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Dear Chris

Environmental Monitoring for National Ceramic Industries Australia - September 2018

Please find enclosed the documentation for the environmental monitoring carried out for National Ceramic Industries Australia during September 2018. Sampling methodology and adopted assessment criteria are detailed below.

1.0 Sampling Methodology

Sampling was performed by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) and sample analysis was carried out by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. All sampling and analysis was carried out in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approved methods with reference to the following Australian Standards:

- Monitoring of fine suspended particulates (PM₁₀) on the EPA six day cycle in accordance with:
 - AS/NZS 3580.9.6 (2015) Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air – Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter – PM₁₀ High Volume Sampler with Size Selective Inlet - Gravimetric Method.
- Monitoring of fluorides in ambient air in accordance with:
 - AS/NZS 3580.13.2 (2013) Determination of fluorides—Gaseous and acid-soluble particulate fluorides—Manual, double filter paper sampling.
- Meteorological monitoring in accordance with:
 - AS 3580.1.1 (2007) – *Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Part 1.1 – Guide to siting air monitoring equipment; and*
 - AS 3580.14 (2014) – *Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Part 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring.*
- Monitoring of surface water quality in accordance with:
 - AS/NZS 5667.1 (1998) *Guidance on the design of sampling programs, sampling techniques and the preservation and handling of samples; and*
 - AS/NZS 5667.4 (1998) *Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and manmade.*

2.0 Assessment Criteria

Suspended particulate loads are assessed against the impact assessment criteria defined in the Project Approval conditions (09_0006 – National Ceramic Industries Australia Tile Manufacturing Facility Expansion Project, 19 January 2012). The assessment criteria for PM₁₀ (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 µm) are:

- 50 µg/m³ over a 24-hour period; and
- 30 µg/m³ as an annual average.

Ambient fluoride concentrations are assessed against the guidelines defined in NSW EPA *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (NSW EPA (2016)). The NSW EPA impact assessment criteria for ambient fluoride are:

- 2.9 µg/m³ over a 24-hour period; and
- 1.7 µg/m³ over a 7-day period.

Surface waters are assessed in accordance with default trigger values for physical and chemical stressors for southeast Australia in the *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality* (ANZG, 2018). These values are:

- pH in the range of 6.5 - 8.5 (Table 3.3.2 - NSW Lowland River); and
- Electrical conductivity (EC) in the range of 125 – 2200 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ (Table 3.3.3 - NSW Lowland River).

3.0 Monitoring Results

Monitoring results for the month of September 2018 are presented in the attachments to this letter. Monitoring results for the preceding two months are also presented to demonstrate quarterly trends in results.

September PM_{10} monitoring results were below the consent 24 hour criterion of $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

The PM_{10} rolling annual average concentration at the South East site remains below the Project Approval annual criterion of $30\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with an average of $22.6\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ recorded. The North West annual average is currently above the criteria. The North West annual average sits at $30.9\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ following the completion of the September monitoring period, this is primarily due to elevated results recorded during July 2018. The North West annual average has dropped steadily over the months following July 2018.

Fluoride results for September remain below the relevant assessment criteria at both the North West and South East monitoring sites with no exceedances of either the 24 hour or 7 day criteria this month.

The adopted ANZG 2018 guidelines for pH and conductivity are the default trigger values for slightly disturbed aquatic ecosystems in NSW lowland rivers. All Pond 4 pH readings during September were within the ANZG 2018 pH guideline. All Pond 4 EC readings taken during the September monitoring period were within the ANZG guidelines. Water temperature was also measured weekly however no guideline is available for assessment. Pond 4 was not observed to be discharging during any of the September site visits.

Monitoring results and plots can be found attached including the wind rose for September. Laboratory certificates, field sheets and calibration data along with relevant meteorology data can be provided on request.

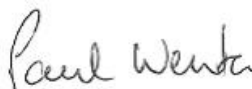
If you require any further information, please contact Simon Murphy on 0428 626 952.

