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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Global Acoustics was engaged by Borg Manufacturing Pty Ltd to undertake attended noise monitoring at sites around the Borg panel manufacturing facility (Borg) at Oberon, NSW.

The survey purpose was to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with limits specified in the Development Consent and Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP).

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the evening and night period on 26 March 2018 and the day period on 27 March 2018. There were 4 attended monitoring locations as listed in Table 1.1 and shown in Figure 1.

Attended monitoring was conducted in general accordance with the EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI) guidelines and Australian Standard AS 1055 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise'.

Operational Noise Assessment

Borg operations complied with the relevant noise limits during the annual survey at all monitoring locations.

Low Frequency Noise Assessment

A low frequency noise assessment was carried out in accordance with the EPA's NPfI. Low frequency modifying factors, where applicable, did not result in any exceedances of Borg noise limits during the survey.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

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The survey purpose was to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with limits specified in the Development Consent and Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP).

The ONMP recommends annual noise monitoring be conducted during the winter period, as this season represents the likely worst-case season due to temperature inversions. The ONMP was approved on 21 December 2017 and as annual monitoring had not been undertaken for the 2017-18 reporting period (01 May 2017 - 30 April 2018) monitoring was conducted in March 2018. Borg will endeavour to undertake future annual noise monitoring during the winter period.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the evening and night period on 26 March 2018 and the day period on 27 March 2018.

1.2 Monitoring Locations

There were 4 attended monitoring locations as listed in Table 1.1 and shown in Figure 1.

Table 1.1: ATTENDED MONITORING LOCATIONS

| Report Descriptor | Monitoring Location |
|-------------------|--|
| NM1 | Oberon Caravan Park |
| NM2 | Intersection of Pine Street and Herborn Street |
| NM3 | 127 Hazelgrove Road |
| NM4 | Intersection of Tasman Street and Earl Street |



Figure 1: Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

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1.3 Terminology & Abbreviations

Some definitions of terms and abbreviations, which may be used in this report, are provided in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2: TERMINOLOGY & ABBREVIATIONS

| Descriptor | Definition |
|-------------------|---|
| LA | The A-weighted root mean squared (RMS) noise level at any instant |
| L _{Amax} | The maximum A-weighted noise level over a time period or for an event |
| L _{A1} | The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time |
| L _{A10} | The noise level which is exceeded for 10 percent of the time, which is approximately the average of the maximum noise levels |
| L_{A50} | The noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time |
| L _{A90} | The level exceeded for 90 percent of the time, which is approximately the average of the minimum noise levels. The L _{A90} level is often referred to as the "background" noise level and is commonly used to determine noise criteria for assessment purposes |
| L _{Amin} | The minimum A-weighted noise level over a time period or for an event |
| L _{Aeq} | The average noise energy during a measurement period |
| dB(A) | Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The "A" weighting scale is used to describe human response to noise |
| SPL | Sound pressure level (SPL), fluctuations in pressure measured as 10 times a logarithmic scale, the reference pressure being 20 micropascals |
| Hertz (Hz) | Cycles per second, the frequency of fluctuations in pressure, sound is usually a combination of many frequencies together |
| VTG | Vertical temperature gradient in degrees Celsius per 100 metres altitude. Estimated from wind speed and sigma theta data |
| IA | Inaudible. When site only noise is noted as IA, there was no noise from the source of interest audible at the monitoring location |
| NM | Not Measurable. If site only noise is noted as NM, this means some noise from the source of interest was audible at low-levels, but could not be quantified |
| Day | This is the period 7:00am to 6:00pm |
| Evening | This is the period 6:00pm to 10:00pm |
| Night | This is the period 10:00pm to 7:00am |

2 CONSENT AND CRITERIA

All monitoring reported in this document has been carried out in general accordance with the Development Consent (the Consent) dated 29 May 2017 (SSD 7016) and the ONMP.

2.1 Development Consent and Project Specific Criteria

The sections of the Consent relating to noise are reproduced in Appendix A.

Table 2 in Schedule B of the Consent outlines the day, evening and night period impact assessment criteria, which have been reproduced in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

| Location | Day L _{Aeq,15minute} dB | Evening L _{Aeq} ,15minute dB | Night LAeq,15minute dB |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| All sensitive receivers | 55 | 50 | 45 |

As described in the Consent, noise generated by Borg is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP), as follows:

- during rain and wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

2.2 Modifying Factors

The EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI, 2018) was approved for use in NSW in October 2018, and supersedes the EPA's Industrial Noise Policy (INP, 2000). Assessment and reporting of modifying factors is to be carried out in accordance with Fact Sheet C of the NPfI.

