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Highway / Fanling Highway between Island
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Entrusted Portion of Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling Stage 2 (hereafter called “the Project”) covers part of the construction of the widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling which aimed 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 Project covers construction activities at Yuen Leng along the existing Fanling Highway.

The impact EM&A for the Project includes air quality, noise and water quality monitoring. The EM&A programme commenced on 5 November 2013.

This report documents the findings of EM&A works conducted in the period between 5 and 30 November 2013. As informed by the Contractor, the major activities in the reporting period were:

- Hoarding and fencing erection, initial survey and base slab demolition;
- Site clearance and tree felling;
- Excavation works and base slab demolition;
- Pre-drilling works; and
- Box culvert extension works – Flow diversion of existing stream, base and wall slab construction.

Breach of Action and Limit Levels for Air Quality

Two (2) Action Level exceedances of 24-hour TSP monitoring were recorded on 16 and 22 November 2013 while one (1) Limit Level exceedance was recorded on 28 November 2013 at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month. Investigation reports of the exceedances are being prepared, and it will be reported during next reporting period.

No exceedance of Action and Limit Level was recorded for 1-hour TSP monitoring at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month.

Breach of Action and Limit Levels for Noise

No Action Level exceedance was recorded since no noise related complaint was received in the reporting month.

No exceedance of Limit Level of noise was recorded at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month.

Breach of Action and Limit Levels for Water Quality

Two (2) exceedances of water quality limit (i.e. Action Level) of DO were recorded on 9 and 18 November 2013 at the impact monitoring location (I5) in the reporting month. Investigation of the exceedances had been conducted which concluded that the exceedances were not due to the Project works. The investigation reports are presented in **Appendix L**.

Complaint, Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecution

A complaint regarding water quality of Ma Wat River was received on 26 November 2013. The ET had conducted investigation for the complaint which was considered as an invalid complaint under this Project.

Reporting Change

There was no reporting of change recorded in this reporting month.

Future Key Issues

Key issues to be considered in the coming month are anticipated to include:

- Hoarding and fencing erection, initial survey and base slab demolition;
- Site clearance and tree felling;
- Excavation works and base slab demolition;
- Pre-drilling works; and
- Box culvert extension works – Flow diversion of existing stream, base and wall slab construction.

Potential environmental impacts arising from the above construction activities are anticipated to be mainly associated with construction dust, noise, water quality and waste management.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Chun Wo Construction & Engineering Co Ltd (Chun Wo) was commissioned by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) as the Civil Contractor for the Entrusted Portion of Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling Stage 2. Meinhardt Infrastructure & Environment Ltd (MIEL) has been appointed by Chun Wo as the Environmental Team (ET) to fulfill the corresponding EM&A requirements pursuant to Environmental Permit No. EP-324/2008/A in accordance with the Updated EM&A Manual (dated October 2013) for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling Stage 2. The EM&A programme commenced in 5 November 2013.

1.1 Purpose of the Report

1.1.1 This is the first monthly EM&A Report which summaries the impact monitoring results and audit findings for the Project during the reporting period from 5 to 30 November 2013.

1.2 Report Structure

1.2.1 This monthly EM&A Report comprises the following sections:

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: Project Information
- Section 3: Air Quality Monitoring
- Section 4: Noise Monitoring
- Section 5: Water Monitoring
- Section 6: Waste Management
- Section 7: Environmental Site Inspection and Audit
- Section 8: Implementation Status of Environmental Mitigation Measures
- Section 9: Environmental Non-conformance
- Section 10: Future Key Issues
- Section 11: Conclusions and Recommendations

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 Background

2.1.1 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 1, which links Hong Kong Island to Shenzhen. At present, this section of Route 1 is a dual 3-lane carriageway. However, at several major interchanges along this section of Route 1, the highway is only dual-2 lane. Severe congestion is a frequent occurrence during peak periods, particularly in the Kowloon bound direction.

