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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Global Acoustics was engaged by Borg Manufacturing Pty Ltd to conduct a noise survey of operations and construction at the Borg panel manufacturing facility (Borg) near Oberon, NSW. The purpose of the survey was to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the day, evening and night period of 28/29 June 2022 at four monitoring locations around Borg.

1.2 Attended noise monitoring locations

Monitoring locations are detailed in Table 1.1 and shown in Figure 1.1. It should be noted that Figure 1.1 shows actual monitoring positions, not the location of residences.

Table 1.1 Attended monitoring locations

Location Descriptor	Monitoring Locations
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 1.1 Borg noise monitoring locations

1.3 Terminology and abbreviations

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

Table 1.2 Terminology and abbreviations

Descriptor	Definition
dB(A)	Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The "A" weighting scale is used to describe human response to noise.
L _{Amax}	The maximum A-weighted noise level over a time period.
L _{A1}	The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time.
L _{A1,1minute}	The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the specified time period of 1 minute.
L _{A10}	The noise level which is exceeded for 10 percent of the time.
L _{Aeq}	The average noise A-weighted energy during a measurement period.
L _{A50}	The noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time and the median noise level during a measurement period.
L _{A90}	The level exceeded for 90 percent of the time. 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.
L _{Ceq}	The average C-weighted noise energy during a measurement period. The "C" weighting scale is used to take into account low-frequency components of noise within the audibility range of humans.
SPL	Sound pressure level. Fluctuations in pressure measured as 10 times a logarithmic scale, with the reference pressure being 20 micropascals.
Hertz (Hz)	The frequency of fluctuations in pressure, measured in cycles per second. Most sounds are a combination of many frequencies together.
AWS	Automatic weather station used to collect meteorological data, typically at an altitude of 10 metres
VTG	Vertical temperature gradient in degrees Celsius per 100 metres altitude.
Sigma-theta	The standard deviation of the horizontal wind direction over a period of time.
SC	Stability class (or category) is determined from measured wind speed and either sigma-theta or VTG.
IA	Inaudible. When site noise is noted as IA then there was no site noise at the monitoring location.
NM	Not Measurable. If site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible 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 Regulator requirements and noise criteria

2.1 Development consents

The most current development consent associated with activities at Borg is Development Consent SSD 7016 (the consent), most recently modified 20 May 2022. The sections of the consent relating to noise are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.2 Environment protection licence

Borg holds Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 3035 issued by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) most recently on 2 February 2022. Relevant sections of the EPL are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.3 Operational Noise Management Plan

Noise monitoring requirements are detailed in the Borg Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP) and Construction Noise Management Plan (CNMP). The most recent version of the ONMP was approved in October 2020. The most recent version of the CNMP was approved in May 2021. Relevant sections of the ONMP and CNMP are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.4 Noise Criteria

Noise limits are consistent between the consent and EPL and have been reproduced in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1 Impact assessment criteria

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Night $L_{Aeq,15minute}$
All sensitive receivers	55	50	45

Construction noise criteria for each monitoring location are detailed in Table 2.2 and Table 2.3

Table 2.2 General construction noise limits

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Night $L_{Aeq,15minute}$
All sensitive receivers	55	50	45

Table 2.3 Rock/Concrete breaking noise limits

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$
All sensitive receivers	75

2.5 Meteorological conditions

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.*

2.6 Modifying factors

The EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI, 2017) was approved for use in NSW in October 2017. For assessment of modifying factors, the NPfI immediately superseded the 'Industrial Noise Policy' (INP, 2000), as outlined in the EPA document 'Implementation and transitional arrangements for the Noise Policy for Industry' (2017). Assessment and reporting of modifying factors has been done in accordance with Fact Sheet C of the NPfI.

3 Methodology

3.1 Overview

Attended environmental noise monitoring was conducted in general accordance with Australian Standard AS1055 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise', relevant NSW EPA requirements, and the Borg ONMP and CNMP. Meteorological data was obtained from the Borg automatic weather station (AWS) which allowed correlation of atmospheric parameters with measured noise levels.

