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<u>32nd MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT</u> FOR CONTAMINATED MUD PITS AT SHA CHAU February 2012

1.1 BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the East of Sha Chau area has been the site of a series of dredged contaminated mud pits (CMPs) designed to provide confined marine disposal capacity for contaminated mud arising from the HKSAR's dredging and reclamation projects. In February 2012, the following works were being undertaken at the CMPs:

- On 10 February 2012, CMP IVc reached its capacity for the backfilling of contaminated mud. Capping was being undertaken at CMP IVc after it reached its capacity;
- Disposal of contaminated mud was taking place at CMP Va starting 10 February 2012; and
- The dredging of CMP Vc was in progress.

The environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the CMPs at the East of Sha Chau area (ESC) presently covers capping operations at CMP IVc, disposal operations at CMP Va and dredging operations at CMP Vc.

1.2 **REPORTING PERIOD**

This *Monthly Progress Report* covers the monitoring period of February 2012.

1.3 DETAILS OF SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING ACTIVITIES

The following monitoring activities have been undertaken for CMP IVc in February 2012:

- Demersal Trawling was conducted on 16, 17 February; and
- *Water Quality Monitoring during Capping* was conducted on 21 February.

The following monitoring activities have been undertaken for CMP V in February 2012:

• *Water Column Profiling* was conducted for CMP Va on 17 February;

- *Routine Water Quality Monitoring* was conducted for CMP Va on 21 February;
- *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* was conducted for CMP Vc on 22 February;
- *Sediment Toxicity Test* and *Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry* were conducted for CMP Va on 24 February; and
- *Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry* was conducted for CMP Va on 27 February.

A summary of field activities is presented in *Annex A*.

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

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

Key Task	Monitoring Component	Date of Results Received from the Contractor
CMP Vc Impact Monitoring during Dredging Operations	Water Quality	29 February 2012

1.4 DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND / OR ANALYSIS

No outstanding sampling and laboratory analysis remained from February 2012

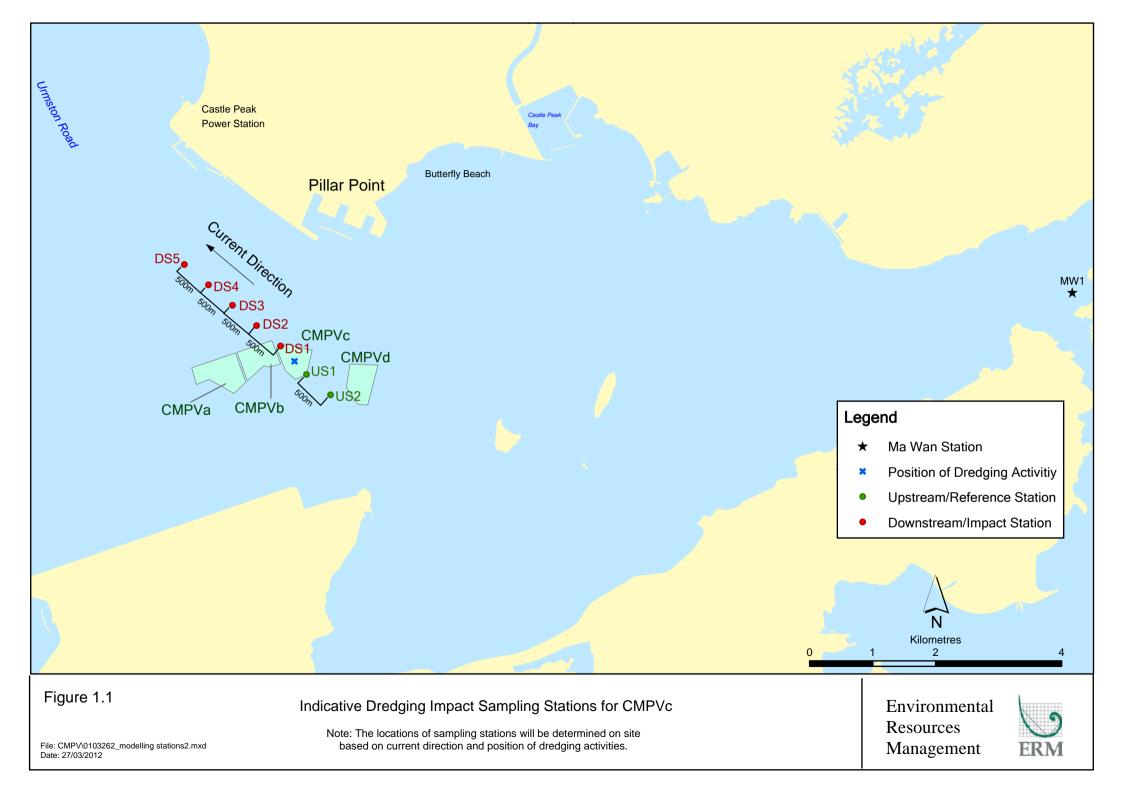
1.5 BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE MONITORING RESULTS