2.1.2 The objective of the 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.

2.1.3 The construction works for the Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling are to be delivered in 2 stages:

- Stage 1 – Construction works between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang; and
- Stage 2 – Construction works between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange.

2.1.4 The construction works of Stage 1 under the EP commenced in November 2009 and was planned to be completed in December 2013 tentatively. The works of Stage 2 was planned to commence in November 2013 and complete by end of 2016. Hyder-Arup-Black and Veatch Joint Venture (HABVJV) was appointed by the Highways Department (HyD) as the consultants for the design and construction assignment for the Project. Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Ltd is the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) of both Stage 1 and Stage 2 works.

2.1.5 A portion of Stage 2 works of Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling (hereafter called “the Project”) is entrusted to the contractor of Contract No. CV/2012/09 Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation and Infrastructure Works Contract 3, i.e. Chun Wo. AECOM Asia Co Ltd was appointed by the CEDD as the consultant for the design and construction assignment for the Liantang development.

2.1.6 The Project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) (Cap. 499). An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report together with an Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Manual were approved on 14 July 2000 (Register Number: EIA-043/2000). The Project is governed by an Environmental Permit (EP) (EP-324/2008) which was granted on 23 December 2008. A variation of EP (VEP) was applied and a VEP (EP-324/2008/A) was subsequently granted on 31 January 2012.

2.2 Site Description

2.2.1 The major construction activities under the Entrusted Portion of Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling Stage 2 include:

- At-Grade Road Works – Temporary and permanent road formation, pipe laying, road drainage, footpath and noise barrier construction;
- Demolition of existing Kiu Tau Footbridge and Footbridge Re-provision; and
- Box Culvert Extension – Flow diversion of existing stream, excavation, sub-base and blinding, base, wall and top slab construction.

2.2.2 **Figure 1** shows the works areas for the Entrusted Portion of Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling Stage 2.

2.3 Construction Programme and Activities

2.3.1 The major construction activities undertaken in the reporting month are summarized below:

- Hoarding and fencing erection, initial survey and base slab demolition;
- Site clearance and tree felling;
- Excavation works and base slab demolition;
- Pre-drilling works; and
- Box culvert extension works – Flow diversion of existing stream, base and wall slab construction.

2.3.2 The construction programme is presented in **Appendix A**.

2.4 Project Organisation

2.4.1 The project organization structure is shown in **Appendix B**. The key personnel contact names and numbers for the Project are summarised in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1 Contact Information of Key Personnel

Party	Role	Position	Name	Telephone	Fax
AECOM	Engineer's Representative	Senior Resident Engineer	Mr. Alan Lee	2472 7228	2472 0132
		Resident Engineer (Environmental)	Mr. Perry Yam	2674 2273	--
Mott MacDonald	Independent Environmental Checker (IEC)	IEC	Mr. Terence Kong	2828 5919	2827 1823
Chun Wo	Contractor	Site Agent	Mr. Daniel Ho	2638 6144	2638 7077
		Environmental Officer	Mr Victor Huang	2638 6115	
		Environmental Officer	Mr Sam Lam	2638 6147	
Meinhardt	Environmental Team (ET)	ET Leader	Mr. Fredrick Leong	2859 1739	2540 1580

2.5 Status of Environmental Licenses, Notification and Permits

2.5.1 The relevant environmental licenses, permits and/or notifications on environmental protection for this Project and valid in the reporting month are summarized in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.2 Status of Environmental Licenses, Notifications and Permits

Permit / License No. / Notification/ Reference No.	Valid Period		Status	Remarks
	From	To		
Environmental Permit				
EP-324/2008/A	31 Jan 2012	--	Valid	--
Construction Noise Permit				
GW-RN0663-13	17 Nov 2013	19 Jan 2014	Valid	For a section of Fanling Highway (slow lane)
Wastewater Discharge License				
WT00016832-2013	28 Aug 2013	31 Aug 2018	Valid	--
Chemical Waste Producer Registration				
5113-634-C3817-01	7 Oct 2013	--	Valid	--
Billing Account for Construction Waste Disposal				
7017914	2 Aug 2013	--	Account Active	--
Notification Under Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation				
--	31 Jul 2013	30 Jul 2019	Notified	--

