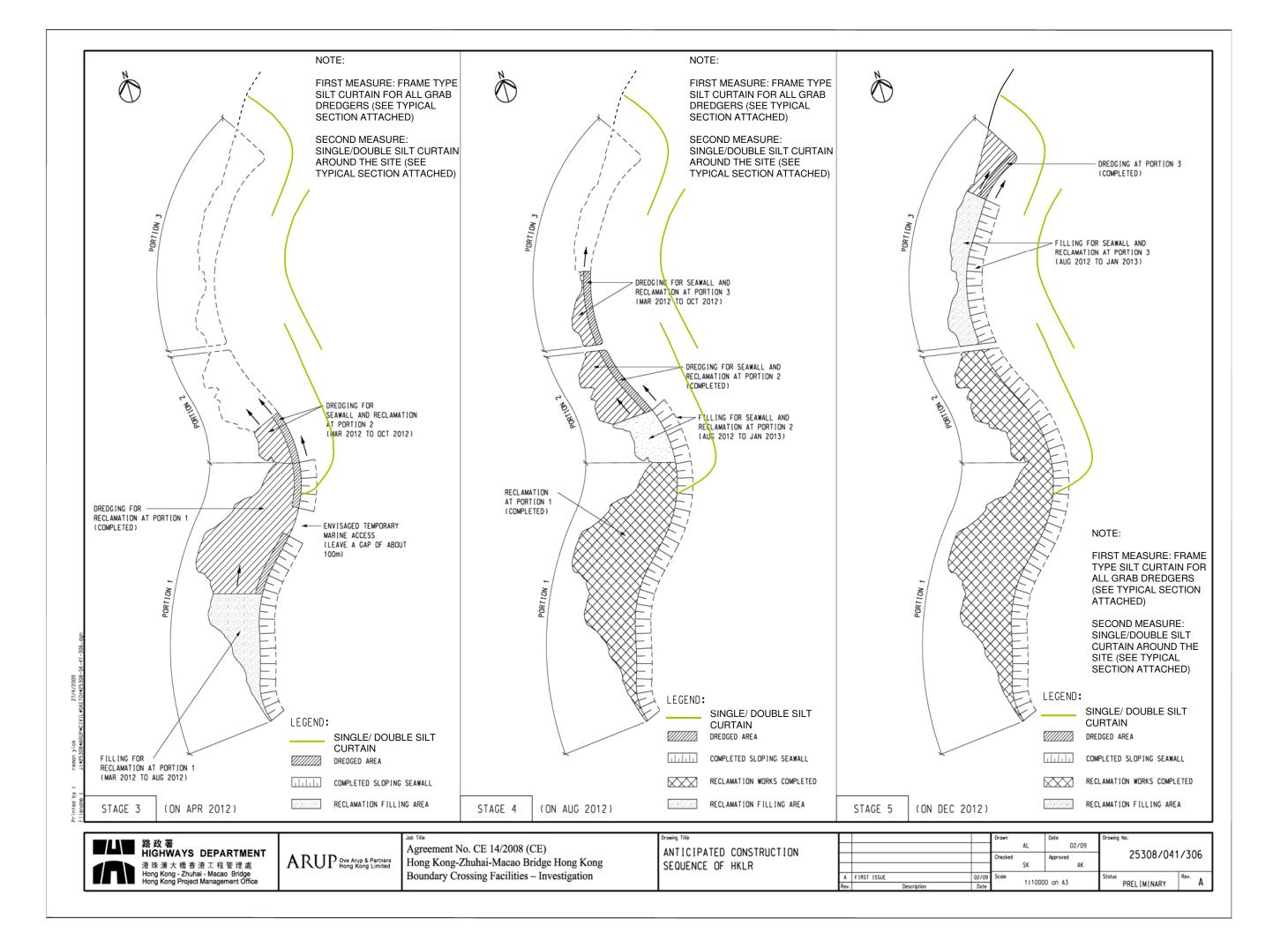
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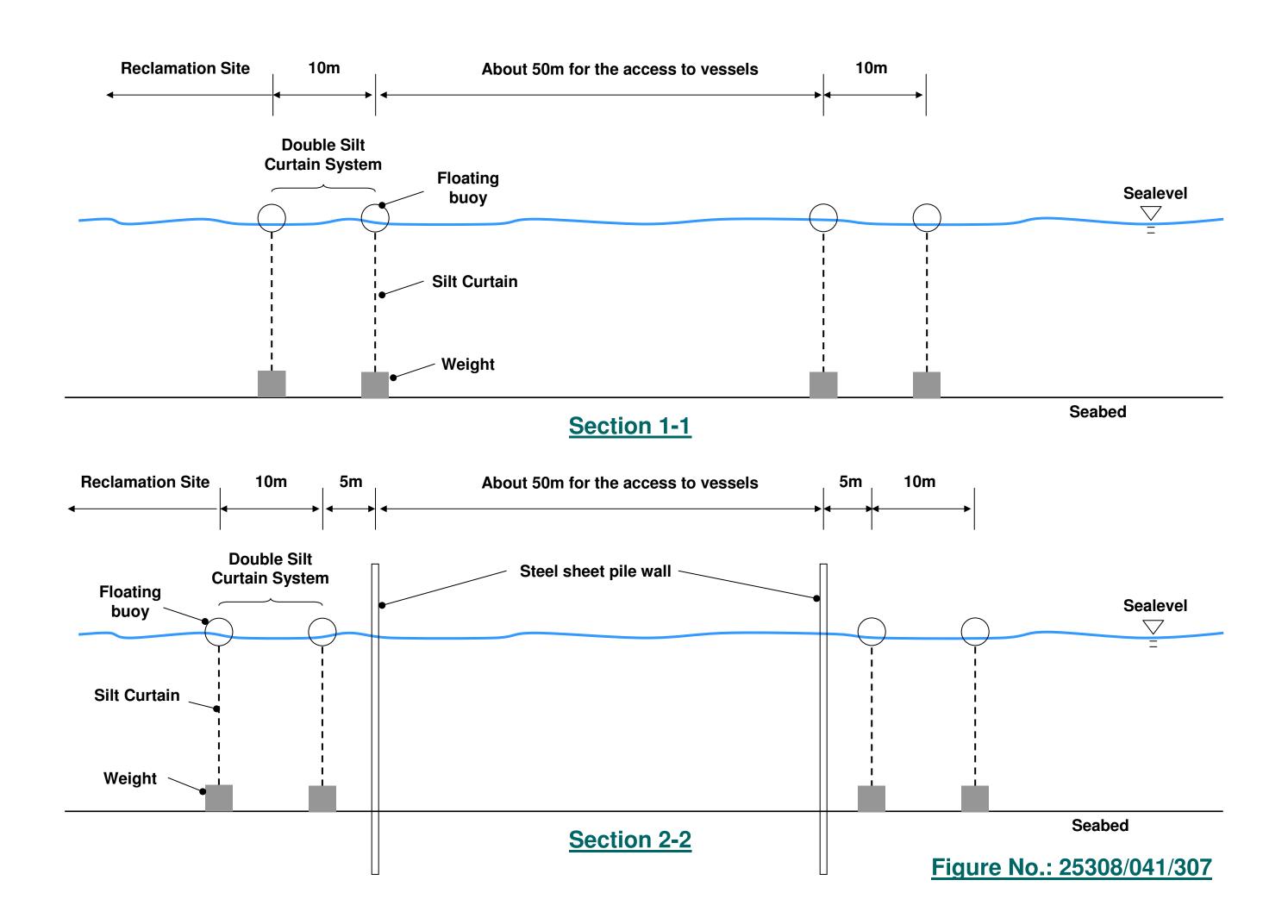
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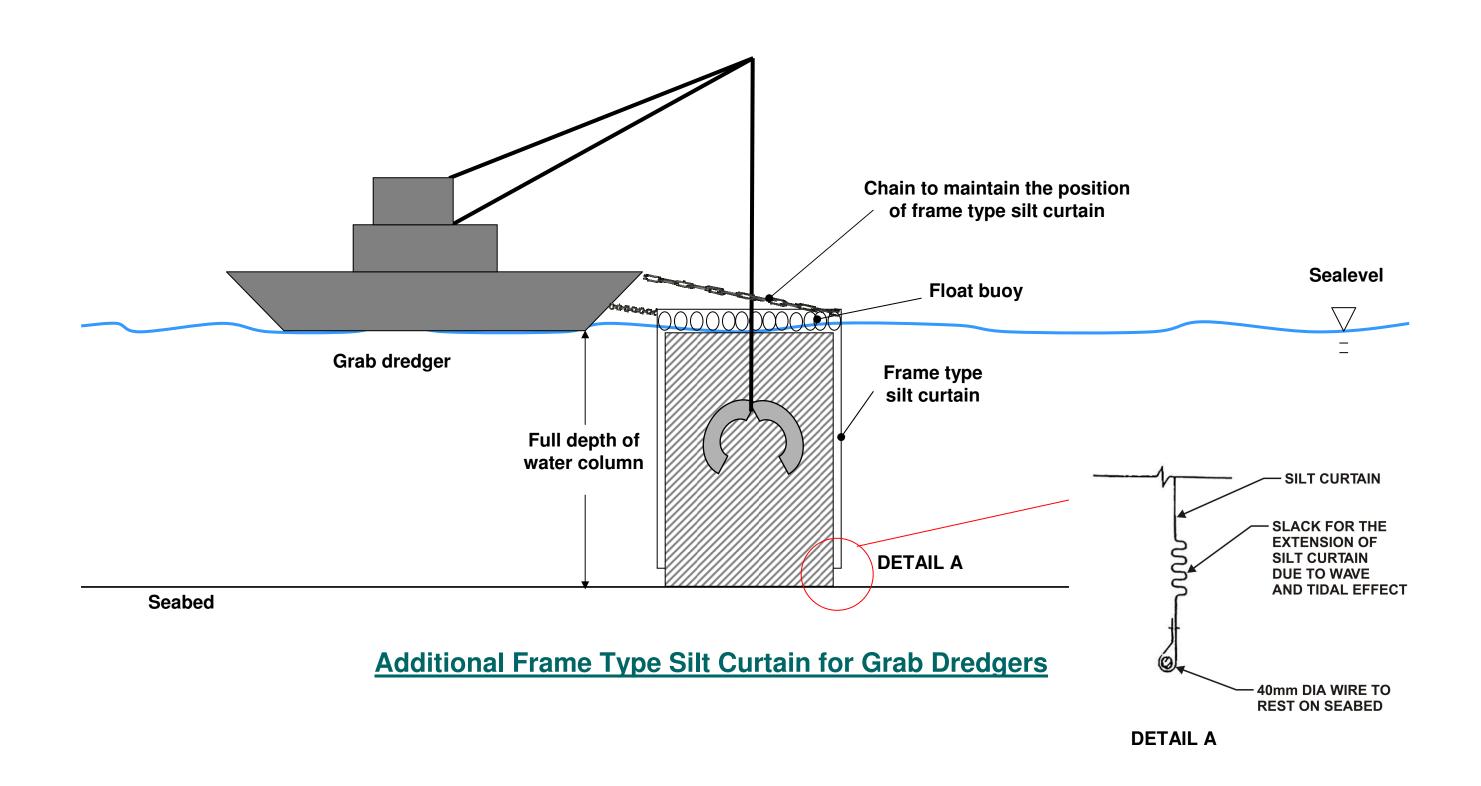


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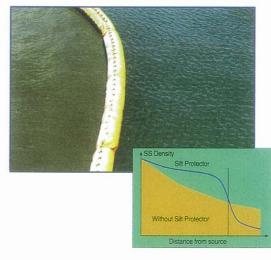


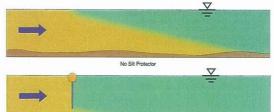


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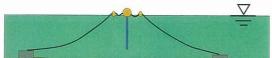
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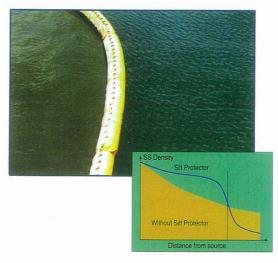




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