3.2 Attended noise monitoring

During this survey, attended monitoring was done during the day, evening and night period at each location. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. Atmospheric condition measurement was also done at each monitoring location.

This survey presents noise levels gathered during attended monitoring that can be the result of many sounds reaching the sound level meter microphone during monitoring. Received levels from various noise sources were noted during attended monitoring and particular attention was paid to the extent of Borg's contribution, if any, to measured levels. At each receptor location, Borg's $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$ (in the absence of any other noise) was measured directly, where possible, or, determined by frequency analysis.

If the exact contribution of the source of interest (in this case Borg) 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 descriptors in accordance with Section 7.1 of the NPfl. 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 (eg. measure closer and back calculate) to determine a value for reporting.

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 (eg breeze in foliage or continuous road traffic noise) that cannot be eliminated by moving closer.
- It was not feasible, nor 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.

Often extraneous noise events (for example, road traffic pass-bys and dogs) interfere with the measurement of site noise levels in the frequency range of interest. Where required, the sound level meter is paused during these occurrences to aid in quantification of the site only noise.

3.3 Modifying factors

All measurements were evaluated for potential modifying factors in accordance with the NPfI. Specific methodology for assessment of each modifying factor is outlined in Fact Sheet C of the NPfI.

Assessment of modifying factors is undertaken at the time of measurement if the site was audible and directly quantifiable, such that the site only L_{Aeq} was not “NM” or less than a maximum cut off value (eg “<20 dB” or “<30dB”).

If applicable, modifying factors have been reported and added to measured site only L_{Aeq} when meteorological conditions satisfied requirements for site noise criteria to be applicable. Low-frequency modifying factors have only been applied to site-only L_{Aeq} if Borg was the only contributing low-frequency noise source.

3.4 Attended noise monitoring equipment

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 meter	01070590	09/06/2024
Pulsar 106 acoustic calibrator	74813	09/06/2024

4 Results

4.1 Total measured noise levels

Overall noise levels measured at each location during attended monitoring are provided in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Measured noise levels - Q2 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	L _{Amax} dB	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	L _{Aeq} dB	L _{A50} dB	L _{A90} dB	L _{Amin} dB
Day								
NM1	29/06/2022 10:30	65	60	55	52	51	49	27
NM2	29/06/2022 10:00	60	54	50	48	47	45	43
NM3	29/06/2022 11:37	76	70	58	57	46	44	41
NM4	29/06/2022 11:06	61	54	50	48	48	45	42
Evening								
NM1	28/06/2022 19:05	53	50	48	46	46	45	43
NM2	28/06/2022 18:35	52	49	48	46	46	45	43
NM3	28/06/2022 20:15	73	65	44	50	42	40	35
NM4	28/06/2022 19:36	44	40	36	34	33	31	29
Night								
NM1	28/06/2022 22:27	55	49	47	46	45	44	42
NM2	28/06/2022 22:00	50	46	45	43	43	41	39
NM3	28/06/2022 23:32	58	52	43	42	39	36	30
NM4	28/06/2022 23:00	46	41	37	35	34	33	31

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

4.2 Modifying factors

Measured site only levels were assessed for the applicability of modifying factors in accordance with the NPfI and methodology described in Section 3.3.

There were no modifying factors, as defined in the NPfI, applicable during the survey.

4.3 Attended noise monitoring results

Table 4.2 compares measured $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ from Borg with project specific noise criteria.

Table 4.2 $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ generated by Borg against criteria - Q2 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies? ¹	Borg $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB ²	Exceedance ^{3,4}
Day							
NM1	29/06/2022 10:30	5.2	D	55	No	48	NA
NM2	29/06/2022 10:00	5.7	D	55	No	NM	NA
NM3	29/06/2022 11:37	5.2	C	55	No	40	NA
NM4	29/06/2022 11:06	5.5	D	55	No	45	NA
Evening							
NM1	28/06/2022 19:05	2.7	D	50	Yes	43	Nil
NM2	28/06/2022 18:35	3.0	D	50	Yes	42	Nil
NM3	28/06/2022 20:15	3.3	E	50	No	IA	NA
NM4	28/06/2022 19:36	2.9	D	50	Yes	<30	Nil
Night							
NM1	28/06/2022 22:27	3.9	D	45	No	45	NA
NM2	28/06/2022 22:00	4.3	D	45	No	41	NA
NM3	28/06/2022 23:32	2.8	D	45	Yes	<25	Nil
NM4	28/06/2022 23:00	2.7	E	45	Yes	<30	Nil

- Notes:
1. Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except those detailed in Section 0;
 2. Site only $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ attributed to Borg including modifying factors if applicable;
 3. Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion (if applicable); and
 4. NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified, therefore criterion was not applicable.