3.0 AIR QUALITY MONITORING

3.1 Monitoring Requirement

3.1.1 In accordance with the Updated EM&A Manual, 1-hr and 24-hr total suspended particulate (TSP) levels at the designated air quality monitoring station are required. Impact 24-hour TSP monitoring should be carried out for at least once every 6 days. For the 1-hr TSP impact monitoring, the sampling frequency of at least three times in every 6 days should be undertaken when the highest dust impact occurs.

3.2 Monitoring Equipment

3.2.1 The 24-hr TSP air quality monitoring was performed using a High Volume Sampler (HVS), of which its location and operation satisfy, as far as practicable, all the requirements as specified in the Updated EM&A Manual. A portable direct reading dust meter, which was proven to be capable of achieving comparable results as that of the HVS, was used to carry out the 1-hr TSP monitoring. The brand and model of the equipment are given in **Table 3.1**.

Table 3.1 Air Quality Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Brand and Model	Quantity	Serial Number
Portable direct reading dust meter (1-hr TSP)	Sibata Digital Dust Monitor (Model No. AM 510)	1	11302029
High Volume Sampler (24-hr TSP)	Tisch Total Suspended Particulate Mass Flow Controlled High Volume Air Sampler (Model No. TE-5170 MFC)	1	2359

3.2.2 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.

3.2.3 Calibration of the HVS (five point calibration) using Calibration Kit was carried out every two months. The HVS calibration orifice and the portable direct reading dust meter will be calibrated annually. Calibration certificate of the TE-5025A Calibration Kit, the portable direct reading dust meter and the HVS are provided in **Appendix C**.

3.3 Monitoring Location

3.3.1 Air quality monitoring was conducted at the location specified in the Updated EM&A Manual. **Table 3.2** describes the details of the air quality monitoring station with its location as shown in **Figure 2**.

Table 3.2 Location of Air Quality Monitoring

Air Monitoring Station ID	Monitoring Location	Description
AM1 ⁽¹⁾ ; SR77 ⁽¹⁾	Yuen Leng 2 ⁽¹⁾	Residential, Ground floor

Remark:

(1) Location / Station / ASR ID as identified in Updated EM&A Manual / EIA Report for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

3.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

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

Table 3.3 Air Quality Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Parameter	Frequency and Duration
1-hour TSP	At least three times in every 6 days should be undertaken when the highest dust impact occur
24-hour TSP	Once every 6 days

3.5 Monitoring Methodology

24-hr TSP Monitoring

3.5.1 With the consideration of criteria stated in the Updated EM&A Manual, the HVS was installed in the vicinity of the air sensitive receivers.

3.5.2 The relevant data including temperature, pressure, weather conditions, elapsed-time meter reading for the start and stop of the sampler, identification and weight of the filter paper, and any special phenomena observed were recorded. The weather information was referenced from Hong Kong Observatory (<http://www.weather.gov.hk/wxinfo/pastwx/extractc.htm>).

3.5.3 A HOKLAS accredited laboratory, ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd (HOKLAS no.: 066), with constant temperature and humidity control, and equipped with necessary measuring and conditioning instruments, to handle the 24-hr TSP samples, was employed for sample analysis, and equipment calibration and maintenance.

3.5.4 Filter papers of size 8"x10" were labelled before sampling. They were inspected to be clean with no pin holes and conditioned in a humidity controlled chamber for over 24-hr and were pre-weighed before use for the sampling.

3.5.5 The 24-hr TSP levels were measured by following the standard high volume sampling method for TSP as set out in the Title 40 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 (Part 50), Appendix B. TSP was sampled by drawing air through a conditioned, pre-weighted filter paper inside the HVS at a controlled air flow rate. After 24-hr sampling, the filter papers loaded with dust were kept in a clean and tightly sealed plastic bag, and then returned to the laboratory for reconditioning in the humidity controlled chamber followed by accurate weighing by an electronic balance with a readout down to 0.1 mg.

