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As approved Alternate Acoustics Advisor for the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project, I have reviewed revision 4 of the Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statement (CNVIS) addendum for Victoria Cross south early spoil haulage, as required under A27 (d) of the project approval conditions.

The CNVIS addendum is to add a second, additional excavator to assist on-site spoil loading and haulage at Victoria Cross South (VXS), which has been extended to the morning shoulder period (i.e. 6:00am to 7:00am) excluding Sundays and Public Holidays for approximately 5 months (since June 2020). There are approximately four weeks of excavation and loadout works left at Victoria Cross south.

I reviewed and commented on the CNVIS addendum. I note that predicted noise levels do not exceed the Condition of Approval E41 external equivalent noise management level, not the sleep disturbance screening level of RBL + 15. I understand from JHCPBG that:

- noise will be monitored to validate that levels are below predicted;
- noise predictions were based on 7 trucks per hour, however, only 3-4 trucks are being achieved in this hour;
- there have been no complaints about noise from early spoil haulage (with 1 excavator), since it started in June;
- operators will be instructed to build stockpiles in the afternoon prior, so that spoil is available for the first 3 trucks of the morning shoulder and only the fourth truck will require the second excavator to be used to move spoil, towards the end of the 6am-7am period.

I am satisfied that the CNVIS is technically valid and that it includes appropriate noise and vibration mitigation and management. On this basis I endorse revision 4 of the CNVIS Addendum on the condition that I am provided with the noise monitoring results.



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## Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham – TSE Works - Victoria Cross Station - Early Spoil haulage - CNVIS Addendum

### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Overview of works

This technical memorandum is an addendum to the report Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statement: Victoria Cross Constructions sites<sup>1</sup> (*Victoria Cross CNVIS*). It has been prepared on behalf of John Holland CPB Ghella Joint Venture (JHCPBG) in accordance with the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (*CNVMP*)<sup>2</sup> for the Design and Construction of the Tunnel and Station Excavation (TSE) Works of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest Project (the Project).

JHCPBG is proposing to extend on-site spoil loading and haulage at Victoria Cross South (VXS) worksite to the morning shoulder period (i.e. 6:00am to 7:00am) Monday to Saturday until the end of the project (i.e. approximately September 2020) excluding Sunday and Public holidays.

This memorandum has been prepared to address the potential construction noise and vibration impacts from the proposed construction activities during the morning shoulder period. The early spoil operations have been assessed in isolation as no other regular site activities would occur at the same time. The construction works are detailed in Section 2.1 below.

<sup>1</sup> TH511-02 01.04.03 F01 VC CNVIS (r7), dated 21 September 2018

<sup>2</sup> Sydney Metro City & Southwest – TSE Works Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (SMCSTSE-JCG-TPW-EN-PLN-002012)

## 1.2 Justification for out of hours construction works

Under EPL20971 L4.2 works and activities may be carried out outside standard construction hours if *“the works and activities do not cause, when measured at the boundary of the most affected noise sensitive receiver:*

- a) *LAeq(15 minute) noise levels greater than 5dB above the day, evening and night rating background level (RBL) as applicable; and*
- b) *LA1(1 minute) or LAm<sub>ax</sub> noise levels greater than 15dB above the night RBL for night works; and*
- c) *Continuous or impulsive vibration values greater than those for human exposure to vibration, set out for residences in Table 2.2 in “Environmental noise management – Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline” (Department of Environment and Conservation, February 2006); and*
- d) *Intermittent vibration value greater than those for human exposure to vibration, set out for residences in Table 2.4 in “Environmental noise management – Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline” (Department of Environment and Conservation, February 2006).”*

## 2 Construction noise assessment

### 2.1 Construction activities

The spoil truck loading operations would be undertaken using an excavator with clamshell bucket in the loading platform (the south-eastern section of the VXS worksite as shown in Table below). Spoil trucks would access the site via Spring Street and Denison Street and exit via Denison Street and Berry Street. Spoil trucks would be loaded on Denison Street close to the loading platform. On site, one excavator with bucket will transfer the spoil from the excavation area to the loading platform (shifting spoil from one stockpile to another) where the excavator with clamshell bucket will load the trucks (i.e. total of two excavators on site).

Figure 2.1 – Spoil loading location at VXS worksite



Table 2.1 presents the list of plant that are proposed to be used during these works and the associated sound power levels.