4.4 Atmospheric conditions

Atmospheric condition data measured by the operator during each measurement using a Kestrel hand-held weather meter are shown in Table 4.3. The wind speed, direction and temperature were measured at approximately 1.8 metres. Attended noise monitoring is not undertaken during rain, hail, or wind speeds above 5 m/s at microphone height.

Table 4.3 Measured atmospheric conditions – Q2 2022

Location	Start Date and Time	Temperature °C	Wind Speed m/s	Wind Direction °Magnetic North ¹	Cloud Cover 1/8s
Day					
NM1	29/06/2022 10:30	7	2.8	80	4
NM2	29/06/2022 10:00	6	3.1	130	3
NM3	29/06/2022 11:37	11	2.0	100	3
NM4	29/06/2022 11:06	9	2.7	80	3
Evening					
NM1	28/06/2022 19:05	6	0.0	-	0
NM2	28/06/2022 18:35	5	1.2	270	0
NM3	28/06/2022 20:15	5	0.4	260	3
NM4	28/06/2022 19:36	4	0.6	300	0
Night					
NM1	28/06/2022 22:27	6	1.1	250	8
NM2	28/06/2022 22:00	6	1.6	240	7
NM3	28/06/2022 23:32	6	1.1	250	8
NM4	28/06/2022 23:00	6	3.3	270	8

Notes: 1. "-" indicates calm conditions at monitoring location

Meteorological data for compliance assessment is sourced from Borg AWS

5 Summary

Global Acoustics was engaged by Borg Manufacturing Pty Ltd to conduct a noise survey of operations and construction at the Borg panel manufacturing facility (Borg) near Oberon, NSW. The purpose of the survey is to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the day, evening, and night periods of 28/29 June 2022 at four monitoring locations around Borg.

Borg operations complied with all relevant criteria during the Q2 2022 survey, at all monitoring locations.

Criteria may not always be applicable due to meteorological conditions at the time of monitoring.

Appendix A

Regulator documents

A.1 Development consent SSD 7016

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:
- works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers;
 - works agreed to in writing by the Secretary;
 - for the delivery of materials required outside these hours by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or
 - 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:
- be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
 - be approved by the Secretary prior to the commencement of construction of the Project;
 - describe procedures for achieving the noise limits in **Table 2**;
 - describe the measures to be implemented to manage noisy works such as rock/concrete breaking activities, in close proximity to sensitive receivers;
 - include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing noisy works;
 - describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in e) above; and
 - 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
	L _{Aeq} (15 minute)	L _{Aeq} (15 minute)	L _{Aeq} (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) include a noise monitoring program that:
 - (i) 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; ~~and~~
 - (c) details of the noise attenuation measures for the gas turbine and ancillary equipment associated with the particleboard material handling area; ~~and~~
 - (d) details of the noise attenuations measures for the materials handling equipment approved for installation and operation under SSD 7016 MOD 3.

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.

- B20A Within three months of the commissioning of the gas turbines and ancillary equipment, the Applicant must undertake a noise verification study for the Department to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The study must:
- (a) be undertaken by a suitably qualified expert; and

- (b) include an analysis of compliance with noise limits specified in Condition B16;
- (c) include an outline of management actions to be taken to address any exceedances of the limits specified in Condition B16; and
- (d) describe the contingency measures in the event management actions are not effective in reducing noise levels to an acceptable level.

B20B Within three months of commissioning the materials handling equipment approved for installation and operation under SSE 7016 MOD 3, the Applicant must undertake a Noise Verification Study for the Department 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) include an outline of management actions to be taken to address any exceedances of the limits specified in Condition B16; and
- (d) describe the contingency measures in the event management actions are not effective in reducing noise levels to an acceptable level.