3.5.6 All the collected samples were kept in a good condition for 6 months before disposal.

1-hr TSP Monitoring

3.5.7 The 1-hr TSP measurement followed manufacturer's instruction manual. Before initiating a measurement, zeroing the portable dust monitor was carried out to ensure maximum accuracy of concentration measurements.

3.5.8 The 1-hr TSP was sampled by drawing air into the portable dust monitor where particular concentrations were measured instantaneously with an in-built silicon detector sensing light scattered by the particulates in the sampled air. Continuous TSP levels were indicated and logged by a built-in data logger compatible with Windows based program to facilitate data collection, analysis and reporting.

3.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting month

3.6.1 The schedule for environmental monitoring in November 2013 is provided in **Appendix D**.

3.7 Monitoring Results

3.7.1 The monitoring results for 1-hr and 24-hr TSP are summarised in **Tables 3.4** and **3.5** respectively. Detailed air quality monitoring results and graphical presentation of air quality monitoring data are presented in **Appendix E**.

Table 3.4 Summary of 1-hr TSP Monitoring Results

1-hr TSP Levels	Average ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Range ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Action Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Limit Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
SR77 (AM1) ⁽¹⁾	112.7	83.0 – 155.0	292.7	500

Remark:

(1) Station / ASR ID as identified in Updated EM&A Manual / EIA Report for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

Table 3.5 Summary of 24-hr TSP Monitoring Results

ASR ID	Average ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Range ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Action Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Limit Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
SR77 (AM1) ⁽¹⁾	163.4	61.1 – 282.2	170.3	260

Remark:

(1) Station / ASR ID as identified in Updated EM&A Manual / EIA Report for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

3.7.2 Two (2) Action Level exceedances of 24-hour TSP monitoring were recorded on 16 and 22 November 2013 while one (1) Limit Level exceedance was recorded on 28 November 2013 at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month. Investigation reports of the exceedances are being prepared, and it will be reported during next reporting period.

3.7.3 No exceedance of Action and Limit Level was recorded for 1-hour TSP monitoring at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month.

3.7.4 The Event and Action Plan for the occurrence of non-compliance of the air quality criteria is annexed in **Appendix F**.

3.7.5 Details of influencing factors such as weather conditions and site observation are presented in **Appendix E**.

4.0 NOISE MONITORING

4.1 Monitoring Requirements

4.1.1 In accordance with the Updated EM&A Manual, the impact noise monitoring frequency shall depend on the scale of the construction activities. An initial guide on the regular monitoring frequency should be at least once per week when noise generating activities are underway.

4.2 Monitoring Equipment

4.2.1 Noise monitoring was performed using a sound level meter at the monitoring station. The sound level meter deployed complies with the International Electrotechnical Commission Publications 651:1979 (Type 1) and 804:1985 (Type 1) specifications. An acoustic calibrator was deployed to check the sound level meter at a known sound pressure level. The brand and model of the equipment is given in **Table 4.1**.

Table 4.1 Noise Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Brand and Model	Quantity	Serial Number
Integrated Sound Level Meter	Rion (Model No. NL-52)	1	00220553
Acoustic Calibrator	B&K (Model No. 4231)	1	2685684

4.2.2 The sound level meter and acoustic calibrator were verified by the certified laboratory once every two years. Calibration certificates of the sound level meter and acoustic calibrator are provided in **Appendix C**.

4.3 Monitoring Locations

4.3.1 Impact noise monitoring was conducted at the location specified in the Updated EM&A Manual. **Table 4.2** describes the details of the noise monitoring station with its location as shown in **Figure 2**.