1.5.1 CMP V

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V – February 2012

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V was conducted on 22 February 2012 for CMP Vc. On the survey day, sampling was conducted during both mid-ebb and mid-flood tides at two Reference (Upstream) stations upstream and five Impact (Downstream) stations downstream of the dredging operations at CMP Vc (*Figure 1.1*). Monitoring was also conducted at the Ma Wan station. At each station, *in-situ* measurements of water quality parameters as well as water samples were taken from three depths in the water column (ie surface: 1 m below sea surface, mid-depth and bottom: 1 m above the seabed).

Monitoring results are presented in *Table B1* of *Annex B*. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) complied with the



Action and Limit Levels set in the *Baseline Monitoring Report* ⁽¹⁾. Overall, the results indicated that the dredging operations at CMP Vc did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality during this reporting period.

Therefore, no further mitigation measures, except for those recommended in the Environmental Permit (*EP-312/2008*), are considered required for the dredging operations of CMP Vc.

1.6 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH

The following monitoring programmes will be conducted in the next monthly period of March 2012:

<u>CMP V</u>

- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for CMP Va;
- *Water Column Profiling* for CMP Va; and
- *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* for CMP Vc.

The sampling schedule is presented in *Annex A*.

1.7 STUDY PROGRAMME

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

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Annex A

Sampling Schedule

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	WCP2		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Benthic Recolonisation Studies	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D	J	F
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Impact Monitoring for Dredging		J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D	J	F
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	US2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*										
Downstream/Impact Stations																											
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	DS4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*										
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Annex B

Monitoring Results

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	0	e DO Levels mg/L)	Average Turbidity	Average TSS Level
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth	Level (NTU)	(mg/L)
2012/02/22	ME	DS1	7.63	7.64	15.10	19.50
		DS2	7.60	7.64	21.50	31.00
		DS3	7.61	7.64	15.80	23.70
		DS4	7.63	7.65	12.20	19.50
		DS5	7.69	7.70	9.80	11.80
		MW1	7.28	7.32	6.40	7.70
		US1	7.62	7.63	11.20	12.50
		US2	7.61	7.64	7.00	9.20
	MF	DS1	7.56	7.58	19.80	27.20
		DS2	7.56	7.54	23.10	32.80
		DS3	7.50	7.50	15.60	20.00
		DS4	7.44	7.45	19.70	27.30
		DS5	7.41	7.46	11.20	16.50
		MW1	7.42	7.46	7.70	11.33
		US1	7.65	7.62	15.00	22.70
		US2	7.63	7.63	18.50	28.17

Table B1Summary Table of DO, Turbidity and TSS Levels Recorded in February 2012

Notes:

1. Cell shaded yellow indicated value exceeding the Action Level criteria.

2. Cell shaded red indicated value exceeding the Limit Level criteria.

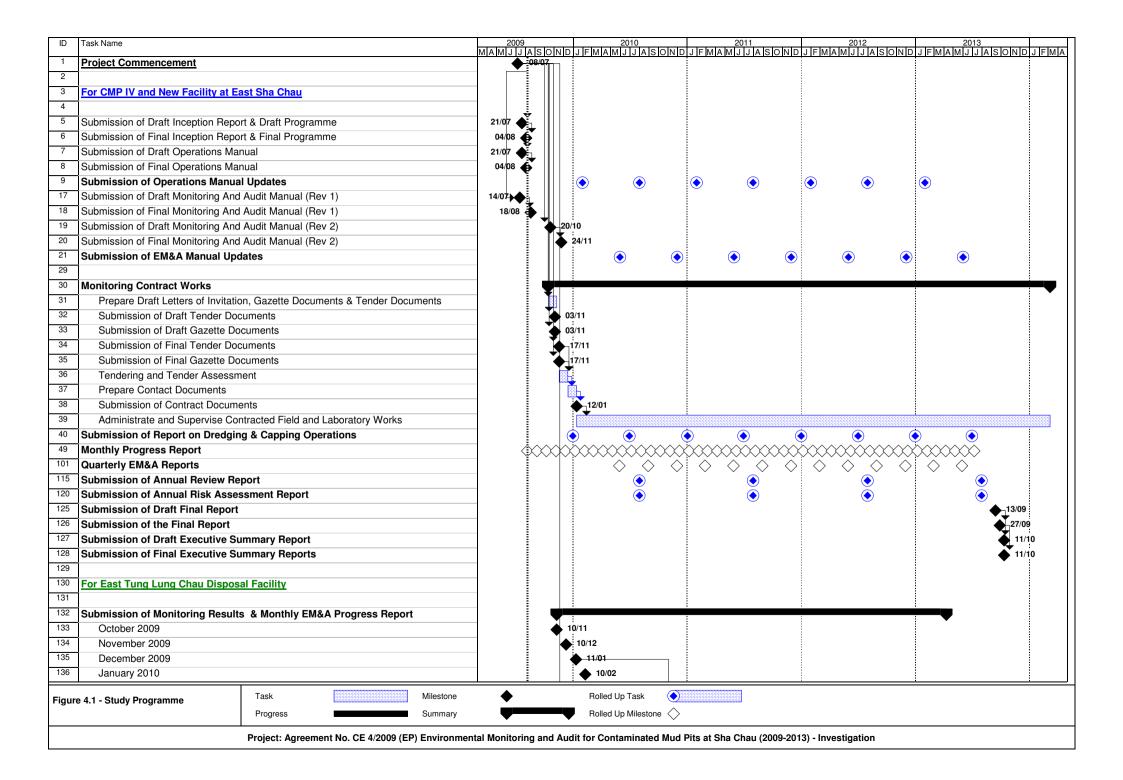
3. DO for Surface and Mid-depth: less than 3.76 mg L⁻¹ (Action Level); less than 3.11 mg L⁻¹ (Limit Level)