NPfI modifying factors, as they are applicable to mining noise, are described in more detail below.

2.2.1 Tonality and Intermittent Noise

As defined in the Noise Policy for Industry:

Tonal noise contains a prominent frequency and is characterised by a definite pitch.

Intermittent noise is noise where the level suddenly drops/increases several times during the assessment period, with a noticeable change in source noise level of at least 5 dB(A); for example, equipment cycling on and off. The intermittency correction is not intended to be applied to changes in noise level due to meteorology.

There were no intermittent noise sources from site during the survey. In addition, there is no equipment on site that is likely to generate tonal noise as defined in the NPfI.

2.2.2 Low Frequency Noise

As defined in the Noise Policy for Industry:

Low frequency noise is noise with an unbalanced spectrum and containing major components within the low-frequency range (10 – 160 Hz) of the frequency spectrum.

The NPfI contains the current method of assessing low frequency noise, which is a 2 step process as detailed below:

Measure/assess source contribution C-weighted and A-weighted L_{eq} , *T levels over the same time period. The low frequency noise modifying factor correction is to be applied where the C-A level is 15 dB or more and:*

• where any of the 1/3 octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by **up to and including** 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 2 dBA positive adjustment to measured A weighted levels applies for the evening/night period; and

• where any of the 1/3 octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by **more than** 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 5 dBA positive adjustment to measured A weighted levels applies for the evening/night period and a 2 dBA positive adjustment applies for the daytime period.

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Table C2 and associated notes from the NPfI is reproduced below:

| Hz/dB(Z) | One-third octave L _{Zeq,15min} threshold level | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Frequency (Hz) | 10 | 12.5 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 31.5 | 40 | 50 | 63 | 80 | 100 | 125 | 160 |
| dB(Z) | 92 | 89 | 86 | 77 | 69 | 61 | 54 | 50 | 50 | 48 | 48 | 46 | 44 |

Table C2: One-third octave low-frequency noise thresholds.

Notes:

dB(Z) = decibel (Z frequency weighted).

 For the assessment of low-frequency noise, care should be taken to select a wind screen that can protect the microphone from wind-induced noise characteristics at least 10 dB below the threshold values in Table C2 for

wind speeds up to 5 metres per second. It is likely that high performance larger diameter wind screens (nominally 175 mm) will be required to achieve this performance (Hessler, 2008). In any case, the performance of the wind screen and wind speeds at which data will be excluded needs to be stated.

- Low-frequency noise corrections only apply under the standard and/or noise-enhancing meteorological conditions.
- Where a receiver location has had architectural acoustic treatment applied (including alternative means of mechanical ventilation satisfying the Building Code of Australia) by a proponent, as part of consent requirements or as a private negotiated agreement, alternative external low-frequency noise assessment criteria may be proposed to account for the higher transmission loss of the building façade.
- Measurements should be made between 1.2 and 1.5 metres above ground level unless otherwise approved through a planning instrument (consent/approval) or environment protection licence, and at locations nominated in the development consent or licence.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Overview

All noise monitoring was conducted at locations representative of the nearest residences in accordance with EPA guidelines and Australian Standard AS1055 ' Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise' and the Consent and ONMP.

Meteorological data was obtained from the Borg weather station in Oberon. This data allowed correlation of atmospheric parameters and measured noise levels. Atmospheric condition measurement at ground level was also undertaken during attended monitoring.

3.2 Attended Noise Monitoring

Attended monitoring is preferred to the use of noise loggers when determining compliance with prescribed limits as it allows the most accurate determination of the contribution, if any, to measured noise levels by the source of interest, in this case Borg. The duration of each individual measurement was 15 minutes.

If the exact contribution of the source of interest cannot be established, due to masking by other noise sources in a similar frequency range, but site noise levels are observed to be well below (more than 5 dB lower than) any relevant criterion, a maximum estimate of the potential contribution of the site might be made based on other measured site-only noise levels, for example, L_{A10} , L_{A50} or L_{A90} . This is generally expressed as a 'less than' quantity, such as <20 dB or <30 dB.

The terms 'Inaudible' (IA) or 'Not Measurable' (NM) may also be used in this report. When site noise is noted as IA, no site noise was audible at the monitoring location. When site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified. If site noise was NM due to masking but estimated to be significant in relation to a relevant criterion, we would employ methods as per the NPfI (e.g. measure closer and back calculate) to determine a value for reporting.