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.

B26 Within 3 months of commissioning the two cogeneration units, the Applicant, in consultation with the EPA, must undertake post-commissioning noise monitoring of the cogeneration units to demonstrate the operation of the cogeneration units do not exceed the noise criteria at sensitive receivers as described in Section 7.0 of *Gas Fire Co-generators Noise Impact Assessment* prepared by Vipac Engineers and Scientists, dated 2 July 2015.

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.

B27 Should the post-commissioning emissions verification study indicate the two cogeneration units have not demonstrated compliance with the NIA, 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.

A.2 Environmental Protection Licence

L4 Noise limits

L4.1 Noise from the premises must not exceed:

- a) 55 dB(A) $L_{Aeq(15\text{ minute})}$ during the day (7am to 6pm); and
- b) 50 dB(A) $L_{Aeq(15\text{ minute})}$ during the evening (6pm to 10pm); and
- c) at all other times 45 dB(A) $L_{Aeq(15\text{ minute})}$, except as expressly provided by this licence.

Where L_{Aeq} means the equivalent continuous noise level – the level of noise equivalent to the energy-average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.

L4.2 To determine compliance with condition L4.1, noise must be measured at or computed for Oberon High School or any other noise sensitive locations (such as a residence/school). A modifying factor correction must be applied for tonal, impulsive or intermittent noise in accordance with the "NSW Industrial Noise Policy (EPA, January 2000)".

L4.3 The noise limits set out in condition L4.1 apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- a) Wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- b) Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- c) Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

L4.4 For the purpose of condition L4.3:

- a) Data recorded by the meteorological station identified as EPA Licence Point 26 must be used to determine meteorological conditions; and
- b) Temperature inversion conditions (stability category) are to be determined by the sigma-theta method referred to in Part E4 of Appendix E to the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

M7 Other monitoring and recording conditions

M7.1 Noise monitoring to determine compliance with condition L4 must be carried out at least once annually during the day, evening, and night time hours specified by L4.1 at the location(s) specified under condition L4.2 or at the nearest residence, and be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2659.1 (1998) Guide to use of sound measuring equipment - portable sound level meters, and the compliance monitoring guidance provided in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

A.3 Operations Noise Management Plan

7.3 Attended Noise Monitoring

Attended noise 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.

Operational noise impacts are potentially greatest at night when background levels are typically low and the allowable levels are correspondingly low, and, this is the period when noise propagation enhancement is most likely.

7.3.1 Compliance Monitoring

It is proposed to conduct compliance monitoring for the Existing Development at each location once per year during the day, evening and night periods (pending weather and operational constraints) with results compared to noise criteria in **Table 3**. Compliance monitoring should be conducted during the winter period as this season represents the likely worst-case season due to temperature inversions.

Any exceedance of a noise criterion recorded during regular attended noise monitoring is to be investigated. The acoustic consultant undertaking the attended monitoring is to contact the Environment Officer as soon as practicable to advise of the recorded results. If exceedance of limits is demonstrated follow-up monitoring is to be undertaken within one week of the exceedance. The regular monitoring frequency will be resumed if no further exceedances are measured.

Attended compliance monitoring is to be undertaken by a suitably qualified noise expert. Appropriate techniques should be applied to determine noise contributions from the Existing Development in isolation (in the absence of all extraneous noise sources). These techniques could include, but are not limited to:

- Pausing the sound level meter during extraneous noise events, for example, when a dog is barking or road traffic noise is clearly audible and affecting the measurements;
- Using frequency filtering techniques where certain frequencies of noise are excluded from the measurements; or
- Using other noise descriptors such as L_{A90} or L_{A50} to filter extraneous noise events.

The Existing Development should be fully operational at the time of monitoring.

Operational noise performance is reported as detailed in **Section 9**.

7.4 Monitoring Locations

Four representative locations have been chosen for monitoring as summarised in **Table 6**. Refer to **Figure 2** for these locations.

Table 6 – Noise Monitoring Locations

Location ID	Monitoring Location
NM1	Oberon Caravan Park
NM2	Intersection Pine Street and Herborn Street
NM3	127 Hazelgrove Road
NM4	Intersection Tasman Street and Earl Street

Noise management levels for each monitoring location are provided in **Table 3**. Where these are exceeded from operational noise sources, the exceedance should be investigated (as discussed in **Section 9**) to determine the cause and any necessary mitigation.

7.5 Meteorological Conditions

Monitoring should be undertaken on days of light winds (<5 m/s) and no rain. Wind speed is to be monitored using a hand held wind speed monitor. Rain and too much wind will elevate the noise level. If there is no choice but to monitor in inclement weather, note the conditions.

Meteorological data is obtained from the Borg Panels weather station (EPA Identification Point 26). This data allows correlation of atmospheric parameters and measured noise levels. Atmospheric condition measurement at ground level is also undertaken during attended monitoring.

10 ONMP Review

In accordance with Development Consent SSD 7016 Condition C10, this ONMP will be reviewed and if necessary revised within 3 months of an:

- Approval of a modification;
- Submission of an incident report under Condition C13;
- Approval of an Annual Review under Condition C11; or
- Completion of an audit under Condition C15.

Revisions to the ONMP will be submitted to the Secretary DP&E for approval.

5 Construction Noise Management Levels

Construction activities will be undertaken simultaneously with regular operation of the existing site. Borg propose to generally restrict site noise emission from both construction and operational tasks combined to comply with operational noise criteria conditioned in Development Consent SSD 7016 and EPL 3035.

Following consideration of the ICNG (Section 2.6), Development Consent (SSD 7016) conditions (Section 2.2), EPL 3035 (Section 2.4) and the measured background noise levels (refer Global Acoustics, May 2016), Table 6 summarises the Noise Management Levels (NMLs) for all residential receivers.

Table 6 – Operation and Construction Noise Management Levels

Location	Activity	Day	Evening	Night
		(7am-6pm) LAeq (15 min)	(6pm-10pm) LAeq (15 min)	(10pm-7am) LAeq (15 min)
All residential receivers	General Construction	55	50	45
	Rock/ Concrete Breaking	75		

Work outside approved construction hours are not expected, however unforeseen constraints relating to delivery of materials or equipment, or other technical requirements, may see some activities undertaken outside approved hours. Where required, out of hours works will be undertaken to meet the noise management levels in Table 6.

Development Consent SSD 7016 Condition B14 requires non-standard construction hour work to be inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers. The Development Consent takes precedence over the ICNG and will be adopted in this plan.

In this instance, "inaudible" means the activity is not discernible from general operation activities.

7.2 Monitoring Frequency

7.2.1 Compliance Monitoring

The following compliance monitoring, to be undertaken during construction by a suitably qualified noise expert, is recommended for the project:

- Periodic attended noise monitoring at the potentially most affected residences during the day period, with a frequency of once per quarter, during the construction phase of the Project; and
- If exceedance of limits is demonstrated, additional mitigation controls are to be implemented, and follow-up monitoring undertaken within one week of the exceedance.

Construction noise performance is reported as detailed in Section 10.

7.2.2 Management Monitoring

In addition to quarterly compliance monitoring, off-site management noise monitoring by suitably trained site personnel should be undertaken regularly, particularly during periods of meteorological enhancement and on commencement of new construction activities or areas, to ensure relevant noise criteria are adhered to.

Operations should be modified accordingly as required when exceedance or potential exceedances are measured. Modifications may include, but are not limited to, erection of temporary barriers or screens, temporary shutdown of equipment until adverse weather conditions change, or relocating equipment to less sensitive areas when feasible to do so.

7.3 Monitoring Locations

Four representative locations have been chosen for monitoring as summarised in **Table 8**. Refer to **Figure 2** for these locations.

Table 8 – Noise Monitoring Locations

Location ID	Monitoring Location
NM1	Oberon Caravan Park
NM2	Intersection Pine Street and Herborn Street
NM3	127 Hazelgrove Road
NM4	Intersection Tasman Street and Earl Street

Noise management levels for each monitoring location are provided in **Table 6**. Where these are exceeded by construction-related noise sources, the exceedance should be investigated (as discussed in **Section 10**) to determine the cause and any necessary mitigation.