Table 4.2 Location of Noise Monitoring

Noise Monitoring Station ID	Monitoring Location	Description
M1 ⁽¹⁾ , SR77 ⁽¹⁾	Yuen Leng 2 ⁽¹⁾	Residential, Ground floor

Remark:

(1) Location / Station / NSR ID as identified in Updated EM&A Manual / EIA Report for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

4.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

4.4.1 **Table 4.3** summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of impact noise monitoring.

Table 4.3 Noise Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

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

4.5 Monitoring Methodology

4.5.1 The monitoring procedures are summarised as below:

- (a) The microphone head of the sound level meter was positioned 1m exterior of the noise sensitive facade and lowered sufficiently so that the building's external wall acts as a reflecting surface.
- (b) The battery condition was checked to ensure good functioning of the meter.
- (c) 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) parameters: L_{eq} , L_{10} and L_{90}
 - (iv) time measurement: L_{eq} (30-minutes) during non-restricted hours i.e. 07:00 – 1900 hrs on normal weekdays; L_{eq} (5-minutes) during restricted hours i.e. 19:00 – 23:00 hrs and 23:00 – 07:00 hrs of normal weekdays, whole day of Sundays and Public Holidays
- (d) 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 1dB(A), the measurement would be considered invalid and repeat of noise measurement would be required after re-calibration or repair of the equipment.
- (e) At the end of 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.
- (f) A façade correction of +3dB (A) shall be made to the noise parameter obtained by free field measurement.

4.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

4.6.1 The schedule for environmental monitoring in November 2013 is provided in **Appendix D**.

4.7 Monitoring Results

4.7.1 The monitoring results for noise are summarized in **Table 4.4** and the monitoring data and the graphical presentation of noise level monitoring data are presented in **Appendix G**.

Table 4.4 Summary of Noise Monitoring Results

Noise Monitoring Station ID	Average, dB(A), L_{eq} (30min) ⁽²⁾	Range, dB(A), L_{eq} (30min) ⁽²⁾	Action Level	Limit Level, dB(A)
SR77 (M1) ⁽¹⁾	70.1	67.6 – 71.5	When one documented valid complaint is received	75

Remark:

(1) Station / NSR ID as identified in Updated EM&A Manual / EIA Report for Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling

(2) +3dB(A) façade correction included

- 4.7.2 Major noise sources during the noise monitoring included construction activities of the Project and that along Tai Wo Service Road East, and nearby traffic noise.
- 4.7.3 No noise complaint was received in the reporting month; hence, no Action Level exceedance was recorded.
- 4.7.4 No Limit Level exceedance of noise was recorded in the reporting month.
- 4.7.5 The Event and Action Plan for the occurrence of non-compliance of the noise criteria is annexed in **Appendix F**.

5.0 WATER MONITORING

5.1 Monitoring Requirements

5.1.1 In accordance with the Updated EM&A Manual, during the course of the culvert extension works, monitoring shall be undertaken on three occasions per week. The interval between two sets of monitoring shall not be less than 36 hours except where there are exceedances of Action and/or Limit levels.

5.2 Monitoring Equipment

5.2.1 The equipment used in the water quality monitoring programme is summarised in **Table 5.1**.

Table 5.1 Water Quality Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Model and Make
Multimeter (Scope of Test: Conductivity, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Salinity and Temperature)	YSI ProPlus (Serial no. 10D101565)
Turbidity meter	HACH Model 2100 Q (Serial no. 12010C015757)

5.2.2 The monitoring instruments were checked, calibrated and certified by a laboratory accredited under HOKLAS before use and subsequently re-calibrated at 3-monthly intervals throughout all stages of the water quality monitoring. Copies of the calibration certificates for the water quality monitoring equipment are attached in **Appendix C**.

5.3 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

5.3.1 Measurements for each monitoring station were conducted 3 days per week for 4 weeks between 5 November 2013 and 30 November 2013. **Table 5.2** summarises the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of the baseline water quality monitoring.