Yours faithfully,



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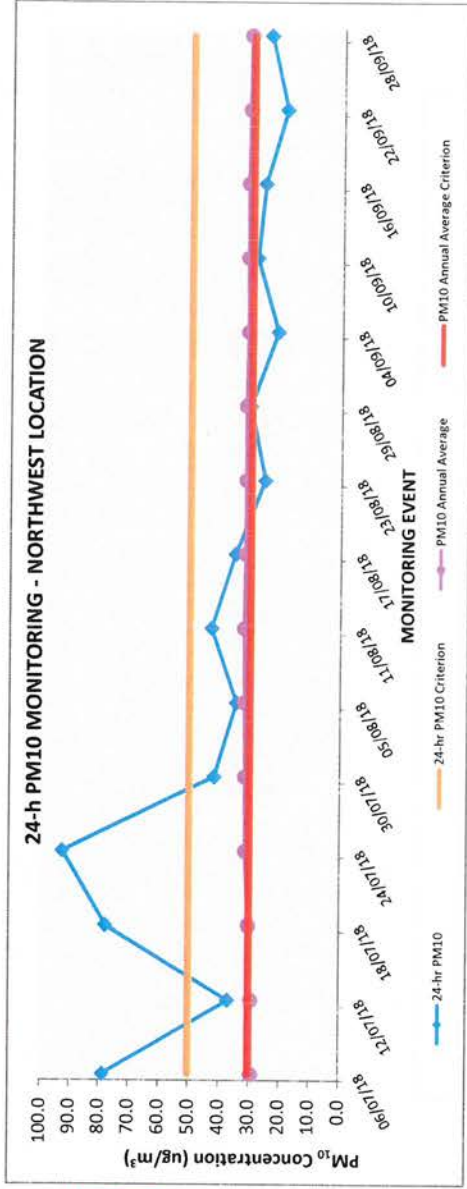
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North West Monitoring Location - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring

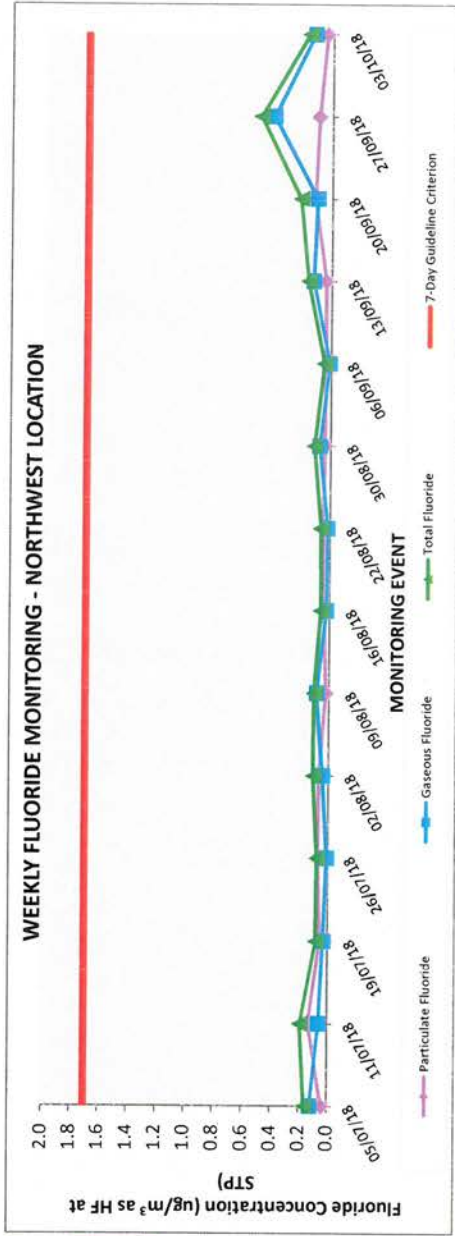
North West - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring				
July 2018 to September 2018				
Monitoring Event	24-hr PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	24-hr PM ₁₀ Criterion (µg/m ³)	PM ₁₀ Annual Average (µg/m ³)	PM ₁₀ Annual Average Criterion
6-Jul-18	78.8	50	29.1	30
12-Jul-18	36.9	50	29.2	30
18-Jul-18	77.9	50	30.2	30
24-Jul-18	92.6	50	31.3	30
30-Jul-18	41.8	50	31.4	30
5-Aug-18	34.6	50	31.8	30
11-Aug-18	43.0	50	32.0	30
17-Aug-18	35.2	50	31.7	30
23-Aug-18	25.6	50	31.5	30
29-Aug-18	30.6	50	31.7	30
4-Sep-18	21.5	50	31.3	30
10-Sep-18	28.6	50	31.4	30
16-Sep-18	26.1	50	31.5	30
22-Sep-18	19.0	50	31.1	30
28-Sep-18	24.4	50	30.9	30