Therefore, all sites noted as NM in this report are due to one or more of the following reasons:

- site noise levels were extremely low and unlikely, in many cases, to be even noticed;
- site noise levels were masked by another relatively loud noise source that is characteristic of the environment (e.g. breeze in foliage or continuous road traffic noise) that cannot be eliminated by moving closer; and/or
- it was not feasible or reasonable to employ methods such as move closer and back calculate. Cases may include, but are not limited to, rough terrain preventing closer measurement, addition/removal of significant source to receiver shielding caused by moving closer, and meteorological conditions where back calculation may not be accurate.

3.3 Modifying Factors

Years of monitoring have indicated that noise levels from the facility, particularly those measured at significant distances from the source are relatively continuous and broad spectrum. Given this, noise levels from Borg at the monitoring locations are unlikely to be intermittent or tonal.

Assessment of low-frequency modifying factors is necessary when application of the maximum correction could potentially result in an exceedance of the relevant site-only L_{Aeq} criterion. Low-frequency analysis is therefore undertaken for measurements in this report where:

- meteorological conditions resulted in criteria being applicable;
- contributions from Borg were audible and directly measurable, such that the site-only L_{Aeq} was not "NM" or less than a maximum cut off value (e.g. "<20 dB" or "<30dB");
- contributions from Borg were within 5 dB of the relevant L_{Aeq} criterion, as 5 dB is the maximum penalty that can be applied by low-frequency modifying factors; and
- Borg was the dominant low-frequency noise source.

All measurements meeting these conditions were evaluated for possible low frequency penalty applicability in accordance with the NPfI.

3.4 Monitoring Equipment

The equipment used to measure environmental noise levels is detailed in Table 3.1. Calibration certificates are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3.1: ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

| Model | Serial Number | Calibration Due Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Rion NA-28 sound level analyser | 960042 | 10/10/2019 |
| ND9 acoustic calibrator | N452838 | 30/06/2019 |

4 RESULTS

4.1 Attended Noise Monitoring

Total noise levels measured at each location are provided in Table 4.1.

| Location | Start Date and Time | L _{Amax} dB | L _{A1} dB | L _{A10} dB | L _{A50} dB | L _{Aeq} dB | L _{A90} dB | L _{Amin} dB |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| NM1 | 27/03/2018 10:45 | 64 | 54 | 49 | 45 | 47 | 43 | 42 |
| NM2 | 27/03/2018 10:25 | 61 | 52 | 48 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 41 |
| NM3 | 27/03/2018 11:45 | 64 | 57 | 45 | 39 | 44 | 36 | 32 |
| NM4 | 27/03/2018 11:08 | 64 | 55 | 49 | 46 | 48 | 44 | 42 |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 21:07 | 58 | 52 | 49 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 45 |
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 21:30 | 54 | 50 | 47 | 45 | 46 | 43 | 41 |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 20:25 | 50 | NA | NA | 41 | 42 | NA | NA |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 20:47 | 51 | 46 | 44 | 42 | 43 | 41 | 39 |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 23:02 | 53 | 47 | 46 | 45 | 45 | 43 | 42 |
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 22:31 | 48 | 43 | 41 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 35 |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 23:47 | 56 | 44 | 42 | 40 | 41 | 38 | 36 |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 23:22 | 52 | 46 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 34 |

Table 4.1: MEASURED NOISE LEVELS – ANNUAL 2017 - 2018¹

Notes: 1. Levels in this table are not necessarily the result of activity at Borg; and

2. 'NA' denotes data not available.

Table 4.2 compares measured LAeq,15minute levels from Borg with the Consent and ONMP noise criteria.

Table 4.2: LAeq,15minute GENERATED BY BORG AGAINST CRITERIA – ANNUAL 2017 - 2018

| Location | Start Date and Time | Wind Speed m/s ¹ | Stability Class ¹ | VTG °C per 100m ¹ | Criterion dB | Criterion Applies? ^{2,3} | Borg ^L Aeq,15min dB ⁴ | Exceedance 5,6 |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| NM1 | 27/03/2018 10:45 | 3.0 | В | -1.8 | 55 | Yes | 44 | Nil |
| NM2 | 27/03/2018 10:25 | 4.2 | D | -1.0 | 55 | No | 44 | NA |
| NM3 | 27/03/2018 11:45 | 3.1 | В | -1.8 | 55 | No | <30 | NA |
| NM4 | 27/03/2018 11:08 | 3.6 | А | -2.0 | 55 | No | <40 | NA |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 21:07 | 2.3 | Е | 0.5 | 50 | Yes | NM | Nil |