Table 5.2 Water Quality Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Monitoring Stations	Parameter, unit	Frequency
Control Stations: C3a and C3b Impact Station: I5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth, m • Temperature, °C • Salinity, ppt • pH • DO, mg/L • DO Saturation, % • Turbidity, NTU • SS, mg/L 	3 days per week

5.4 Monitoring Locations

5.4.1 According to the Updated EM&A Manual, measurements were taken at all impact and control stations as summarised in **Table 5.3**. The locations of the monitoring stations are shown in **Figure 3**.

Table 5.3 Locations of Water Quality Monitoring

Station	Description	Easting	Northing
I5	Downstream of Ma Wat River (Yuen Leng)	833931	837859
C3a	Upstream of Ma Wat River (Nam Wa Po)	833816	837644
C3b	Upstream of Ma Wat River (Yuen Leng)	833931	837736

5.5 Monitoring Methodology

Instrumentation

- 5.5.1 The parameters of *in-situ* measurements included water depth, dissolved oxygen (DO), dissolved oxygen saturation (DOS), turbidity level, pH value and water temperature.

Operating/Analytical Procedures

- 5.5.2 Since water depths for all monitoring stations were less than 1m throughout the whole baseline measurement period, only mid-depth level was monitored.
- 5.5.3 At each monitoring station, at least duplicate readings of dissolved oxygen content and turbidity were taken. The probes were retrieved out of the water after the first measurement and then re-deployed for the second measurement.
- 5.5.4 Water samples were collected by the water sampler and filled into polyethylene bottles for laboratory determination of suspended solids. Sampling bottles were pre-rinsed with the same water samples, and filled up to the rim, capped tightly and labeled immediately. The sample bottles were then packed into a cool-box kept at 4°C, and delivered to a HOKLAS accredited laboratory, ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd for analysis. The results for laboratory analysis of suspended solids are presented in **Appendix H**.

5.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

- 5.6.1 The schedule for environmental monitoring in November 2013 is provided in **Appendix D**.

5.7 Monitoring Results

- 5.7.1 The water quality criteria, namely Action and Limit Levels, as specified in the Updated EM&A Manual are shown in **Table 5.4**.

Table 5.4 Action and Limit Levels for Water Quality Monitoring

Parameters	Action	Limit
DO in mg/L	6.7 mg/L	4 mg/L or 40% saturation at 15 degree Celsius
SS in mg/L	42.6 mg/L or 120% of upstream control station's SS of the same day	46.8 mg/L or 130% of upstream station's SS of the same day and specific sensitive receiver water quality requirements
Turbidity (Tby) in NTU	81.9 mg/L or 120% of upstream control station's Tby of the same day	91.9 mg/L or 130% of upstream control station's Tby of the same day

Notes:

- (1) For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.
- (2) For SS and Tby, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.

- 5.7.2 The detailed water quality monitoring results and graphical presentation of water quality monitoring data are presented in **Appendix I**.
- 5.7.3 The possible influences in monitoring results were suspected to be the domestic discharges, and possible erosion of silt after rainfall at up-stream locations.
- 5.7.4 Two (2) exceedances of water quality limit (i.e. Action Level) of DO were recorded on 9 and 18 November 2013 in the reporting month. Investigation of the exceedances had been conducted which concluded that the exceedances were not due to project works. The investigation reports for the incidents are presented in **Appendix L**.
- 5.7.5 The Event and Action Plan for the occurrence of non-compliance of the water quality criteria is annexed in **Appendix F**.

6.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1.1 The Contractor has registered as a chemical waste producer of the Project. The C&D materials and waste sorting were carried out on-site. Receptacles were provided for general refuse collection.
- 6.1.2 As advised by the Contractor, 878m³ of inert C&D materials was generated and disposed of at public fill to Tuen Mun Area 38, while 32,160kg of general refuse was disposed of at North East New Territories (NENT) Landfill. No paper/cardboard packaging, plastics and metals were collected by recycling contractor in the reporting month. 473m³ of inert C&D materials were reused on site. No chemical waste was collected by licensed contractor in the reporting period. Details of the waste management data are presented in **Appendix J**.
- 6.1.3 The Contractor was advised to properly maintain the on-site C&D materials and waste collection, sorting and recording system, and maximize the reuse/recycle of C&D materials and wastes. The Contractor was also reminded to properly maintain the site tidiness and dispose of wastes accumulated site regularly and properly.
- 6.1.4 The Contractor was reminded that chemical waste containers should be properly treated and stored temporarily in the designated chemical waste storage area on-site in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Wastes.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INSPECTION AND AUDIT

