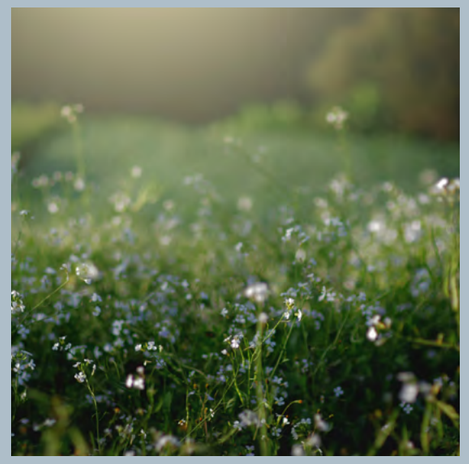

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Dust Management Plan

Site management
The aim is to ensure good site management by avoiding dust becoming airborne at source. This will be done through good design and effective control strategies. At the construction planning stage, the siting of activities and storage piles will take note of the location of sensitive receptors and prevailing wind directions. As the prevailing wind is predominantly south-westerly, locating construction compounds and storage piles downwind of sensitive receptors will minimise the potential for dust nuisance to occur at sensitive receptors. The Principal Contractor or equivalent must ensure that the proposed mitigation measures are implemented, and that dust impacts and nuisance are minimised.

- It is recommended that community engagement be undertaken before works commence on site explaining the nature and duration of the works to local residents and businesses.
- The name and contact details of a person to contact regarding air quality and dust issues shall be displayed on the site boundary. A complaints register will be kept on site detailing all sources of complaints received in connection with dust nuisance or air quality concerns, together with details of any remedial actions carried out.
- Regular inspections of the site and boundary should be carried out to monitor dust, records and notes on these inspections should be logged.
- Record any exceptional incidents that cause dust and/or air emissions, either on- or offsite, and the action taken to resolve the situation in the logbook.
- In the event of dust nuisance occurring outside the site boundary, site activities will be reviewed, and satisfactory procedures implemented to rectify the problem.

Preparing and maintaining the site

- Plan site layout so that machinery and dust causing activities are located away from receptors, as far as is possible.
- Erect solid screens or barriers around dusty activities or the site boundary that are at least as high as any stockpiles on site if necessary.
- Fully enclose site or specific operations where there is a high potential for dust production and the site is actives for an extensive period
- Avoid site runoff of water or mud.
- Keep site fencing, barriers and scaffolding clean using wet methods.
- Remove materials that have a potential to produce dust from site as soon as possible, unless being re-used on site. If they are being re-used on-site cover or fence stockpiles to prevent wind whipping.

Site roads and operating vehicles / machinery

- A speed restriction of 20 km/hr will be applied as an effective control measure for dust for on-site vehicles using unpaved site roads.
- Access gates to the site shall be located at least 10m from sensitive receptors where possible.
- Bowsers or suitable watering equipment will be available during periods of dry weather. Watering shall be conducted during sustained dry periods to ensure that unpaved areas are kept moist.
- Any hard surface roads will be swept to remove mud and aggregate materials from their surface while any unsurfaced roads shall be restricted to essential site traffic only.
- Ensure all vehicles switch off engines when stationary.
- Avoid the use of diesel or petrol powered generators and use mains electricity or battery powered equipment where practicable.

Site traffic on public roads

- Vehicles delivering material with potential for dust emissions to an off-site location shall be enclosed or covered with tarpaulin at all times.
- At the main construction traffic exit, a wheel wash facility shall be installed. All trucks leaving the site must pass through the wheel wash. The wheel wash will be located sufficiently far from the exit to allow trucks to ‘drip off’ prior to exit. In addition, public roads outside the site shall be regularly inspected for cleanliness and cleaned as necessary.
- Vehicles onsite shall turn off engines when not in use to prevent idling emissions.

Onsite operations

- Only use cutting, grinding, or sawing equipment fitted or in conjunction with suitable dust suppression techniques such as water sprays.

- Ensure an adequate water supply on the site for effective dust / particulate matter suppression.
- Use enclosed chutes and conveyors and covered skips.
- Avoid dry sweeping of large areas.
- Minimise drop heights from conveyors and other loading or handling equipment and use fine water sprays on such equipment wherever appropriate.
- Ensure equipment is readily available on site to clean any dry spillages and clean up spillages as soon as reasonably practicable after the event.

Waste management

- Avoid bonfires and burning of waste materials.

Demolition activities

- Soft strip inside buildings before demolition (retaining walls and windows in the rest of the building where possible, to provide a screen against dust).
- Ensure effective water suppression is used during demolition operations.
- Avoid explosive blasting, using appropriate manual or mechanical alternatives.
- Bag and remove any biological debris or damp down such material before demolition.

Earthwork’s activities

- Re-vegetate earthworks and exposed areas/soil stockpiles to stabilise surfaces as soon as practicable.
- Only remove the cover in small areas during work and not all at once.
- During dry and windy periods, and when there is a likelihood of dust nuisance, a bowser or similar will operate to ensure moisture content is high enough to increase the stability of the soil and thus suppress dust.

Construction activities

- Ensure aggregates are stored in bunded areas and are not allowed to dry out unless this is required for a particular process.
- Ensure bulk cement and other fine powder materials are delivered in enclosed tankers and stored in with suitable emission control systems to prevent escape of material and overfilling during delivery.
- For smaller supplies of fine power materials ensure bags are sealed after use and stored appropriately.
- During periods of very high winds (gales), construction activities likely to generate significant dust emissions should be postponed until the gale has subsided.