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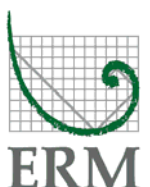
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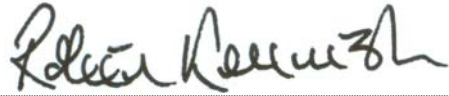



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FOR CONTAMINATED MUD PITS AT SHA CHAU
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1.1 BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the East of Sha Chau area has been the site of a series of dredged contaminated mud pits (CMPs) designed to provide confined marine disposal capacity for contaminated mud arising from the HKSAR's dredging and reclamation projects. CMP IVc is presently in operation for backfilling by contaminated mud and is anticipated to reach its capacity in 2011. A series of four newly constructed seabed pits at the East of Sha Chau area, CMP Va-d, will be provided for the disposal of contaminated mud after CMP IVc is full. Dredging operations were completed for the construction of CMP Va-b and are now taking place to construct CMP Vc. The environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the CMPs at the East of Sha Chau area presently covers disposal and capping operations at CMP IV and dredging operations at CMP Vc.

1.2 REPORTING PERIOD

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

1.3 DETAILS OF SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING ACTIVITIES

No field sampling was scheduled for CMP IV in November 2011.

For CMP V, sampling for *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* was conducted on 4 November 2011. A summary of field activities are presented in *Annex A*.

A summary of monitoring data submitted by the Contractor in this reporting month is presented in *Table 1.1*.

Table 1.1 *Summary of monitoring data submitted by the Contractor during the reporting month*

Key Task	Monitoring Component	Results Received from the Contractor
CMP V		
Impact Monitoring during Dredging Operations	Water Quality	October 2011 sampling: 28 November 2011

1.4 *DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND/OR ANALYSIS*

No outstanding sampling and laboratory analysis remained from November 2011.

1.5 *BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE MONITORING RESULTS*

1.5.1 *CMP V*

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

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V was conducted on 4 November 2011. On the survey day, sampling was conducted during both mid-ebb and mid-flood tides at two Reference (Upstream) stations upstream and five Impact (Downstream) stations downstream of the dredging operations at CMP Vc (*Figure 1.1*). Monitoring was also conducted at the Ma Wan station. At each station, *in-situ* measurements of water quality parameters as well as water samples were taken from three depths in the water column (ie surface: 1 m below sea surface, mid-depth and bottom: 1 m above the seabed).

Monitoring results are presented in *Table B1* of *Annex B*. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) generally complied with the Action and Limit Levels set in the *Baseline Monitoring Report* ⁽¹⁾. Levels of TSS and Turbidity exceeded the Action Levels in the downstream station DS1 during the mid-flood tide. Station DS1 is located on the edge of the works area of CMP Vc (*Figure 1.1*) and the compliance of Action and Limit Levels at other downstream stations (i.e. DS2-4) outside the works area would indicate that there is no evidence of any unacceptable adverse water quality impacts arising from the dredging operations of CMP Vc at ESC. No additional measures are thus considered required.

1.6 *ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH*

The following monitoring programmes will be conducted in the next monthly period of December 2011:

- *Water Column Profiling* for CMP IV;
- *Water Quality Monitoring during Capping* for CMP IV;
- *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry* for CMP IV;

(1) ERM (2009) *Baseline Monitoring Report. Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at Sha Chau (2009-2013) – Investigation*. Agreement No. CE 4/2009(EP). Submitted to EPD in September 2009.

- *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry* for CMP IV;
- *Sediment Toxicity Tests* for CMP IV;
- *Benthic Recolonisation Studies* for CMP IV; and
- *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* for CMP V.

The sampling schedule is presented in *Annex A*.

1.7

STUDY PROGRAMME

A summary of the Study Programme is presented in *Annex C*.

Annex A

Sampling Schedule

			2009												2010												2011											
Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry	Code	Frequency	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Active-Pit	NCA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	NCB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Pit-Edge	CPA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	CPB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Near-Pit	CNA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	CNB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Near-field Stations	RNA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RNB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Mid-field Stations	RMA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RMB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Capped Pit Stations	RCA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RCB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Far-Field Stations	RFA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RFB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Sediment Toxicity Tests			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Near-Field Stations	TCA	2 times per year	3					3					3					3					3				3					3						
	TCB	2 times per year	3					3					3					3					3				3					3						
Reference Stations	TRA	2 times per year	3					3					3					3					3				3					3						
	TRB	2 times per year	3					3					3					3					3				3					3						
Tissue/Whole Body Sampling			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Near-Pit Stations	INA	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	INB	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Reference North	TNA	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	TNB	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Reference South	TSA	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	TSB	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Demersal Trawling			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
Near Pit Stations	INA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
	INB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
Reference North	TNA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
	TNB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
Reference South	TSA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
	TSB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5				5	5			5	5				5						
Capping			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
<i>Ebb Tide</i>																																						
Impact Station Downcurrent	IPE1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	IPE2	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	IPE3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	IPE4	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	PFC1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INE1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	INE2	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	INE3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	INE4	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	INE5	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFE1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFE2	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFE3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFE4	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFE5	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
<i>Flood Tide</i>																																						
Impact Station Downcurrent	INF1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	PFC2	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	INF3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	IPF1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
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	IPF3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFF1	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFF2	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
	RFF3	4 times per year	3					3	3				3	3				3	3				3	3			3	3				3						
Routine Water Quality Monitoring			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D						
<i>Ebb Tide</i>																																						
Impact Station Downcurrent	IPE1	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	IPE2	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	IPE3	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	IPE4	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	IPE5	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INE1	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	INE2	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	INE3	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	INE4	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	INE5	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFE1	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RFE2	2 times per year	*					*					*					*					*				*					*						
	RFE3	2 times per year	*					*					*					*																				