7.1 Site Inspection

- 7.1.1 Site inspections were carried out on a weekly basis to monitor the implementation of proper environmental pollution control and mitigation measures for the Project. A summary of the site inspection is provided in **Appendix K**.
- 7.1.2 In the reporting month, 4 site inspections were carried out on 5, 13, 18 and 26 November 2013. The one held on 26 November 2013 was a joint inspection with the IEC, ER, ET and Contractor. No site inspection was conducted by the EPD during the reporting month. No non-compliance was recorded during the site inspection. A summary of the reminders and observations recorded during the site inspections are presented in **Table 7.1**.

Table 7.1 Observations and Recommendations of Site Audit

Parameters	Date	Observations and Recommendations	Follow-up
Water Quality	5 Nov 2013	<u>Reminder:</u> The Contractor was reminded to implement proper mitigation measures (e.g. sand bags) to avoid earth, mud and debris leaving the works area via storm water drainage (i.e. manholes).	The Contractor has blocked the manholes as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 13 November 2013.
	13 Nov 2013	<u>Observation:</u> A few chemical drums were observed without drip tray. The Contractor should ensure the provision of drip tray to avoid spillage.	The Contractor has provided drip tray for the chemical drums as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 18 November 2013.
	13 Nov 2013	<u>Reminder:</u> The Contractor was reminded to enhance the efficiency of the washed water collection channel for the wheel washing area.	The improvement of wheel washing facility was in progress, and the Contractor has provided sufficient sand bag as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 18 November 2013.
	26 Nov 2013	<u>Observation:</u> A water pump at the box culvert works area was connected directly to the river. The Contractor should either remove the pump or connect it to water treatment facility before discharge.	The Contractor has removed the water pump which directly connected to the river as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 04 December 2013.
	26 Nov 2013	<u>Observation:</u> An oil drum was observed without secondary containment. The Contractor should ensure the provision of drip trays for all chemical/oil containers.	The Contractor has provided drip tray for the chemical container as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 04 December 2013.
	26 Nov 2013	<u>Reminder:</u> The Contractor was reminded to regularly inspect and maintain the performance of the AquaSed.	The performance of the AquaSed was improved as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 04 December 2013.
Air Quality	N/A	N/A	N/A
Noise	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waste / Chemical Management	N/A	N/A	N/A

Parameters	Date	Observations and Recommendations	Follow-up
Landscape & Visual	13 Nov 2013	<u>Reminder:</u> The Contractor was reminded to ensure the provision of tree protection zone for all existing trees to be transplanted or retained.	The tree protection zone has been erected for the trees, as observed during the ET weekly site inspection on 26 November 2013.
Permits / Licenses	N/A	N/A	N/A

8.0 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES

8.1.1 The Contractor has implemented the relevant environmental mitigation measures as specified in the EIA Reports, EPs and updated EM&A Manual. The implementation status of environmental mitigation measures during the reporting period is summarized in **Appendix K**. The status of the required submissions under the EP during the reporting period is summarized in **Table 8.1**.

