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1 INTRODUCTION

Pulse White Noise Acoustics has been engaged to undertake the acoustic assessment of the noise and vibration impacts during the early ground works required to be undertaken as part of the of the Horsley Logistics Park Lot 204 projects located at 8 and 10 Johnston Crescent, Horsley Park.

The assessment has been undertaken in conjunction with the requirements of Item B10 of the projects *Conditions of Consent* and the EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline which is detailed in this report.

This report includes the noise and vibration mitigations and management controls for the operation of the ground works on the site to ensure impacts to surrounding receivers are minimised in accordance with the relevant requirements.

The report has been undertaken in accordance with Item B10 of the *Conditions of Consent* including the summary matrix below:

Condition of Consent Number	Part	Condition Summary	Comments
B10	(a)	Suitably qualified noise expert	Ben White is a director of Pulse White Noise Acoustics with over 20 years of experience. Ben is a member of the Australian Acoustical Society and his membership certificate is included in Appendix B.
		Details of the assessment includes the ground works required for lot 204.	
	(c)	Recommended noise management in accordance with EPA	Report details required management and mitigations include those recommended in Section 5.4.
	(d) Manage noise to neighbours Noise management and engagement detailed in Section		Noise management and community engagement detailed in Section 5.4, 7 and 8.
	(e)	Community engagement	Recommended community engagement included in Section 8.
	(f)	Community Consultation	Recommended community consultation included in Section 8.
		Methods of actioning complaints is detailed in section 5.4 and 8.	



2 DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

The development includes the construction of a new warehouse development to be located on Lot 204, 8 and 10 Johnston Crescent, Horsley Park. The required construction of the project will include construction of the new warehouse development.

The surrounding receivers to the site include residential receivers located to the south and west of the site and existing commercial/industrial properties to the north and east.

The site location, in relation to surrounding buildings, is shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Site Location and Surrounding Receivers



3 CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

The management of noise and vibration assassinated with the required ground works works to be undertaken as part of the project will be undertaken in conjunction with the requirements of the DA Conditions of Consent, including Item B10 that requires the construction of the project to comply with NSW Dept of Env & Climate Change *"Interim Construction Noise Guideline"* 2009 and includes the following:

This report has been undertaken in compliance with the items above and details the required management controls to comply with the Conditions of Consent, which includes the following:

Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan

- B10. The Applicant must prepare a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The Plan must form part of a CEMP in accordance with condition C2 and must:
 - (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert whose appointment is approved by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of construction of each stage of the development;
 - describe procedures for achieving the noise management levels in EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009) (as may be updated or replaced from time to time);
 - (d) describe the measures to be implemented to manage high noise generating works such as piling, in close proximity to sensitive receivers;
 - (e) include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing high noise generating works;
 - (f) describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in condition B57; and
 - (g) include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the development.

B11. The Applicant must:

- (a) not commence construction of any relevant stage until the CNVMP required by condition B10 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and
- (b) implement the most recent version of the CNVMP approved by the Planning Secretary for the duration of construction.



4 EXISTING ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

The Horsley Logistics Park Lots 201 and 204 project is located to the industrial estate at 8 and 10 Johnston Crescent, Horsley Park and includes the SSD-10436. See Figure 1 above.

Existing environmental noise levels at the site are dominated by traffic noise generated predominantly from surrounding roadways and existing environmental noise levels.

As part of the SSD-10436 approval of the site SLR has undertaken a *Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment* of the site which is included in their report dated 17 July 2020 and ref:610.19360-R02-v1.3. As part of the *Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment* a background noise survey of the site has been undertaken, the results of which have been used as the basis of this report.

4.1 Noise Survey Results

The Wilkinson Murray *Noise Impact Assessment* dated 16/7/2019 and ref:19138 Version B includes a noise survey of the site, a summary of the noise assessment is included in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Results of Noise Survey at the Site

Measurement Location	Time of Measurement	L _{Aeq, 15min} dB(A)	L _{A90, 15min} dB(A)	Comments
Location 1 – to the	Day	66	37	-
north of the site	Evening	42	35	_
	Night	50	34	_
Location 2 – To the	Day	66	35	_
south east of the site	Evening	57	39	Noise level at the site dominated by
	Night	60	38	vehicle movements on
Location 3 – to the	Day	63	39	surrounding - roadways and
south west of the site	Evening	64	39	natural noise levels
	Night	61	38	-
Location 4 – To the	Day	53	39	-
east of the site	Evening	46	38	-
	Night	42	36	

The results of the noise survey previously undertaken at the site (and detailed above) have been used as the basis of this report.



5 CONSTRUCTION NOISE ASSESSMENT

This section of the report details the assessment of noise associated with the construction activities associated with the development. The assessment has been undertaken to assess the potential noise impacts from required ground works on surrounding receivers to the site.

The required ground works activities to be undertaken on the site include the ground works and construction of the site. The construction of the project does not include major demolition or excavation on the site.

5.1 Construction Noise

The assessment of required ground works noise impacts generated from the site has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the EAP Interim Construction Noise Guideline.

The EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline defines normal day time hours as the following:

2.2 Recommended standard hours

The recommended standard hours for construction work are shown in Table 1; however, they are not mandatory. There are some situations, as described below, where construction work may need to be undertaken outside of these hours. The likely noise impacts and the ability to undertake works during the recommended standard hours should be considered when scheduling work.

Work type	Recommended standard hours of work*
Normal construction	Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm Saturday 8 am to 1 pm No work on Sundays or public holidays
Blasting	Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm Saturday 9 am to 1 pm No blasting on Sundays or public holidays

Table 1: Recommended standard hours for construction work

* The relevant authority (consent, determining or regulatory) may impose more or less stringent construction hours.