Annex B

Monitoring Results

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

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	Average DO Levels (mg/L)		Average Turbidity Level (NTU)	Average TSS Level (mg/L)
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth		
2011/11/04	ME	DS1	5.94	6.10	6.48	6.50
		DS2	5.92	6.05	6.86	7.67
		DS3	5.98	6.09	6.48	6.50
		DS4	6.00	6.13	5.52	6.00
		DS5	5.98	6.10	6.70	11.17
		MW1	5.81	5.87	3.19	4.00
		US1	6.02	6.09	8.53	9.83
		US2	5.95	6.10	12.48	11.83
	MF	DS1	5.75	5.91	31.76	41.00
		DS2	5.69	5.98	13.84	12.67
		DS3	5.93	6.05	6.96	5.17
		DS4	5.83	5.98	7.51	7.00
		DS5	5.87	6.14	5.23	4.50
		MW1	5.73	5.81	6.75	6.17
		US1	5.70	6.01	12.63	11.83
		US2	5.78	6.10	13.79	13.50

Notes:

1. Cell shaded yellow indicates value exceeding the Action Level.

Annex C

Study Programme

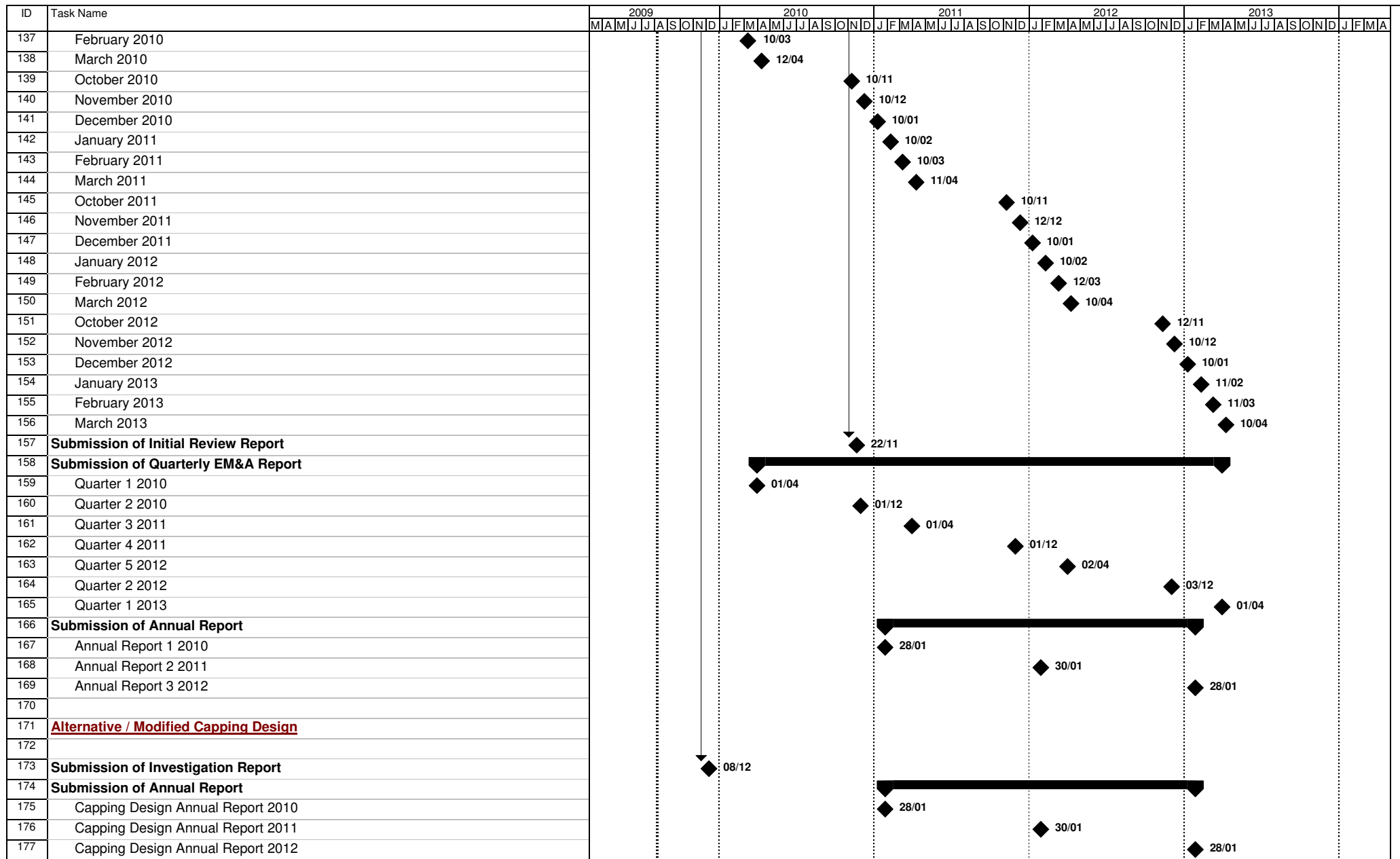


Figure 4.1 - Study Programme