*Bold denotes exceedance



North West Monitoring Location - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring

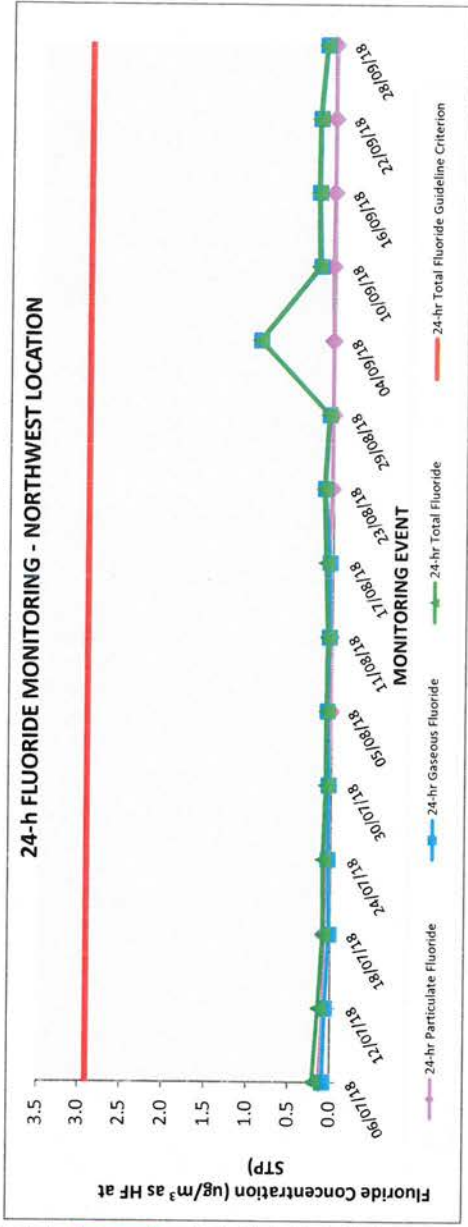
North West - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring				
July 2018 to October 2018				
Monitoring Event	Particulate Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	Gaseous Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	Total Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	7-Day Guideline Criterion
5-Jul-18	0.038	0.122	0.160	1.7
11-Jul-18	0.130	0.062	0.192	1.7
19-Jul-18	0.053	0.031	0.084	1.7
26-Jul-18	0.069	0.009	0.078	1.7
2-Aug-18	0.063	0.043	0.106	1.7
9-Aug-18	0.018	0.087	0.105	1.7
16-Aug-18	0.039	0.022	0.061	1.7
22-Aug-18	0.047	0.017	0.064	1.7
30-Aug-18	0.037	0.077	0.114	1.7
6-Sep-18	0.036	0.012	0.048	1.7
13-Sep-18	0.036	0.127	0.163	1.7
20-Sep-18	0.116	0.102	0.218	1.7
27-Sep-18	0.090	0.409	0.499	1.7
3-Oct-18	0.039	0.126	0.165	1.7



North West Monitoring Location - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring

North West - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring July 2018 to September 2018