5.1.1 Approved Hours of Work

Works on the site will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Items B7 and B8 of the *Consent* which includes the following.

Hour	's of Work		
B7.	The Applicant must comply with the hours of Secretary.	detailed in Table 3,	unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning
	Government rtment of Planning, Industry and Environment	5	ESR Horsley Logistics Park (SSD-10436)

ctivity	Day	Time
	Monday – Friday	7 am to 6 pm
Earthworks and construction	Saturday	8 am to 1 pm
Operation	Monday – Sunday	24 hours

(c) for the delivery of materials required outside these hours by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or

(d) where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property or to prevent environmental harm.

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5.2 Ground Works Appliances

The required ground works appliances which will be used as part of the construction of the project are detailed in the table below.

Tasks	Equipment	Sound Power Levels per task dB(A) L ₁₀	Aggregate Sound Power Level per Task dB(A) L ₁₀
Ground Works	Excavators and bulldozers	115	120
	Materials Movements	105	_
	Bulldozers	115	_
	Trucks	109	_

Table 2 Noise Level from Expected Demotion Appliances

Note: Noise levels of proposed equipment to be used on the site based on the Australian Standard AS2436-2010 and noise level measurements previously undertaken of similar equipment on construction sites.

5.3 Construction Noise Criteria

This section of the report details the relevant construction noise criteria which is applicable to the site including the EPA's *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG).

5.3.1 Interim Construction Noise Guideline

Noise criteria for required ground works activities are discussed in the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG). The ICNG also recommends procedures to address potential impacts of construction noise on residences and other sensitive land uses. The main objectives of the ICNG are summarised as follows:

- Promote a clear understanding of ways to identify and minimise noise from required ground works;
- Focus on applying all "feasible" and "reasonable" work practices to minimise construction noise impacts;
- Encourage construction to be undertaken only during the recommended standard hours unless approval is given for works that cannot be undertaken during these hours;
- Streamline the assessment and approval stages and reduce time spent dealing with complaints at the project implementation stage; and
- Provide flexibility in selecting site-specific feasible and reasonable work practices in order to minimise noise impacts.

The ICNG contains a quantitative assessment method which is applicable to this project. Guidance levels are given for airborne noise at residences and other sensitive land uses.



The quantitative assessment method involves predicting noise levels at sensitive receivers and comparing them with the Noise Management Levels (NMLs). The NML affectation categories for receivers have been reproduced from the guideline and are listed in the table below.

Table 3	Noise Manageme	nt I evels from	Ground Works
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Receiver Type	Time of Day	Noise Management Level L _{Aeq(15minute)} ^{1,2}	How to Apply
Residential	During approved working hours detained with the conditions of consent	Noise affected RBL + 10 dB	The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. Where the predicted or measured L _{Aeq(15minute)} is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.
		Highly noise affected 75 dBA	The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise. Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority (consent, determining or regulatory) may require respite periods by restricting the hours that the very noisy activities can occur, taking into account: 1. Times identified by the community when they are less sensitive to noise (such as before and after school for works near schools, or mid-morning or mid-afternoon for works near residences. 2. If the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction times.
	Outside recommended standard hours	Noise affected RBL + 5 dB	A strong justification would typically be required for works outside the recommended standard hours. The proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied and noise is more than 5 dB above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community.



Table 3 Continued

Receiver Type	Time of Day	Noise Management Level L _{Aeq(15minute)} ^{1,2}	How to Apply					
offices, retail outlets: external	When is use	L _{Aeq (15 min)} 70 dB(A)	During construction, the proponent should regularly update the occupants of the commercial and industrial premises regarding noise levels and hours of work.					
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Or OL			red in each relevant assessment period (during described in detail in the NSW Industrial Noise					

Based on the table above the suitable required ground works noise management levels for works undertaken on the site is detailed in Table 6 below.

Table 4 Site Construction Noise Management Levels

Noise Source	Time Period	Receiver Type	Construction Noise Management Level ¹	`High Noise Affected' Level ¹
Construction Noise	approved hours of	Residential Receivers to the south	49 dB(A) L _{Aeq}	75 dB(A) L Aeq (15min)
works as detailed within of the DA <i>Conditions of</i> <i>Consent</i>	Residential Receivers to the east	49 dB(A) L _{Aeq} (15min)	75 dB(A) L _{Aeq} (15min)	

Note 1: Construction noise management levels based on the Interim Construction Noise Guideline



5.4 Construction Noise Management – Qualitative Assessment

Based on the assessment conducted of the expected construction noise levels generated from the site, levels are generally expected to require the building contractor to engage in management of activities on the site and engagement with the local community.

Notwithstanding, the following management controls are to be implemented to mitigate construction noise levels on the site:

- 1. Required ground works to be undertaken within the approved hours detailed within the projects *Conditions of Consent.*
- 2. All plant and equipment are to be maintained such that they are in good working order.
- 3. A register of complaints is to be recorded in the event of complaints being received, including location, time of complaint, nature of the complaint and actions resulting from the complaint.
- 4. If required a noise level measurement of the offending plant item generating complaints is to be conducted and noise mitigations undertaken to reduce noise levels to within Noise Management levels in the event magnitude of noise levels is found to be above suitable levels.
- 5. The use of percussive and concrete sawing should be undertaken behind a closed façade when possible.
- 6. The use of percussive equipment including hydraulic hammering should be limited such that they are not undertaken prior to 7.30am on weekdays and prior to 8.30am on Saturdays.
- 7. Where possible any excavation to be undertaken on the site is to include ripping of material where possible.

In addition to the mitigations above details of the required ground works to be conducted on the site, including type of activities to be conducted as well as the expected duration of activities should be provided to the neighbouring receivers.