Table 2.1: Construction activities and associated sound power levels

Construction Work Area	Key plant and equipment	Morning shoulder 6:00am – 7:00am	Sound power level, dB(A)	
			L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>
See Figure 2.1	Spoil truck	7 p.h.	106	111
See Figure 2.1 – loading platform	Excavator with bucket	1	103	112

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See Figure 2.1 – transferring spoil onsite	Excavator with bucket	1	103	112

Predicted noise levels associated with the spoil loading operations at the nearest residential receiver are presented in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2: Predicted noise levels at the closest noise sensitive receiver during morning shoulder period (6:00am to 7:00am)**

NCA	Address	Type of receiver	Construction noise levels, L <sub>Aeq,15min</sub> , dB(A)			Sleep disturbance, L <sub>A1,1min</sub> dB(A)	
			Predicted level	ICNG NML <sup>1</sup>	CoA E41 <sup>2</sup>	Predicted level	Screening criteria <sup>3</sup>
VC_07	79-81 BERRY STREET NORTH SYDNEY (residential level)	Residential apartment from level 5	64	62	65	71	72

- Notes:
- 1) Shoulder period NML was calculated based on Section 3.3 “Dealing with shoulder periods” of the INP (i.e. shoulder period RBL+5). This is also consistent with long-term monitoring data from the EIS (i.e. B.16).
  - 2) External equivalent NML assuming a closed window and a conservative façade loss of 20dB(A).
  - 3) Shoulder period RBL + 15

As can be noted from Table 2.2, the predicted noise levels associated with spoil loading and haulage operations are expected to be marginally above (i.e. up to 2 dB) the morning shoulder NML at the nearest residential receiver. Noise levels are predicted to be below the internal NML defined in PPA condition E41 at the nearest residential receiver. In addition, the predicted maximum noise levels L<sub>A1</sub> associated with these works are expected to be below the sleep disturbance screening level at the nearest residential receiver.

Other noise sensitive receives such as commercial and educational premises are not likely to be in use during the morning shoulder period.

Prior to the commencement of the proposed works, verification monitoring is required during approved assessment periods (i.e. standard construction hours or evening period) to confirm that noise levels are below the relevant NMLs.

## 2.2 Construction traffic noise

Potential construction traffic impacts on main access roads due to heavy vehicle movements was covered in Section 8.2 of the *Victoria Cross CNVIS*. A maximum of 13 heavy vehicle movements per hour at night (i.e. 13 x 9 hours = 117 heavy vehicles) was assessed in the *Victoria Cross CNVIS* and predicted to have a marginal increase of 2.4dB(A) in the overall night L<sub>Aeq(9h)</sub> noise at the nearest residential receiver.

JHCPBG would now only require 7 spoil trucks during the morning shoulder period (i.e. 6:00am to 7:00am) accessing the worksite via Berry Street and exiting via Dennison Street. Considering the

significant reduction in heavy vehicle movements over the night-time period, the proposed spoil truck movements are expected to have negligible impact on noise generated by the main roads used to access the site.

## 2.3 Construction vibration

No vibration intensive plant and equipment are proposed for these works, therefore the vibration impact is considered to be negligible and in compliance with EPL conditions L4.2(c) and L4.2(d).

## 3 Noise mitigation and management

Based upon the assessment, as the predicted noise levels are expected to be below the PPA Condition E41 external equivalent NML, there are no additional noise mitigation or management measures applicable for the assessed works.

Prior to the commencement of the proposed works, verification monitoring is required during approved assessment periods (i.e. standard construction hours or evening period) to confirm that noise levels are below the relevant NMLs at the location identified in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1: Nominated verification monitoring location**

NCA	Nominated receiver address	Monitoring location at 1 m from	Target noise level, dB(A) $L_{Aeq}$ 15 minute	Target screening level, dB(A) $L_{A1min}$
VC_07	79-81 BERRY STREET NORTH SYDNEY (residential level)	West facade	62 <sup>2</sup> (65) <sup>3</sup>	72 <sup>2</sup> (75) <sup>3</sup>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring on private property is subject to owner consent and where relevant, occupier consent. If property access is denied, monitoring will still be carried out outside property boundaries, where it is safe to do so.</li> <li>The morning shoulder NML and screening criterion for sleep disturbance at the nearest noise sensitive receivers, which are the residential apartments located from level 5.</li> <li>The noise level in brackets (XX) is the noise level that should be measured at ground level adjacent to the building to ensure compliance with the morning shoulder NML and screening criterion for sleep disturbance at the residential apartments located from level 5.</li> </ol>				

Attended noise monitoring will continue to be undertaken on a regular basis (i.e. at the beginning and half way through the period considered in this addendum- from now until the end of the project) to verify that noise levels from the construction activities are below the relevant NMLs.

If verification monitoring shows that the external noise levels from the construction works are consistently (i.e. for 2 or more consecutive monitoring events) above the relevant NMLs, investigation will be undertaken to understand the cause of the exceedance and relevant reasonable and feasible mitigation measures will be implemented.

## 4 Conclusion

This technical memorandum is an addendum to the report *Victoria Cross CNVIS* to review the potential noise and vibration impacts for the spoil loading and haulage operations at Victoria Cross South worksite during the morning shoulder period (i.e. 6:00am to 7:00am) excluding Sundays and Public holidays.

The proposed construction activities are expected to be marginally above (i.e. up to 2 dB) the morning shoulder NML but below PPA Condition E41 at the nearest noise sensitive receivers. Therefore, prior to the commencement of the proposed works, verification monitoring is required during approved assessment periods to confirm that noise levels are below the relevant NMLs.

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## Document control

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## APPENDIX A Glossary of terminology

The following is a brief description of the technical terms used to describe noise to assist in understanding the technical issues presented.

Adverse weather	Weather effects that enhance noise (that is, wind and temperature inversions) that occur at a site for a significant period of time (that is, wind occurring more than 30% of the time in any assessment period in any season and/or temperature inversions occurring more than 30% of the nights in winter).
Ambient noise	The all-encompassing noise associated within a given environment at a given time, usually composed of sound from all sources near and far.
Assessment period	The period in a day over which assessments are made.
Assessment point	A point at which noise measurements are taken or estimated. A point at which noise measurements are taken or estimated.
Background noise	Background noise is the term used to describe the underlying level of noise present in the ambient noise, measured in the absence of the noise under investigation, when extraneous noise is removed. It is described as the average of the minimum noise levels measured on a sound level meter and is measured statistically as the A-weighted noise level exceeded for ninety percent of a sample period. This is represented as the L90 noise level (see below).
Decibel [dB]	The units that sound is measured in. The following are examples of the decibel readings of every day sounds: 0dB The faintest sound we can hear 30dB A quiet library or in a quiet location in the country 45dB Typical office space. Ambience in the city at night 60dB CBD mall at lunch time 70dB The sound of a car passing on the street 80dB Loud music played at home 90dB The sound of a truck passing on the street 100dB The sound of a rock band 115dB Limit of sound permitted in industry 120dB Deafening
dB(A)	A-weighted decibels. The A-weighting noise filter simulates the response of the human ear at relatively low levels, where the ear is not as effective in hearing low frequency sounds as it is in hearing high frequency sounds. That is, low frequency sounds of the same dB level are not heard as loud as high frequency sounds. The sound level meter replicates the human response of the ear by using an electronic filter which is called the "A" filter. A sound level measured with this filter switched on is denoted as dB(A). Practically all noise is measured using the A filter.
dB(C)	C-weighted decibels. The C-weighting noise filter simulates the response of the human ear at relatively high levels, where the human ear is nearly equally effective at hearing from mid-low frequency (63Hz) to mid-high frequency (4kHz), but is less effective outside these frequencies.
Frequency	Frequency is synonymous to pitch. Sounds have a pitch which is peculiar to the nature of the sound generator. For example, the sound of a tiny bell has a high pitch and the sound of a bass drum has a low pitch. Frequency or pitch can be measured on a scale in units of Hertz or Hz.
Impulsive noise	Having a high peak of short duration or a sequence of such peaks. A sequence of impulses in rapid succession is termed repetitive impulsive noise.
Intermittent noise	The level suddenly drops to that of the background noise several times during the period of observation. The time during which the noise remains at levels different from that of the ambient is one second or more.
L <sub>Max</sub>	The maximum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
L <sub>Min</sub>	The minimum sound pressure level measured over a given period.

L <sub>1</sub>	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 1% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L <sub>10</sub>	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 10% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L <sub>90</sub>	The level of noise exceeded for 90% of the time. The bottom 10% of the sample is the L90 noise level expressed in units of dB(A).
L <sub>eq</sub>	The "equivalent noise level" is the summation of noise events and integrated over a selected period of time.
Reflection	Sound wave changed in direction of propagation due to a solid object obscuring its path.
SEL	Sound Exposure Level (SEL) is the constant sound level which, if maintained for a period of 1 second would have the same acoustic energy as the measured noise event. SEL noise measurements are useful as they can be converted to obtain L <sub>eq</sub> sound levels over any period of time and can be used for predicting noise at various locations.
Sound	A fluctuation of air pressure which is propagated as a wave through air.
Sound absorption	The ability of a material to absorb sound energy through its conversion into thermal energy.
Sound level meter	An instrument consisting of a microphone, amplifier and indicating device, having a declared performance and designed to measure sound pressure levels.
Sound pressure level	The level of noise, usually expressed in decibels, as measured by a standard sound level meter with a microphone.
Sound power level	Ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power of the source to the reference sound power.
Tonal noise	Containing a prominent frequency and characterised by a definite pitch.