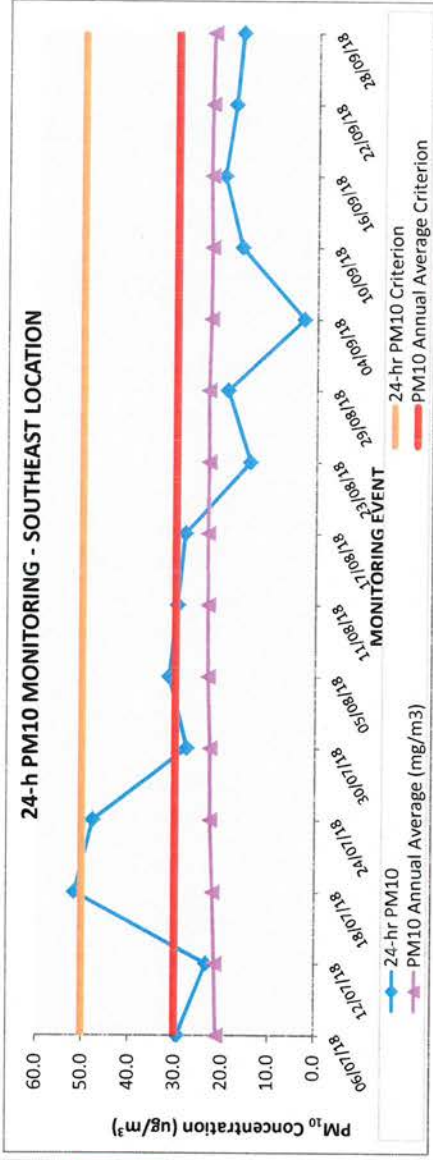
Monitoring Event	24-hr Particulate Fluoride	24-hr Gaseous Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride Guideline Criterion
	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
6-Jul-18	0.120	0.088	0.208	2.9
12-Jul-18	0.079	0.063	0.142	2.9
18-Jul-18	0.076	0.018	0.094	2.9
24-Jul-18	0.062	0.034	0.096	2.9
30-Jul-18	0.039	0.030	0.069	2.9
5-Aug-18	0.014	0.055	0.069	2.9
11-Aug-18	0.026	0.037	0.063	2.9
17-Aug-18	0.051	0.037	0.088	2.9
23-Aug-18	0.016	0.103	0.119	2.9
29-Aug-18	0.015	0.057	0.072	2.9
4-Sep-18	0.016	0.883	0.899	2.9
10-Sep-18	0.028	0.175	0.203	2.9
16-Sep-18	0.016	0.200	0.216	2.9
22-Sep-18	0.015	0.194	0.209	2.9
28-Sep-18	0.017	0.121	0.138	2.9



South East Monitoring Location - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring

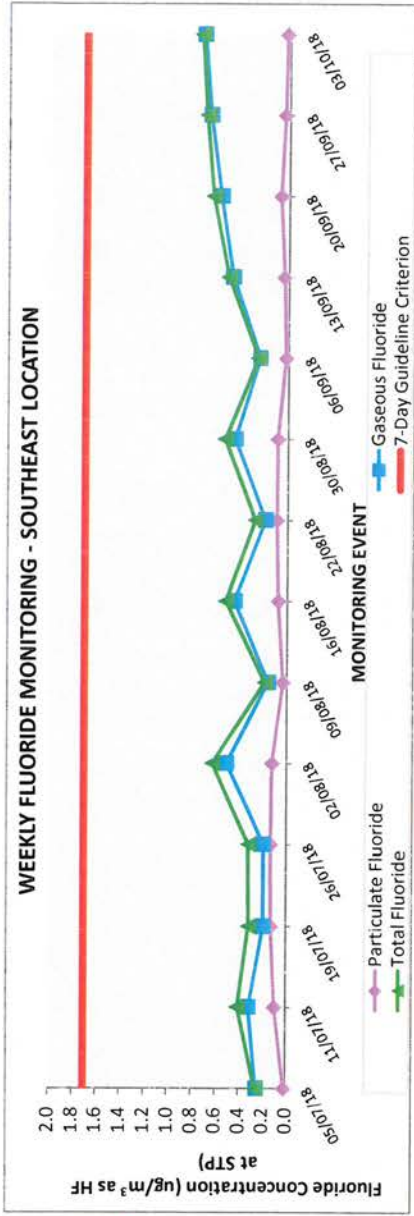
South East - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring				
July 2018 to September 2018				
Monitoring Event	24-hr PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	24-hr PM ₁₀ Criterion (µg/m ³)	PM ₁₀ Annual Average (µg/m ³)	PM ₁₀ Annual Average Criterion
6-Jul-18	29.4	50	21.1	30
12-Jul-18	23.4	50	21.5	30
18-Jul-18	51.6	50	22.0	30
24-Jul-18	47.6	50	22.6	30
30-Jul-18	27.6	50	22.6	30
5-Aug-18	31.4	50	23.1	30
11-Aug-18	29.7	50	23.2	30
17-Aug-18	28.1	50	23.3	30
23-Aug-18	14.4	50	23.2	30
29-Aug-18	19.3	50	23.3	30
4-Sep-18	2.9	50	22.9	30
10-Sep-18	16.4	50	22.8	30
16-Sep-18	20.2	50	23.0	30
22-Sep-18	17.9	50	22.8	30
28-Sep-18	16.4	50	22.6	30