7.3.1 Instrumentation

The following requirements should be observed whilst monitoring:

- Before commencing monitoring, ensure the Sound Level Meter's (SLM) laboratory calibration is current (refer to the sticker on the unit).
- If unsure about the functions of the SLM, refer to the instruction sheet in the case. All site environment officers should be trained in the use of the SLM and training documents kept on file.
- Ensure the windscreen is attached and that the SLM settings include a windscreen factor, the SLM is set to A-weighted and fast response.
- Prior to and completing the measurement, the SLM should be field calibrated using the supplied calibrator. Ensure that the pre- and post- measurements do not differ by more than 0.5 dB(A).

7.3.2 Weather Conditions

Monitoring should be undertaken on days of light winds (<5 m/s) and no rain. Wind speed is to be monitored using a hand held wind speed monitor. Rain and too much wind will elevate the noise level. If there is no choice but to monitor in inclement weather, note the conditions on the field sheet.

NMLs listed in **Table 6** apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- 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.

Weather conditions measured at the site weather station should be used to determine applicability of meteorological exclusion rules.

Appendix B

Calibration certificates

B.1 Calibration Certificates



Sound Level Meter IEC 61672-3:2013 Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C22373

Client Details	EMM Consulting Suite 6, Level 1, 146 Hunter Street Newcastle NSW 2300
Equipment Tested/ Model Number :	Rion NA-28
Instrument Serial Number :	01070590
Microphone Serial Number :	08184
Pre-amplifier Serial Number :	52329
Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions	Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions
Ambient Temperature : 25.7°C	Ambient Temperature : 25.4°C
Relative Humidity : 31.9%	Relative Humidity : 32.4%
Barometric Pressure : 100.18kPa	Barometric Pressure : 100.11kPa
Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal	Secondary Check: Max Moore
Calibration Date : 9 Jun 2022	Report Issue Date : 20 Jun 2022
Approved Signatory : 	Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	Pass	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	Pass
13: Electrical Sig. tests of frequency weightings	Pass	18: Toneburst response	Pass
14: Frequency and time weightings at 1 kHz	Pass	19: C Weighted Peak Sound Level	Pass
15: Long Term Stability	Pass	20: Overload Indication	Pass
16: Level linearity on the reference level range	Pass	21: High Level Stability	Pass

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 1 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2013, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the sound level meter to the full requirements of IEC 61672-1:2013 because evidence was not publicly available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements in IEC 61672-1:2013 and because the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2013 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61672-1:2013.

Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
125Hz	±0.13dB	Temperature	±0.1°C
1kHz	±0.13dB	Relative Humidity	±1.9%
8kHz	±0.14dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.014kPa
Electrical Tests	±0.13dB		

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.



This calibration certificate is to be read in conjunction with the calibration test report.

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**Sound Calibrator
IEC 60942:2017**

Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C22374

Client Details EMM Consulting
Suite 6, Level 1, 146 Hunter Street
Newcastle NSW 2300

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : Pulsar Model 106
Instrument Serial Number : 74813

Atmospheric Conditions

Ambient Temperature : 25.8°C
Relative Humidity : 33.6%
Barometric Pressure : 100.19kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal **Secondary Check:** Max Moore
Calibration Date : 09 Jun 2022 **Report Issue Date :** 20 Jun 2022

Approved Signatory :  Ken Williams

Characteristic Tested	Result
Generated Sound Pressure Level	Pass
Frequency Generated	Pass
Total Distortion	Pass

Nominal Level	Nominal Frequency	Measured Level	Measured Frequency
94	1000	94.09	1000.30

The sound calibrator has been shown to conform to the class 2 requirements for periodic testing, described in Annex B of IEC 60942:2017 for the sound pressure level(s) and frequency(ies) stated, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Specific Tests		Environmental Conditions	
Generated SPL	±0.10dB	Temperature	±0.1°C
Frequency	±0.13%	Relative Humidity	±1.9%
Distortion	±0.20%	Barometric Pressure	±0.014kPa

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