Table 8.1 Status of Required Submission under Environmental Permit

EP Condition	Submission	Submission Date
Condition 2.6	Landscape Plan	4 Nov 2013

9.0 ENVIRONMENTAL NON-CONFORMANCE

9.1 Summary of Monitoring Exceedances

- 9.1.1 Two (2) Action Level exceedances of 24-hour TSP monitoring were recorded on 16 and 22 November 2013 while one (1) Limit Level exceedance was recorded on 28 November 2013 at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month. The investigation reports of the exceedances are under process. It will be reported during next reporting period.
- 9.1.2 All 1-hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Levels in the reporting month.
- 9.1.3 No noise complaint was received in the reporting month; hence, no Action Level exceedance was recorded. No Limit Level exceedance for noise was recorded in the reporting month.
- 9.1.4 Two (2) exceedances of water quality limit (i.e. Action Level) of DO were recorded on 9 and 18 November 2013 in the reporting month. The investigation of exceedances had been conducted which concluded that the exceedances were not due to Project works. The investigation reports for the incidents are attached in **Appendix L**.

9.2 Summary of Environmental Non-Compliance

- 9.2.1 No environmental non-compliance was recorded in the reporting month.

9.3 Summary of Environmental Complaints

- 9.3.1 A complaint regarding water quality of Ma Wat River was received on 26 November 2013. The ET had conducted investigations for the complaint which was considered as an invalid complaint under this Project. The cumulative statistics are provided in **Appendix M**.

9.4 Summary of Environmental Summon and Successful Prosecutions

- 9.4.1 No environmental related prosecution or notification of summons was received in the reporting month. The cumulative statistics are provided in **Appendix M**.

10.0 FUTURE KEY ISSUES

10.1 Construction Programme for the Next Month

10.1.1 The major construction works in the coming reporting month are anticipated to include:

- Hoarding and fencing erection, initial survey and base slab demolition;
- Site clearance and tree felling;
- Excavation works and base slab demolition;
- Pre-drilling works; and
- Box culvert extension works – Flow diversion of existing stream, base and wall slab construction.

10.2 Key Issues for the Coming Month

10.2.1 Key issues to be considered in the coming month are anticipated to include:

- Site runoff should be properly collected and treated prior to discharge;
- Properly maintain all drainage facilities and wheel washing facilities on site;
- Chemical, chemical waste and waste management;
- Tree protective measures for all retained trees should be well maintained; and
- Expose slopes and dusty stockpile should be covered up properly if no temporary work will be conducted.

10.3 Monitoring Schedule for the Next Month

10.3.1 The tentative schedule for environmental monitoring in the coming reporting month is provided in **Appendix C**.

11.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Conclusions

- 11.1.1 The construction phase EM&A programme of the Project commenced on 5 November 2013.
- 11.1.2 The 1-hr TSP, 24-hr TSP, noise and water monitoring were carried out in the reporting period.
- 11.1.3 Two (2) Action Level exceedances of 24-hour TSP monitoring were recorded on 16 and 22 November 2013 while one (1) Limit Level exceedance was recorded on 28 November 2013 at the monitoring location (SR77) in the reporting month. The investigation reports of the exceedances are under process. It will be reported during next reporting period.
- 11.1.4 No Action and Limit Level exceedance for construction noise and 1-hour TSP monitoring was recorded in the reporting period.
- 11.1.5 Two (2) exceedances of water quality limit (i.e. Action Level) of DO were recorded on 9 and 18 November 2013 in the reporting month. The investigation of exceedances had been conducted which concluded that the exceedances were not due to project works.
- 11.1.6 Environmental site inspection was carried out for 4 times in November 2013. Recommendations on remedial actions were given to the Contractors for the deficiencies identified during the site audit.
- 11.1.7 A complaint regarding the water quality of Ma Wat River was received on 26 November 2013. The ET had conducted investigations for the complaint which was considered as an invalid complaint under this Project.

11.2 Recommendations

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

Water Quality

- Implement proper mitigation measures (e.g. sand bags) to avoid earth, mud and debris leaving the works area via storm water drainage;
- Ensure the provision of drip tray to avoid spillage;
- Enhance the efficiency of the washed water collection channel for the wheel washing area;
- Ensure water treatment implemented before discharge; and
- Ensure drainage facilities erosion and sediment control structures are well maintained and inspected regularly.

Landscape & Visual

- Ensure the provision of tree protection zone for all existing trees to be transplanted or retained.