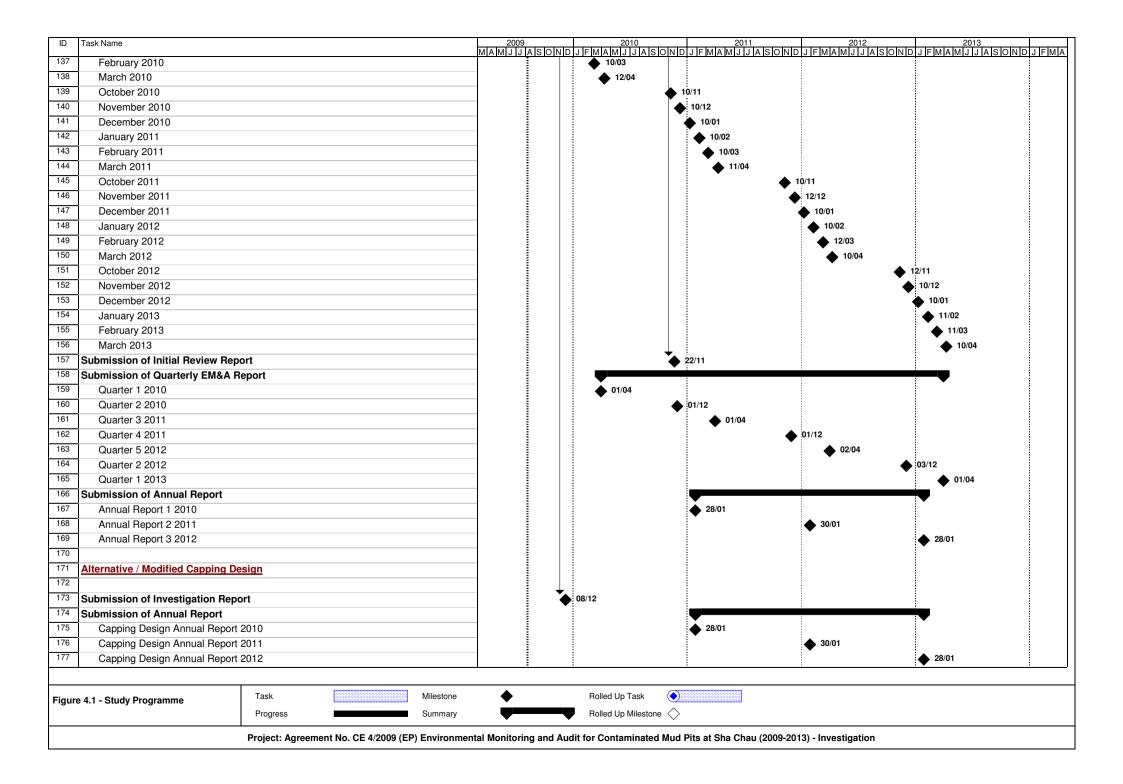
DO for Bottom: less than 2.96 mg L⁻¹ (Action Level); less than 2 mg L⁻¹ (Limit Level) Depth-average Turbidity: greater than 28.14 NTU(Action Level); greater than 38.32 NTU(Limit Level)

Depth-average SS: greater than 37.88 mg $L^{\text{-}1}$ (Action Level); greater than 61.92 mg $L^{\text{-}1}$ (Limit Level)

Annex C

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