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| Location | Start Date and Time | Wind Speed m/s ¹ | Stability Class ¹ | VTG °C per 100m ¹ | Criterion dB | Criterion Applies? ^{2,3} | Borg ^L Aeq,15min dB ⁴ | Exceedance 5,6 |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 21:30 | 1.9 | D | -1.0 | 50 | Yes | NM | Nil |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 20:25 | 2.5 | Е | 0.5 | 50 | Yes | <40 | Nil |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 20:47 | 2.6 | Е | 0.5 | 50 | Yes | 41 | Nil |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 23:02 | 1.3 | F | 3.0 | 45 | Yes | <40 | Nil |
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 22:31 | 2.0 | F | 3.0 | 45 | Yes | NM | Nil |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 23:47 | 0.6 | F | 3.0 | 45 | Yes | 38 | Nil |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 23:22 | 1.7 | Е | 0.5 | 45 | Yes | 38 | Nil |

Notes:

1. Atmospheric data is sourced from Borg weather station in Oberon;

2. In accordance with EPL and PA, the noise criteria are to apply under all meteorological conditions except the following:

- Wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or

- Stability class F temperature inversion conditions, and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or

- Stability class G temperature inversion conditions.

3. Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values;

4. Estimated or measured LAeq, 15minute attributed to the Borg;

5. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criteria (if applicable); and

6. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in development consent and so criterion is not applicable

4.2 Low Frequency Noise Assessment

Measured Borg only levels were assessed for the applicability of low frequency modification factors in accordance with the EPA's NPfI.

None of the measurements satisfied the conditions outlined in Section 3.3. Therefore no further assessment was undertaken.

4.3 Atmospheric Conditions

Atmospheric condition data measured by the operator at each location using a Kestrel hand-held weather meter is shown in Table 4.3. Atmospheric condition data is routinely recorded during each measurement to show conditions during the monitoring period. The wind speed, direction and temperature were measured at 1.8 metres.

Table 4.3: MEASURED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS – ANNUAL 2017 - 2018¹²

| Location | Start Date and Time | Temperature (degrees) | Wind Speed (m/s) | Wind Direction | Cloud Cover (1/8s) |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| NM1 | 27/03/2018 10:45 | 20 | 1.1 | 60 | 0 |
| NM2 | 27/03/2018 10:25 | 18 | 0.9 | 90 | 90 |
| NM3 | 27/03/2018 11:45 | 23 | 0.8 | 40 | 0 |
| NM4 | 27/03/2018 11:08 | 20 | 0.9 | 120 | 0 |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 21:07 | 8 | - | - | 0 |
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 21:30 | 8 | 1 | 280 | 0 |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 20:25 | 9 | - | - | 0 |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 20:47 | 7 | - | - | 0 |
| NM1 | 26/03/2018 23:02 | 6 | - | - | 0 |
| NM2 | 26/03/2018 22:31 | 6 | - | - | 0 |
| NM3 | 26/03/2018 23:47 | 4 | - | - | 0 |
| NM4 | 26/03/2018 23:22 | 2 | - | - | 0 |

Notes:

1. Wind speed and direction measured at 1.8 metres; and

2. "-" indicates calm conditions at 1.8 metres.

5 SUMMARY

The following applies to attended noise monitoring conducted during the evening and night period on 26 March 2018 and the day period on 27 March 2018.

Operational Noise Assessment

Borg operations complied with the relevant criteria during the annual survey at all monitoring locations.

Low Frequency Noise Assessment

A low frequency noise assessment was carried out in accordance with the EPA's NPfI. Low frequency modifying factors, where applicable, did not result in any exceedances of Borg noise limits during the survey.

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APPENDIX

A STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

A.1 BORG PANELS FACILITY DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

NOISE

Hours of Work

B13. The Applicant must comply with the hours detailed in **Table 1**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the-Secretary.

Table 1: Hours of Work

| Activity | Day | Time |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Earthworks and Construction | Monday – Friday Saturday | 7 am to 7 pm 8 am to 1 pm |
| Operation | Monday – Sunday | 24 hours |

- B14. Works outside of the hours identified in Condition B13 may be undertaken in the following circumstances:
 - (a) works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers;
 - (b) works agreed to in writing by the Secretary;
 - (c) for the delivery of materials required outside these hours by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or
 - (d) where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

Construction Noise Management Plan

- B15. The Applicant must prepare a Construction Noise Management Plan (CNMP) for the Project to manage construction noise. The plan must form part of the CEMP required by Condition C1 and must:
 - (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
 - (b) be approved by the Secretary prior to the commencement of construction of the Project;
 - (c) describe procedures for achieving the noise limits in Table 2;
 - (d) describe the measures to be implemented to manage noisy works such as rock/concrete breaking activities, in close proximity to sensitive receivers;
 - (e) include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing noisy works;
 - (f) describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in e) above; and
 - (g) include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the Project.

Operational Noise Limits

B16. The Applicant must ensure that noise generated by the Development does not exceed the noise limits in Table 2.

Table 2: Noise Limits dB(A)

| Location | Day | Evening | Night |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | LAeq(15 minute) | LAeq(15 minute) | LAeq(15 minute) |
| All sensitive receivers | 55 | 50 | 45 |

Note: Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

Noise Mitigation

B17. The Applicant must ensure all noise attenuation measures already installed for the Existing Development are maintained in good working order for the life of the Development.

Operational Noise Management Plan

- B18. Within 6 months of the date of this consent, the Applicant must prepare an Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP) for the Existing Development, to manage operational noise to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The ONMP must form part of the OEMP required by Condition C4 and be prepared in accordance with Condition C9. The ONMP must:
 - (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
 - (b) describe the measures that will be implemented to minimise noise from the Existing Development including:
 - (i) all reasonable and feasible measures being employed on site;
 - (ii) maintain equipment to ensure it is in good order;
 - (iii) traffic noise is effectively managed;
 - (iv) the noise impacts of the Existing Development are minimised during any meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply;
 - (v) compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent;
 - (c) includes a noise monitoring program that:
 - must be carried out until otherwise agreed to in writing by the Secretary;
 - (ii) is capable of evaluating the performance of the Existing Development; and
 - (iii) includes a protocol for determining exceedances of the relevant conditions of this consent and responding to complaints; and
 - (d) include a procedure for implementing noise mitigation measures, should the Applicant be directed by the EPA or the Secretary, or should non-compliances be detected.
- B19. Prior to the commencement of operation of the Project, the Applicant must update the ONMP required under Condition B18, to incorporate the Project and its management, to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The updated plan must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of Condition B18, and must incorporate the following:
 - (a) description of the noise monitoring program to measure the performance of the Development against this consent and the EPL; and
 - (b) description of any additional measures that would be implemented for the Development to ensure compliance with the noise limits in Condition B16 and the EPL.

Noise Verification

- B20. Within 3 months of commencement of operation of the Project, the Applicant must undertake a noise verification study for the Development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The study must:
 - (a) be undertaken by a suitably qualified expert;
 - (b) include an analysis of compliance with noise limits specified in Condition B16;
 - (c) demonstrate achievement of the sound power levels in Table 12 of the Borg Panels Timber Panel Processing Facility Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, dated May 2016 and prepared by Global Acoustics;
 - (d) include an outline of management actions to be taken to address any exceedances of the limits specified in Condition B16; and
 - (e) describe the contingency measures in the event management actions are not effective in reducing noise levels to an acceptable level.

Within 1 month of completing the study, the Applicant must submit a report outlining the findings of the study to the Secretary and the EPA.

B21. Should the noise verification study indicate the Development has not complied with the noise limits in Condition B16 and applicable EPL requirements, or where the verification indicates that greater impacts than predicted in the EIS may arise, a detailed investigation and an outline of any management measures necessary to prevent exceedances must be submitted to the Secretary and the EPA, as part of the study. Borg will implement reasonable and practical measures to avoid or minimise impacts to the environment that may arise as a result of the project.

Borg will carry out the proposed works in accordance with the EIS, RTS and the approval conditions.

Noise

Attenuation, as detailed in the NIA, will be implemented as follows:

- Conti 1 Dryer Fan air intake redesigned and the fan speed reduced to minimise noise generated. A sound power
 reduction from LAeq 121 dB to 114 dB or better is required.
- Booster fan will receive additional insulation and a reduction in fan speed. A sound power reduction from LAeq 116 dB to 109 dB or better is required.
- Main fibre transport fan will have a concrete enclosure constructed around it. A sound power reduction from LAeq 110 dB to 104 dB or better is required.

In short, the approach taken by Borg to mitigate noise is based on a number of factors:

- Continuation of the use of mobile chippers (that is, not to enclose the mobile chippers). However, these are backup items (only to be used when enclosed, electric chippers are not operational), and will not be used in enhancing met conditions.
- Implementation of additional noise mitigation measures to minimise noise generated by equipment, as detailed above.
- 3. Provision of sound attenuation structures and enclosures to other equipment where appropriate.

Irrespective of the above, Borg undertakes to meet the existing plant sound power reductions specified in the NIA. If the proposed attenuation measures to the existing plant are found to be insufficient in achieving these reductions, additional works will be undertaken.

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B CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

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| | Approved Signatory | : 10 | 1 81 | | Ken Williams |
| 14: Frequency and time 15: Long Term Stabilit 16: Level linearity on t The sound level meter su | e weightings at 1 kHz y he reference level range bmitted for testing has successfully co conditions under | Pass 19: Pass 20: Pass 21: mpleted the clar which the tests | C Weighted Peak Sou Overload Indication High Level Stability s 1 periodic tests of IEC were performed. | nd Level 61672-3:2006, for | Pass Pass Pass |
| As public evidence was performed in accordance IEC 61672-1:20 | available, from an independent testin, with IEC 61672-2:2003, to demonstra 02, the sound level meter submitted for | g organisation re ate that the mode or testing confor | sponsible for approving d of sound level meter fu ms to the class 1 requirer | the results of patter lly conformed to the sents of IEC 61672 | n evaluation test le requirements in 1:2002. |
| Acoustic Tests | Least Unce | rtainties of Mea Environme | arement - ntal Conditions | 0.0507 | |
| 31.5 Hz to 8kHz 12.5kHz 16kHz | ±0.76dB ±0.2dB ±0.29dB | Relati Baron | rature ve Humidity vetric Pressure | ±0.46% ±0.46% ±0.017kPa | |
| Electrical Tests 31.5 Hz to 20 kHz | ±0,12dB All uncertainties are derived at the | 95% confidence | level with a coverage fa | ctor of 2. | |
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| | | Sound | Calibra | tor | | |
| | | IEC | 60942-2004 | | | |
| | Cali | bratio | on Cer | tificate | | |
| | Calibratio | n Number | C17306 | | | |
| | Clie | ent Details | Acoustic Re Level 7, Bld Pennant Hill | search Labs Pty Ltd 2, 423 Pennant Hill s NSW 2120 | s Road | |
| Equip | ment Tested/ Model Instrument Serial | Number : Number : | ARL ND9 N452838 | | | |
| | | Atmosph | eric Conditio | ons | | |
| | Ambient Tem | perature : | 22.5°C | | | |
| | Barometric | Pressure : | 100.27kPa | | | |
| Calibration Tech Calibration | nician : Lucky Jais Date : 30/06/2017 Approved S | wal ignatory : | Seco | ondary Check: Ri ort Issue Date : 03 | ley Cooper /07/2017 Ker | n Williams |
| Clause and Charac | teristic Tested | Re | sate Claus | e and Characterist | ic Tested | Result |
| 5.2.2: Generated Sound 5.2.3: Short Term Flue | d Pressure Level tuation | Pa Pa | <i>ass</i> 5.3.2: I <i>ass</i> 5.5: To | requency Generated tal Distortion | | Pass Pass |
| | Nominal Level | Nominal I | Frequency | Measured Level | Measured F | requency |
| Measured Output | 94.0 | 100 | 0.0 | 94.0 | 1000. | .12 |
| | been shown to conform to | the class 1 reques) stated, for the | uirements for peri he environmental | odic testing, described in conditions under which the | Annex B of IEC 60 he tests were perform | 942:2004 for ned |
| The sound calibrator has the sound pressur | re level(s) and frequency(i | Least Uncerta. | intics of Measure | ment - | | |
| The sound calibrator has the sound pressur Specific Tests Generated SPL | ±0.11dB | Least Uncerta | Environmental Temperati | Conditions are ±0.0 | 5°C | |
| The sound calibrator has the sound pressur Specific Tests Generated SPL Short Term Fluct. | ±0.11dB ±0.02dB | Least Uncerta | Environmental Temperati Relative H | Conditions are ±0.0 fumidity ±0.4 i.e. Processor ±0.0 | 5°C 6% | |
| The sound calibrator has the sound pressur Specific Tests Generated SPL Short Term Fluct. Frequency Distortion | ±0.11dB ±0.02dB ±0.02dB ±0.01% ±0.05% | Least Uncerta | Environmental Temperati Relative H Barometri | Interior Conditions Interior and the second | 5°C 6% 17kPa | |
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