Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority P-EA-100828759

This environmental authority is issued by the administering authority under Chapter 5 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Environmental authority number: P-EA-100828759

Environmental authority takes effect on the date that your related development approval 2407-41651 SRA takes effect**.** This is the take effect date.

Within 5 business days of the environmental authority taking effect, the administering authority must be given written notice of the occurrence. Prior to the commencement of the activity, the administering authority must be given written notice of the proposed date of commencement.

The first annual fee is payable within 20 business days of the take effect date.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the take effect date. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder

Name	Registered address
Hoffman Industries Pty Ltd	174 Watts Road, THE FALLS QLD 4373

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity	Location
ERA 47 – Timber milling and woodchipping (c) more than 20,000t but not more than 100,000t.	2520 Warwick Killarney Road, LOCH LOMOND QLD 4370 (Lot 1/RP78359)

Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

The description of any environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which an environmental authority (EA) is issued is a restatement of the ERA as defined by legislation at the time the EA is issued. Where there is any inconsistency between that description of an ERA and the conditions stated by an EA as to the scale, intensity or manner of carrying out an ERA, the conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

An EA authorises the carrying out of an ERA and does not authorise any environmental harm unless a condition stated by the EA specifically authorises environmental harm.

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A person carrying out an ERA must also be a registered suitable operator under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Mobile and temporary activities

If you operate a mobile and temporary environmentally relevant activity (ERA), other than regulated waste transport, you are required to maintain a work diary. You must:

- use the approved form for a work diary (ESR/2015/1696);
- keep the work diary records for 2 years after the last entry;
- inform the administering authority within 7 days of the work diary being lost or stolen;
- record the information required in the work diary for each location within 1 day of leaving the location.

Contaminated land

It is a requirement of the EP Act that an owner or occupier of land give written notice to the administering authority if they become aware of the following:

- the presence of, or happening of an event involving, a hazardous contaminant on the land that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- if the land is contaminated land – a change in the condition of the land that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3) having been carried out, or is being carried out, on the land (notice must be given within 20 business days).

For further information, including the form for giving written notice, refer to the Queensland Government website www.qld.gov.au, using the search term 'duty to notify'.

Take effect

Please note that, in accordance with section 200 of the EP Act, an EA has effect:

a) if the authority is for a prescribed ERA and it states that it takes effect on the day nominated by the holder of the authority in a written notice given to the administering authority – on the nominated day; or

b) if the authority states a day or an event for it to take effect – on the stated day or when the stated event happens; or

c) otherwise – on the day the authority is issued.

However, if the EA is authorising an activity that requires an additional authorisation (a relevant tenure for a resource activity, a development permit under the *Planning Act 2016* or an SDA Approval under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*), this EA will not take effect until the additional authorisation has taken effect.

If this EA takes effect when the additional authorisation takes effect, you must provide the administering authority written notice within 5 business days of receiving notification of the related additional authorisation taking effect.

The anniversary day of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the effective date. The payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.



Signature

08/05/2025

Date

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Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

In addition to the requirements found in the conditions of this environmental authority, the holder must also meet their obligations under the EP Act, and the regulations made under the EP Act. For example, the holder must comply with the following provisions of the Act:

- general environmental duty (section 319)
- duty to notify environmental harm (section 320-320G)
- offence of causing serious or material environmental harm (sections 437-439)
- offence of causing environmental nuisance (section 440)
- offence of depositing prescribed water contaminants in waters and related matters (section 440ZG)
- offence to place contaminant where environmental harm or nuisance may be caused (section 443)

Other permits required

This permit only provides an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. In order to lawfully operate you may also require permits / approvals from your local government authority, other business units within the department and other State Government agencies prior to commencing any activity at the site. For example, this may include permits / approvals with your local Council (for planning approval), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (to access State controlled roads), the Department of Resources (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

Development Approval

This permit is not a development approval under the *Planning Act 2016*. The conditions of this environmental authority are separate, and in addition to, any conditions that may be on the development approval. If a copy of this environmental authority is attached to a development approval, it is for information only, and may not be current. Please contact the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation to ensure that you have the most current version of the environmental authority relating to this site.

Conditions of environmental authority

Agency interest: General	
Condition Number	**Condition**
G1	Activities under this environmental authority must be conducted in accordance with the following limitations: 1. Sawmilling and woodchipping activities must only occur internally as identified within *Appendix 1 – Site Layout*. 2. You must not operate outside of the operating hours, as follows: a) Sawmilling, woodchipping, loading and unloading from 0500-1700 Monday to Friday; and b) Maintenance on Saturday 0630-1600.
G2	The person undertaking the activity to which this environmental authority relates must: 1. at monthly intervals, make a record of the total amount, in tonnes, of timber milled at the approved place for the preceding month; and 2. at the end of each anniversary year, calculate and make a record of the total amount of timber milled over that year; and 3. provide this documentation to the administering authority upon request.
G3	All reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to prevent or minimise environmental harm caused by the activities.
G4	Unless specifically authorised by a condition of this environmental authority, this environmental authority does not authorise a relevant act which is: 1. an act that causes serious or material environmental harm or an environmental nuisance; or 2. an act that contravenes a noise standard; or 3. a deposit of a contaminant, or release of stormwater run-off, mentioned in section 440ZG of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
G5	Unless specifically authorised by a condition of this environmental authority, details of any contravention of a condition of this environmental authority must: 1. be reported to the administering authority within 24 hours of becoming aware of the contravention; and 2. include the nature and circumstances of the contravention and any immediate actions taken.
G6	As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 20 business days of a report made under condition G4 (or a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority), an investigation must be undertaken to determine: 1. the potential circumstances and actions that may have contributed to the contravention; and 2. reasonable and practicable measures that will be implemented to address the cause of the contravention to prevent future contraventions of this nature.
G7	The outcome of the investigation carried out under condition G5 and the reasonable and practicable measures implemented under condition G6 must be recorded.
G8	The following details must be recorded for all complaints received and provided to the administering authority upon request: 1. date and time the complaint was received; and 2. if authorised by the person making the complaint, their name and contact details; and 3. nature and details of the complaint.

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<tr><td>G9</td><td>As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 5 business days of receiving a complaint (or a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority), an investigation must be undertaken to determine:
1. the potential circumstances and actions on site that may have contributed to the basis of the complaint; and
2. reasonable and practicable measures that will be implemented to address the complaint.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G10</td><td>As soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 5 business days of investigating a complaint under condition G9 (or a longer period agreed to in writing by the administering authority), the reasonable and practicable measures identified in the investigation must be implemented.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G11</td><td>The outcome of the investigation carried out under condition G9 and the reasonable and practicable measures implemented under condition G10 must be recorded.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G12</td><td>When required by the administering authority, monitoring must be undertaken in the manner prescribed by the administering authority to investigate a complaint of environmental nuisance arising from the activity. The monitoring results must be provided within 10 business days to the administering authority.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G13</td><td>Written procedures must be developed and implemented by an appropriately qualified person that ensure:
1. all potential risks to the environment from the carrying out of the activity are identified and assessed, including:
a) during routine operations; and
b) outside routine operations (e.g., maintenance, start up and shut down); and
c) during preparation, rehabilitation, and closure; and
d) in an emergency (e.g., fire, flood or other natural disaster); and
2. for each potential risk identified, any necessary measures to prevent or minimise the potential for environmental harm are implemented; and
3. staff understand their obligations under this environmental authority and the Environmental Protection Act 1994; and
4. environmental risk management procedures are continually reviewed and improved, based on a reasonable risk-management approach.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G14</td><td>An appropriately qualified person must install, operate, calibrate, and maintain the plant and equipment required to carry out the activity (including monitoring devices) in a proper and effective manner.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G15</td><td>Records of installation, calibration and maintenance carried out under condition G14 must be kept.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G16</td><td>Unless otherwise specified by a condition of this environmental authority, records must be:
1. kept for the period outlined in Table 1– Record keeping requirements; and
2. provided to the administering authority upon request and in the format requested.

Table 1 – Record keeping requirements
<table><tr><th>Description of records</th><th>Retention requirement</th></tr><tr><td>Monitoring results</td><td>Retain for 15 years</td></tr><tr><td>All other records</td><td>Retain for 5 years</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>G17</td><td>Chemicals and fuels in containers of greater than 15 litres must be stored within a secondary containment system.</td></tr>
<tr><td>G18</td><td>All monitoring and sampling required by the conditions of this environmental authority must be carried out, interpreted, and recorded by an appropriately qualified person.</td></tr>
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G19	All analyses required under this environmental authority must be carried out by a laboratory that has National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) certification, or an equivalent certification, for such analyses.
G20	Sawdust must be managed in a way which prevents its release to waters or air.
Agency interest: Noise	
Condition Number	**Condition**
N1	Other than as permitted within this environmental authority, noise generated by the activity must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place.
N2	Noise from the activity must not include substantial low frequency noise components and must not exceed the levels identified in *Table – Noise Limits*, within the relevant time periods, at any sensitive place or commercial place.

Table – Noise Limits

Noise level measures in dB(A)	Monday to Friday			Weekend and Public Holidays		
	7am-6pm	6pm-10pm	10pm-7am	8am-6pm	6pm-10pm	10pm-8am
	Noise measured at a sensitive place					
$L_{Aeq\ adj,1hr}$	45	37	31	45	37	No audible noise
$L_{Aeq\ Max,1hr}$	N/A	N/A	41	N/A	N/A	No audible noise
	Noise measured at a commercial place					
$L_{Aeq\ adj,1hr}$	50	50	50	50	50	No audible noise

Associated monitoring requirements

1. All monitoring devices must be calibrated and maintained according to the manufacturer's instruction manual.
2. Any monitoring must be in accordance with the most recent version of the administering authority's Noise Measurement Manual.
3. Any monitoring of noise emissions from the activity must be undertaken when the activity is in operation.

N3	When required by the administering authority, noise monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with the associated monitoring requirements of *Table - Noise Limits*, and the results notified within 14 days to the administering authority. Monitoring must include: 1. $L_{Aeq,\ adj,\ T}$ 2. Background noise (Background) as $L_{A90,adj,T}$ 3. $M_{axLpA,T}$ 4. the level and frequency of occurrence of any impulsive or tonal noise 5. atmospheric conditions including wind speed and direction 6. effects due to extraneous factors such as traffic noise 7. recording of location, date and time of measurements.
Agency interest: Air	

Condition Number	Condition
A1	Other than as permitted within this environmental authority, odours or airborne contaminants must not cause environmental nuisance to any sensitive place or commercial place.
A2	Dust and particulate matter emissions from the activity must not exceed the following concentrations at any sensitive place or commercial place: 1. dust deposition of 120 milligrams per square metre per day, averaged over 30 days, when monitored in accordance with the latest edition of Australian Standard AS/NSZ 3580.10.1 *Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air, Metho 10.1: Determination of particulate matter – Deposited matter – Gravimetric method*; or 2. a concentration of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 micrometre (µm) (PM_{10}) suspended in the atmosphere of 50 micrograms per cubic metre over a 24-hour averaging time, when monitored in accordance with the most current edition of the relevant Australian Standards.
A3	Air quality monitoring, including for dust and point source emissions from the activity, must be undertaken in accordance with the latest edition of: 1. The relevant Australian Standards; or 2. A method approved by any other Australian, European or North American jurisdiction/EPAs (if monitoring requirements are not described in the Australian Standards).
Agency interest: Land	
Condition Number	**Condition**
L1	Other than as permitted within this environmental authority, contaminants must not be released to land.
L2	Erosion and sediment control measures must: 1. Minimise erosion and the release of sediment within areas disturbed by the activity; and 2. Prevent releases from the activity causing erosion outside of areas disturbed by the activity; and 3. Prevent the release of sediment from areas disturbed by the activity to land or waters; and 4. Be implemented and maintained at all times.
L3	Before applying to surrender this environmental authority, the site must be rehabilitated to achieve a safe, stable, non-polluting landform and suitable for the intended land use.
L4	Impacts to Prescribed Environmental Matters (PEMs) are not authorised.
Agency interest: Waste	
Condition Number	**Condition**
WS1	All waste generated in carrying out the activity must be lawfully reused, recycled or removed to a facility that can lawfully accept the waste.
WS2	Waste material produced by the activity must not be burned.
WS3	The maximum height of any stockpile must not exceed 4m from the base of any stockpile.
Agency interest: Water	
Condition Number	**Condition**
WT1	Other than as permitted within this environmental authority, contaminants must not be released to waters
WT2	Contaminants must not be released to groundwater or at a location where they are likely to release to groundwater.
WT3	Stormwater that is not contaminated by the activity must be diverted away from areas where it

	may become contaminated by the activity.
WT4	Erosion and sediment control measures must be implemented and maintained to minimise the release of sediment.
WT5	All runoff from the stockpile(s) and the areas utilised for the operation of the stockpile(s) must be directed to the stormwater basin(s).
WT6	Drainage through and from areas subject to processing and stockpiling activities must be designed to minimise surface flow velocities.
WT7	Sediment and erosion controls must be inspected within 24 hours of all rainfall events and maintained as required.

Definitions

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section. Where a term is not defined, the definition in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Activity means the environmentally relevant activities, whether resource activities or prescribed activities, to which the environmental authority relates.

Administering authority means the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation or its successor or predecessors.

Appropriately qualified person(s) means a person or persons who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the EA requirement and can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis in relation to the EA requirements using the relevant protocols, standards, methods or literature.

Background means noise, measured in the absence of the noise under investigation, as LA 90, adj, T being the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for 90 per cent of the time period of not less than 15 minutes, using Fast response.

Commercial place means a place used as a workplace, an office or for business or commercial purposes and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place.

Environmental nuisance as defined in Chapter 1 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Environmental value means

1. a quality or physical characteristic of the environment that is conducive to ecological health or public amenity or safety; or
2. another quality of the environment identified and declared to be an environmental value under an environmental protection policy or regulation.

General waste means waste other than regulated waste.

Groundwater means water that occurs naturally in, or is introduced artificially into, an aquifer.

Land means any land, whether above or below the ordinary high-water mark at spring tides (i.e. includes tidal land).

LAeq adj, 1 hr means an A-weighted sound pressure level of a continuous steady sound, adjusted for tonal character, that within a 1-hour period has the same mean square sound pressure of a sound that varies with time.

LAeq adj,T means the adjusted A weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level measures on fast response, adjusted for tonality and impulsiveness, during the time period T, where T is measured for a period no less than 15 minutes when the activity is causing a steady state noise, and no shorter than one hour when the approved activity is causing an intermittent noise.

Max,LpA,T means the maximum A-weighted sound pressure level measured over a time period T of not less than 15 minutes, using Fast response.
Land has the meaning in the meaning in the Macquarie Dictionary and does not include air or waters.

Measures has the broadest interpretation and includes:

1. Procedural measures such as standard operating procedures for dredging operations, environmental risk assessment, management actions, departmental direction and competency expectations under relevant guidelines.
2. Physical measures such as plant, equipment, physical objects (such as bunding, containment systems etc.), ecosystem monitoring and bathymetric surveys.

Monitoring results includes analysis results (laboratory and in situ) and monitoring reports.

NATA means National Association of Testing Authorities.

Noxious means harmful or injurious to health or physical well-being.

Offensive means causing offence or displeasure, is unreasonably disagreeable to the sense, disgusting, nauseous or repulsive.

Prescribed environmental matters, as defined in section 5 of the Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014.

Prescribed water contaminants means contaminants listed within Schedule 10 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019.

Records include any written procedures, plans, monitoring results, and monitoring programs required under a condition of this environmental authority.

Relevant act as defined in section 493A of the EP Act.

Release of a contaminant into the environment means to:

1. deposit, discharge, emit or disturb the contaminant
2. cause or allow the contaminant to be deposited, discharged, emitted or disturbed
3. fail to prevent the contaminant from being deposited, discharged emitted or disturbed
4. allow the contaminant to escape
5. fail to prevent the contaminant from escaping.

Secondary containment system means a system designed, installed and operated to prevent any release of contaminants from the system, or containers within the system.

Sensitive place includes the following and includes a place within the curtilage of such a place reasonably used by persons at that place:

1. a dwelling, residential allotment, mobile home or caravan park, residential marina or other residential premises; or
2. a motel, hotel or hostel; or
3. a kindergarten, school, university or other educational institution; or
4. a medical centre or hospital; or
5. a protected area under the Nature Conservation Act 1992, the Marine Parks Act 2004 or a World Heritage Area; or
6. a public park or garden; or
7. for noise, a place defined as a sensitive receptor for the purposes of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019.

Stormwater treatment and retention measures include stormwater dams/ponds and sediment dams/ponds.