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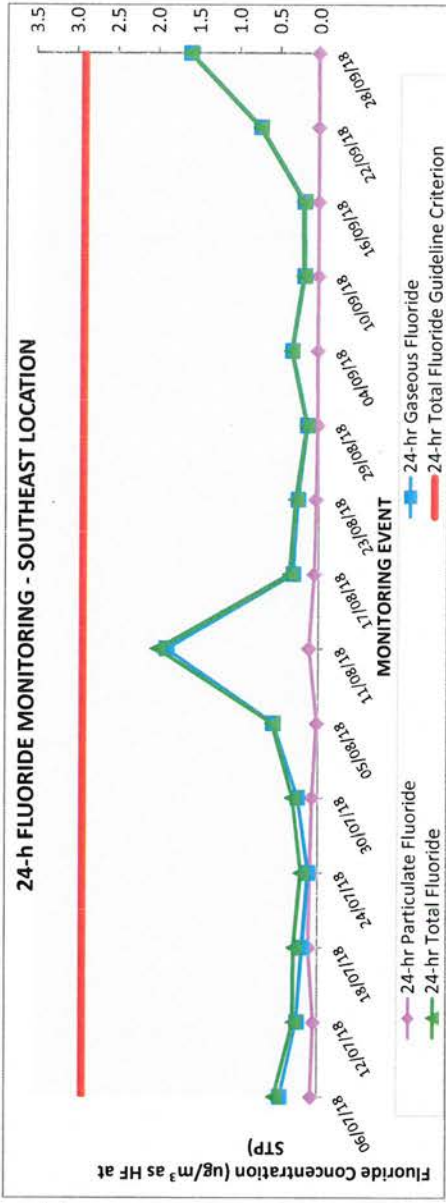
South East Monitoring Location - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring

South East - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring				
July 2018 to October 2018				
Monitoring Event	Particulate Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	Gaseous Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	Total Fluoride ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	7-Day Guideline Criterion ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
5-Jul-18	0.013	0.250	0.263	1.7
11-Jul-18	0.094	0.315	0.409	1.7
19-Jul-18	0.127	0.192	0.319	1.7
26-Jul-18	0.130	0.192	0.322	1.7
2-Aug-18	0.120	0.508	0.628	1.7
9-Aug-18	0.032	0.157	0.189	1.7
16-Aug-18	0.074	0.447	0.521	1.7
22-Aug-18	0.088	0.187	0.275	1.7
30-Aug-18	0.084	0.448	0.532	1.7
6-Sep-18	0.019	0.239	0.258	1.7
13-Sep-18	0.036	0.472	0.508	1.7
20-Sep-18	0.068	0.572	0.640	1.7
27-Sep-18	0.034	0.663	0.697	1.7
3-Oct-18	0.020	0.720	0.740	1.7



South East Monitoring Location - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring

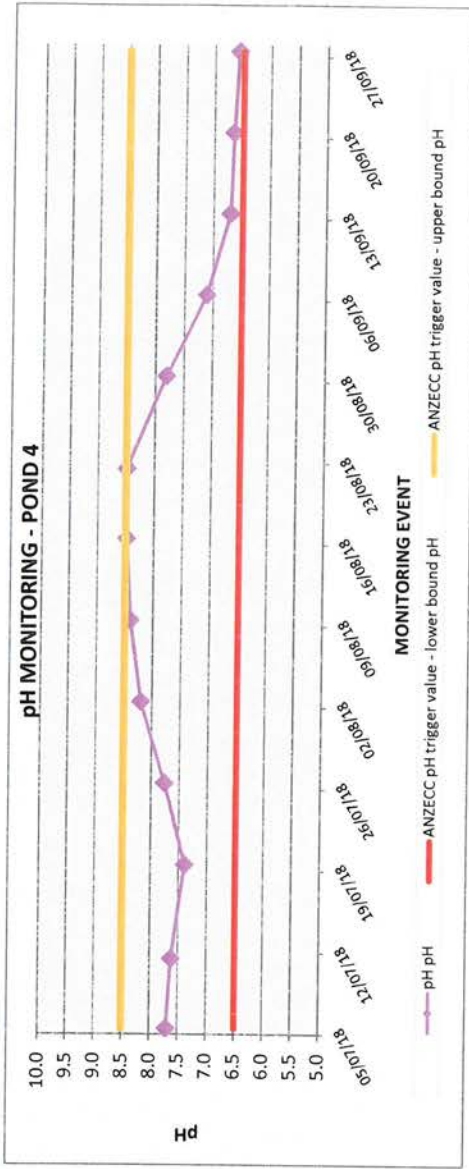
South East - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring				
July 2018 to September 2018				
Monitoring Event	24-hr Particulate Fluoride	24-hr Gaseous Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride Guideline Criterion
	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	HF at STP
6-Jul-18	0.074	0.467	0.541	2.9
12-Jul-18	0.045	0.256	0.301	2.9
18-Jul-18	0.105	0.189	0.294	2.9
24-Jul-18	0.091	0.116	0.207	2.9
30-Jul-18	0.069	0.250	0.319	2.9
5-Aug-18	0.013	0.560	0.573	2.9
11-Aug-18	0.112	1.88	1.99	2.9
17-Aug-18	0.049	0.312	0.361	2.9
23-Aug-18	0.030	0.257	0.287	2.9
29-Aug-18	0.014	0.142	0.156	2.9
4-Sep-18	0.017	0.337	0.354	2.9
10-Sep-18	0.014	0.189	0.203	2.9
16-Sep-18	0.014	0.192	0.206	2.9
22-Sep-18	0.015	0.740	0.755	2.9
28-Sep-18	0.017	1.61	1.63	2.9



Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly pH Monitoring

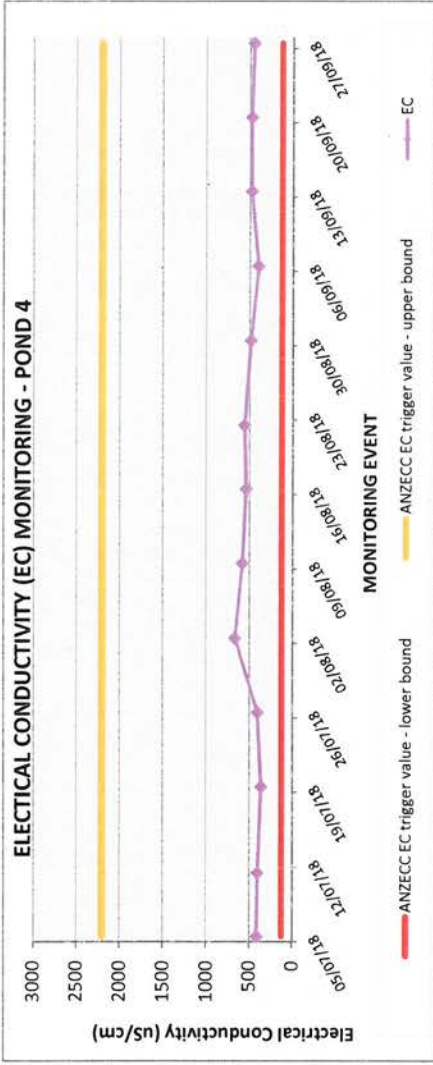
Pond 4 - Weekly pH Monitoring
July 2018 to September 2018

Monitoring Event	pH	ANZECC pH trigger value - lower bound	ANZECC pH trigger value - upper bound	Unable to Sample
	pH	pH	pH	
5/07/2018	7.70	6.5	8.5	
11/07/2018	7.62	6.5	8.5	
19/07/2018	7.39	6.5	8.5	
26/07/2018	7.76	6.5	8.5	
2/08/2018	8.20	6.5	8.5	
9/08/2018	8.40	6.5	8.5	
16/08/2018	8.48	6.5	8.5	
22/08/2018	8.49	6.5	8.5	
30/08/2018	7.80	6.5	8.5	
6/09/2018	7.10	6.5	8.5	
13/09/2018	6.70	6.5	8.5	
20/09/2018	6.65	6.5	8.5	
27/09/2018	6.57	6.5	8.5	



Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly EC Monitoring

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY (EC) MONITORING - POND 4

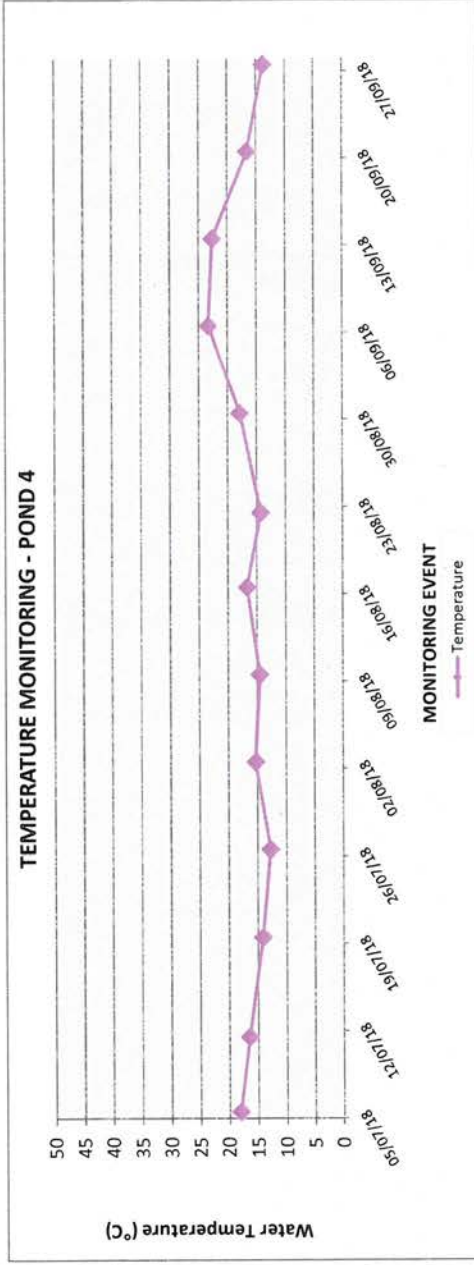


Pond 4 - Weekly EC Monitoring				
July 2018 to September 2018				
Monitoring Event	EC µS/cm	ANZECC EC trigger value - lower bound µS/cm	ANZECC EC trigger value - upper bound µS/cm	Unable to Sample
5/07/2018	412	125	2200	
11/07/2018	399	125	2200	
19/07/2018	359	125	2200	
26/07/2018	401	125	2200	
2/08/2018	664	125	2200	
9/08/2018	579	125	2200	
16/08/2018	534	125	2200	
22/08/2018	553	125	2200	
30/08/2018	482	125	2200	
6/09/2018	395	125	2200	
13/09/2018	474	125	2200	
20/09/2018	477	125	2200	
27/09/2018	448	125	2200	

Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly Temperature Monitoring

Pond 4 - Weekly Temperature Monitoring
July 2018 to September 2018

Monitoring Event	Temperature °C	Unable to Sample
5/07/2018	18.1	
11/07/2018	16.5	
19/07/2018	14.1	
26/07/2018	12.8	
2/08/2018	15.3	
9/08/2018	14.5	
16/08/2018	16.7	
22/08/2018	14.3	
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20/09/2018	16.6	
27/09/2018	13.8	

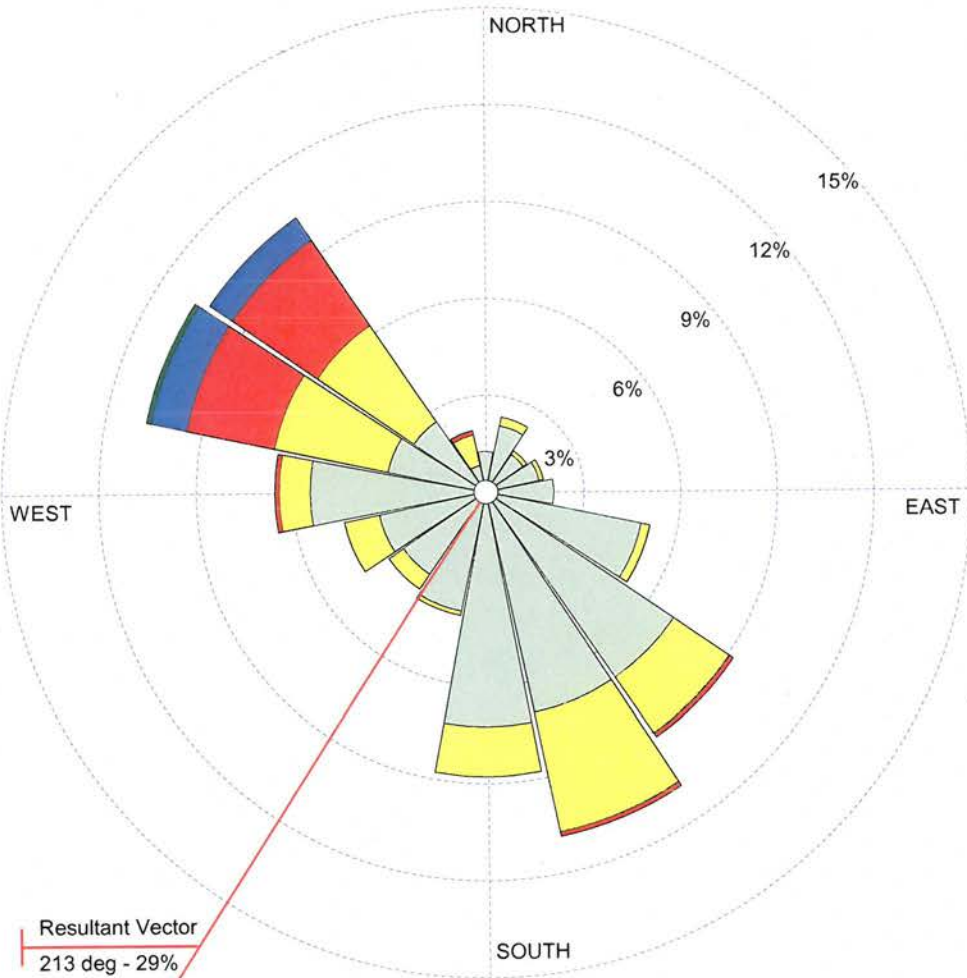


WIND ROSE PLOT:

NCIA - Meteorological Data
September Sampling Period - September 2018

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed
Direction (blowing from)



WIND SPEED
(m/s)

- >= 11.1
- 8.8 - 11.1
- 5.7 - 8.8
- 3.6 - 5.7
- 2.1 - 3.6
- 0.5 - 2.1

Calms: 15.56%

COMMENTS:

DATA PERIOD:

Start Date: 1/09/2018 - 00:00
End Date: 30/09/2018 - 23:00

COMPANY NAME:

MODELER:

CALM WINDS:

15.56%

TOTAL COUNT:

719 hrs.

AVG. WIND SPEED:

1.63 m/s

DATE:

12/10/2018

PROJECT NO.:

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