In the event noise levels are found to required additional noise reduction then all possible and practical mitigations are required to be included in the construction of the project. Possible acoustic treatments and controls may include the following:

- 1. Use of alternative appliances to complete the required works which result in reduced noise impacts on surrounding neighbours.
- 2. Period when noisy appliances are undertaken, such as undertaking noisy works on locations with the greatest distance to residential receivers during morning periods if possible.
- 3. Construction of acoustic screening to permanently located high noise generating equipment such as pumps and generators.
- 4. Scheduling of high noise generating works outside of noise sensitive periods if possible.
- 5. Other site specific treatments and controls which may become possible once works commence.

5.5 Construction Noise Assessment – Quantitative Assessment

A quantitative assessment of the required ground works noise levels resulting from the works to be undertaken as part of the project on surrounding receivers has been undertaken.



The assessment has been based on the expected noise levels to be generated on the site including those detailed in Section 4.3.1 above. Calculations of the resulting required ground works noise levels of the receivers within proximity to the site is detailed in the table below.

Source N	loise	Equipment		Sound Power Levels dB(A) L ₁₀	Site Cumulative Sound Power Level dB(A) L ₁₀	Calculated Construction Noise Level – Residential Receivers	
				Residence to the Eas	t		
Site Works	Ground	Excavators bulldozers	and	115	120	Up to 67 dB(A)	
		Materials Movements		105			
		Bulldozers		115	_		
		Trucks		109			
			Re	sidence to the South	East		
Site Works	Ground	Excavators bulldozers	and	115	120	Up to 66 dB(A)	
		Materials Movements		105	_		
		Bulldozers		115			
		Trucks		109			
Note 1:		qualitative noise i works to be unde			Aggregate Sound Power	Level for the expected	

Table 5 Quantitative Assessment of Ground Works Noise to Residence	Table 5	Quantitative	Assessment of	of Ground	Works	Noise t	o Residence
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Based on the qualitative assessment of required ground works noise suitable management controls and community notifications are required to be conducted.

The required management of required ground works noise impacts are included in Section 4.4 above and the Community Consultation included in Section 5 of this report.



6 CONSTRUCTION VIBRATION ASSESSMENT

This section of the report details the assessment of required ground works vibration impacts on surrounding receivers.

Effects of ground borne vibration on buildings may be segregated into the following three categories:

- Human comfort vibration in which the occupants or users of the building are inconvenienced or possibly disturbed. Refer to further discussion in Section 5.1.
- Effects on building contents where vibration can cause damage to fixtures, fittings and other non-building related objects. Refer to further discussion in Section 5.2.
- Effects on building structures where vibration can compromise the integrity of the building or structure itself. Refer to further discussion in Section 5.3.

6.1 Vibration Criteria – Human Comfort

Vibration effects relating specifically to the human comfort aspects of the project are taken from the guideline titled "*Assessing Vibration – A Technical Guideline"*. (AVTG) This type of impact can be further categorised and assessed using the appropriate criterion as follows:

- Continuous vibration from uninterrupted sources (refer to Table 6).
- Impulsive vibration up to three instances of sudden impact e.g. dropping heavy items, per monitoring period (refer to Table 7).
- Intermittent vibration such as from drilling, compacting or activities that would result in continuous vibration if operated continuously (refer to Table 8).

Location	Assessment	Preferred Values		Maximum Values	
	period	z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Residences	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014
	Night-time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028
	time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058
Workshops	Day or night- time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058

Table 6 Continuous vibration acceleration criteria (m/s²) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Table 7Impulsive vibration acceleration criteria (m/s²) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Assessment	Preferred Value	es	Maximum Values	
	period	z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Residences	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42
	Night-time	0.10	0.071	0.20	0.14
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night- time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92
Workshops	Day or night- time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92



Location	Daytime		Night-time	
	Preferred Values	Maximum Values	Preferred Values	Maximum Values
Residences	0.20	0.40	0.13	0.26
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
Workshops	0.80	1.60	0.80	1.60

Table 8 Intermittent vibration impacts criteria (m/s^{1.75}) 1 Hz-80 Hz

6.2 Vibration Criteria – Building Contents and Structure

The vibration effects on the building itself are assessed against international standards as follows:

- For transient vibration: British Standard BS 7385: Part 2-1993 "Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings Part 2: Guide to damage levels from ground borne vibration" (BSI 1993); and
- For continuous or repetitive vibration: German DIN 4150: Part 3 1999 "Effects of Vibration on Structure" (DIN 1999).

6.3 Standard BS 7385 Part 2 - 1993

For transient vibration, as discussed in standard BS 7385 Part 2-1993, the criteria are based on peak particle velocity (mm/s) which is to be measured at the base of the building. These are summarised in

Table 9 and illustrated in the Figure below.

Line in Error! R eference	Type of Building	Peak Component Particle Velocity in Frequency Range of Predominant Pulse			
source not found.		4 Hz to 15 Hz	15 Hz and Above		
1	Reinforced or framed structures Industrial and heavy commercial buildings	50 mm/s at 4 Hz and above			
2	Unreinforced or light framed structures Residential or light commercial type buildings		20 mm/s at 15 Hz increasing to 50 mm/s at 40 Hz and above		

Table 9 Transient vibration criteria as per standard BS 7385 Part 2 - 1993

Standard BS 7385 Part 2 – 1993 states that the values in

Table 9 relate to transient vibration which does not cause resonant responses in buildings.

Where the dynamic loading caused by continuous vibration events is such as that results in dynamic magnification due to resonance (especially at the lower frequencies where lower guide values apply), then the values in

Table 9 may need to be reduced by up to 50% (refer to Line 3 in the Figure below).



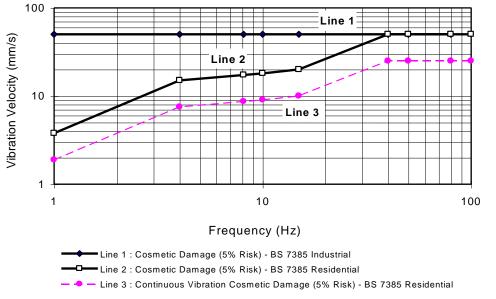


Figure 2 BS 7385 Part 2 – 1993, graph of transient vibration values for cosmetic damage

In the lower frequency region where strains associated with a given vibration velocity magnitude are higher, the recommended values corresponding to Line 2 are reduced. Below a frequency of 4 Hz where a high displacement is associated with the relatively low peak component particle velocity value, a maximum displacement of 0.6 mm (zero to peak) is recommended. This displacement is equivalent to a vibration velocity of 3.7 mm/s at 1 Hz.

The standard also states that minor damage is possible at vibration magnitudes which are greater than twice those given in Table 8, and major damage to a building structure may occur at values greater than four times the tabulated values.

Fatigue considerations are also addressed in the standard and it is concluded that unless calculation indicates that the magnitude and number of load reversals is significant (in respect of the fatigue life of building materials) then the values in Table 8 should not be reduced for fatigue considerations.



6.3.1 Standard DIN 4150 Part 3 - 1999

For continuous or repetitive vibration, standard DIN 4150 Part 3-1999 provides criteria based on values for peak particle velocity (mm/s) measured at the foundation of the building; these are summarised in 10. The criteria are frequency dependent and specific to particular categories of structures.

Table 10	Structural	damage	criteria	as per	standard	DIN	4150	Part 3 - 3	1999
		aanage	01100110						

Type of Structure	Peak Component Particle Velocity, mm/s						
	Vibration at the	Vibration at the foundation at a frequency of					
	1 Hz to 10 Hz	10 Hz to 50 Hz	50 Hz to 100 Hz ¹	horizontal plane of highest floor at all frequencies			
Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40			
Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or use	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15			
Structures that, because of their sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in lines 1 and 2 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8			
Note 1: For frequencies above 100H.	z, at least the values	specified in this colui	mn shall be applied.				

6.4 **Project Vibration Criteria**

Based on the details included in the sections above the project specific vibration criteria to protect the surrounding residential receivers from structural or architectural damage includes the following:

1. Project construction vibration criteria at all surrounding building structures - 7 mm/s



6.5 **Construction Vibration Impacts**

An assessment of the potential for vibration generated as part of the required ground works activities on the project has been undertaken.

As the development does not include any major demolition on the site and the proximity of neighbouring structures to the development site (which include residential receives) vibration levels generated from the construction on the site are expected to comply with all vibration criteria detailed in this report without additional treatments or mitigations.

6.6 Vibration Assessment

In order to maintain compliance with the vibration criteria discussed in this section of the report, the indicative safe distances listed in Table 11 should be maintained. These indicative safe distances should be validated prior to the start of construction works by undertaking measurements of vibration levels generated by construction equipment to be used on site.

Table 11 Indicative safe working distances for vibration intensive plant

			Safe Working Distances (m)		
Plant	Rating / Description	Cosmetic Damage (BS 7385: Part 2 DIN 4150: Part 3)	Human Comfort (AVTG)		
Small hydraulic hammer	300 kg, typically 5 – 12 tonnes excavator	2	7		
Medium hydraulic hammer	900 kg, typically 12 – 18 tonnes excavator	7	23		
Large hydraulic hammer	1600 kg, typically 18 – 34 tonnes excavator	22	73		
Jackhammer	Hand held	1	Avoid contact with structure and steel reinforcements		

An assessment of the potential for vibration generated as part of the required construction activities on the project (including excavation) has been undertaken based on the expected vibration detailed in the table above.

To ensure the vibration impact criteria detailed in this report are complied with the following safe working mitigations and/or working distances should be implemented as detailed in the table below.

Table 12 Vibration Mitigation Requirements

Construction Phase	Activity	Vibration Mitigation
In ground works	Removal of Rock	Based on the existing distance separation to receiver's compliance with construction vibration criteria is expected to be achieved without additional mitigations based on the required equipment to undertake the limited demolition and in ground works for the project.



7 NOISE AND VIBRATION MEASUREMENTS AND MONITORING

As part of the management of noise from the construction activities to be undertaken on the site the following noise and vibration measurements are to be undertaken:

1. Noise - Attended noise level measurements of typical ground works should be undertaken at site.

Attended construction noise surveys of the site and surrounding impacts on neighbours should be undertaken during the following as a minimum:

- a. In response to any ongoing complaints received from neighbours.
- 2. Vibration Based on the proximity of the surrounding receivers to the works attended vibration measurements of typical ground works activities are expected to comply with all vibration criteria detailed in this report without additional treatments or mitigations and therefore on going vibration measurements or monitoring is not recommended.



8 NOISE AND VIBRATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Table 13 below summarises the management procedures for airborne noise and vibration impact. These procedures are further discussed in the report. Hence, where applicable, links to further references are provided in Table 13.

Procedure	Abbreviat ion	Description	Further Reference
General Management Measures	GMM	Introduce best-practice general mitigation measures in the workplace which are aimed at reducing the acoustic impact onto the nearest affected receivers.	Refer to Section 8.2.3 For vibration impact, also refer to section 6.6
Project Notification	PN	Issue project updates to stakeholders, discussing overviews of current and upcoming works. Advanced warning of potential disruptions can be included. Content and length to be determined on a project- by-project basis.	Refer to Section 10
Verification Monitoring	V	Monitoring to comprise attended or unattended acoustic surveys. The purpose of the monitoring is to confirm measured levels are consistent with the predictions in the acoustic assessment, and to verify that the mitigation procedures are appropriate for the affected receivers. If the measured levels are higher than those predicted, then the measures will need to be reviewed and the management plan will need to be amended.	For noise impact, refer to Section 5. For vibration impact, refer to Section 6.6
Complaints Management System	CMS	Implement a management system which includes procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from affected stakeholders	Refer to Section 10.1
Specific Notification	SN	Individual letters or phone calls to notify stakeholders that noise levels are likely to exceed noise objectives. Alternatively, contractor could visit stakeholders individually in order to brief them in regards to the noise impact and the mitigation measures that will be implemented.	Refer to Section 10
Respite Offer	RO	Offer provided to stakeholders subjected to an ongoing impact. The offer could include movie tickets, meal vouchers, gift cards or equivalent measures.	-
Alternative Construction Methodology	AC	Contractor to consider alternative construction options that achieve compliance with relevant criteria. Alternative option to be determined on a case-by-case basis. It is recommended that the selection of the alternative option should also be determined by considering the assessment of on-site measurements (refer to Verification Monitoring above).	-

 Table 13
 Summary of mitigation procedures

The application of these procedures is in relation to the exceedances over the relevant criteria. For airborne noise, the criteria are based on NMLs.

The site protocol for response to management of noise and vibration during the construction of the project is detailed in the following table.



When Measure Should be Implemented	Who Is Responsible for Implementing Measure	How Evidence of Implementation Will be Recorded / Tracked
Prior to being Permitted to the Construction Site	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Site Induction Record
		The induction will include training of relevant persons in the efficient use of plant and materials to minimise all potential environmental impacts including noise, air pollution, water pollution, waste, contamination, and hours of work.
Prior to Commencement of Construction Works and during Daily Prestart	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Toolbox Talk Record
		All Site Personnel are to be tool boxed on acceptable noise levels for construction site.
During Substructure Stage of construction within property boundary	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Toolbox Talk Record & Noise Monitoring Record
		All Site Personnel involved in this activity are to be tool boxed on acceptable noise levels as required
During External Works stage of construction of residential receiver's property boundary	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Toolbox Talk Record & Noise Monitoring Record
		All Site Personnel involved in this activity are to be tool boxed on acceptable noise levels and required procedures.



First Warning - Exceedance of Noise Monitor Prescribed dB(A) Levels during Relevant Stage of Construction	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Toolbox Talk Record Recorded via. Toolbox Talk (data from Noise Monitors) and preventative measures to be put in place to prevent re-occurrence prior to recommencing works.
Second Warning - Exceedance of Noise Monitor Prescribed dB(A) Levels during Relevant Stage of Construction	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Non-Conformance Issuance Recorded via. Non-Conformance Issue (data from Noise Monitors). Re-Induction to take place to reinforce Head Contractor's requirements.
Third Warning - Exceedance of Noise Monitor Prescribed dB(A) Levels during Relevant Stage of Construction	Site Manager / HSE Supervisor / Site Foreman	Removal of re-occurring offenders from Construction Site

8.1 Allocation of Noise Management Procedures

For residences, the management procedures have been allocated based on noise level exceedances at the affected properties, which occur over the designated NMLs (refer to section 5.5). The allocation of these procedures is summarised in Table 14 below.

Table 14 Allocation of noise management procedures	Table 14	Allocation of noise	management proc	edures
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Construction Hours	Exceedance over NML (dB)	Management Procedures (see definition above)
Standard Hours	0 - 3	GMM
Including Approved working hours	4 - 10	GMM, PN, V ¹ , CMS, AC
	> 10	GMM, PN, V, CMS, SN, AC
Mon – Fri: 7:00 am to 8:00 am	0 - 10	GMM, AC
Sat: 7:00 am to 8:00 am	11 - 20	GMM, PN, V ¹ , CMS, AC
	> 20	GMM, PN, V, CMS, SN, RO, AC
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Notes

1. Verification monitoring to be undertaken upon complaints received from affected receivers

Please note the following regarding the allocation of these procedures:

- The exceedances have been estimated as part of the acoustic assessment, and these are summarised in Section 5.
- The allocation of procedures is based on the assumptions used for noise level predictions (refer to Section 5). Consequently, these allocations can be further refined once additional details of the construction program become available.

Based on the prediction of noise levels from the required ground works activities the management procedures are to be implemented during various stages of the project are included in the following table.



Construction Period	Proposed Appliances	Management Procedures to be Implemented
Substructure (in ground works)	General in ground works including:	 All works to be undertaken within the projects approved DA Working Hours.
	Piling, bulldozers	Ensure best practice working practices and maintained equipment used.
	excavation and the like	 Undertake notification when works are to be undertaken in neighbouring stakeholders.
		 Ensure separation of structures and materials being removed using saw cut if within safe work distances.
		 Undertake attended noise and vibration measurements at the commencement of high noise and or vibration generating activities on the site.
		 Implement the required complaints management system detailed in section 9 below.
		 Assess if alterative construction activities can be implemented to mitigate noise levels where possible.

Table 15 Implementation of Noise Management Procedures

8.2 General Comments

The contractor will, where reasonable and feasible, apply best practice noise mitigation measures. These measures shall include the following:

- Maximising the offset distance between plant items and nearby noise sensitive receivers.
- Preventing noisy plant working simultaneously and adjacent to sensitive receivers.
- Minimising consecutive works in the same site area.
- Orienting equipment away from noise sensitive areas.
- Carrying out loading and unloading away from noise sensitive areas.

In order to minimise noise impacts during the works, the contractor will take all reasonable and feasible measures to mitigate noise effects.

The contractor will also take reasonable steps to control noise from all plant and equipment. Examples of appropriate noise control include efficient silencers and low noise mufflers.

The contractor should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the NMLs and inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels, duration of noise generating construction works, and the contact details for the proposal.



8.2.1 Alternate Equipment or Process

Exceedance of the site's NMLs should result in an investigation as to whether alternate equipment could be used, or a difference process could be undertaken.

In some cases, the investigation may conclude that no possible other equipment can be used, however, a different process could be undertaken.

8.2.2 Acoustic Enclosures/Screening

Typically, on a construction site there are three different types of plant that will be used: mobile plant (i.e., excavators, skid steers, etc.), semi mobile plant (i.e., hand tools generally) or static plant i.e. (diesel generators).

For plant items which are static it is possible to mitigate, in the event exceedances are being measured due to operation of the plant item, an acoustic enclosure/screen is constructed to reduce impacts. These systems can be constructed from Fibre Cement (FC) sheeting or, if airflow is required, acoustic attenuators or louvres.

For semi mobile plant, relocation of plant should be investigated to either be operated in an enclosed space or at locations away from a receiver.

With mobile plant it is generally not possible to treat these sources. However, investigations into the machine itself may result in a reduction of noise (i.e., mufflers/attenuators etc).

8.2.3 General Mitigation Measures (Australia Standard 2436-2010)

As well as the above project specific noise mitigation controls, AS 2436-2010 "*Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance Sites*" sets out numerous practical recommendations to assist in mitigating construction noise emissions. Examples of strategies that could be implemented on the subject project are listed below, including the typical noise reduction achieved, where applicable.

8.2.4 Adoption of Universal Work Practices

- Tool box meetings informing the works force of requirements to mitigate noise and vibration from the construction of the site is required to be included prior to starting works on the site.
- Regular reinforcement (such as at toolbox talks) of the need to minimise noise and vibration.
- Regular identification of noisy activities and adoption of improvement techniques.
- Avoiding the use of portable radios, public address systems or other methods of site communication that may unnecessarily impact upon nearby sensitive receivers.
- Where possible, avoiding the use of equipment that generates impulsive noise.
- Minimising the need for vehicle reversing for example (particularly at night), by arranging for one-way site traffic routes.
- Use of broadband audible alarms on vehicles and elevating work platforms used on site.
- Minimising the movement of materials and plant and unnecessary metal-on-metal contact.
- Minimising truck movements.

8.2.5 Plant and Equipment

The operation of plant and equipment on the site should be undertaken, including the following:

- Choosing quieter plant and equipment based on the optimal power and size to most efficiently perform the required tasks.
- Selecting plant and equipment with low vibration generation characteristics.
- Operating plant and equipment in the quietest and most efficient manner.



8.2.6 Work Scheduling

- Providing respite periods which could include restricting very noisy activities to time periods that least affect the nearby noise sensitive locations, restricting the number of nights that after-hours work is conducted near residences or by determining any specific requirements.
- Scheduling work to coincide with non-sensitive periods.
- Planning deliveries and access to the site to occur quietly and efficiently and organising parking only within designated areas located away from the sensitive receivers.
- Optimising the number of deliveries to the site by amalgamating loads where possible and scheduling arrivals within designated hours.
- Including contract conditions that include penalties for non-compliance with reasonable instructions by the principal to minimise noise or arrange suitable scheduling.

8.2.7 Source Noise Control Strategies

Some ways of controlling noise at the source are:

- Where reasonably practical, noisy plant or processes should be replaced by less noisy alternatives.
- Modify existing equipment: Engines and exhausts are typically the dominant noise sources on mobile plant such as cranes, graders, excavators, trucks, etc. In order to minimise noise emissions, residential grade mufflers should be fitted on all mobile plant utilised on site.
- Siting of equipment: locating noisy equipment behind structures that act as barriers, or at the greatest distance from the noise-sensitive area; or orienting the equipment so that noise emissions are directed away from any sensitive areas, to achieve the maximum attenuation of noise.
- Regular and effective maintenance.

8.2.8 Miscellaneous Comments

Deliveries should be undertaken, where possible, during standard construction hours.

Maximise hammer penetration (and reduce blows) by using sharp hammer tips. Keep stocks of sharp profiles at site and monitor the profiles in use.

It is advised that mobile plant and trucks operating on site for a significant portion of the project are to have reversing alarm noise emissions minimised. This is to be implemented subject to recognising the need to maintain occupational safety standards.

No public address system should be used on site.

Communication with the surrounding receivers should be undertaken such that high noise generating activities can be scheduled outside of any noise sensitive periods resulting from uses on the site.

8.3 Vibration Mitigation Measures

Based on the existing distance separation to receiver's compliance with construction vibration criteria is expected to be achieved without additional mitigations.



9 COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

As part of the required ground works of the project JK Williams will implement a compliance management process during the proposed ground works for the project.

As part of the required ground works on the site there will be ongoing assessment of the construction appliances being undertaken on the site which will include training, inspections, auditing of the mitigations on the site. The required ground works of the project will include the ongoing assessment of possible and practical noise and vibration mitigations resulting from activities being undertaken on the site such that improvements in the mitigation of noise will be implement where possible.

Action and management of the mitigation of required ground works activities will also include the following:

- Site Induction Measures
- Tool Box talks
- Managed by Site Manager, includes a designated representative of JK Williams.

10 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Active community consultation and the maintenance of positive relations with local residents and businesses would assist in alleviating concerns and thereby minimising complaint.

This form of notification should provide specific notification of the duration and timing of the required ground works activities so that residents are informed about the works ahead of time. The letter should also provide the community with a hotline number for a community liaison officer available to adequately respond to all project related enquiries.

Ideally the hotline number should provide concerned locals an opportunity to raise any concerns with the project proponent and provide an opportunity to determine the best method to satisfy all requirements.

Prior to the works onsite being undertaken, community consultation with the neighbouring affected parties be undertaken. Community engagement and consultation should not be limited to the beginning of the onsite works but throughout, providing the community with constant updates on the progress and upcoming works. In our experience these could include:

- Site noticeboard;
- Email notifications; and
- Letterbox drops.

During the required ground works of the project JK Williams is required to engage in community interaction. The community interaction and notification is required to include the following:

- 1. Notification of the works to be undertaken on the site and the periods when works will be conducted, including information regarding the programme of works such as excavation activities. This should include the expected period when activities such as hydraulic hammering, rock breaking, concrete or rock sawing is required to be undertaken.
- 2. Details of the relevant site representative where complaints can be registered.
- 3. Details of the methodology to respond to complaints raised from the surrounding receivers.
- 4. A register of complaints, to be kept on site including record of time and nature of the complaint as well as the outcomes and comments regarding investigations resulting from the complaint.





As a minimum notification of the works to be undertaken is to include all areas included in the figure below.

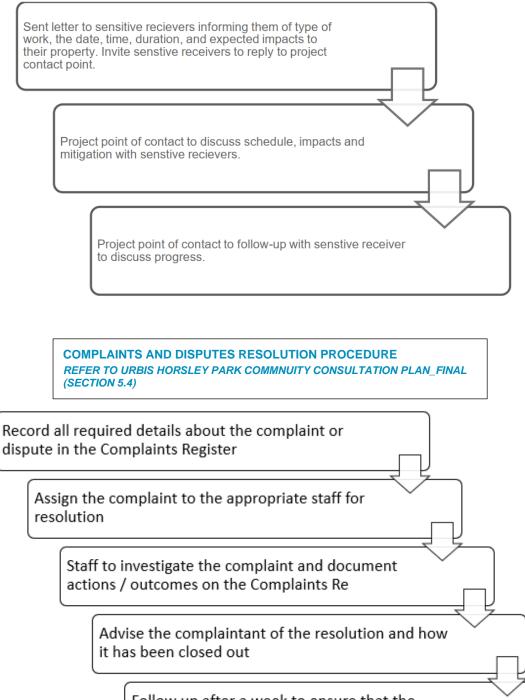
Figure 3 Required Area of Notification



Community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with information included in the plan, which includes the following flow chart for consultation procedure and complaints and disputes resolution procedure.



Figure 3 Sensitive receivers consultation procedure



Follow up after a week to ensure that the corrective measures are satisfactory



10.1 Complaints Management System

Should complaints arise they must be dealt with in a responsible and uniform manner, therefore, a management system to deal with complaints is detailed below:

Local residents and land owners should be informed by direct mail of a direct 24-hour telephone line where any noise complaints related to the required ground works will be recorded. The 24-hour telephone line number will be made available on the construction site signage.

All complaints should be investigated by the Contractor in accordance with the procedures outlined in Australia Standard 2436-2010. Consequently, a complaint response procedure should be implemented. Information to be gathered as part of this process should include:

- location of complainant
- time/s of occurrence of alleged noise or vibration impacts
- nature of impact particularly with respect to vibration
- Perceived source
- Prevailing weather conditions and similar details that could be utilised to assist in the investigation of the complaint.

All resident complaints will be responded to in the required timeframe and action taken recorded.

Post receiving a noise and or vibration complaint, the process outlined in the *Contingency Plans* below should be undertaken.

A Noise and Vibration Checklist regarding the process which will be undertaken in the event of a compliant in included in Appendix C.

10.2 Contingency Plans

Contingency plans are required to address noise or vibration problems if excessive levels are measured at surrounding sensitive receivers and/or if justified complaints occur. Such plans include:

- Stop the onsite works.
- Identify the source of the main equipment within specific areas of the site which is producing the most required ground works noise and vibration at the sensitive receivers; and
- Review the identified equipment and determine if an alternate piece of equipment can be used or the process can be altered.
- In the event an alternate piece of equipment or process can be used, works can re-commence.
- In the event an alternate piece of equipment or process cannot be determined implement a construction assessment to be performed by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant.
- Respite periods to be scheduled during potentially noise sensitive periods of the surrounding receivers.

The Superintendent shall have access to view the Contractor's noise measurement records on request. The Superintendent may undertake noise monitoring if and when required.



11 CONCLUSION

This report details the construction noise and vibration assessment of the ground works of the Horsley Logistics Park Lot 204 warehouse projects, located at 8 and 10 Johnston Crescent, Horsley Park.

An assessment of noise and vibration impacts from the required processes to be undertaken during the ground works of the project has been undertaken and suitable treatments, management controls, perioding measurements and community engagement has been detailed in this report.

Providing the recommendations in this report are included in the required ground works of the site, compliance with the relevant EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline and Item B10 of the SSD-10436 *Consent* will be achieved.

For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the person below.

Regards

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Pulse White Noise Acoustics



12 APPENDIX A – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Ambient Sound	The totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time, usually composed of sound from all sources near and far.
Audible Range	The limits of frequency which are audible or heard as sound. The normal ear in young adults detects sound having frequencies in the region 20 Hz to 20 kHz, although it is possible for some people to detect frequencies outside these limits.
Character, acoustic	The total of the qualities making up the individuality of the noise. The pitch or shape of a sound's frequency content (spectrum) dictate a sound's character.
Decibel [dB]	The level of noise is measured objectively using a Sound Level Meter. 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 Martin Place 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)	<i>A-weighted decibels</i> The ear is not as effective in hearing low frequency sounds as it is 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. The sound pressure level in dB(A) gives a close indication of the subjective loudness of the noise.
Frequency	Frequency is synonymous to <i>pitch</i> . 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.
Loudness	A rise of 10 dB in sound level corresponds approximately to a doubling of subjective loudness. That is, a sound of 85 dB is twice as loud as a sound of 75 dB which is twice as loud as a sound of 65 dB and so on
LMax	The maximum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
LMin	The minimum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
Lı	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 1% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L10	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 10% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L90	The level of noise exceeded for 90% of the time. The bottom 10% of the sample is the L_{90} noise level expressed in units of dB(A).
Leq	The "equivalent noise level" is the summation of noise events and integrated over a selected period of time.
Background Sound Low	The average of the lowest levels of the sound levels measured in an affected area in the absence of noise from occupants and from unwanted, external ambient noise sources. Usually taken to mean the LA90 value

Ctr A frequency adaptation term applied in accordance with the procedures described in ISO 717.

dB (*A*) `A' Weighted overall sound pressure level

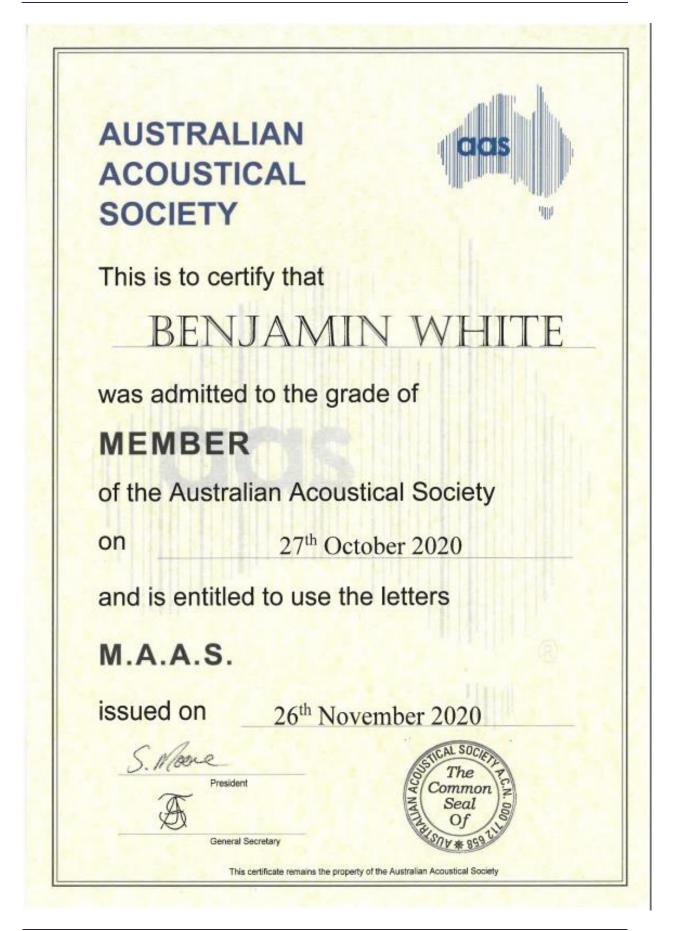


Noise Reduction	The difference in sound pressure level between any two areas. The term "noise reduction" does not specify any grade or performance quality unless accompanied by a specification of the units and conditions under which the units shall apply
NR Noise Rating	Single number evaluation of the background noise level. The NR level is normally around 5 to 6 dB below the "A" weighted noise level. The NR curve describes a spectrum of noise levels and is categorised by the level at 1000 Hz ie the NR 50 curve has a value of 50 dB at 1000 Hz. The NR rating is a tangential system where a noise spectrum is classified by the NR curve that just encompasses the entire noise spectrum consideration.
Rw	Weighted Sound Reduction Index - Laboratory test measurement procedure that provides a single number indication of the acoustic performance of a partition or single element. Calculation procedures for Rw are defined in ISO 140-2:1991 "Measurement of Sound Insulation in Buildings and of Building Elements Part 2: Determination, verification and application of precision data".
R'w	Field obtained Weighted Sound Reduction Index - this figure is generally up to 3-5 lower than the laboratory test determined level data due to flanked sound transmission and imperfect site construction.
Sound Isolation	A reference to the degree of acoustical separation between any two areas. Sound isolation may refer to sound transmission loss of a partition or to noise reduction from any unwanted noise source. The term "sound isolation" does not specify any grade or performance quality and requires the units to be specified for any contractual condition
Sound Pressure Level, LP dB	A measurement obtained directly using a microphone and sound level meter. Sound pressure level varies with distance from a source and with changes to the measuring environment. Sound pressure level equals 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the rms sound pressure to the reference sound pressure of 20 micro Pascals.
Sound Power Level, Lw dB	Sound power level is a measure of the sound energy emitted by a source, does not change with distance, and cannot be directly measured. Sound power level of a machine may vary depending on the actual operating load and is calculated from sound pressure level measurements with appropriate corrections for distance and/or environmental conditions. Sound power levels is equal to 10 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power of the source to the reference sound power of 1 picoWatt
Speech Privacy	A non-technical term but one of common usage. Speech privacy and speech intelligibility are opposites and a high level of speech privacy means a low level of speech intelligibility. It should be recognised that acceptable levels of speech privacy do not require that speech from an adjacent room is inaudible.
Transmission Loss	Equivalent to Sound Transmission Loss and to Sound Reduction Index in terminology used in countries other than Australia. A formal test rating of sound transmission properties of any construction, by usually a wall, floor, roof etc. The transmission loss of all materials varies with frequency and may be determined by either laboratory or field tests. Australian Standards apply to test methods for both situations.



13 APPENDIX B – BEN WHITE, AAS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE







14 APPENDIX C – NOISE AND VIBRATION INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST