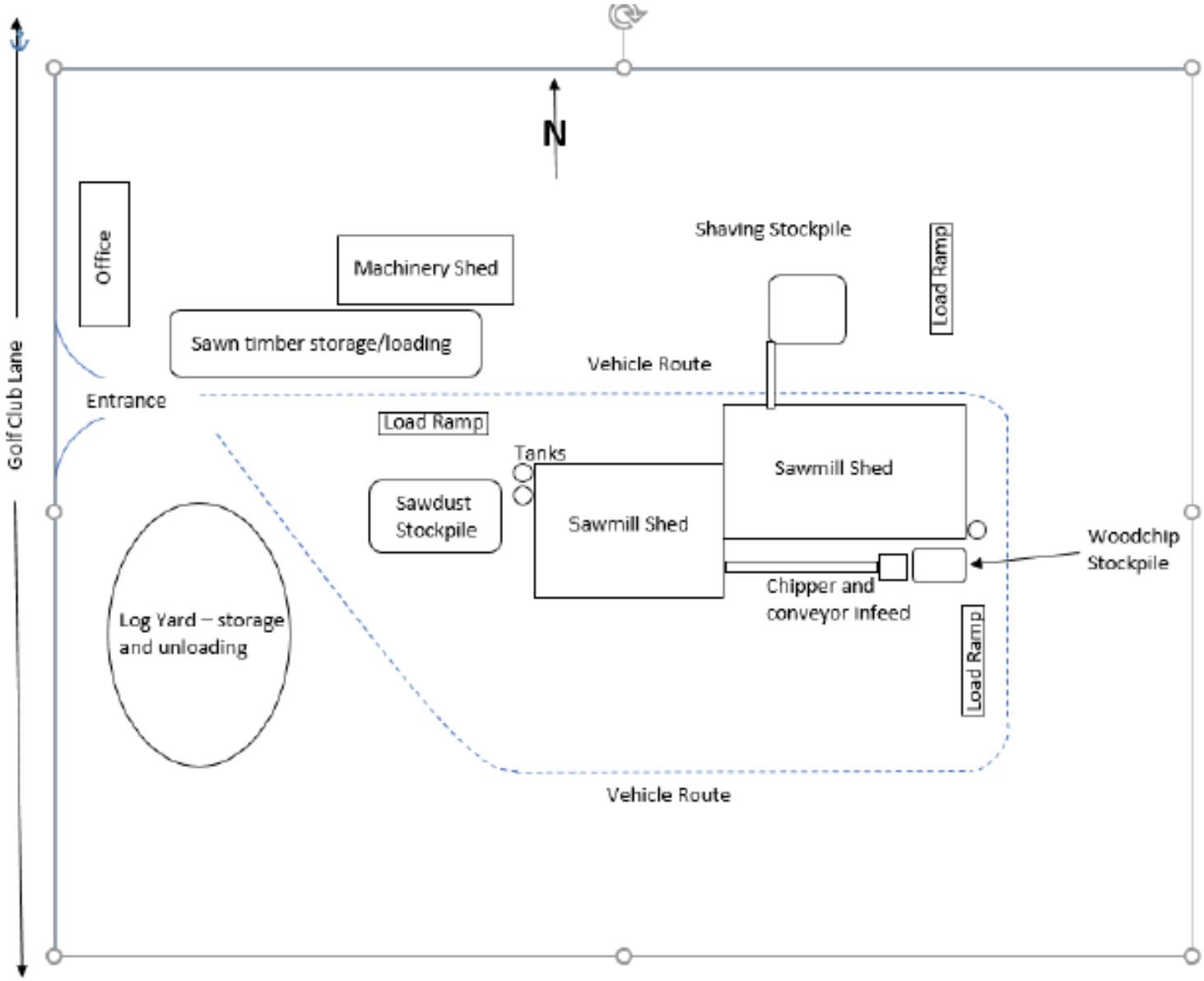
Substantial low frequency noise means a noise emission that has an unbalanced frequency spectrum shown in a one-third octave band measurement, with a predominant component within the frequency range 10 to 200 Hz. It includes any noise emission likely to cause an overall sound pressure level at a sensitive place exceeding 55 dB(Z).

Waters includes river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, swamp, wetland, unconfined surface water, unconfined water, natural or artificial watercourse, bed and bank of any waters, dams, non-tidal or tidal waters (including the sea), stormwater channel, stormwater drain, roadside gutter, stormwater run-off, and groundwater and any part thereof.

You means the holder of the environmental authority.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Site Layout



END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY