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## Rule AREA2-R1 Dust Management Plan requirements

Discharges to air from handling logs and bulk solid materials at the Port of Tauranga is a permitted activity under Rule AREA2-R1 (Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the MMA) of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana Regional Natural Resource Plan (RNRP), subject to meeting permitted activity standards.

Rule AREA2-R1 (3) sets out the requirements for a Dust Management Plan (DMP) and refers to AIRSCHED2, which prescribes the contents (Part A) and requirements for Investigation and Reporting (Part B) in the event that PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring trigger levels are exceeded.

The following tables reproduces the requirements of Rule AREA2-R1 (3) and AIRSCHED2 and where these can be found in the DMP.

Rule AREA2-R1 (3)	Location within this DMP
<b>(3) Dust management plan</b>	
(a) N/A	N/A
(b) For discharges associated with activities located within the Port Industry Area.	
(i) The port company must engage a SQEP who has visited the Port Industry Area to prepare a dust management plan in accordance with the requirements of AIRSCHED2.	Document control
(ii) The discharge is identified and managed by the dust management plan; and	Sections 1 to 10
(iii) The dust management plan must specify procedures that must be followed and specify who must carry out those procedures, when handling bulk solid materials or handling of logs within the Port Industry Area.	Section 2, Appendix B, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix C
(c) The dust management plan required by (3)(a) or 3(b) must be:	
(i) Peer reviewed by another SQEP prior to submission to the Regional Council; and	Document control
(ii) Revised to address the peer review comments prior to submission to Regional Council, or where the comments are not addressed to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer, the reasons must be stated; and	Document control
(iii) Provided to the Regional Council within six months of this rule becoming operative, together with the peer review required by (3)(c) (i); or for the Port Industry Area, provided to the Regional Council and Ngāi te Rangi within six months of this rule becoming operative, together with the peer review required by (3)(c)(i); and	Document control
(iv) Reviewed by a SQEP at least once every calendar year and any updated version of the dust management plan provided to the Regional Council and to Ngāi te Rangi for the Port Industry Area, within one month of its review.	Document control
(d) The dust management plan required by (3)(a) or 3(b) must always remain on site, capital works required to minimise PM <sub>10</sub> emissions must be completed as soon as practicable and the dust management plan must be complied with at all times by all persons undertaking the bulk solid materials handling or handling of logs activity as soon as practicable following the dust	N/A

Rule AREA2-R1 (3)	Location within this DMP
<b>(3) Dust management plan</b>	
management plan being finalised under (3)(c)(ii),(3)(c)(iv) or (3)(e).	
(e) In the event of an exceedance of the trigger level in Part A Clause (7) of AIRSCHED2 and following an investigation as required by Part B Clause (11) of AIRSCHED2, the dust management plan must be amended by a SQEP to include actions to avoid or minimise future exceedances of the trigger level and resubmitted to Regional Council, and to Ngāi te Rangi for the Port Industry Area, within one month of its amendment.	Document control
(f) To demonstrate compliance with standards, the DMP must:	
(i) Set out the baseline in the 12-months ending on 28 November 2019 unless a different compliance date is set out above against which compliance with each standard is to be measured; and	Section 4
(ii) Demonstrate how each standard is or will be met; and	Compliance is met by adhering to the dust management plan
(iii) Describe any additional measures that will be implemented during the term of the IPAR to reduce PM <sub>10</sub> emissions from the subject site to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until objective AIR-O2 of PC13 is met and the annual guideline value in the Health-based Guideline Values of the Ambient Air Quality Guidelines 2002 (or its amendment or replacement) is met; and	Section 5, Section 6
(iv) Demonstrate that the proposal will minimise PM <sub>10</sub> emissions to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until Objective AIR-O2 of PC13 is met and the annual guideline value in the Health-based Guideline Values of the Ambient Air Quality Guidelines 2002 (or its amendment or replacement) is met within the term of the IPAR, or within a defined period thereafter, after describing and evaluating all reasonably practical options that have been implemented or could be implemented to reduce PM <sub>10</sub> emissions from the subject site, together with their estimated costs and the estimated likely and range of PM <sub>10</sub> reductions they would achieve.	The DMP minimises PM <sub>10</sub> emissions as far as reasonably practicable through dust source control measures and management of emissions from BSM and Logs and discussed in the following sections. Section 5, Section 6, Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H. Practicable option assessment will be undertaken during the DMP annual review.
(g) The DMP must require that records are kept of:	
(i) The number and significance of complaints received; and	Section 8.4
(ii) Any exceedances of the PM <sub>10</sub> Standard attributable to the subject site, abatement notices and enforcement action taken from [the date of the Environment Court decision].	Section 8.4

AIRSCHED2 Items		Location within this DMP
<b>Part A: Contents</b>		
(1)	Title	Title page
(2)	A purpose to ensure that the discharge of PM <sub>10</sub> into the Mount Maunganui Airshed is minimised to the greatest extent reasonably practicable to contribute to meeting the objectives of PC13 without undue delay, to meet the general standards and to be consistent with Policy AQ P3 to achieve improvements in air quality.	Section 1.2
(3)	A map that includes a scale, a north point, the location of the subject site, distance to all sensitive areas, including any isolated dwellings within the industrial area and predominant wind directions at the subject site.	Figure 3.3
(4)	Process description and method of operation including:	
	(a) A detailed description of the subject site, activity, and discharges to air;	Section 5, Section 6
	(b) A description of the potential sources of dust emissions;	Section 5, Section 6
	(c) Any locational or operating constraints relevant to the management of handling of bulk solid materials and/or logs; and	Section 5, Section 6
	(d) The type(s), volume(s) and frequency of handling of bulk solid materials or logs at the subject site.	Section 4, Section 5, Section 6
(5)	Methods of mitigation and standard operating procedures for the subject site which must include details of dust emission reduction processes and practices including:	
	(a) For all activities:	
	(i) Product movement paths, storage, and processing areas including conveyance systems, and whether these are indoors or outdoors;	Section 5, Section 6
	(ii) Use of dust suppression (e.g. sprinkler/fog/misting) systems;	Section 5, Section 6
	(iii) Use of wind speed limits relating to the subject site when operations must cease;	Section 5, Section 6
	(iv) Vehicle speed limits and vehicle unloading procedures to minimise dust;	Figure 5.3, Section 5.6
	(v) Site sweeping/vacuuming and containment protocols including hours of operation and sweeping frequency;	Section 5, Section 6, Appendix B, Appendix C
	(vi) Inventory of mitigation measures in place on or about 28 November 2019;	Section 5, Section 6
	(vii) Inventory of current mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures;	Section 5, Section 6
	(viii) Proposed further mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures;	No further mitigation measures proposed
	(ix) Frequency of equipment maintenance programmes; and	Section 5, Section 6
	(x) Contingency procedures.	Section 5, Section 6, Appendix B, Appendix C
	(b) For bulk solid materials only:	
	(i) Exclusion or buffer areas within the subject site where no outdoor storage is permitted;	Section 5.4

AIRSCHED2 Items	Location within this DMP
<b>Part A: Contents</b>	
(ii) Use of covers or containment systems for outdoor storage areas;	Section 5.4
(iii) For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications; and	Section 5
(iv) Materials spill management response protocols.	Section 5.4
(6) A monitoring programme which must:	
(a) Be designed by a SQEP to monitor ambient PM <sub>10</sub> concentrations in accordance with relevant good practice;	Section 7.2
(b) Include a description of types and locations of devices for PM <sub>10</sub> and meteorological conditions monitoring;	Table 7.2
(c) Provide data that allows for a technically robust comparison with the trigger values in Part A clause (7);	Section 7.2
(d) Be continuous monitoring with a minimum of ten-minute resolution;	Section 7.2
(e) Be telemetered with alarms;	Section 7.2
(f) Be installed, commissioned, operated, serviced, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and any appropriate standards;	Section 7.2
(g) Have as a minimum one monitor funded by the owner or occupier of the subject site;	Section 7.2
(h) Produce validated data in accordance with the Good Practice Guide for Air Quality Monitoring and Data Management, including the valid data requirements of 75% for averaging and 95% for data capture;	Section 7.2
(i) Specify monitors compliant with either NESAQ Schedule 2 or equivalency as demonstrated through AS 3580.9.17-2018 or EN 12341:2014;	Section 7.2
(j) Require that all monitoring data collected must be provided to the Regional Council as follows:	Section 7.2
(i) Raw monthly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council by the 5th day of the following month;	Section 9.3
(ii) Validated quarterly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November of every year; and	Section 9.3
(iii) Any exceedance of the trigger values set out in Part A clause (7) must be notified to the Regional Council in writing within 5 working days of the exceedance.	Section 9.3
(k) Requires records to be kept, including documentation of maintenance and control parameters.	Section 7.2
(7) The following PM <sub>10</sub> trigger values for use in Part B and IPAR standard(3)(e):	
(a) 150 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 1-hour average concentration under Schedule 1 NESAQ) recorded by the	Section 7.2

AIRSCHED2 Items	Location within this DMP
<b>Part A: Contents</b>	
monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6;	
OR	
(b) 65 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 12-hour average) recorded by the monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6.	Section 7.2
(8) Complaints procedures must include:	Section 8
(a) The name of the contact person and contact details for complaints from the community;	Section 8
(b) Complaints procedures for staff;	Section 8
(c) Maintenance of a complaints/incidents register that includes any actions undertaken to respond to the complaint, including further dust control measures;	Section 8
(d) A complaint response protocol, including methods for recording of any on-site activity, including type and approximate volume of material being handled, dust mitigation measures in place at the time, and wind conditions at the time of complaint; and procedures for investigating and remedying the cause of complaint and providing response to complainant;	Section 8
(e) A protocol for determining further mitigation measures that may be required on site;	Section 8
(f) Timeframes for communication to the Regional Council and complainant; and	Section 8
(g) Reporting requirements that include the complaints/incidents register which must be submitted to the Regional Council at least once per calendar year.	Section 8
(9) Staff training procedures must include:	
(a) Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in;	Section 10
(b) Methods used to train staff;	Section 10
(c) Frequency of staff training; and	Section 10
(d) How and where staff training records are to be kept.	Section 10
(10) System review and reporting procedures must include:	
(a) The process for reviewing the overall dust management system performance;	Section 11
(b) Types and frequency of reports not otherwise provided to the Regional Council such as site/process/equipment upgrades; and	N/A
(c) External audits and ISO certification (optional).	N/A

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

This Dust Management Plan (DMP) is for the Port Industry Area (shown in Figure 3.1). The DMP for the Port Industry Area has been developed as a joint management plan with all parties undertaking handling of bulk solids and logs at the site and those carrying out post-handling clean-up having responsibilities under the plan.

Port of Tauranga Limited (POTL) oversees the DMP and is responsible for overall administration. The responsibilities held by POTL include:

- Oversight and administration of the DMP.
- Oversight and administration of the Log and Bulk Solid Materials Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- Monitoring of dust trigger levels.
- Setting of reporting requirements.
- Response and investigations to triggers and breaches.
- Review of the DMP.

Responsibility for the monitoring of compliance with the DMP and SOPs is led by POTL. Specific responsibilities are also held by occupiers, operators, importers and exporters, principals of the stevedores, marshallers and yard cleaning services. These are set out in subsequent sections of the DMP.

This DMP meets the requirements of Rule AREA2-R1 (3) and AIRSCHED2 of the RNRP and, where appropriate, is consistent with the guidance in the Ministry for the Environment Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Dust<sup>1</sup>.

## 1.2 Purpose and scope

The purpose of this DMP is to ensure that the discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> into the Mount Maunganui Airshed is minimised to the greatest extent reasonably practicable to:

- a Contribute to meeting the objectives of the Air Chapter of the RNRP without undue delay,
- b To meet the general standards of Rule AREA2-R1 standards (1)(a) to (1)(f) and
- c To be consistent with Policy AIR-P3 to achieve improvements in air quality.<sup>2</sup>

The DMP provides a framework for controls, maintenance, monitoring, management and operational procedures required to minimise discharges to air from handling logs and bulk solid materials on site so that potential adverse air quality effects are avoided or mitigated. To achieve this, the DMP includes the following:

- Site contextual information, including a description of sensitive areas near the site and local climatic conditions relevant in terms of generation and management of air quality effects.
- A description of site activities and the potential for discharges to air.
- Identification of air quality risks and controls.
- Maintenance and monitoring procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry for the Environment. 2016. Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Dust. Wellington: Ministry for the Environment.

<sup>2</sup> The purpose of the DMP is prescribed in ARISCHED2.

- Staff training and contact information.
- Complaint procedure.
- System review and reporting procedures.

### 1.3 Environmental policy

The POTL environmental policy is contained in Appendix A.

### 1.4 Integration with system documentation

The DMP is one of a suite of documents used by POTL to manage the environmental aspects and impacts of activities at the Port. Other documents relevant to discharges to air from handling logs and bulk solid materials are:

- Environmental Management System (EMS) – under development.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for:
  - Bulk Solid Materials Standard Operating Procedures (“**BSM SOP**”) (Appendix B).
  - Log Standard Operating Procedures (“**Log SOP**”) (Appendix C).
- Log handling induction programme – under development.
- Bulk cargo handling induction – under development.
- Yard cleaning services contract(s).
- Reporting of environmental incidents – Learning Management System Module.
- Licence to occupy/operate agreements and lease agreements.

### 1.5 Responsible parties

The Port Industry Area DMP has been developed with involvement from various responsible parties. The DMP requires a coordinated response, Port of Tauranga hold the responsibility of overseeing and directing the coordinated response.

The monitoring of conformance with the operating procedures is undertaken by the operators, and POTL.

Where responsibilities lie at the Port is complex. This DMP identifies actions and then assigns responsibility for each action. A responsibility for actions in the event of a conformance of the DMP or adverse effect from operations is in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1: Responsibility as a result of non-conformance of the DMP or adverse effects**

Event	Parties with actions to undertake	Action
The DMP is followed and adverse effects and/or non-compliance occurs (system failure of the DMP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POTL (for Port Operational Area)</li> <li>• Third-party Environmental Manager (for third party areas)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate incident.</li> <li>• Review and update DMP as appropriate.</li> </ul>
Failure to follow DMP resulting in an adverse effect and/or trigger exceedance and/or non-conformance and an investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operator.</li> <li>• POTL.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operator and POTL to investigate the incident and identify corrective actions.</li> </ul>



Event	Parties with actions to undertake	Action
identifies that it was due to failure to follow the DMP by a certain party.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POTL to review and update DMP if appropriate to identify if systems could be improved to minimise future risk.</li> </ul>

There are nuances to the DMP; some examples of responsibility are as follows:

- A single action may have one party responsible e.g. the creation and supply of an induction which explains key dust source control measures procedures for stevedores undertaking bulk material handling is the responsibility of POTL. The requirement to put all bulk material handling staff through the induction prior to them working without direct supervision is the sole responsibility of the company.
- A single action may have more than one responsible party e.g. undertaking of routine monitoring of the handling of bulk solids materials and addressing any non-conformances, is the responsibility of both POTL and the operator undertaking the operation. If one of those parties completes their actions as per the DMP (say Party A) but, Party B does not, if an adverse effect and/or trigger exceedance and/or non-conformance occurred and the failure to undertake the monitoring was material to the event, it may mean that accountability sits more with Party B. In this example the DMP may still need to be reviewed to identify any system failures or possible improvements, this is a POTL responsibility with POTL accountability.

The responsible parties to this DMP are listed as follows:

- Port of Tauranga Limited (“**POTL**” or “the Port”).

#### **Bulk Solid Materials (BSM) processing and storage sites**

- Champion Flour Milling Limited (Bulk store facility owner/lessee/operator) (“**Champion**”).
- Marnco Limited (Bulk store facility lessee/operator) (“**Marnco**”).
- Genesis Energy Limited (Bulk store facility lessee/operator) (“**Genesis**”).
- Swap Stockfoods Limited (Bulk store facility lessee/operator) (“**Swap Stockfoods**”).

#### **Yard cleaning service providers**

- Daltons Landscape Supplies Limited (yard cleaning services) (“**Daltons**” or “yard cleaning services”).

#### **Marshalling and stevedoring companies:**

- C3 Limited (“**C3**”).
- QUBE Ports Limited (“**QUBE**”).

#### **Stevedoring companies:**

- SSA New Zealand Limited (“**SSA**”).
- Independent Stevedoring Limited (“**ISL**”).

## 2 Key personnel and responsibilities

### 2.1 Overview

The DMP provides a framework for the management of discharges to air from activities in the Port Industry Area. POTL administers the DMP. Monitoring of compliance and operating procedures is required variously by the occupiers, operators, the stevedores and marshallers and POTL. Sections 2.2 to 2.5 sets the key responsibilities and the key personnel, their roles and contact details. A schedule of contact details is in Appendix D.

### 2.2 Port of Tauranga Limited

#### POTL Environmental Manager

The POTL Environmental Manager has overall responsibility for:

- Oversight and administration of the DMP.
- Monitoring of dust trigger levels.
- Responding and investigating triggers and breaches.
- Identifying potential dust source controls to address triggers and breaches that occur as a result of Port Operational Area activities, and presenting these options to operators.
- Reporting triggers and breaches to parties operating inside the Port Industry Area, to enable their investigations and dust source control responses (if it is identified by POTL that their activities are potential contributors to the trigger or breaches).
- Responding to complaints associated with the Port Operational Area.
- Collating details of complaint response processes for areas outside of the Port Operational Area but within the Port Industry Area.
- Reviewing the DMP.
- Maintaining Standard Operating Procedure documents associated to the Port Operational Area.
- Review of additional dust source controls as applied through BSM SOP S.7.
- Review of additional dust source controls as applied through Log SOP S.10.
- Monitoring performance against BSM SOP and Log SOP and addressing non-conformances.
- Monitoring and reviewing CCTV footage.
- Leading reviews of reasonably practicable options to improve air quality (Rule AREA2-R1 (3) (f) (iv)).
- Reporting monitoring data to BOPRC.
- Producing reviewing and maintaining a BSM handling induction, log handling induction and log yard cleaning induction, from 1 January 2024.
- Administrating the annual meetings with Ngāi te Rangi as required by AIRSCHED2 Part B (f).
- Providing and monitoring performance of log yard cleaning services as per Log SOP S.8.
- Engaging a SQEP for required reporting.

#### POTL Environmental Coordinator

The POTL Environmental Coordinator has overall responsibility for:

- Assisting the log yard cleaning providers responses to the log marshalling operations.

- Identifying priority sweeping areas (if not already identified by the log yard cleaning service providers).
- Liaison with Port operators on operating procedures.

#### **POTL CCTV operator**

The POTL CCTV operator will have overall responsibility for:

- Recording complaints and incidents.
- Directing information to the appropriate person.

### **2.3 Third party BSM handling and storage companies**

#### **Marnco Environmental Manager**

#### **Genesis Supervisor and/or Wholesale Logistics Manager**

#### **Swap Stockfoods Environmental Manager**

#### **Champion Environmental Manager**

The Environmental Manager (refer to Appendix D for a schedule of contact details) has overall responsibility for:

- Responding to and applying dust source control measures to dust triggers exceedances (when their activities have been identified as a potential contributor by POTL or by subsequent trigger exceedance investigation).
- Responding to complaints.
- Reporting of any complaints and responses to POTL.
- Maintaining the site-specific Environmental Management Plan / Dust Management Plan.
- Notifying POTL of any changes required to this DMP.
- Developing of standard operating procedures/DMP specific to their operation where not otherwise covered by POTL procedures.
- Record keeping of activities and materials onsite.
- Training of site staff.
- Assist POTL with their responsibilities when requested and appropriate with regard to compliance reporting.

### **2.4 Marshalling companies**

#### **QUBE Environmental Manager**

#### **C3 Mount Manganui Manager**

The Environmental Manager (refer to Appendix D for a schedule of contact details) has overall responsibility for:

- Responding to and applying dust source control measures to dust triggers exceedances (when marshalling activities have been identified as a potential contributor by POTL or by subsequent trigger exceedance investigation).
- Notifying POTL of any changes required to this DMP.
- Developing standard operating procedures/DMP specific to their operation where not otherwise covered by POTL procedures.
- Record keeping of activities and materials onsite.

- Training of site staff.
- Assisting the yard cleaning service providers by allowing access into the marshalling areas, as per agreed procedures.
- Ensuring relevant staff are inducted as per the POTL log handling inductions.
- Monitoring performance against Log SOP and addressing non-conformances.
- Assist POTL with their compliance reporting responsibilities when requested and appropriate.
- Reporting of any complaints and responses to POTL.

## **2.5 Stevedoring companies**

**QUBE Environmental Manager**

**C3 Mount Manganui Manager**

**SSA Environmental Manager**

**ISL Environmental Manager**

The Environmental Manager (refer to Appendix D for a schedule of contact details) has overall responsibility for the following:

- Responding to and applying dust source control measures to dust triggers exceedances (when stevedoring activities have been identified as a potential contributor by POTL or by subsequent trigger exceedance investigation).
- Notifying POTL of any changes required to this DMP.
- Developing standard operating procedures/DMP specific to their operation where not otherwise covered by POTL procedures.
- Record keeping of activities and materials onsite.
- Training of site staff.
- Ensuring relevant staff are inducted as per the POTL bulk solids handling and log handling inductions.
- Monitoring performance against BSM SOP and Log SOP and addressing non-conformances.
- Assist POTL with their compliance reporting responsibilities when requested and appropriate.
- Reporting of any complaints and responses to POTL.

### 3 Site description

#### 3.1 Port Industry Area

The Port Industry Area is shown at the end of this Section in Figure 3.1. According to the PC13 AIRSCHED3:

*“The Port Industry Area (the red polygon in Figure 1.) forms one subject site.*

*The rationale for the location of the proposed boundary is that effects on air quality, namely discharge of particulate to air, occurring in this area as a result of numerous bulk solids material handling and log handling activities would not be readily differentiated from one another, and therefore should be managed as a single subject site not numerous sites.*

*There are some complexities and nuances with the ownership and control of certain areas encompassed [within the Port Industry Area];*

*At [date to complete] POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials or logs with its procedures in some areas within the Port Industry Area and does not currently maintain any operational control of activities within those areas.”*

The Port Industry Area and third-party sites that operate within the Port Industry Area and are shown in Figure 3.2. The Port Industry areas is made up of:

- Land that is owned and/or operationally controlled by POTL;
- Land that is owned by POTL but is not under operational control of POTL; and
- Land that is neither owned nor under the operational control of POTL.

#### 3.2 Surrounding land use

The Port Industry Area is located within the Port Industry Zone within the Tauranga City Plan (Operative: 12 Aug 2022, Revision: 11 Oct 2022). Sensitive areas are defined in the RNRP as follows:

***Sensitive area*** means an activity that is particularly sensitive to adverse effects associated with air contaminant discharges either due to the vulnerability of the population or area exposed to the contaminant, or due to the potential for people to be exposed for prolonged periods and may include:

- a *residential buildings and areas (including marae)*
- b *childcare centres, schools, educational facilities*
- c *hospitals, nursing homes, aged care facilities*
- d *offices, consulting rooms, gymnasiums, community centres*
- e *hotels, motels, caravan parks, camping areas, tourist accommodation*
- f *correctional facilities*
- g ***public amenity areas***
- h *manufacturing or storage of food or beverages*
- i *manufacturing or storage of electronics*
- j *public water supply catchments and intakes.*
- k *incompatible crops or farming systems (e.g. organic farms, greenhouses)*
- l *household water supplies (including roofs from which a water supply is obtained).*

The location of the nearby sensitive areas, the surrounding Tauranga City Plan zoning and a wind rose showing the predominant wind direction as measured at Railyard North for 2019-2023 are shown in Figure 3.3. The nearest residential zones and sensitive areas to the Site are as follows:

- Residential area - 180 m to the east from a BSM handling or storage area (coal silo dispatch shed).
- Residential area - 350 m to the northeast from a log handling or storage area.
- Whareroa Marae and “Urban Marae Community” zone – 450 m to the south from a log handling or storage area.

The Sulphur Point Marina and Bridge Marina are located to the 1,200 m to the west and 560 m to the south of the nearest BSM or log storage or handling area.

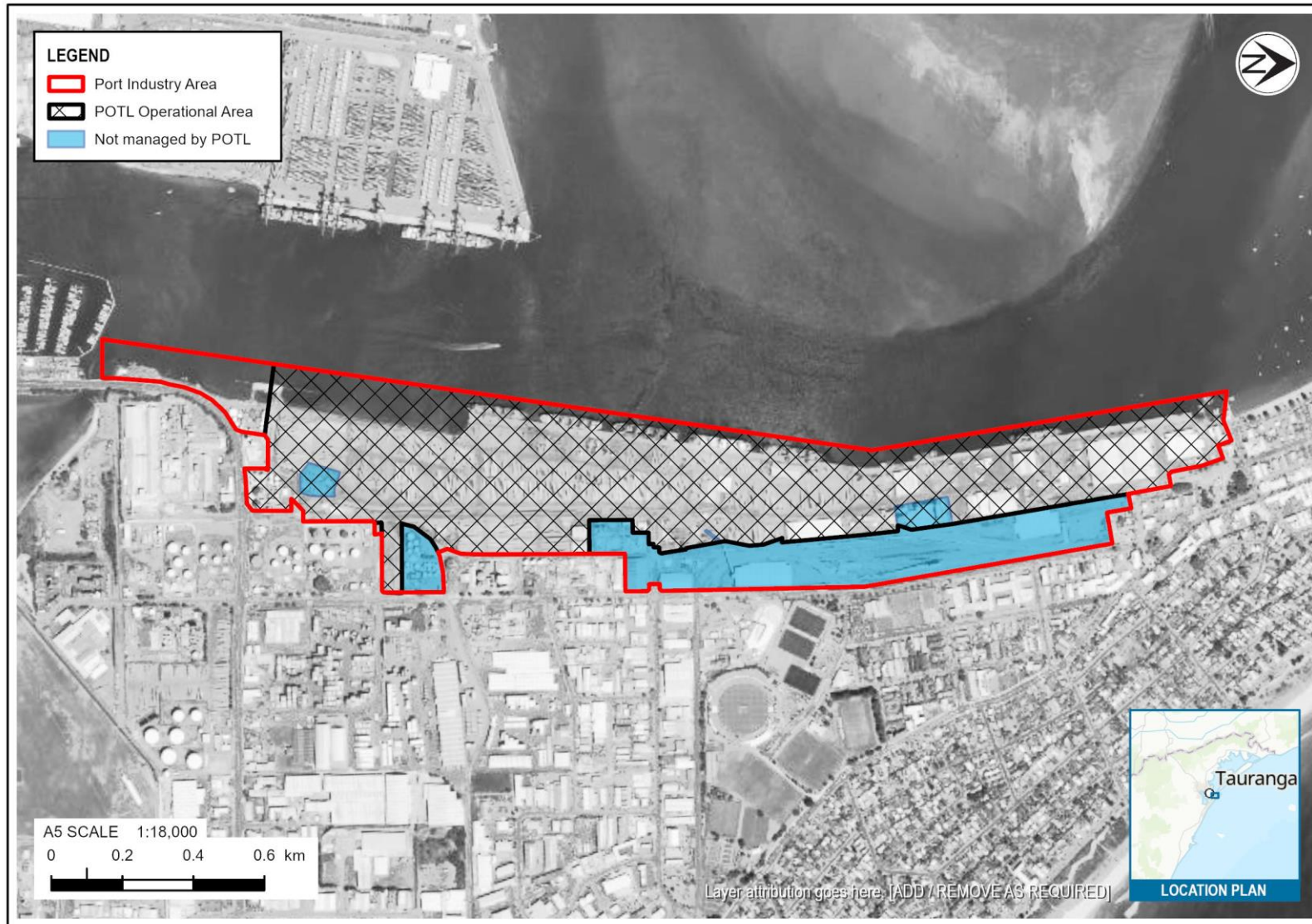


Figure 3.1: Site location of the Port Industry Area.



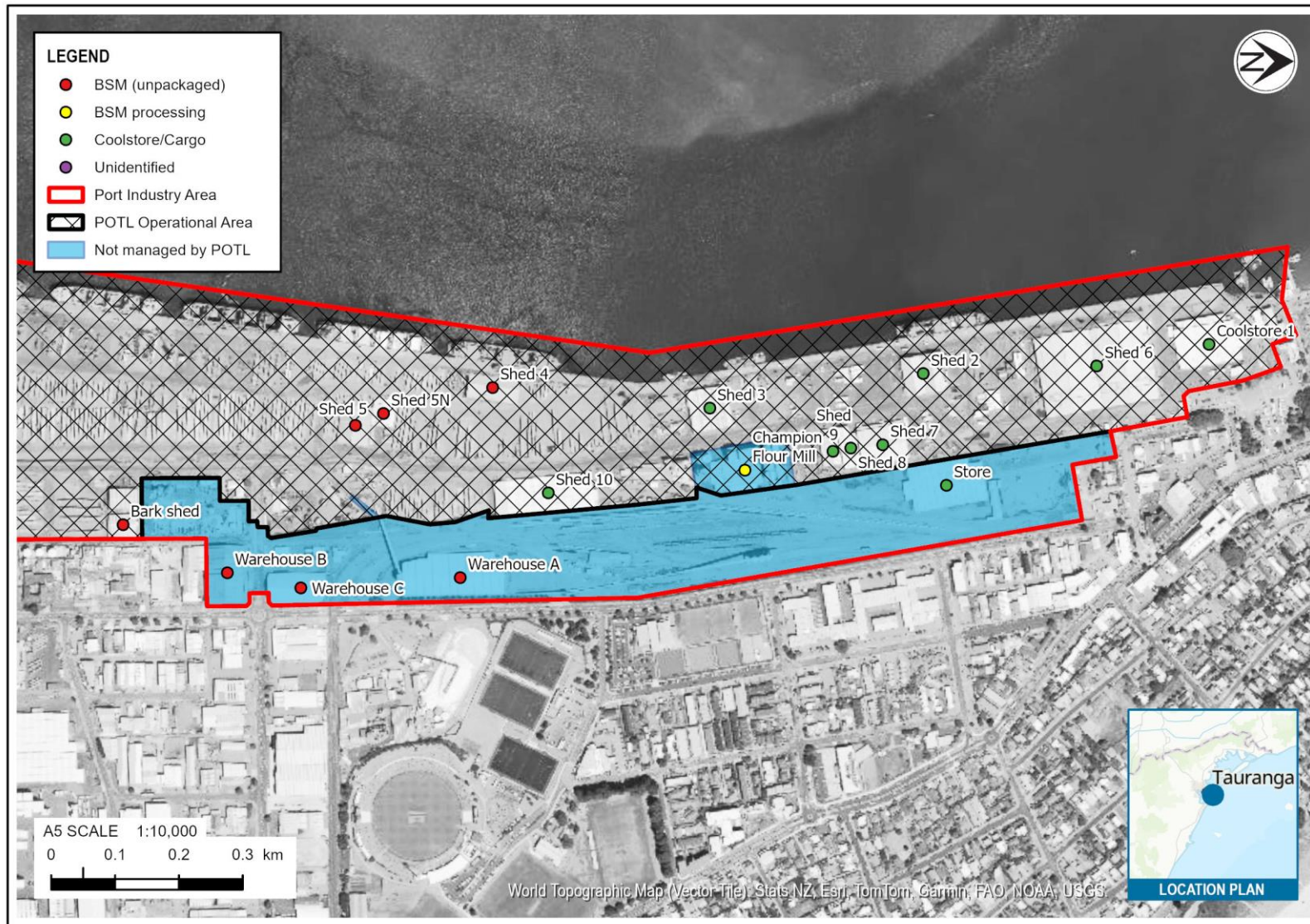


Figure 3.2: Warehouses and sheds within the Port Industry Area.



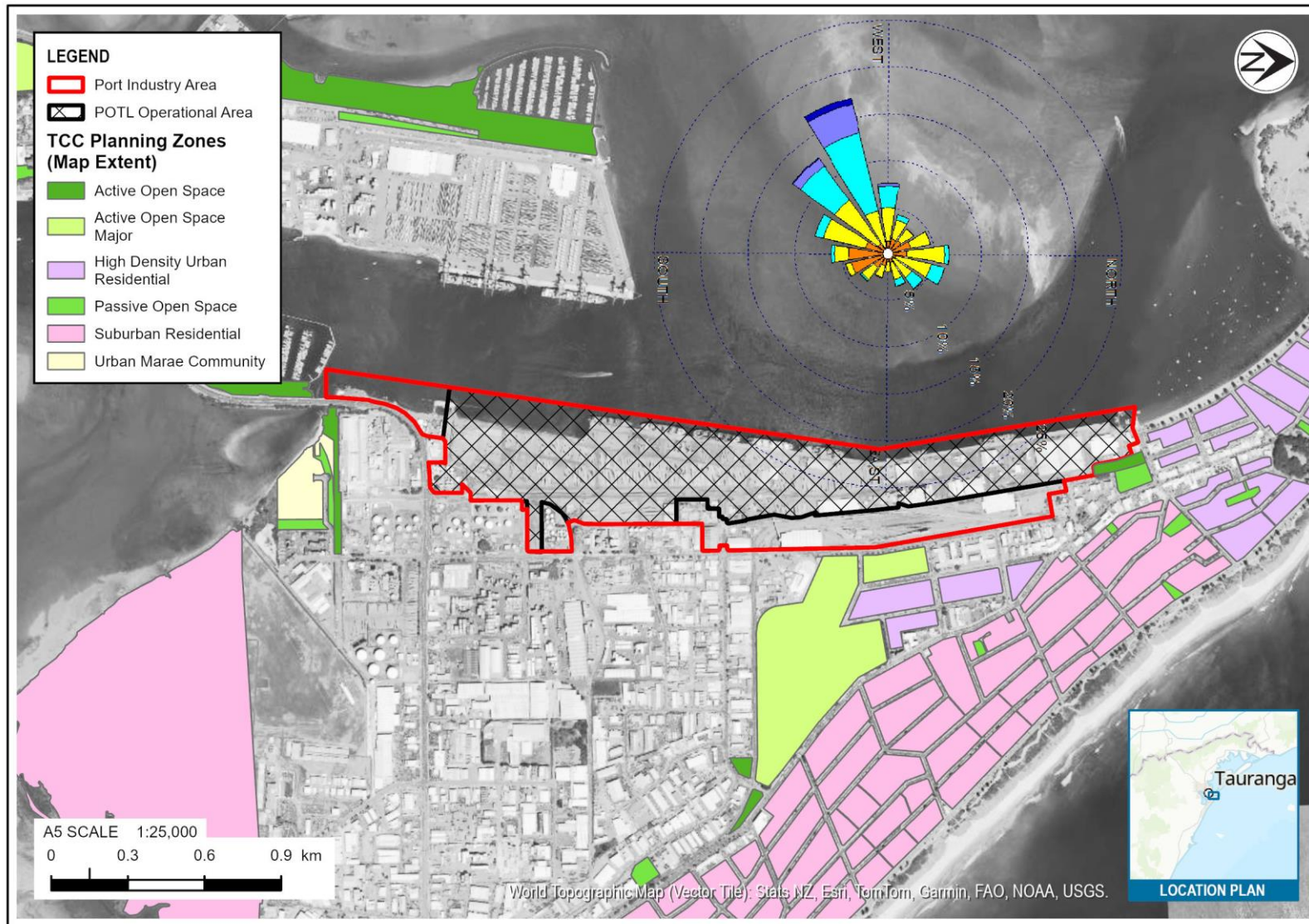


Figure 3.3: Sensitive areas according to TCC zoning in the area surrounding the Port Industry Area.

## 4 Baseline information

In broad terms, the IPAR restricts the location and scale of BSM and log handling to that which was occurring in the year prior to 31 July 2019.

If the Port considers bringing in a new BSM then the material will be assessed against the standard Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (m) and Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (u).

The intent of the standards following are achieved through the baseline volumes/tonnages, storage location restrictions, berth restrictions and dust control measures outlined throughout this DMP. Although the materials handled on the Site will change year-to-year, the cumulative PM<sub>10</sub> discharges from the entire Site are of the same overall scale and intensity and the same or similar overall character and are managed through the controls in this DMP.

- Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (a) The discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> must be the same or similar in character and the same or less in scale and intensity than that occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019, as estimated in accordance with all standards of this rule.
- Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (b) The discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> from the handling of logs or handling of bulk solid materials must be on the same subject site as the existing discharge as at 1 October 2020 and must have been occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019.
- Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (d) The discharge does not cause any offensive or objectionable effect beyond the boundary of the subject site.

Specific quantifiable “permitted activity” baselines for BSM and logs are shown in Table 4.1 and Table 4.2.

Storage locations and dust control measures including the dates are Section 5 and Section 6.

**Table 4.1: Baseline product volumes and tonnages for BSM for year end 31 July 2019**

Product	AREA2-R1 reference	Value
Total annual volume/tonnage (excluding salt)	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (e) <sup>3</sup> Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (l) <sup>4</sup> Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (s) <sup>5</sup> Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (x) <sup>6</sup>	2,573,234 tonnes <sup>7</sup>
The number of hoppers used for unloading	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (n) <sup>8</sup>	10
Loading berths and locations	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (r) <sup>9</sup>	Berths 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 shown in Figure 5.4
Annual volume/tonnage stored outside	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (t) <sup>10</sup>	All areas, unless otherwise specified, are excluded from open storage of BSM. Specific outdoor storage areas are; BSM sweeper stockpile area, Refuse pile area (located next to sweeper stockpile shown in Figure 5.2. <sup>7</sup>
Truck numbers	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (v) <sup>11</sup>	Truck numbers are limited by the amount of material over the wharf and therefore as the volume of BSM is limited to no more than the baseline year the truck numbers will also be restricted. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>3</sup> General standards applying to all discharges of PM<sub>10</sub>:

Subject to standard (1)(ka) and standard (2) (where relevant), the annual product volumes or tonnages of logs and bulk solid materials handled must be the same or less than in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>4</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the unloading of bulk solid materials and handling inside the Port Operational Area:

The annual volume or tonnage of bulk solid materials unloaded and handled from vessels must be the same or less than the maximum annual volume or tonnage unloaded for the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>5</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from bulk solid materials handling or storage facilities outside the Port Operational Area:

The annual volume or tonnage of bulk solid materials handled or stored on the subject site must be the same or less than the maximum annual volume or tonnage handled or stored in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>6</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from bulk solid materials handling or storage facilities outside the Port Operational Area:

The maximum processing capacity on the subject site must be the same or less than the maximum capacity available in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>7</sup> For BSM warehouses under Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (s), (t), (v) and (x), the subject site is specified in AIRSCHED3 and is included in the Port Industry Area and therefore is not managed as a separate site under the standards of the Rule

<sup>8</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the unloading of bulk solid materials and handling inside the Port Operational Area:

The number of hoppers used for unloading bulk solid materials from vessels must be the same or less than those used in the 12-month period ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>9</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the unloading of bulk solid materials and handling inside the Port Operational Area:

There must be no change in the number and location of berths used for unloading bulk solid materials from vessels compared to the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>10</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from bulk solid materials handling or storage facilities outside the Port Operational Area:

The annual volume or tonnage of bulk solid materials handled or stored outside any building enclosure on the subject site must be the same or less than the maximum annual volume or tonnage handled or stored in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>11</sup> For PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from bulk solid materials handling or storage facilities outside the Port Operational Area:

The combined maximum daily truck numbers arriving at and departing from the subject site must be the same or less than the maximum daily number in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019.

**Table 4.2: Baseline product volumes and tonnages for logs for year end 31 July 2019**

Product	AREA2-R1 reference	Value
Total volume/tonnage	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (e) <sup>3</sup>	6,933,208 tonnes
Loaded via trailer at the point of vessel loading	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (h) <sup>12</sup>	The total at the compliance base year was no greater than 56% or 3,856,540 tonnes <sup>13</sup>
Fully debarked logs delivered to site	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (i) <sup>14</sup>	4.8% or 330,882 tonnes
Fully debarked logs at the point of vessel loading	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (i) <sup>14</sup>	Estimated combined total 7.3% or 505,882 tonnes
Storage and handling location	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (g) <sup>15</sup>	Figure 6.3
Log loading berths and locations	Rule AREA2-R1 (D) (1) (k) <sup>16</sup>	Berths 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Figure 6.2

<sup>12</sup> The average volume/tonnage or average percentage of logs (whichever is higher) loaded via trailers at the point of vessel loading in any 12-month period must be the same or greater than the corresponding average volume or tonnage and average percentage in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>13</sup> Based on commercially sensitive information, an estimate of 56%, 3,856,540 tonnes loaded by trailer is made.

<sup>14</sup> The average volume/tonnage or average percentage (whichever is higher) of fully debarked logs delivered to site and at the point of loading onto vessels must be the same or greater than the corresponding average volume or tonnage and average percentage in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>15</sup> The locations in which logs are stored and handled must be the same as they were in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019 and the area must be the same or less than the area in which they were stored and handled in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019.

<sup>16</sup> There must be no change in the number and location of berths used for loading logs onto vessels compared to the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019.

## 5 Bulk solid material storage and handling

### 5.1 Overview

The BSM operations involve the following activities, which are described in further detail in the following sections:

- Unloading of BSM from ships to hoppers using cranes with grabs.
- Discharge of BSM from hoppers to trucks.
- Transport of BSM in trucks to onsite and offsite storage facilities.
- Storage and conveyance of BSM in warehouses within the Port Industry Area.
- Loading and transport of BSM from warehouses within the Port Industry Area to offsite.
- Flour milling.
- Dust source control methods including vacuum sweeping.
- Any other operation associated with BSM Operations.

### 5.2 Definitions relevant to bulk solid materials<sup>17</sup>

According to the RNRP, bulk solid material is defined as follows:

*“Bulk solid material means materials consisting of, or including, fragments that could be discharged as dust or particulates. These materials include but are not limited to:*

- *Gravel*
- *Quarried rock*
- *Fertiliser*
- *Coal*
- *Cement*
- *Flour*
- *Rock aggregate*
- *Grains*
- *Compost*
- *Palm kernel extract*
- *Tapioca*
- *Woodchip*

*BSM does not include logs, salt, or other materials not in bulk form, such as materials contained in a bag, container or similar.”*

Other materials handled at the Port that are not specifically listed in the definition in the RNRP include but are not limited to aggregate, industrial rock, sand, clinker, gypsum, dried distillers’ grain (DDG), canola meal, soya hull pellets, soya bean meal, kibbled maize, wood pellets and sulphur.

### 5.3 BSM dust risk classification

For the purposes of the DMP and the SOPs, certain BSM are identified as having a higher risk of dust generation during handling compared to other BSM. High dust risk BSM have been identified based on their physical properties, such as particle size distribution, moisture content, density and whether

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<sup>17</sup> The term bulk solid material is defined in the RNRP.

they are hygroscopic, as well as through monitoring of dust generation during handling over time. Increased dust control measures are specified for the handling of higher risk BSM.

The following BSM are identified as “high dust risk”:

- Agricultural animal protein feeds, including but not limited to:
  - Palm Kernel Extract (PKE).
  - Soya bean meal.
  - Tapioca.
  - Dried distillers’ grain.
  - Cotton seed.
  - Corn gluten.
  - Canola meal.
- Phosphate rock.
- Potash.
- Clinker.

#### **5.4 Storage and conveyance**

The locations of BSM storage and conveyance are:

- POTL and third-party BSM storage areas are shown in Figure 3.2.
- BSM conveyance and truck paths are shown in Figure 5.1.
- POTL BSM equipment storage and BSM piles are shown in Figure 5.2.
- Speed limits are shown in Figure 5.3.
- Berth locations and numbers are shown in Figure 5.4.

All areas, unless otherwise specified, are excluded from open storage of BSM. Specific outdoor storage areas are as follows:

- BSM sweeper stockpile area shown in Figure 5.2.
- Refuse pile area (located next to sweeper stockpile shown in Figure 5.2).



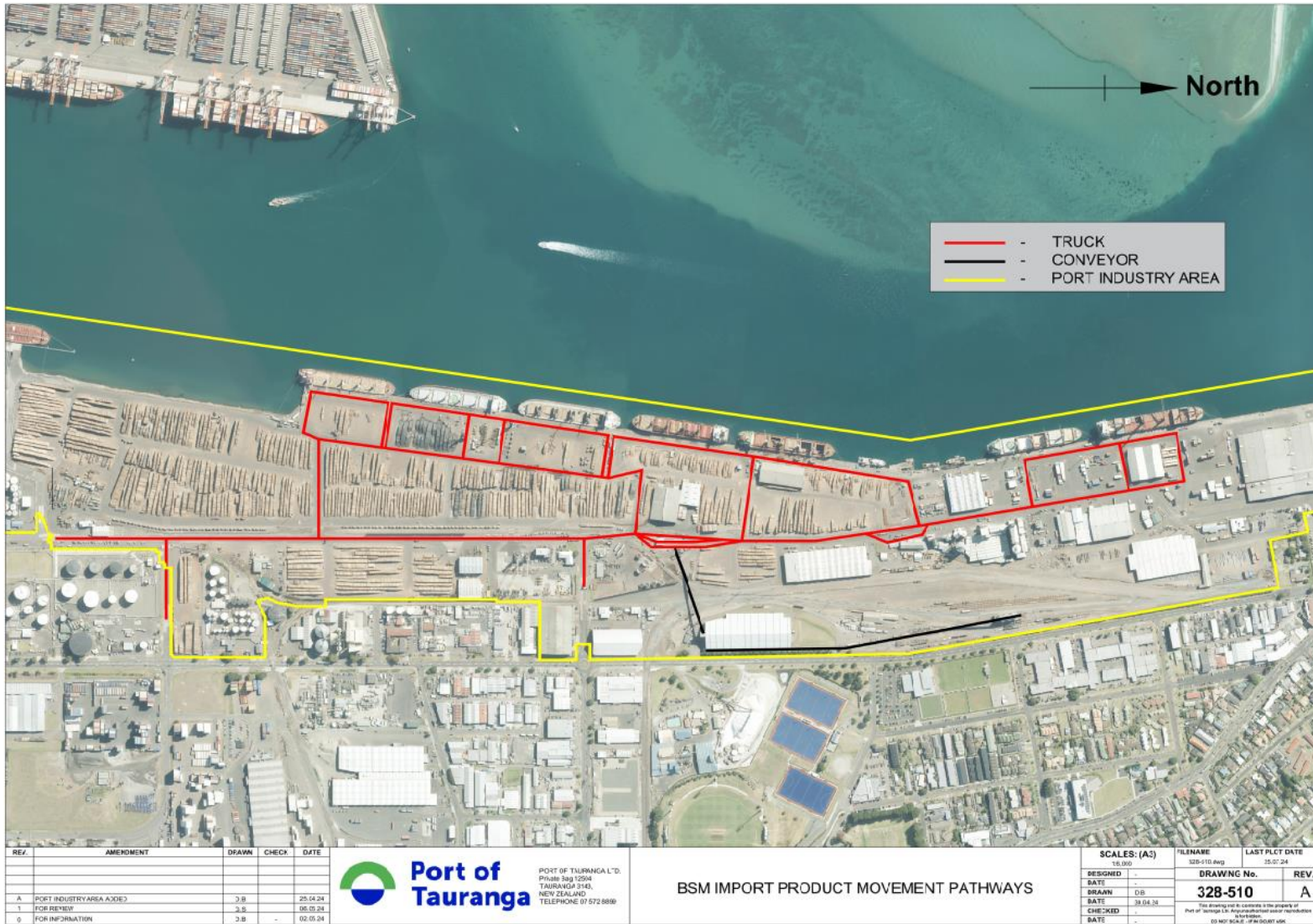


Figure 5.1: BSM import product movement paths.

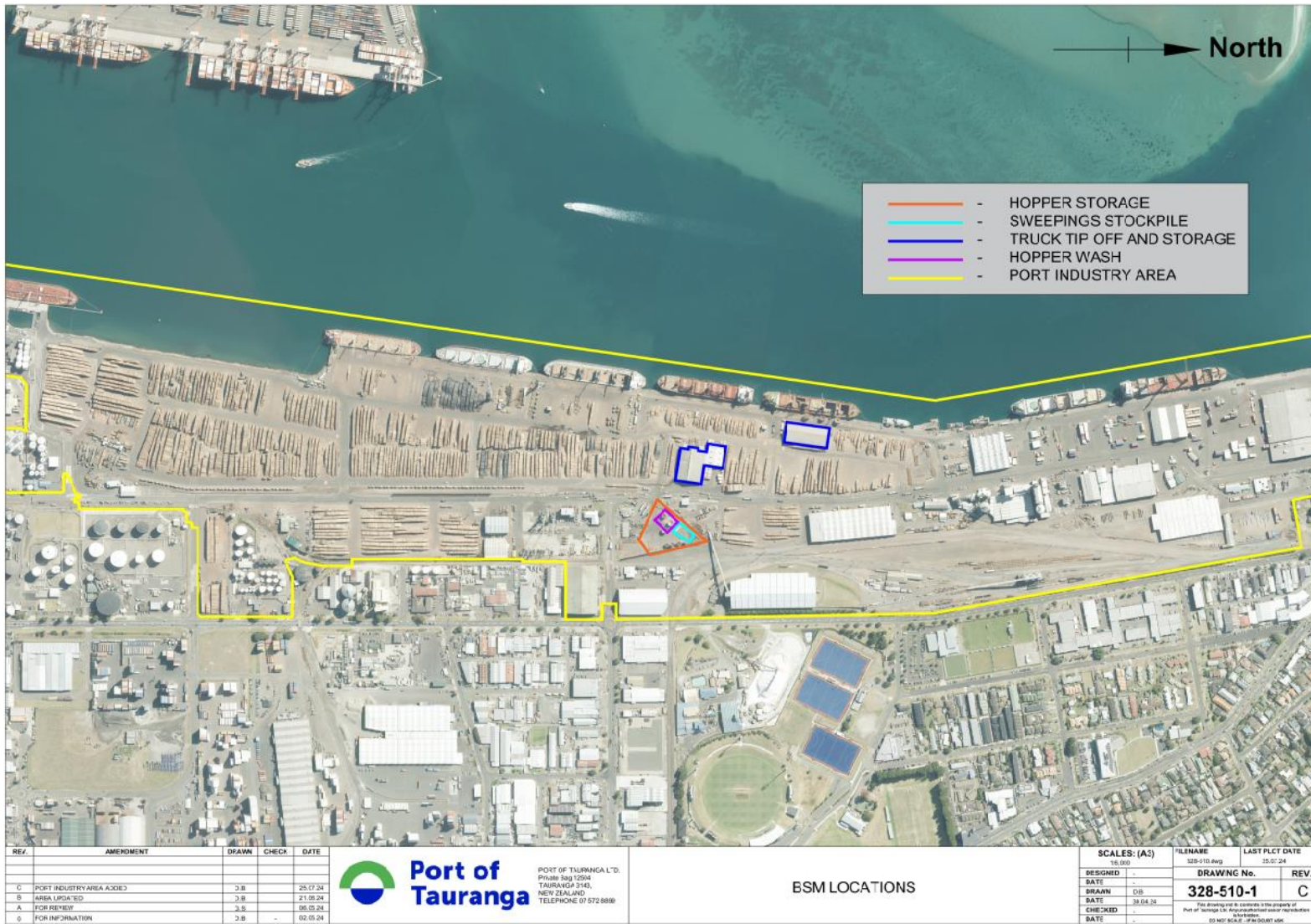


Figure 5.2: BSM locations.



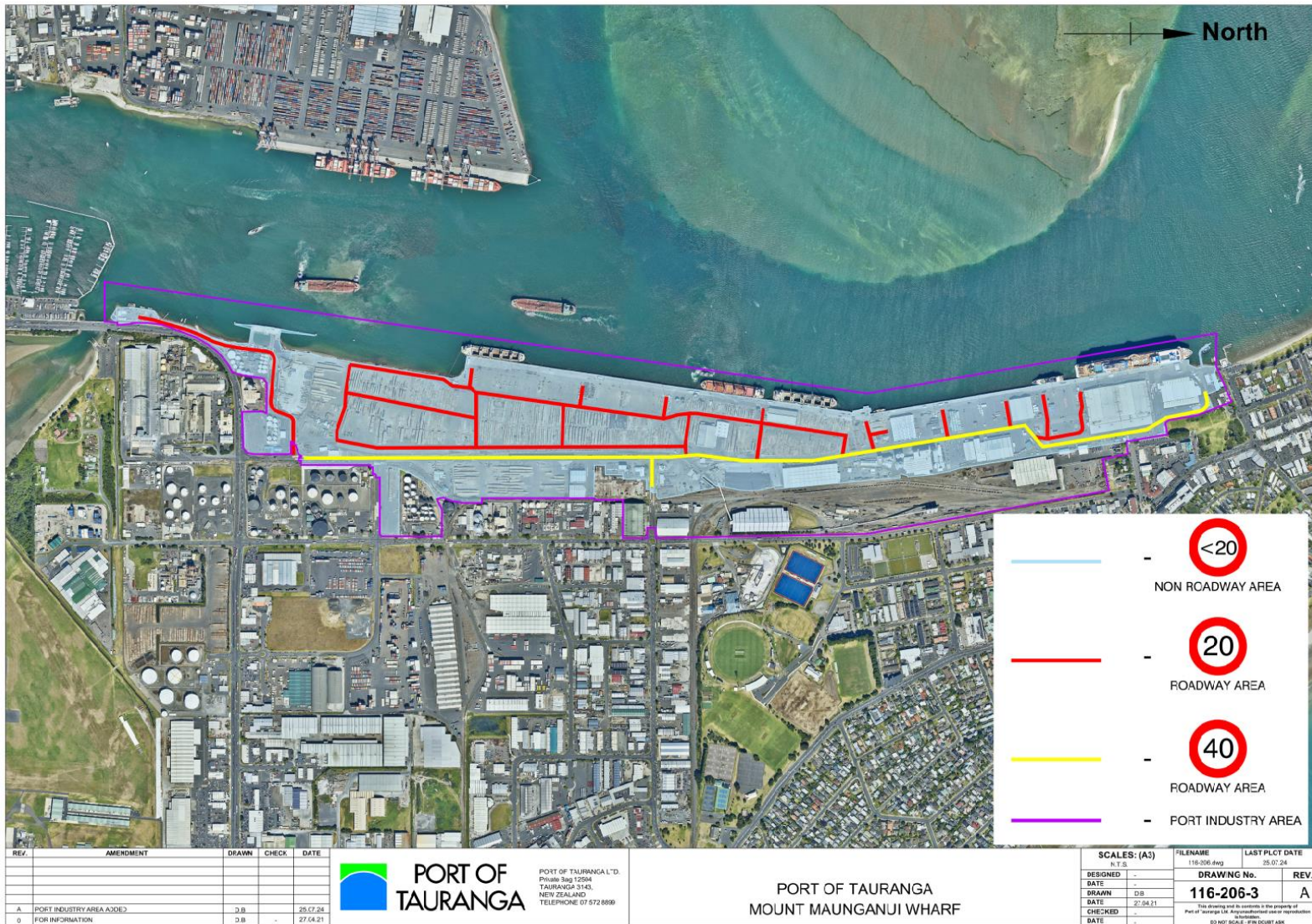


Figure 5.3: Speed limits.



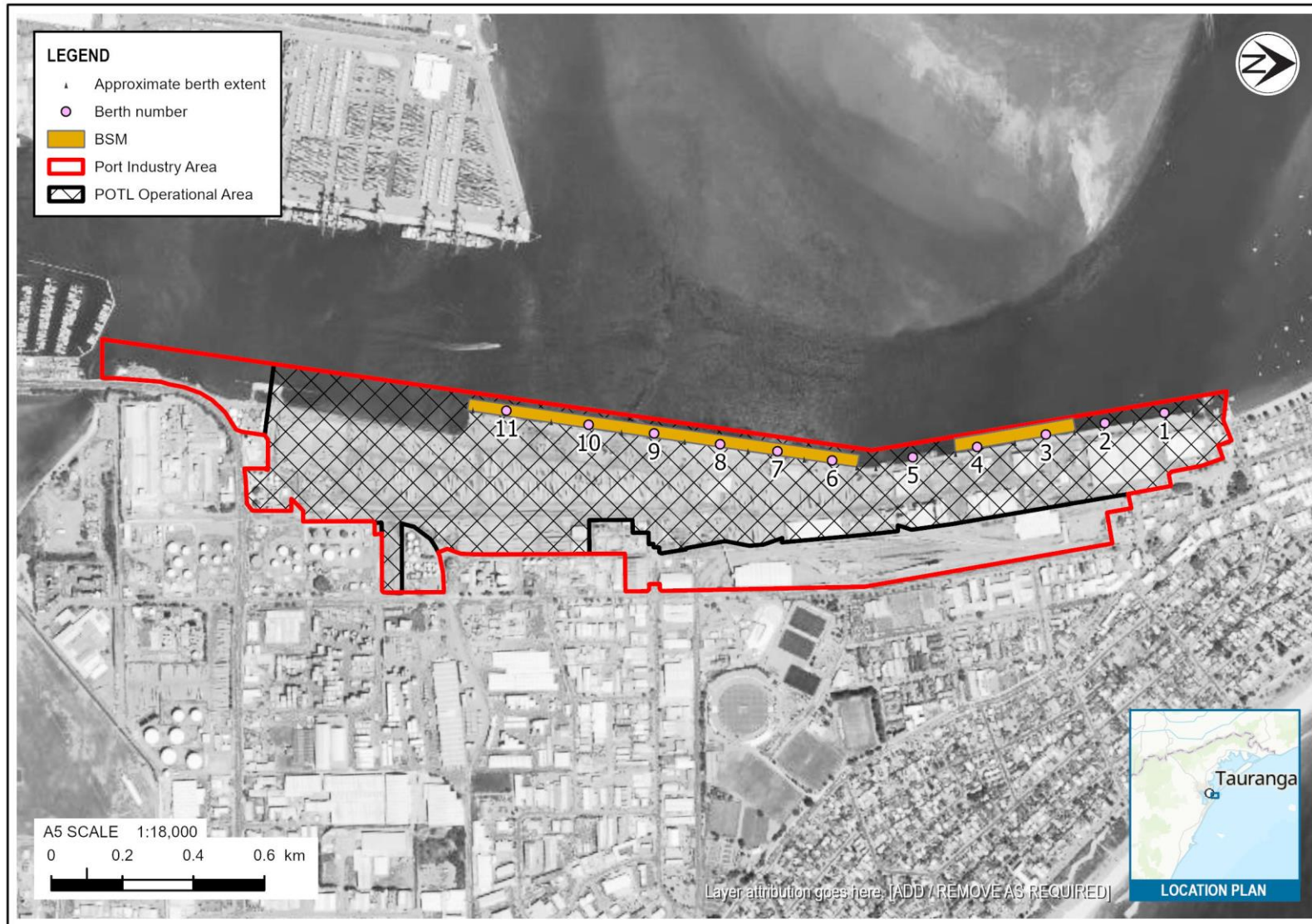


Figure 5.4: Berths used for BSM for the year ending 31 July 2019.

## 5.5 Unloading BSM from vessel (import)

### 5.5.1 Process description

BSM is unloaded from the vessel by a stevedore using a grab bucket (grab) attached to a vessel's crane and loaded into a hopper. The grab is owned, leased or acquired by the stevedore, the hoppers are owned by POTL and provided to the stevedores or product importer.

From the hopper BSM is loaded directly into a truck or trailer. Levelling of the truck and trailer cargo bins are undertaken shipside, covers are put in place and then the BSM transported offsite or to onsite storage facilities.

Standard operating procedures (SOP) detailing dust source control measures and management measures for handling of BSM within the Port Operational Area are included in SOP in Appendix B.

The BSM SOP applies to all bulk cargo stevedoring and transporting activities/operations undertaken within the Port Industry Area, namely:

- Storage of bulk cargo in an open hold of a vessel.
- Collection and transfer of bulk cargo from a vessel's hold to a hopper or other receiving receptacle.
- Storage and holding of bulk cargo in a hopper or other receiving receptacle.
- Collection and transfer of bulk cargo into a truck or other means of transport.
- Movement and/or operation of trucks (including empty trucks) used to transport bulk cargo.
- Tip-off of excess product from overweight vehicles into an enclosed shed.
- Management, cleaning and housekeeping of the stevedore's work area and any other area affected by the bulk cargo operation.

The BSM SOP does not contain information on the management of BSM within third-party lease areas inside the Port Industry Area such as BSM warehouse A, B or C, the debarking facility or the Champion facility.

### 5.5.2 Dust control measures

Dust control measures for transfer of bulk solid material. The BSM SOPs include information on the following:

- Dust source controls.
- Wind speed limits.
- Vehicle speed limits.
- Site sweeping/vacuuming protocols.

An inventory of the dust source controls for BSM handling and storage that are operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.1.

In the event of a grab or hopper failure and/or generation of dust beyond what is deemed acceptable by the BSM SOP, equipment may be exchanged/replaced with other working equipment (given this equipment complies with all requirements of AQ R22A). This may include replacement of a hopper or grab more suited to certain BSM products, if available and deemed necessary.

**Table 5.1: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by POTL for unloading BSM from vessels**

Activity	Controls (establishment date)	
	Structural	Procedural
Grab operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow-release grabs to be used for all cargo (Apr 2021).</li> <li>Hydraulic controls on the grabs, which slow the opening of the grab and reduce the rate at which the material falls into the hopper.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grabs not to be overfilled or leaking. (Aug 2011).</li> <li>Grabs to be placed as close to the hopper as possible before opening. (Aug 2011).</li> <li>Grabs to be opened slowly. (Aug 2011).</li> <li>Stopping vessel unloading under high winds (Sep 2015).</li> </ul>
Grab operation – PKE specific		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSM transfer from the vessels hold shall cease according to the wind speed limits and alarms specified in the BSM SOP S.5. (Sep 2015).</li> <li>Stand-down process required when wind speed limit is exceeded. (Sep 2015).</li> <li>Permission required from Port Customer Service Centre for operations to continue after wind shutdown. (Aug 2011).</li> </ul>
Hopper operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dust extraction hoppers used for clinker (2012)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hopper to be kept as full as possible to minimise product drop height. (Aug 2011).<sup>Note exemptions</sup></li> <li>250 tonnes hoppers not to be filled above the top-grid of the hopper. (June 2013) (Figure 5.5).</li> <li>Maintain the product 1-2 grabs worth of cargo above the height of the hopper grizzly to minimise drop distance (2022). (Figure 5.5).</li> <li>Minimising drop heights into the hoppers by matching the rate of vessel unloading to the rate of truck loading (2011).</li> <li>Avoiding overloading of the hoppers or trucks to minimise spillage (2011).</li> <li>Regular vacuum sweeping to ensure any spilled material is removed from the deck as soon as practicable (2011).</li> </ul>
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Save-alls required to be installed (Aug 2011)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacuum sweeper trucks required throughout operations for “higher risk” dusty cargo as specified in Section 5.3. (Apr 2021).<sup>Note exemptions</sup></li> <li>Operations required to cease if material is visibly landing in the harbour. (Sep 2015).</li> <li>Manual cleaning required in key areas not accessible by vacuum sweeper truck. (Sep 2015).</li> </ul>
Transport		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dust source controls and POTL approval required to be implemented to manage dust risk from tipping off excess product. (Aug 2011).</li> <li>Trucks are required to apply tarps before leaving the ship side. (Aug 2011).<sup>Note exemptions</sup></li> <li>Truck covers are to be applied in all areas outside of stevedores working area. (2013).<sup>Note exemptions</sup></li> </ul>

Activity	Controls (establishment date)	
	Structural	Procedural
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed limits on port roads. Refer to Figure 5.3 (prior to 2011).</li> <li>Excess material from overweight vehicles is to be tipped-off in an enclosed shed as directed by POTL.</li> </ul>
Transport – PKE specific		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trucks are required to exit the operational wharf using only one exit way. (Aug 2011).</li> <li>Levelling of cargo bins is required to be undertaken at the ship side. (Aug 2011).</li> </ul>
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual alarms to indicate if the wind is above or below the set wind speed as per the BSM SOP S.5. Visual alarms are visible to the vessel crane operators. (Mar 2021)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classification of higher risk dusty BSM (as specified in Section 5.3) from lower risk dusty BSM to enable differing degrees of dust source controls. (Apr 2021).</li> <li>Stevedores are responsible for compliance of procedures for all operators within the stevedore work area. (Apr 2021).</li> <li>Wind speed limits are programmed into the berth-side visual alarms and the online system. (Mar 2021) Refer to BSM SOP S.5.5 for specific guidance.</li> <li>Gust speed alarms were programmed into the automatic visual alarm system. (Feb 2022).</li> <li>Visual monitoring of dust generated by vacuum sweeper. (Apr 2021) Refer to Section 7 for specific guidance.</li> </ul>
Sweepings stockpile facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POTL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 m high solid barrier walls around three sides of the Sweepings stockpile to enclose the area where sweeper trucks store recovered BSM (which is taken off site by the product owner at the end of the operation). The open face is positioned on the opposite side to the prevailing westerly and south westerly winds which could cause product drift towards the eastern boundary. (Jul 2023).</li> <li>A sprinkler system installed on the top of the walls and can be used to suppress dust if required. (Jul 2023).</li> </ul>

Note:

#### TRIAL DUST SOURCE CONTROLS

- Trials began late 2018 for fine water misting systems. The systems were fitted to six of the POTL hoppers. Misting automatically turned on when the grabs were in position. Full implementation was attempted in July 2021, however system failures prevented mandatory adoption. Fine water misting systems on the hoppers were never progressed past the trial stage and are not considered to be a baseline dust source control.

#### DUST SOURCE CONTROLS REMOVED PRIOR TO 31 JULY 2019

- Wind break netting was previously installed on the seaward side of the open holds of the vessel to reduce windspeeds over the top of the open holds. However, this dust source control was removed as a dust source control due to health and safety concerns in 2021.
- Operational wharf to be kept wet to lessen the chance that particulate on the ground is resuspended. This was removed due to stormwater implications.
- Hoppers that have a grizzly on the top of the thimble are to be filled above the grizzly by one to two grabs. This has been found to reduce emissions due to the reduced fall height. The emission from windblown dust was observed to be lower than an increased drop height from maintaining the product height below the grizzly. (c. 2022).

#### EXEMPTIONS

- Exemptions to the rule are given in Table 5.2.



*Figure 5.5:*  
 Left: Maximum fill height for hopper with grizzly. Note this picture shows a hopper with misting sprays. Misting spray are no longer in use.  
 Right: Maximum fill height for hopper without grizzly.

There are variations and limitations for handling of different BSM as shown in Table 5.2. These limitations are due to dedicated equipment or material properties. A live version of the exemption record is maintained by Port of Tauranga, M-Files ID 108155.

**Table 5.2: Dust source control exemptions and limitations by BSM type**

Material type	Rule exemption	Comment
Some phosphate rock	High density phosphate rock can be free flowed into truck via the hopper, hopper does not need to be maintained full.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High density products can compress under their own weight in the hopper and cause blockages.</li> </ul>
Gypsum	Product can be free flowed into the truck via the hopper, hopper does not need to be maintained full.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High density product with high moisture content can easily block in the hopper when restricted.</li> <li>Product is non-dusty.</li> </ul>
Blast Furnace Slag	Product can be free flowed into the hopper; hopper does not need to be maintained full.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product is non dusty and can benefit from increased agitation occurring during free flow to help break product up.</li> </ul>
Clinker	Vacuum sweeper truck not required ( <i>bucket sweeper may be utilised</i> ).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product is incompatible with vacuum sweeping.</li> </ul>

### 5.5.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- BSM unloading from vessels is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.1 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

POTL may instruct that contingency measures are undertaken. Potential contingency measures for BSM unloading from ships are as follows:

- Cease unloading BSM from the vessel.

- Reduce the BSM level to below the thimble.
- Further reduce drop heights from grab to hopper if possible.
- Reduce hopper unloading speeds.
- Increase sweeping.
- Reduce vehicle travel speeds.



## 5.6 Loading of BSM to vessel (export)

### 5.6.1 Process description

Loading of BSM to vessel for export will be undertaken using the following processes:

- Unloaded from trucks onto the wharf and:
  - Loaded to vessel using a crane grab bucket;
  - Loaded to vessel using an excavator bucket from the wharf; or
  - Loaded into a hopper from the truck and then conveyed into the vessel.

### 5.6.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of the dust source controls for BSM loading to vessel that are operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.3.

BSM SOPs include information on the following:

- Dust source control methods.
- Wind speed limits.
- Vehicle speed limits.
- Site sweeping/vacuuming protocols.

**Table 5.3: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by POTL for loading of BSM to vessels**

Activity	Controls (establishment date)	
	Structural	Procedural
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual alarms to indicate if the wind is above or below the set wind speed as per the BSM SOP S.5.5. (Mar 2021).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSM will be tipped onto the wharf from a tip truck into a defined area. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• Trucks will slowly tip product onto wharf at a controlled rate to minimise drop height and dust generation.</li> <li>• No more than two truck bin loads will be allowed to be stockpiled on the wharf at any given time. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• Tipping of product will only occur from truck bins; no trailer tipping is permitted in order to minimise the risk of tracking material. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• Product will be released from the excavator bucket or grab as close to the product present in the hold as practicable to minimise drop height and where possible, protect falling product from the wind. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• In the event of a visual wind alarm, product placement into the hold of the vessel will only continue if there is a risk of rain. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• The loading activity will cease if visible airborne dust from the operation is detected greater than 100 m from the operation. (Jul 2024).</li> </ul>



Activity	Controls (establishment date)	
	Structural	Procedural
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sweeper truck will be available to periodically recover any tracking or product drift within the work area. (Jul 2024).</li> <li>• Loading by conveyor is subject to the operator preparing an Environmental Management Plan prior to commencement.</li> </ul>

### 5.6.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- BSM loading to vessels is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.3 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

POTL may instruct that contingency measures are undertaken. Potential contingency measures for BSM unloading from ships are as follows:

- Cease loading BSM to the vessel.
- Further reduce drop heights if possible.
- Reduce loading speeds.
- Increase sweeping.
- Reduce vehicle travel speeds.
- Cover piles of BSM.
- Surround pile and conveyor with mobile wind fence.
- Create temporary bunker from concrete blocks for BSM.

## 5.7 BSM Sheds 4, 5 and 5N

### 5.7.1 Process description

BSM Sheds 4, 5 and 5N are used for the handling and storage of unpackaged BSM including but not limited to wood pellets. The process description for Shed 5 and 5N are as follows:

- BSM is delivered to the warehouse.
- BSM is tipped into ground floor boxes before being conveyed to the stacking system or pushed into piles.
- Prior to BSM being tipped on the ground the doors the doors are either:
  - All closed.
  - All but one closed (to prevent wind tunnelling effects).

The only fugitive emission points are from spinifex on the roof ridgeline and from the entry and exit doors.

### 5.7.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of dust source controls for the areas that are not operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.6. POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials in this area and does not currently maintain any operational control of the activities.

**Table 5.4: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by Shed 5 or Shed 5N operators**

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tipper trucks are used for delivery of BSM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only bagged or containerised bulk solid material to be stored outdoors.</li> <li>• Site speed limit of 10 km/h.</li> <li>• Delivery of BSM directly into the warehouse.</li> <li>• Trucks are cleaned prior to exiting the warehouse.</li> <li>• Trucks are covered prior to exiting the warehouse.</li> <li>• Sweeper trucks within the warehouse as required.</li> <li>• Close all or all but one door.</li> </ul>

### 5.7.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- BSM handling within Shed 4, 5 or 5N is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.4 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

POTL may instruct that contingency measures are undertaken. Potential contingency measures for BSM unloading from ships are as follows:

- Cease operations within the relevant shed.
- Further reduce drop heights if possible.
- Reduce loading speeds.
- Increase sweeping.
- Reduce vehicle travel speeds.
- Close all doors.

## 5.8 Spill procedures

Spill procedures include the following, as detailed in the BSM SOP S.5.14:

- Cleaned up straight away by stevedores for spills from grabs/ hoppers.
- Spills from trucks, reported to POTL by any party or observed by POTL. POTL will contact the stevedore and/or product owner to clean.

## 5.9 Maintenance and equipment monitoring procedures

Table 5.5 identifies maintenance and monitoring procedures undertaken to minimise discharges to air and the frequency in which these activities are undertaken. The full details of the inspections and maintenance activities to take place are in the following documents:

**Table 5.5: Maintenance programme for bulk solids material handling equipment**

Equipment	Frequency	Responsible party	Maintenance	Record location
Slow-release grabs	Daily	Stevedore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grab operational performance is monitored as detailed in the BSM SOP S.5. When maintenance issues are identified, records of the maintenance is kept.</li> </ul>	Completed by stevedore plant coordinators
Clinker hoppers and baghouses	Prior to and after each shipment	Clinker importer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical pre-shipment check on clinker hopper and baghouse.</li> <li>• Structural integrity check.</li> <li>• Mechanical pre-shipment check on clinker hopper and baghouse.</li> <li>• Baghouse filter changes as required. Pressure drop sensors are to be installed on the sensors.</li> <li>• Wash and blow down and removal of solid buildup.</li> </ul>	Clinker importer maintenance records
Hoppers	During operation	Stevedore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hopper operational performance is monitored as detailed in the BSM SOP S.5. When maintenance issues are identified with a Hopper and raised with POTL.</li> </ul>	Records of maintenance is kept by POTL
	Between different product types	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual check of hopper integrity.</li> <li>• Check of hopper operational functionality (including for correct jaw function).</li> </ul>	If issues identified and maintenance is required then records of maintenance are kept by POTL

Equipment	Frequency	Responsible party	Maintenance	Record location
	Annual	Engineer contracted by POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural integrity.</li> <li>Operational function.</li> </ul>	Records of maintenance is kept by POTL
Sweeper truck	Daily	Daltons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete pre-start inspection check list.</li> </ul>	Daltons daily log
Tractor/Moxy	Daily		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete pre-start inspection check list.</li> </ul>	
BSM sheds (Sheds 4, 5 and 5N)	Regular during heavy rain	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leak inspection of cargo shed roofs.</li> </ul>	Asset management system (proposed)
	6 – 12 months	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cargo shed gutter cleaning and roof inspection.</li> </ul>	
	Annually	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cargo shed doors inspected.</li> </ul>	
General site	Daily	Stevedore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wharf aprons are swept as required by the BSM SOP S.5.</li> </ul>	Records kept by stevedores
		Yard cleaning services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor surfaces (yard and accessways) are swept as required by the BSM SOP S.8.</li> </ul>	Yard cleaning services - E road vehicle tracking system
	Weekly	POTL Environmental Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspect outdoor and yard surfaces for dust.</li> </ul>	Survey 123
	Annual	POTL Environmental Manager POTL Management team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review SOPs and DMP.</li> </ul>	Environmental Management System

## 5.10 BSM warehouse A (Genesis / Marnco)

### 5.10.1 Process description

BSM Warehouse A is used for handling and storage of BSM, including but not limited to the following:

- Fertiliser.
- Coal.

The location of BSM Warehouse A is shown in Figure 3.2 and Figure 5.6. The layout of BSM warehouse A is shown in Figure 5.7.



Figure 5.6: Location of Warehouse A – looking west (imagery sourced from Google Earth).

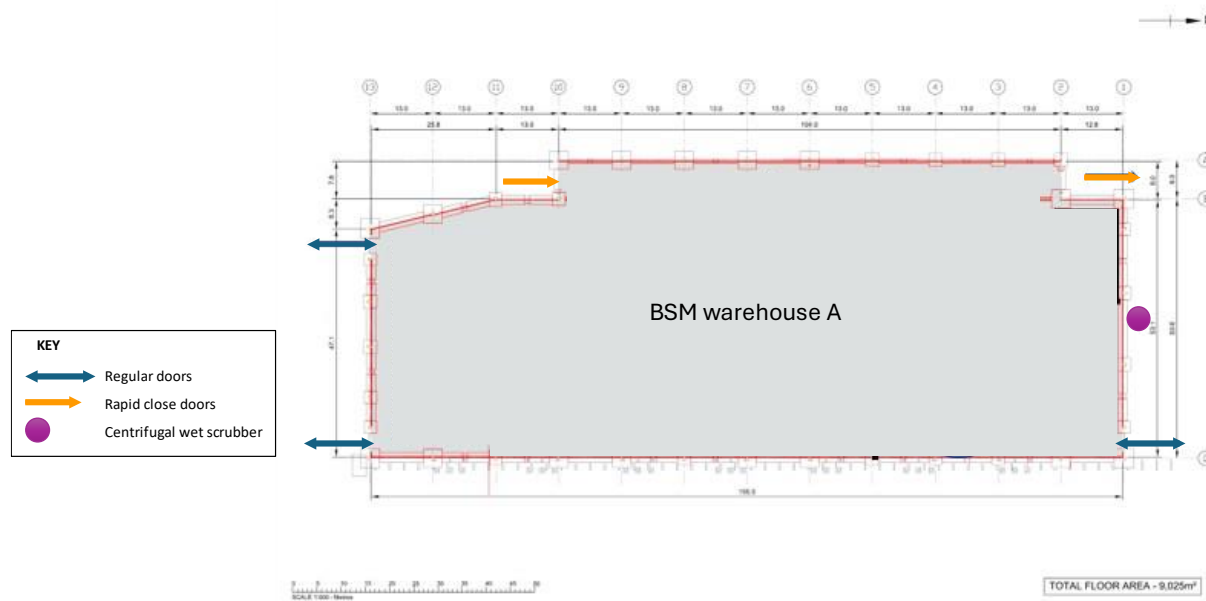


Figure 5.7: Warehouse A infrastructure.

The process for material handling for BSM Warehouse A is as follows:

- 1 BSM from vessels is loaded into trucks, as described in Section 5.5.1, and then delivered to the warehouse.
- 2 Loading BSM into the warehouse occurs using either of the following methods:
  - a The truck is emptied into an inground hopper and then conveyed using covered conveyer into the warehouse; and/or

- b The truck is emptied inside of the shed onto the ground and pushed into piles. The rapid closing doors to the warehouse are closed during emptying of fertiliser product.
- 3 Front end loaders are used within the warehouse to load BSM directly into trucks or into feed hoppers for dispatch conveyor.
- 4 For truck loading:
  - a Materials are loaded using front-end loaders into trucks.
  - b Trucks drive over rumple bars/shake grates prior to exit from the warehouse.
  - c Trucks are cleaned with air or water as required prior to exit from the warehouse.
  - d Tarps or covers are applied to the trucks prior to exit from the warehouse.
- 5 Material loaded into the dispatch hoppers and onto the dispatch conveyor exits the warehouse in the enclosed conveyor and is transferred to enclosed silos A, B and C.
- 6 BSM is loaded into rail wagons.

### 5.10.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of dust source controls for the areas that are not operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.6. POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials in this area and does not currently maintain any operational control of the activities. Activity specific information for third-party operators are appended as follows:

- Marnco activity specific information - Appendix E.
- Genesis activity specific information - Appendix F.

**Table 5.6: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by Warehouse A operators**

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid close doors.</li> <li>• The inground hopper is fitted with dust suppression sprays.</li> <li>• Dust suppression sprays at various locations within the warehouse, conveyors and transfer points available for suitable BSM.</li> <li>• Enclosed conveyor systems into and out of the warehouse.</li> <li>• Container/mesh netting separation between coal and fertiliser operations if necessary.</li> <li>• Enclosed transfer towers.</li> <li>• Bottom-emptying trucks with controlled unloading rates, or tipper trucks (coal only) are used for delivery of BSM.</li> <li>• No vents directly to ambient air from the warehouse.</li> <li>• Extraction from the building fitted with centrifugal wet scrubber.</li> <li>• Rumble bars inside the warehouse at the northwest truck lane exit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only bagged or containerised bulk solid material to be stored outdoors.</li> <li>• Site speed limit of 10 km/h.</li> <li>• Delivery of BSM directly into the warehouse.</li> <li>• Rapid close doors on the entrances and exits of the warehouse which remain closed loading and unloading processes.</li> <li>• In-ground load in hopper is maintained as near full during loading to minimise drop distances.</li> <li>• Product that falls onto the ground is swept into the hopper as required.</li> <li>• Dust suppression sprays can be used on suitable BSM.</li> <li>• Trucks are cleaned prior to exiting the warehouse.</li> <li>• Trucks are covered prior to exiting the warehouse.</li> </ul>

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispatch silos are maintained under negative pressure and have dust capture devices fitted.</li> <li>Dispatch from the silos is within a semi enclosed building.</li> <li>Dispatch silos have telescopic chute and automatically activated dust suppression sprays on the outlet chutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed limit of 10 km/h on warehouse site.</li> <li>Sweeper trucks within the warehouse.</li> <li>Rail wagons are covered after loading.</li> </ul>

There are variations and limitations for handling of different materials at Warehouse A as shown in Table 5.7. These limitations are due to dedicated equipment or material properties.

**Table 5.7: Dust source control limitations and exemptions for Warehouse A by BSM type**

Control / procedure	Material type	
	Coal	Fertiliser
Dust suppression sprays/misting	Yes	No
Dust extraction and scrubbing	Yes	Not during standard operation
Delivery via inground hopper	Yes	Yes
Direct delivery into shed	Yes	Yes
Dispatch via loadout conveyor and silos	Yes	No
Dispatch via truck	Yes	Yes

### 5.10.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- BSM handling within Warehouse A is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.7 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

Potential contingency measures for BSM handling and storage within Warehouse A are as follows:

- Cease operations the relevant shed.
- Reduce drop heights from front end loaders into trucks if possible.
- Reduce loading speeds or truck throughput.
- Increase sweeping.
- Reduce vehicle travel speeds.
- Close all doors.
- Mobile water sprays/ misting (product dependant).



#### 5.10.4 Performance specifications

Performance specifications as specified in AIRSCHEd2 Part A (5)(b)(iii) are required as follows:

*“For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications.”*

Performance specifications for dust extraction and treatment equipment for various operations is summarised in Table 5.8. The centrifugal wet scrubber and dust suppression sprays on the coal silo discharge chute are shown in Figure 5.8.

**Table 5.8: Performance specifications for dust extraction and treatment equipment**

Equipment	Extraction rate	Specified removal efficiency or emission rate
Centrifugal wet scrubber	36,000 Am <sup>3</sup> /h	90-99% based on a design inlet concentration of 1 g/m <sup>3</sup>
Silo dust capture devices	3,000 Am <sup>3</sup> /h	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>



Figure 5.8:

Centrifugal wet scrubber on Warehouse A (Image sourced from <https://www.luehrfilter.com.au/Products/Wet-Scrubbers>).

Dust suppression sprays on the coal silo discharge chute.

## 5.11 BSM warehouse B (Swap Stockfoods)

### 5.11.1 Process description

BSM warehouse B is used for the handling and storage of BSM including but not limited to stockfood. The location of the Warehouse B is shown in Figure 3.2 and Figure 5.9.



Figure 5.9: Location of Warehouse B and Warehouse C – looking west (imagery sourced from Google Earth).

The warehouse operating hours are dependent on the unloading of the vessels. Vessels can arrive at the Port outside of conventional working hours and usually the vessels will be unloaded as soon as practicable to minimise the time vessels spend at berth. Under these circumstances, operations at Warehouse B sites can occur 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The process description for the Warehouse B as provided by Swap Stockfoods is as follows:

- The BSM is transported via trucks to the warehouse. Once the trucks are inside the warehouse, the trucks open the tarpaulin and deposit the BSM onto the warehouse floor.
- The empty trucks are “blown down” in the warehouse normally using a hand-held compressed air hose before exiting the warehouse. During this process, the storage warehouse doors remain open under current operating procedures.
- The BSM may need to be pushed into piles inside the storage facility, using specially adapted front-end loader buckets and pushers, to achieve maximum storage capacity.
- Certain products are screened and/or crushed within the storage warehouse in order to add value to the product. Processing occurs intermittently or continuously at all warehouses depending on operational requirements and load sharing between warehouses.
- Blending and mixing of product types occurs by the mixing of dry products on the floor of the facility by loader scooping up and blending into a specific stockpile mix. This can include blending of liquids and or liquids into dry products. For example, blending liquid molasses into dry Palm Kernel Extract to add nutrients and calorific intake. Blending occurs intermittently or continuously at all warehouses, depending on operational requirements and load sharing between warehouses.
- The BSM is loaded into trucks within the warehouse using front end loaders for transportation offsite.

### 5.11.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of dust source controls for the areas that are not operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.9. POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials in this area and

does not currently maintain any operational control of the activities. Activity specific information for third-party operators is appended as follows:

- Swap Stockfoods activity specific information - Appendix G.

**Table 5.9: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by Warehouse B operators**

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
Transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trucks are covered at all times, both full and empty, when travelling to and from the Site, as far as reasonably practicable.</li> <li>• Vehicle speeds limits of 15 km per hour.</li> </ul>
Unloading within the warehouse		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Products are unloaded within the warehouses as far as practicable from the entranceway.</li> <li>• A hand-held compressed air hose or handheld blower is used to sweep the floor of the warehouse and clean trucks of residual product prior to departing the warehouses.</li> </ul>
Processing of materials		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing drop heights for product into hoppers.</li> <li>• Cleaning and maintenance of processing equipment to ensure tracking and movement of product is limited to internal locations where product can be contained.</li> </ul>
General		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess weather and ground conditions (dryness and wind) at the start of each day and ensure that applicable mitigation measures and methods are ready for use. If it is a dry day (i.e., there has been no rain in the last 24 hours and ground conditions are visibly dry) and wind speed is (or is forecast to be during that day) above 5 m/s: a) sweep the floor and entrance of the warehouse if tracking is anticipated.</li> <li>• Regularly assess (at least twice daily) visible dust emissions and respond accordingly.</li> <li>• Where not in conflict with operational requirements such as truck movements, keep doors to facilities closed.</li> </ul>

### 5.11.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures are detailed in the activity specific information in Appendix G.

## 5.12 BSM warehouse C (Champion)

### 5.12.1 Process description

BSM warehouse C is used for the handling and storage of BSM including but not limited to wheat. The location of the Warehouse B is shown in Figure 3.2 and Figure 5.9. The process description for Warehouse C is as follows:

- Wheat is delivered to the warehouse.
- Wheat is tipped into ground floor boxes before being conveyed to the stacking system or pushed into piles.
- Prior to grain being tipped on the ground the doors the doors are either:
  - All closed.
  - All but one closed (to prevent wind tunnelling effects).
  - All but one closed with a compressed air curtain system operating on the remaining open door.

The only fugitive emission points are from spinifex on the roof ridgeline and from the doors.

### 5.12.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of dust source controls for the areas that are not operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.10. POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials in this area and does not currently maintain any operational control of the activities. Activity specific information for third-party operators is appended as follows:

- Champion activity specific information - Appendix H.

**Table 5.10: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by Warehouse C operators**

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air curtain on the wheat shed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweeping of external yard.</li> <li>• Blow down of truck prior to exit.</li> <li>• Closing of the door as detailed in Section 5.12.1.</li> </ul>

### 5.12.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- BSM handling within Warehouse C is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.10 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

Potential contingency measures for BSM handling and storage within Warehouse C are as follows:

- Cease operations the relevant shed.
- Reduce loading speeds.
- Reduce the truck throughput.
- Increase sweeping.

- Reduce vehicle travel speeds.
- Close all the doors.

## 5.13 Champion flour mill

### 5.13.1 Process description

The Champion Flour Mill receives raw grain and processes it into flour. The process is described as follows:

- 1 Grain from vessels or from an offsite warehouse is loaded into tip trucks and then delivered to the flour mill site.
- 2 Loading grain into the mill occurs using either of the following methods:
  - a The truck is emptied into an inground hopper at load-in area 1 and then conveyed using an enclosed conveyer into silos; or
  - b The truck is emptied inside of the load-in 2 building into an inground hopper and then conveyed using an enclosed conveyer into silos.
- 3 Grain from silos is conveyed using enclosed augers to the gristing plant. The gristing plant includes separating impurities using pneumatic conveying over sieves, blending the wheat for the desired product type, and conditioning the grain by adding water aid with separation of the grain parts. The gristing plant is enclosed and has emissions to air via a dust filter. There are explosion panels on the dust filters for safety purposes.
- 4 After the gristing plant, the grain is mechanically conveyed into the mill. Discharges to air from these buildings are via passive dust filters.
- 5 In the mill, grain is passed over sieves and grinders to produce flour and bran-based products. The flour milling process is operated using pneumatic transfer and operates with a negative pressure.
- 6 After milling the products are transferred into finished product silos. All flour is conveyed using positive presser blowers. Displaced air discharged through the explosion panels and through passive dust filters (refer to Figure 5.10).
- 7 Finished product is either:
  - a Transferred into the packing facility silos where it is then packed. Packed material is transferred to the warehouse for distribution; or
  - b Transfer to bulk load out silos.

The packing facility and bulk load out silos have explosion panels and dust filters at the top of the silos.
- 8 Bulk load out of flour and bran product occurs within the respective load out facilities.



Figure 5.10: Explosion panels and passive dust filters in explosion panel room above finished product silos.

### 5.13.2 Dust control measures

An inventory of dust source controls for the areas that are not operated or overseen by POTL are detailed in Table 5.11. POTL does not regulate the handling of bulk solids materials in this area and does not currently maintain any operational control of the activities. Activity specific information for third-party operators is appended as follows:

- Champion activity specific information - Appendix H.

**Table 5.11: Inventory of bulk solid material dust source controls operated or overseen by Champion flour mill**

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
General		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production is monitored using a continuous monitoring system. The primary responsibility for production monitoring is with the Miller.</li> </ul>
Delivery of raw material into bulk store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dust extraction cyclone on load in 2.</li> <li>• The inground hopper at load-in 2 is fitted with a dust extraction cyclone which vents to side of the load-in 2 building.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One door of load in 2 is closed to prevent wind tunnelling during delivery.</li> <li>• Load in 2 building doors are closed on one end to reduce wind tunnelling through the building. Both doors are not closed at the same time due to health and safety protocols regarding explosion risk and visibility.</li> <li>• Sweeping of loose material into hopper prior immediately after delivery truck has departed.</li> <li>• Maintaining a full hopper as far as practicable to minimise drop height.</li> <li>• Blow down of truck prior to departure from load in 2.</li> </ul>
Raw material conveyance and storage (grain silos)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material is transferred in enclosed augers or conveyors.</li> <li>• Inlet filters on raw material top-filling silos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulk materials are never stored outside.</li> </ul>

Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
Gristing plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raw and ground materials conveyed in closed conveyors by mechanical or pneumatic means.</li> <li>Dust filter on the building.</li> </ul>	
Material transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enclosed material transfer systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dusty material to be handled or stored outside.</li> </ul>
Flour silos (intermediate storage or retail packing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silos are fitted with high level mechanical switch to detect over filling of the silos.</li> <li>When the high level is reached there is an alarm and automatic filling of an overflow silo occurs.</li> <li>If the high-level sensor fails then the silo vents through the explosion panels and out through the filter.</li> <li>Filters on silo.</li> </ul>	
bulk bran dispatch silos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical high-level switch on the silo.</li> <li>Loading chutes are gravity feed with a blower to aerate the flour. This is a closed system.</li> <li>Loading will only begin when the silo valve gate is opened by the truck driver.</li> <li>The valve gate can only be accessed when on top to the truck.</li> <li>In the event of power failure, the blower aeration will stop and discharge of material will stop.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual assessment of trailer fullness.</li> <li>Silo are filled with the order amount (maximum of one truck worth of material) to prevent overfilling.</li> <li>The bran product truck drives under the silo and one end door is closed.</li> <li>Bran product is fed by gravity into tip trucks with a feed sock to minimise product loss and drop distance to the truck bin.</li> <li>Bran product truck bins are covered after loading and prior to driving off the site.</li> </ul>
Finished product (flour) dispatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanical high-level switch on the silo.</li> <li>The flour truck is a dry bulk tanker.</li> <li>Retractable socks are used for dispatch of flour from the silos to tankers.</li> <li>Loading chutes are gravity feed with a blower to aerate the flour. This is a closed system.</li> <li>Loading will only begin when the silo valve is opened by the truck driver.</li> <li>The valve gate can only be accessed when on top to the truck.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silo are filled with the order amount (maximum of one truck worth of material) to prevent overfilling.</li> <li>Tanker driver to check compartments are fully depressurised before opening tankers.</li> <li>Check loading bellow is secure and inside the tanker prior to loading.</li> <li>Filling is manually stopped when the displayed scale shows maximum truck weight.</li> <li>Emergency stop loading button to be used if loading becomes unsafe or causing too much dust.</li> <li>Raise the loading bellow slowly to reduce spill.</li> <li>Bulk tankers to inspect hatches and seals before leaving the dispatch area.</li> </ul>



Activity	Controls	
	Structural	Procedural
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the event of power failure, the blower aeration will stop and product ceases discharging.</li> <li>Trucks are on a weighbridge to prevent overfilling.</li> </ul>	
Fugitive dust on the site		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site roads are swept three times per week to minimise dust during normal operations.</li> <li>During ship unloading, regular daily sweeping is implemented.</li> </ul>
Vehicle movements onsite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vehicle access roads are sealed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site speed limit of 10 km/hour.</li> <li>Minimise delivery and dispatch vehicles onsite.</li> </ul>
Filters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spare parts are kept onsite to minimise equipment downtime.</li> <li>Broken filters are replaced as soon as possible.</li> </ul>

### 5.13.3 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- Processes at the Champion flour Mill are identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 5.11 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

Potential contingency measures for the Champion Flour Mill are as follows:

- Material transfer:
  - Weight alarms on the bulk bran product discharge silos.
  - Immediate stop and repair of transfer augers and conveyors in the event of a seal failure.
- Filling silos:
  - In the event of overfilling, finished product is discharged into overflow silos.
- Fugitive dust:
  - Increase sweeping.
  - Stop at Source: Take whatever actions are needed to stop the dust release at source. e.g., plant shutdown, isolate the area.
  - Prevent Spread: Cover any dust on ground to prevent it becoming airborne as fugitive dust and spreading (especially offsite).
  - Clean-up: Clean-up the dust as quickly as practical and dispose or reuse.
- Vehicle movements on site:
  - Reduce speed.

### 5.13.4 Performance specifications

Performance specifications for dust extraction and treatment equipment for various operations is summarised in Table 5.12.



**Table 5.12: Performance specifications for dust extraction and treatment equipment**

Equipment	Extraction rate	Specified removal efficiency or emission rate
Silo vent filters	Passive ventilation.	Filter fabric specification 250-280 g/m <sup>2</sup> .

## 6 Log storage and handling

### 6.1 Overview

The log operations involve the following activities, which are described in further detail below:

- Transportation and receipt of logs via train or truck.
- Collection and transfer of logs from train or truck to storage or directly to the preload area.
- Log storage.
- On-port debarking.
- Log transfer from storage to preload or directly to the wharf apron in preparation for loading onto a vessel.
- Loading or unloading of logs onto a vessel.
- Dust source control methods:
  - Movement and operation of equipment used for log handling operations.
  - Cleaning of equipment used for log handling.
  - Management and cleaning of the log storage area.
- Any other operation associated with Log Operations.

The following sections describe the log storage handling activities.

### 6.2 Storage and conveyance

The locations of log storage and conveyance as follows:

- Log conveyance, truck paths and bark handling and storage areas are shown in Figure 6.1.
- Berth locations and numbers are shown in Figure 6.2.
- Log yard storage area extent is shown in Figure 6.3.

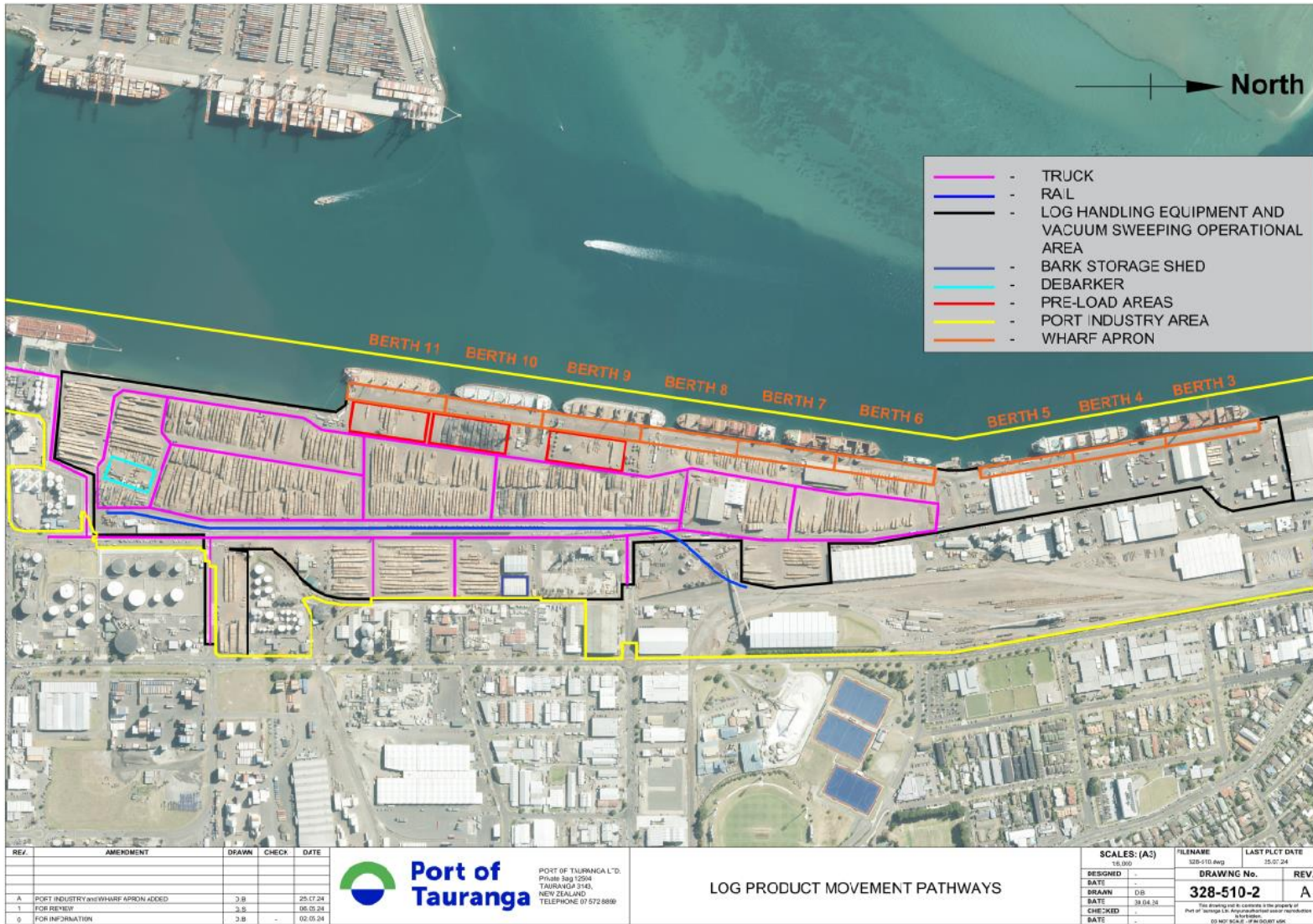


Figure 6.1: Log product movement pathways.

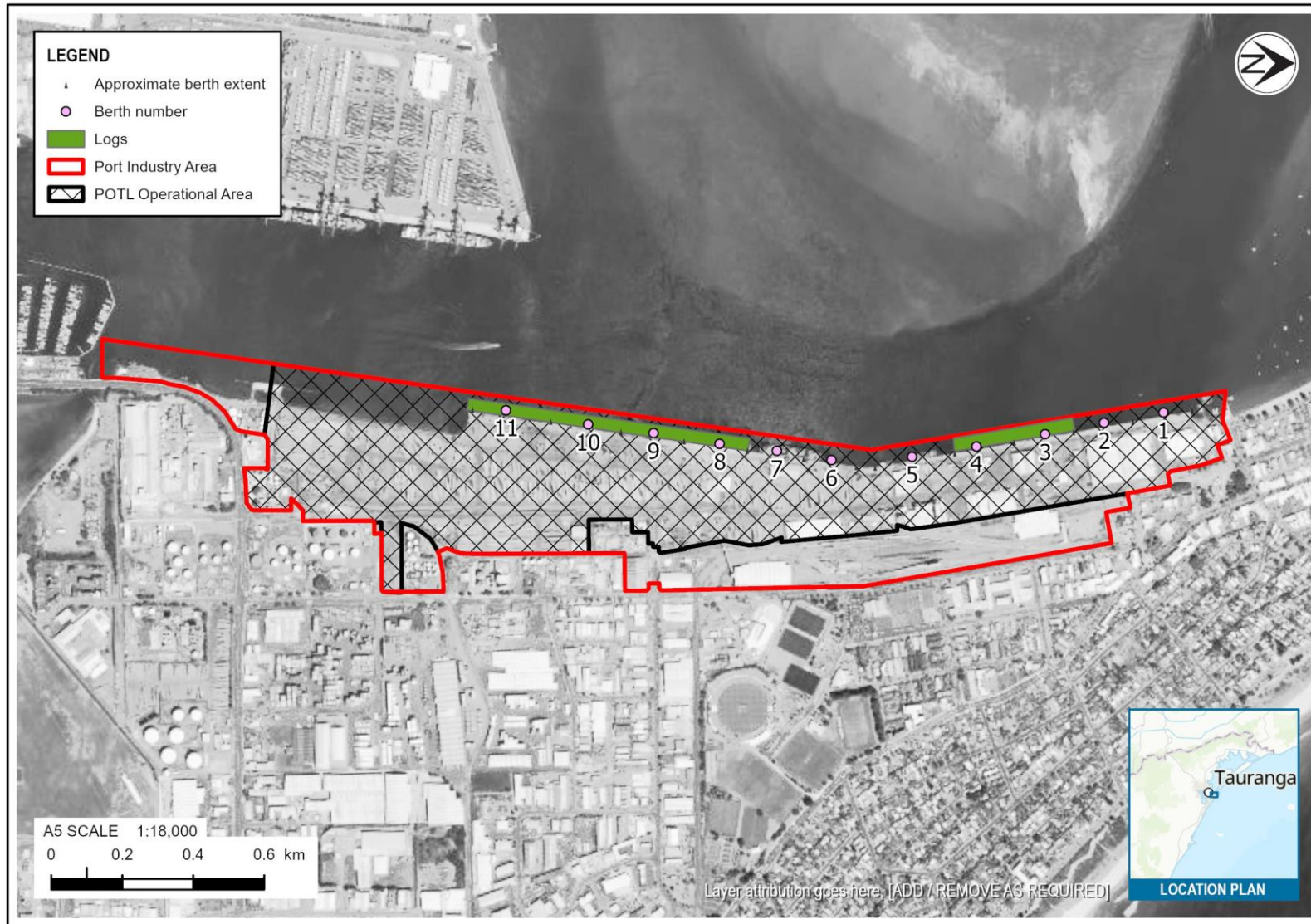


Figure 6.2: Berths used for Logs for the year ending 31 July 2019.



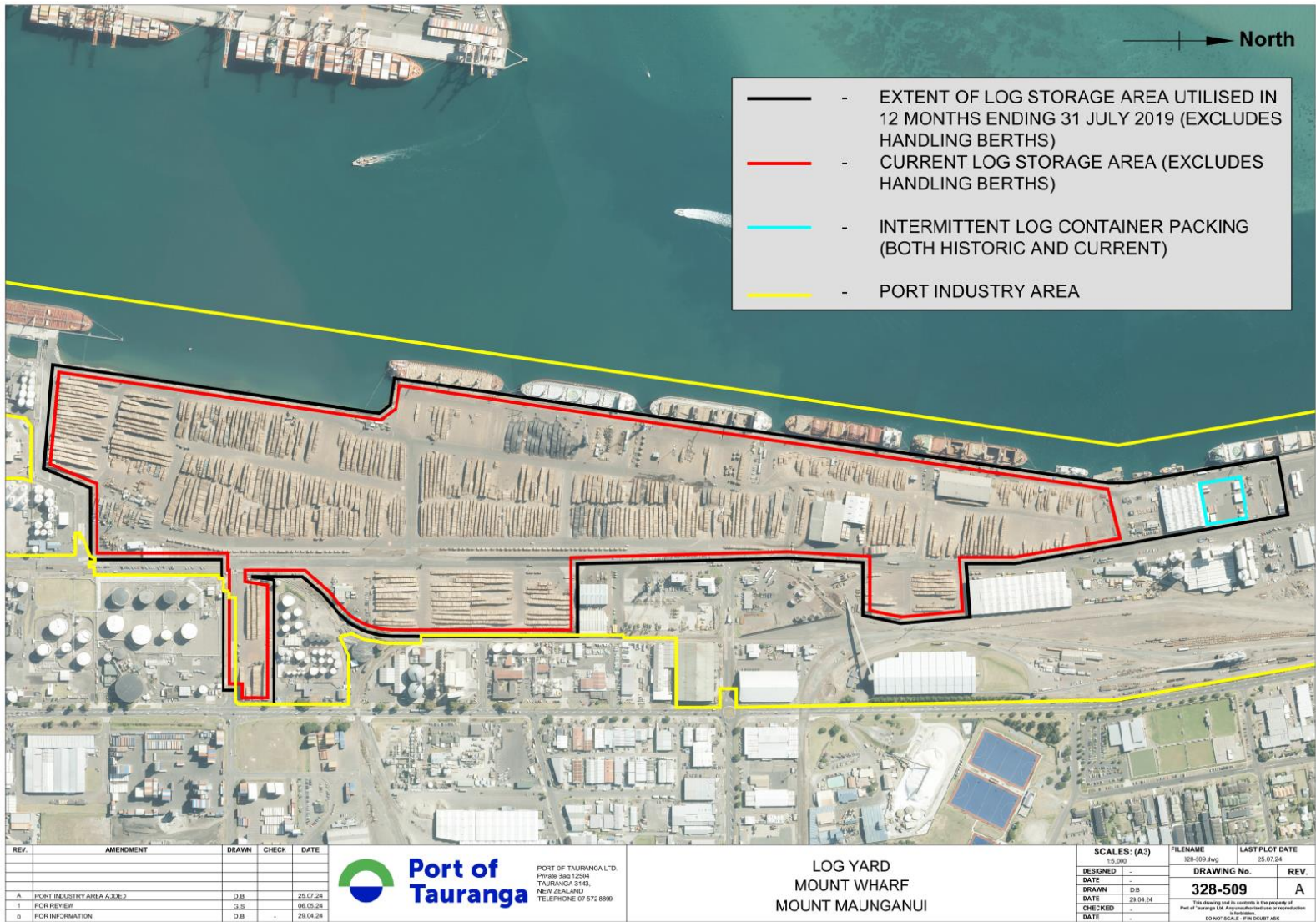


Figure 6.3: Log yard extent.

### 6.3 Debarking

The on-port debarking equipment is managed by QUBE.

Most log debarking occurs prior to logs arriving on site. A small proportion of bark-on logs that arrive onsite are debarked prior to export. Debarking occurs at the dedicated debarking facility as shown in Figure 6.1. The debarking process operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week as necessary.

Debarking follows the below steps:

- 1 Bark on logs are delivered to the debarker by marshallers or directly by truck.
- 2 Logs are placed onto the moving bed log bench by loader.
- 3 One log at a time is rolled off the log bench and onto a conveyor.
- 4 The conveyor moves the log into the semi-enclosed single rotor debarking machine as shown in Figure 6.4.
- 5 Bark is collected underneath the debarker and transferred to a waste bark pile using a conveyor.
- 6 The debarked log is conveyed to a storage bed/bunk where it is then transferred to the yard.



Figure 6.4:

*Left: Debarking machine.*

*Right: Debarking machine building.*

### 6.4 Transportation, receipt and transfer to storage of logs

The movement of logs from delivery to storage is managed by the marshalling companies.

Logs are transported to the Port via logging trucks and via rail. The transportation corridors for logs are shown in Figure 6.1.

Logs are either scaled (sized and barcoded) on arrival or arrive scaled. Log ends may be cleaned at the designated checkpoint cleaning lane by water blaster or scraped by scalers during the ticketing and scaling process in the C3 checkpoint cleaning lane.

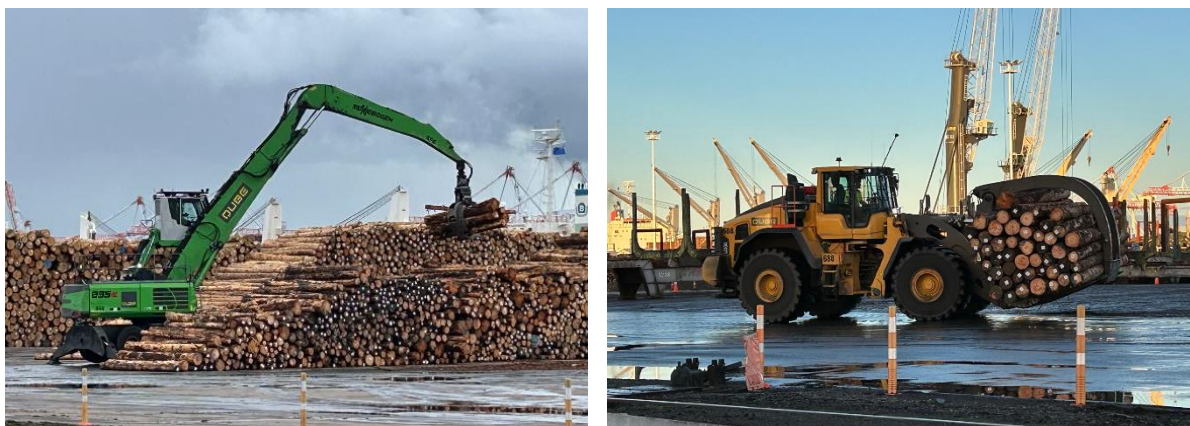


Log trucks arrive to the site and contact the relevant marshalling company. The marshaller informs the truck driver of which designated unchaining area to travel to and the log storage area to deliver the logs to after unchaining. The truck driver unchains the logs and then proceeds to the log storage area.

The movement of logs from delivery to storage is managed by the marshalling companies.

Marshallers remove the logs from the truck or train and transfer them to the storage areas as indicated in Figure 6.3. The marshallers use the following to unload logs:

- Trucks: A front-end loader with grapple or mounted material handler (as shown in Figure 6.5) removes the logs from the truck and trailer unit; or
- Trains: A front-end loader with grapple or mounted material handler removes the logs from the train wagon.



*Figure 6.5:  
Left: Mounted material handler.*

*Right: Front-end loader with grapple (beaked loader).*

## 6.5 Movement of logs from storage to pre-load or wharf apron

The marshalling companies manage the movement of logs from:

- Storage to pre-load.
- Storage to the wharf apron.
- Pre-load to the wharf apron.

Logs are moved from the storage area to the pre-load or wharf apron area in preparation for transfer to vessel for export.

Processes for transferring logs from storage to the pre-load area or wharf apron include:

Trailer loading is as follows:

- 1 Transfer to trailer at the storage yard using front end loaders with a grapple attachment or stationary material handler. Trailers are then either:
  - Driven to the wharf apron for loading to vessel.
  - Driven to the pre-load area and transferred from the trailer to the pre-load area using either a material handler or a front-end loader with a grapple attachment.

Bunk loading is as follows:

- 1 Logs are transferred to a bunk on the wharf apron using a loader or via a truck where they are unloaded using a loader or material handler.
- 2 Transfer with a loader into a bunk on the wharf apron is either directly from storage or from the preload area.
- 3 The log packet in the bunk is squared up with a butting tractor, log butting station or similar.

## 6.6 Transfer from wharf apron to vessel

Loading onto vessels is managed by the stevedoring companies.

Cranes used for transferring logs from the wharf apron to vessel are either land-based or vessel-based cranes.

The ship or mobile harbour crane uses the following methods to transfer logs to the vessel:

- Grapple grabs or mechanical log grabs.
- Cranston and wires or strops.

## 6.7 Log handling dust control measures – sequence of operations

The transfer of logs from trucks or trains to the debarking facility, to the storage areas, from the storage area to the preload area, from the preload area to the wharf apron and finally from the wharf apron to the vessel results in some abrasion of the logs, which leads to bark and dirt (debris) being left on the yard areas of the port.

Debris removal from log yard areas is done by a third-party operator (unless specified otherwise) on behalf of the POTL, using a process called ploughing and sweeping. This is to minimise both tracking of debris and debris being crushed into smaller particles when driven over, which could then cause dust emissions as windblown dust or pick-up from vehicle travel.

Back up sweeping providers contractors are available to assist with the primary contractors should there be need for additional sweeping services. This may be due to a higher than normal visual dust presence in the yard at a given time (either airborne dust or particulate on the ground), resourcing issues being experienced by the primary contractor (possibly due to machine break down, servicing and/or staff sickness or other leave requirement).

There are several locations and phases of the log handling operation at which debris is collected and removed using ploughing and sweeping:

### 1 Initial log delivery – cleaning lane and trailer hoist area

After log end cleaning occurs in the C3 checkpoint cleaning lane, ground conditions are generally wet which minimises dust risk. Debris is swept by vacuum sweeper truck at least daily. Truck speeds in this area are limited to 10 km/h.

After trucks are unloaded, they travel to the designated sweeping areas, where loose material is swept from the truck and trailer unit prior to the truck leaving the site.

### 2 Log storage area

Prior to logs arriving at a storage row, standard operating procedure is for debris from the previous load to be ploughed and swept from the storage row by the yard cleaning service providers. Details of this process are further specified in the Log SOP S.8.

The plough is a modified straight edge snow plough. As of July 2024, one of two ploughs have misting spray attachment to minimise dust generation during ploughing, with a second misting

plough head being delivered. The debris is removed using a plough and pushed into piles. The debris piles are picked up with a front-end loader with a bucket and deposited into an open topped truck bin. The truck bin is fitted with dust suppression sprays around the top of the bin which are used during loading (unless the bark is wet, following rainfall). The debris is transported to the bark shed for storage.

After ploughing and removal of the bark piles, the area is swept using a vacuum sweeper truck.

Up to two ploughs and three sweepers, operated by Daltons, are operating in the log yard and preload area between the hours of 0500 and 2300.

### **3 Log preload area**

Ploughing and sweeping in the preload area follows the same method as for the storage area. Ploughing and sweeping occurs as follows:

- Prior to the logs arriving at the preload area, loose material is swept from the location of the preload row.
- Preload area as required and as services are available.

### **4 At the wharf apron**

Debris removal on the wharf apron is managed by the stevedores. At various periods throughout loading of the vessel as specified in the Log SOP

#### **Log yard roadways**

- At the discretion of the yard cleaning service providers and POTL under an active management approach alongside other routine sweeping.

### **5 The debarker facility**

The roadways and road areas of the debarking facility are swept once to twice per day. The areas underneath the load in moving bed and load out storage bed are cleaned once per week manually by debarker staff as these areas are not trafficable.

### **6 Bark storage shed and refuse pile**

- Bark collected from yard cleaning services is stored in a bark storage shed as shown in Figure 6.1. A misting curtain around bark storage shed entrance is operated when bark loading or unloading activities are occurring in the shed.
- Dust from sweeper trucks is stored in the bark shed as shown in 9. This product is unloaded in a wet state due to the dust suppression applied to the sweepings material in the vacuum system.
- Bark and dust that is not suitable for reuse, such as contaminated material or material expected to be contaminated with other products (oil, BSM etc.) is stored in the refuse pile as shown in Figure 5.2. This product is unloaded in a wet state due to the dust suppression applied to the sweepings material in the vacuum system.

## 7 Log yard speed controls

The marshallers mobile log handling equipment is restricted to operate at 20 km/h or less. Speed limits on the port roads shown in Figure 5.3 are:

- 40 km/h on main port through roads Tasman Quay and Wharf Road.
- 20 km/hour on main log yard roadways.
- Less than 20 km/h on all non-roadway areas, such as log storage areas.<sup>18</sup>

## 8 Other dust control measures

Other dust source control measures processes that occur on site include the following:

- Placement of concrete blocks to define roadways.
- Restricting vehicles in empty log store areas to prevent travel through log storage areas.
- If other measures are assessed to be insufficient with dealing with acute dust incidents, POTL may utilise a contracted water cart for dust suppression purposes. Prior to any engagement of a water cart, an assessment would be undertaken by POTL to ensure that such a use will not result in non-compliant discharges to the stormwater network and/or the harbour.

### 6.8 Log handling dust control measures – SOP and inventory

Procedures for log storage and handling is detailed in the Log SOP included in Appendix C. The SOP details dust source controls and management measures for log handling within the Port Industry Area.

The Log SOP applies to all log marshalling, stevedoring, transporting and yard cleaning activities/operations undertaken within the Port Industry Area, namely:

- Transportation and receipt of logs via train or truck.
- Storage of logs.
- Debarking of logs
- Loading and unloading of logs onto a vessel.
- Cleaning, movement and operation of equipment used for log handling operations.
- Management and cleaning of land.
- Any other operation associated with Log Operations.
- Berth pre-load vacuum sweeping times.
- Yard Cleaning Services operation hours.
- Vehicle speed limits and travel restrictions.
- Site sweeping/vacuums protocols.

An inventory of the dust source controls for log handling and storage that occur in the Port Industry Area are detailed in Table 6.1.

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<sup>18</sup> The distinction between a 20km/h speed limit on main log yard roadways and 'less than 20km/h' on all non-roadway areas is to recognise the need for marshalling operators to actively monitor the dust generation occurring from their machines when operating in these areas and identifying when they need to reduce their speed to reduce dust generation.

Different loading systems and vehicles have differing potential for dust generation. Operations that require more handling of logs increases the potential for abrasion of dirt, bark and wood off the logs. Dust generation from vehicle movements can be affected by the following factors:

- Contact area of wheels on the ground (footprint of wheels, number of wheels on the vehicle). Large footprint creates more fine debris than small (loaders v trailers).
- Weight of vehicle and number of wheels. Heavier vehicles have a higher potential for dust generation, through a greater ability to pulverise the material and entrain on the wheels. More wheels create larger surface contact with the ground.
- Speed of vehicles. Faster vehicles have a greater potential to entrain dust.
- Frequency of vehicle movement. A higher number of vehicle movements can result greater breakdown of debris on the surface.
- Moisture content of dust.
- Physical properties of the dust and how that affects efficacy of ploughing and sweeping.
- The quantum of dust/particulate adhered to the logs. Factors affecting the amount of bark and debris on logs arriving at the port include:
  - Harvesting method - Manual methods may have more dust/particulate adhered to the log surface than a mechanical harvesting due to more ground contact.
  - Log making method - mechanically delimbed or manually delimbed (mechanical delimiting will also remove some bark and dirt adhered to bark).
  - Condition of skid/landing – a muddy skid will transfer more debris to the logs than a dry skid.
  - Weather during transport - Dry conditions may result in logs being adhered with dust from transport on unsealed roads.
  - Time of year – more bark can be removed during log making in spring.

**Table 6.1: Inventory of log handling dust source controls operated or overseen by POTL and establishment date**

Activity	Responsible party	Controls (establishment date)	
		Structural	Operational
Pre-arrival debarking	Forest owners/ managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of pre-arrival debarking (2019).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A greater proportion of debarked logs arriving at and being handled through the port results in less particulate matter from log handling. (2019).</li> </ul>
Log handling	Marshallsers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of trailers instead of front-end loaders when appropriate (Ongoing - increasing frequency).</li> <li>• Use of material handlers to load rows and trailers when appropriate (Ongoing - increasing frequency).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase of logs delivery to the preload area or wharf apron on a trailer rather than by loader to bunk. Trailer logs loading require considerably less handling than bunk loading. Less handling means less abrasion of the logs (log-on-log or log-on-equipment) and therefore less particulate being lost to ground. This transfer method has fewer vehicle movements including less vehicle movements over dusty ground (which can</li> </ul>

Activity	Responsible party	Controls (establishment date)	
		Structural	Operational
			<p>cause the suspension of dust) (Ongoing – increasing frequency).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A greater proportion of logs being loaded into log rows and onto trailers by a stationary material handler rather than a loader results in less wheel travel over exposed log row areas and leads to less dust suspension from vehicles (ongoing increase in frequency).</li> </ul>
Debris removal	Daltons (contracted by POTL)	<b>Ploughing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two ploughs.</li> <li>Water suppression plough head on one bark plough (Nov 2020).</li> <li>Water suppression plough on second bark plough (ordered on June 2024 and arrival imminent).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to two ploughs and three sweepers in the log yard and preload area.</li> <li>Sweeping rostered hours set at 244 hours per week (Jul 2019).<sup>19</sup></li> <li>Minimum operating hours for sweeper trucks set at 180 hours per week<sup>20</sup> (April 2021).</li> </ul>
	Daltons (contracted by POTL)	<b>Sweeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three vacuum sweepers (Jul 2019).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess log pre-loading operations yard for sweeping and undertake when necessary (refer to Log SOP S.8) (Sep 2018-Feb 2020). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least once every 4 hours for bunk loading.</li> <li>As required for trailer loading.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vacuum sweeping service to prioritise high risk areas such large areas which are more exposed to wind or areas visibly generating dust. (Feb 2020).</li> <li>Reference photos used to determine if sweeping is completed to the required standard. (Aug 2024).</li> <li>Log rows should be swept prior to new logs being stacked in that row. (Jul 2021).</li> <li>Cease sweeping if visible dust is being generated beyond the distance stated in Section 7.1. (Jul 2021).</li> </ul>
	Sweeper service (contracted by stevedores)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweeper trucks at berth(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweeper trucks operating in the wharf apron.</li> </ul>

<sup>19</sup> Rostered hours may not be equal to operational hours due to machine breakdowns, maintenance, staff sickness etc.

<sup>20</sup> Operational hours include active sweeping, refueling, emptying, refilling water, travel time on port wait times to enter log storage areas.



Activity	Responsible party	Controls (establishment date)	
		Structural	Operational
	Marshallers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wharf apron and other log storage areas may be ploughed using log ploughing during night shift only to remove large debris prior to sweeping. (Pre 2019).</li> </ul>
General	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entire Port log yard area is sealed, (progressively from 1963 to 2017).</li> <li>8 m high wind fences (refer to Figure 6.6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount wharves eastern boundary south of Hull Road (2010).</li> <li>Tasman Quay adjacent to northern Rail siding (2015).</li> <li>Adjacent to refuse pile and hopper cleaning facility. (Feb 2020 – Oct 2021).</li> <li>Perpendicular to bulk liquids berth (Feb 2020 – Oct 2021).</li> <li>Adjacent to southern log yard (Feb 2020 – Oct 2021).</li> <li>Eastern boundary adjacent to berths 7 and 8. (Feb 2020 – Oct 2021).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Berth 9 access road alignment changed from SW orientation to W orientation to reduce wind tunnel effect from prevailing SW wind. A SW wind direction wind tunnelling through this area could cause suspension of dust from a high use log preload area immediately upwind of the roadway. The westerly wind direction is better protected upwind due to common log stack and vessel hull presence. (Aug 2020).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log SOP (previously named “Log Handling Procedure”) document released (Jul 2021).</li> <li>Dedicated Environmental Coordinator position established (2018) to oversee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations of log yard users.</li> <li>Yard cleaning services.</li> <li>Housekeeping and bark management.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Bark management	Daltons (contracted by POTL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocation of the open bark pile from near the corner of Totara Street and Maui Street to an enclosed shed (2013).</li> <li>Misting curtain around bark storage shed entrance. (Oct 2020).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty log truck and trailers swept of loose material in designated area prior to leaving site. (Pre 2018).</li> <li>Bark storage shed misting is manually activated when activities are being undertaken in the shed. (Oct 2020).</li> </ul>

Activity	Responsible party	Controls (establishment date)	
		Structural	Operational
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covering of vehicles transporting bark debris was superseded by a misting trailer. Dropping bark into the trailer is considered to be more dusty than windblown dust during transit from an open truck. (Jan 2023).</li> </ul>
Refuse pile	POTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 m high solid barrier walls around three sides of the refuse pile to enclose the area where refuse materials and waste bulk solids are stored and handled. The open face is positioned on the opposite side to the prevailing westerly and south westerly winds which could cause product drift towards the eastern boundary. (Jul 2023).</li> <li>A sprinkler system installed on the top of the walls and can be used to suppress dust if required. (Jul 2023).</li> </ul>	
Vehicle travel	POTL Marshallars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concrete barriers and cones installed along key yard boundaries (Jun 2020 – Sep 2020).</li> <li>Port dedicated machines are physically restricted to 20 km/h (through gearing or similar). (Pre 2018).</li> <li>Radar feedback display units on Tasman Quay (Pre 2018).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marshallars to travel on Port roads rather than through empty storage yards unless the area has been designated as a ‘temporary roadway’. (Feb 2020).</li> <li>Port Marshalling companies educating drivers about travelling on Port roads and the importance of dust minimisation. (Feb 2020).</li> <li>Speed restrictions (refer to Figure 5.3) (Pre 2018).</li> </ul>

Note:

DUST SOURCE CONTROLS REMOVED PRIOR TO 31 JULY 2019

- Previously, log loading operators were to undertake manual sweeping of areas not accessible to vacuum sweeper trucks. However, this dust source control was removed due to health and safety concerns.

## 6.9 Contingency measures

Contingency measures may be applied if:

- Log handling is identified as a potential cause of the trigger levels being exceeded as discussed in Section 7; and
- The control measures as detailed in Table 6.1 are unable to reduce the dust concentrations to below the trigger values.

Potential contingency measures for log handling and storage are as follows:

- Contracting additional ploughs and sweeper trucks.
- Cover refuse material bunker.
- Mist refuse material bunker.
- Reduce vehicle speed.

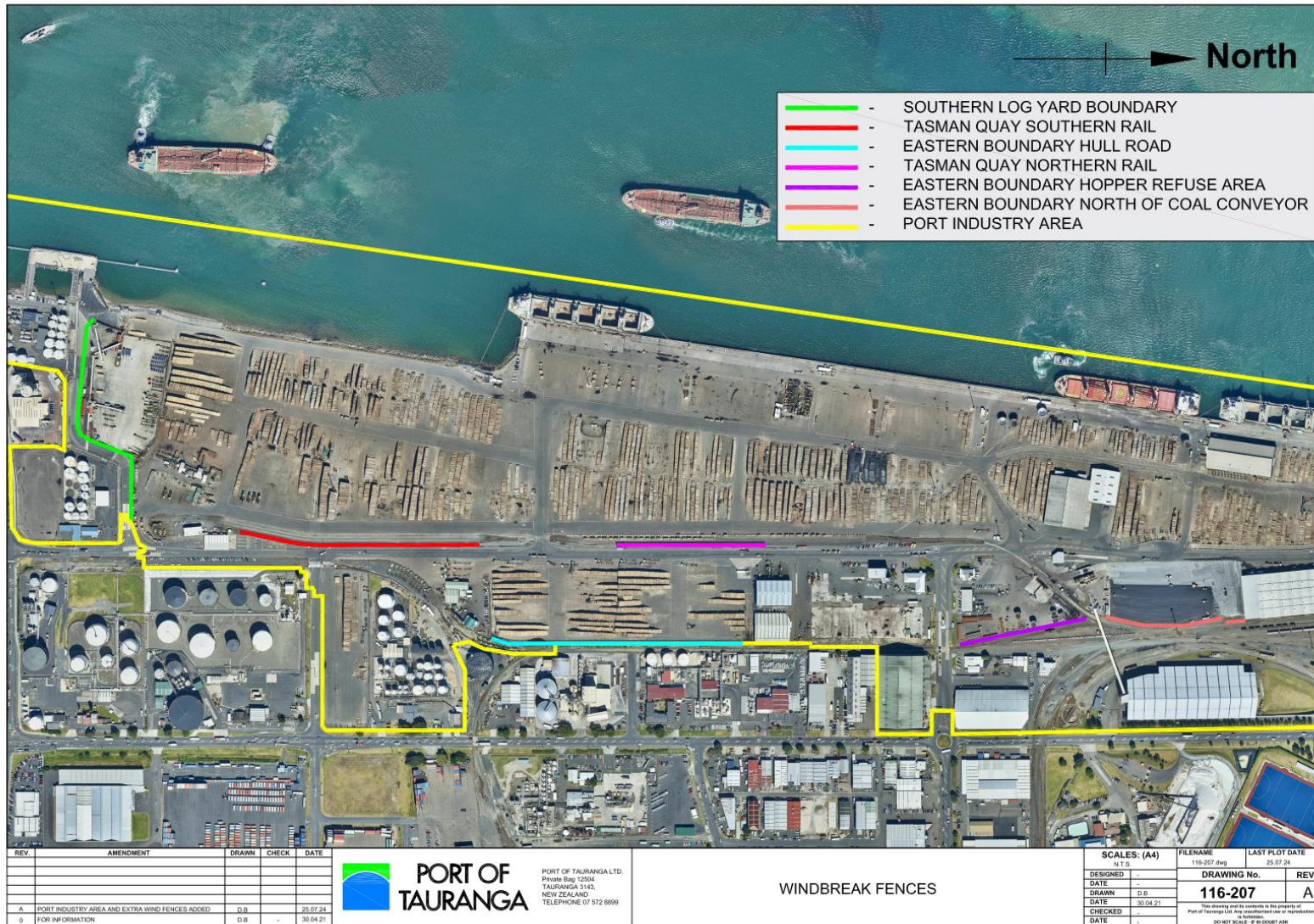


Figure 6.6: Wind break fences.

## 6.10 Maintenance and equipment monitoring procedures

Table 6.2 identifies maintenance and monitoring procedures undertaken to minimise discharges to air and the frequency in which these activities are undertaken. The full details of the inspections and maintenance activities to take place are in the following documents:

**Table 6.2: Maintenance programme for log yard equipment**

Equipment	Frequency	Responsible party	Maintenance or monitoring requirement	Record location
Plough vehicles	Daily	Vacuum truck operator	Misting systems working	Yard cleaning service prestart check form
Bark truck	Daily	Vacuum truck operator	Misting system working	Yard cleaning service prestart check form
Vacuum truck	Daily	Vacuum truck operator	Inspect filters	Yard cleaning service prestart check form
	6-monthly		Replace vacuum truck filters	Yard cleaning service prestart check form
Bark shed	annually	POTL	Misting system working	Survey 123

## 7 Monitoring

### 7.1 Visible dust

Visible site observations are used to assess the effectiveness of dust control measures. They also help identify dust emission events and investigating and responding to any received complaints. The procedure for undertaking visible site inspections is outlined below:

- Visible dust is to be monitored by the following parties:
  - POTL Environmental Manager or delegate.
  - POTL Environmental Co-ordinator.
  - Marshalling companies.
  - Stevedoring companies.
  - Daltons.
  - Marnco.
  - Genesis.
  - Champion.
  - Swap Stockfoods.
- Visible dust emissions that exceed standards identified by the BSM or Log SOP are to be rectified immediately (if identified by the party responsible for the emission) or reported to the POTL CCTV operator as soon as possible.
- Dust emissions are to be monitored for all operations undertaken by parties undertaking work under the BSM or Log SOPs. The BSM SOP and Log SOP places the following requirements for visible airborne dust generation:
  - Less than 15 m from the levelling of truck bins (BSM SOP S.5.18).
  - Less than 15 m from the vacuum sweeper truck (BSM SOP S.5.20).
  - Less than 15 m from the source for truck cleaning in the stevedores work area (BSM SOP S.5.21).
  - Less than 20 m beyond the Port Industry Area boundary (Log SOP S.8.8).
  - Less than 100 m from the stevedores working area from hopper related dust sources (BSM SOP S.5.7).
- If visible dust emissions are observed reaching beyond the site boundary, the following details must be recorded:
  - Source of the visible dust emissions, if known.
- If visible dust is noted beyond the distances noted above, the Port CCTV operator (or delegated person) must be notified immediately, the following further actions must be taken and the following details recorded by POTL.
  - Date and time, and general weather conditions (wind speed/direction and temperature) at the time of the incident.
  - Detail the possible cause of the incident, and any preventative or corrective actions taken.
- Further action is to include investigating the cause of the dust emission and taking necessary actions to reduce dust emission from on-site activities.



Specific monitoring of the log yard is as follows:

**Table 7.1: Monitoring programme for log yard debris levels**

Location	Frequency	Responsible party	Maintenance or monitoring requirement	Record location
General site	Daily	Stevedores	Outdoor surfaces (wharf surface) are swept as per Log SOP S.7.1 requirements.	Recorded in stevedore shift logs
	Monthly	Environmental Manager	Monitor Yard cleaning services operational sweeping hours.	E-road vehicle monitoring system
	Weekly	Environmental Manager	Inspect outdoor and yard surfaces for dust and assess yard cleaning services performance.	Survey 123
	Daily	Marshallers Stevedores POTL Daltons	Advise driver immediately if dust coming out of the top of the vacuum truck.	No formal record
	Annual	POTL Environmental Manager POTL management team	Review SOPs and DMP.	Within SOP and DMP version control

## 7.2 Continuous dust monitoring and trigger levels

### 7.2.1 Current monitors

Continuous dust monitoring is carried out at five locations on and adjacent to the Port Industry Area as in Figure 7.1. Monitoring is undertaken using eBAM instruments.

The continuous dust monitors are compliant either the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NESAQ) Schedule 2 or equivalency as demonstrated through AS 3580.9.17-2018 or EN 12341:2014 as required by IPAR AIRSCHED2 Part A (6). Details of the dust monitors are in Table 7.2.

**Table 7.2: Dust monitor details**

Name	Wind speed	Wind direction	PM <sub>10</sub> concentration and resolution	TSP concentration and resolution	Monitor type	NESAQ Schedule 2 or equivalency
Shed 6	Yes	Yes	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	No	Watercare eBAM plus	Yes
Rail Crossing	Yes	Yes	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	Watercare BAM	Yes
Coal Store	Yes	Yes	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	No	Watercare eBAM plus	Yes
Totara Street	Yes	Yes	No	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	Watercare BAM	Yes
Southern	Yes	Yes	Primary resolution is 10-minute average	No	Watercare eBAM plus	Yes

Data from the monitor is to be telemetered to a central database that is available in real time. The dust monitors are powered using mains power. The following information is recorded from the dust monitors:

- Live feed of PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations from the BOPRC monitors at Totara Street Rail Crossing\* and Totara Street (Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) only).\*
- Live feed of PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations and meteorological information from the POTL monitors Shed 6, Southern and Coal Store.\*
- Live feed of meteorological information from the BOPRC monitors Rata Street, Totara Street and Totara Street Rail Crossing.

The monitors are operated with an alarm system that alerts the POTL Environmental Manager and any other nominated persons (i.e., via text message alerts or similar) who have the responsibility of managing dust from the site. The POTL Environmental Manager or other nominated person will respond to alarm trigger events and take necessary measures to reduce dust emissions from the site where possible. Trigger levels and actions that are to be taken in response are outlined in Table 7.3.

**Table 7.3: PM<sub>10</sub> concentration trigger levels**

Trigger level	PM <sub>10</sub> concentration	Action
Alert	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (calculated as a rolling 1-hour average concentration under Schedule 1 NESAQ).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record and investigate trigger alert.</li> </ul>
Alert	65 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (calculated as a rolling 12-hour average).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record and investigate trigger alert.</li> </ul>

All continuous monitors are to be routinely checked to ensure that they are operating correctly, and calibration is maintained at a frequency and in accordance with manufacturer instructions.

\* At the time of writing, it is uncertain as to which monitor will be used at this location, namely, either POTL's Coal Store monitor or BOPRC's Totara Street Rail Crossing monitor, however, only one monitor will likely be utilised at this location.

### 7.2.2 Future monitors and contingency measures

Investigation into additional monitors may occur in the future. A monitor such as a DustTrak, nephelometer or similar could be deployed to collect data. Any additional monitors would be for POTL internal use only. The use of additional monitors may be considered by the following events:

- Regular dust nuisance complaints.
- Frequent exceedances of the PM<sub>10</sub> concentration trigger limits at the current monitoring location.
- Investigation of future additional dust mitigation measures.
- Specific process investigations; or
- If there are any significant changes to processes that could result in increased PM<sub>10</sub> emissions.

Establishment of a pre-alert level may occur in the future if the trigger levels in Table 7.3 are exceeded. Pre-alert levels could aid in applying control measures before the potential trigger of PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations.

### 7.3 Meteorological

Wind speed and wind direction is measured at the five monitoring stations detailed in the previous section. The monitoring stations that are operated by POTL are to be operated, maintained and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer specifications at least annually.

Separate anemometers are located on light towers adjacent berths 8 and 10 at elevations considered representative of hopper inlet wind exposure. The data from the wind monitoring stations is telemetered and recorded and connected to a visual alert system that triggers visual alarms at berths 7 and 8 and the equivalent online system. The visual alert system is monitored by the BSM stevedores during their operations. Dust source control measures are required to be implemented in response to certain wind trigger levels. Detailed actions for when the levels are triggered are in the BSM SOP in Appendix B.

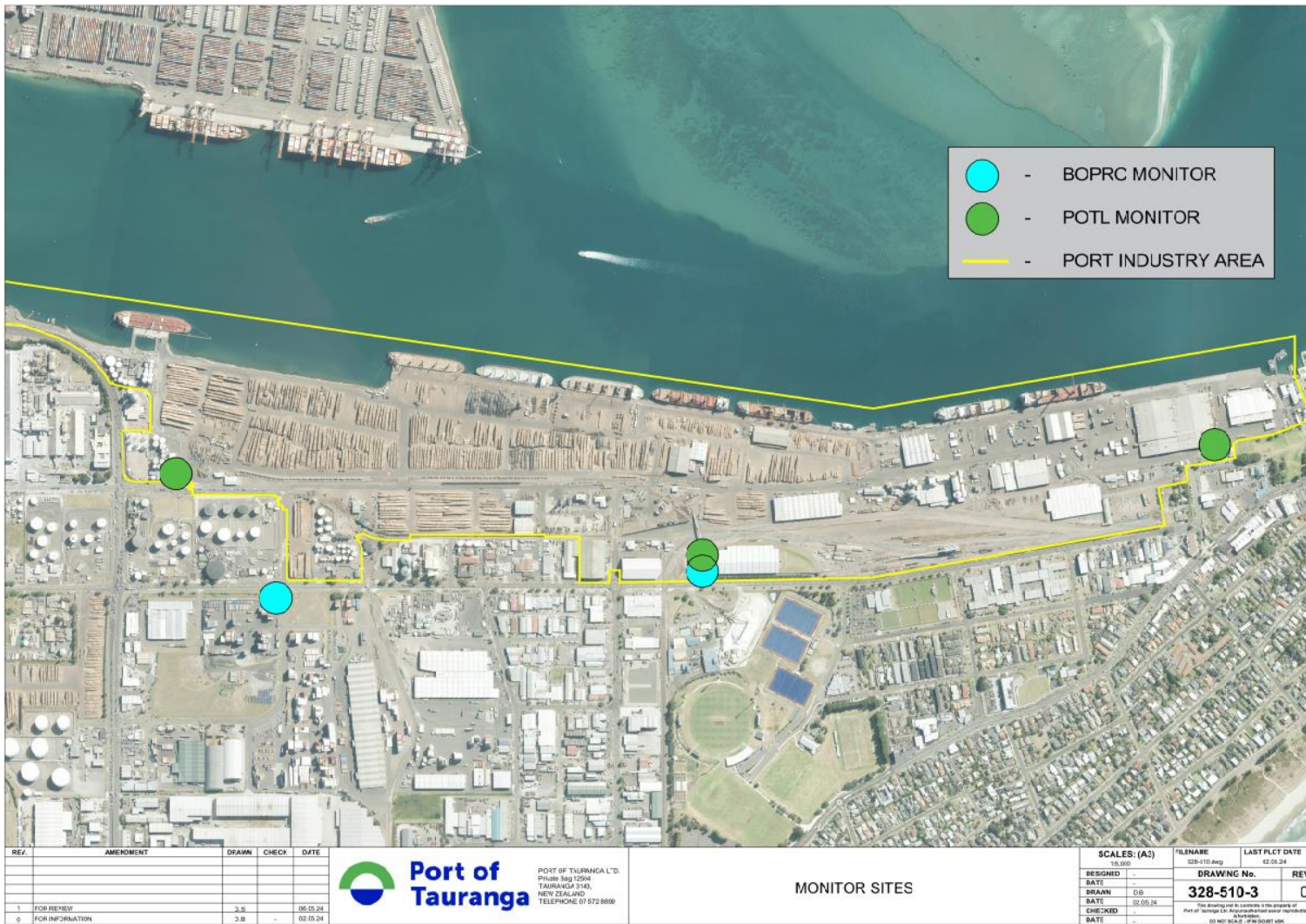


Figure 7.1: Monitor sites

## 7.4 Response to PM<sub>10</sub> triggers

The POTL response for trigger of the PM<sub>10</sub> concentration is as follows:

- 1 Trigger exceeded and notification will be sent to the POTL Environmental Manager and any other nominated person, this notification will be sent via email and/or SMS.
- 2 AQ data and met data will be reviewed by utilising the live feed data. This will include the data for the triggered site and other sites (to help identify extent of effect).
- 3 Investigations will be undertaken via CCTV (where possible) to attempt to identify potential contributing activities undertaken upwind of the monitor (this could include both current and past activities).
- 4 Where possible, on ground investigation will also be undertaken (this will occur at the same time as the CCTV review where practicable).
- 5 When potential contributing activities are identified, contact will be made with the operators undertaking the identified activities. Information will be passed on from observations and dust source control measures actions will be discussed and implemented where practicable.
- 6 The situation will then be monitored via CCTV, monitoring data and on ground inspections where practicable. If PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations do not reduce, this process will be reinitiated.
- 7 A review of the incident will be undertaken or lead by the POTL Environmental Manager (or delegate) and/or other environmental manager.
- 8 An assessment of if standard operating procedures was followed will be undertaken;
  - If the SOPs/DMP was followed then a review the SOPs and/or DMP will be undertaken.
  - If the SOPs/DMP was not followed then corrective actions will be identified and undertaken by the appropriate parties, the SOPs/DMP may also be reviewed.
- 9 Corrective actions will be identified with the operators. Once the corrective actions are confirmed, they will be documented and actioned.
- 10 Records of incident are created (currently saved in ARCGIS software Survey123).
- 11 An Investigation Report will be filed as required by AIRSCHED2 Part B (Refer to DMP Section 9)

The response to a PM<sub>10</sub> trigger for operators that are contacted by POTL is as follows:

- 1 Discuss immediate dust source control measures actions with POTL and identify course of action.
- 2 Assist POTL with their investigation and provide information.
- 3 Identify corrective actions with POTL.
- 4 Report back to POTL if further information is required.

## 8 Pollution incident and complaints procedure

### 8.1 Overview

Although the measures outlined in this DMP are aimed at preventing and reducing emissions to air from activities on the Port Industry Area and preventing air quality issues beyond the boundary of the Port Industry Area, there may be occasion where an incident occurs and a complaint from a member of the public is received. Any reported dust incident or complaint must:

- Be promptly investigated to resolve the source of the dust emissions, where possible (this may not be possible when dust incidents are reported after activities have been undertaken).
- Have appropriate actions implemented to mitigate the effects and reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.

The full details of the activities to take place in the event of a complaint are in ArcGIS Survey 123.

The following provides the procedures for receiving and keeping records of any incidents or complaints.

The correct information must be collected by the person receiving the incident or complaint to help investigate the cause and identify any corrective action that has been or needs to be undertaken.

A record is to be kept of all dust related complaints received relating to site activities. Those details shall be recorded in the above-mentioned forms and registers. The recorded complaints information and investigations must be available at the site office and made available to BOPRC staff when requested and as part of annual compliance reporting.

### 8.2 Contact person

The POTL Environmental Manager will be the nominated contact person for complaints received. Complaints received by parties operating under this DMP shall be forwarded to the POTL Environmental Manager in a timely manner. POTL and/or the operator shall be responsible for the investigation of complaints and subsequent contact with the complainant and BOPRC.

### 8.3 Receiving and responding to complaints

#### 8.3.1 Who receives the complaint

A pollution incident or complaint can be received from a member of the public via the following methods:

- To a port employee or contractor.
- To a Port Industry Area operator.
- Direct call to POTL.
- Written email or letter correspondence.
- Complainant may attend the site in person.
- Complaint received via BOPRC and/or Tauranga City Council (TCC).

### 8.3.2 Recording of complaint

Upon the receipt of a complaint relating to discharges to air from the site (odour, dust or other contaminants), the following process will be followed:

- Be courteous.
- Immediately suspend contact with the complainant if there is a risk of injury or abuse.
- Advise the complainant that an investigation will be taken out to identify the likely cause of their concern, and that appropriate mitigating actions are being undertaken or will be undertaken promptly.

POTL will record the following information as supplied by the complainant or Port Industry Area operators into Survey 123:

- 1 Date and time of the incident report.
- 2 Details of who received the incident report (Port staff details).
- 3 Where the incident has been reported from:
  - Identified by Port.
  - Identified by Port user.
  - Identified by member of the public.
  - Identified by regulator.
- 4 Name and contact details of the incident reporter (if available), and location/address of when the dust was detected. Personal details such as name, contact number and address are to be kept confidential unless permission is granted by the incident reporter to share these details.
- 5 A description of the incident, including details of the alleged incident (e.g. any effects noted, duration).
- 6 Whether the incident is still occurring.

### 8.3.3 Incident investigation

Following the receipt of the incident report, an investigation into the potential cause(s) is required.

The investigation should be carried out promptly following the receipt of the incident report and at least ideally within 30 minutes of the report being made (if the report is being made at the time of the incident/during the incident.)

The details of the investigation are to be recorded in Survey 123. The investigation shall include:

- 1 Assessment of environmental conditions at the time of the incident from the monitoring site(s):
  - Wind direction.
  - Wind speed.
  - Rain.
  - Changes to wind direction.
- 2 Concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> recorded at the monitoring site(s).
- 3 Identification of areas upwind and activities that are occurring in that area which could be a potential source.
- 4 Is the issue still happening:
  - If the issue is still occurring then undertake:
    - o CCTV review.



- o Monitoring data review.
  - o In-field investigation where practicable.
  - o Record findings.
  - o Undertake critical review of activities upwind to see if they are operating as per the SOPs/DMP requirements, including record of dust source controls in place at the time of the incident.
- If the issue is not still occurring then undertake:
- o CCTV review.
  - o Monitoring data review.
  - o Review other records to try to identify the potential source.
  - o Undertake critical review of activities upwind to see if they were operating as per the SOPs/DMP requirements, including record of dust source controls in place at the time of the incident.
- 5 Record details of potential on-site dust sources that may be responsible for the incident, including type and approximate volume or rate of material being handled.
- 6 Details of who to contact with issues and record that contact was made.
- 7 Details that the POTL Environmental Manager was notified of the incident.
- 8 Detail any corrective action taken at the time to resolve the incident and by who.

#### **8.3.4 Corrective actions**

Following the incident report and investigation the following steps are required:

- 1 Contact the incident reporter detailing the investigation findings and corrective actions taken.
- 2 Identification of if issue was a result of failure to follow the SOPs/DMP,
  - If the SOPs/DMP were followed then complete a review the SOPs and/or other measures to remedy future occurrences.
  - If the SOPs/DMP were not followed then record and action measures taken to reiterate the SOPs/DMP to the relevant parties and identify if SOPs/DMP require review to reduce likelihood of future occurrences.
- 3 Report incident and investigation to BOPRC annually as required in AIRSCHED2 Part A (8) (g).

#### **8.4 Records**

Complaints are to be kept in a centralised register and include the following:

- Details of the complaint;
- Significance of the complaint;
- Any exceedances of the PM<sub>10</sub> Standard attributable to the site, abatement notices; and enforcement action taken.

## 9 Reporting

### 9.1 PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring data reporting

The following reporting is required as part of the PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring onsite:

#### **Part A: Contents**

- 6 A monitoring programme which must
- j Require that all monitoring data collected must be provided to the Regional Council as follows:
    - i Raw monthly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council by the 5th day of the following month;
    - ii Validated quarterly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November of every year; and
    - iii Any exceedance of the trigger values set out in Part A clause (7) must be notified to the Regional Council in writing within 5 working days of the exceedance.

An annual report is required to be prepared by a SQEP and provided to the Regional Council and Ngāi te Rangi on 30 June every year. According to AIRSCHED2 the following is required for investigation and reporting:

#### **Part B: Investigation and Reporting**

- e An annual report prepared by a SQEP must be provided to the Regional Council and to Ngāi te Rangi for the Port Industry Area, on 30 June of every year containing the following:
  - i A summary of the year's monitoring data;
  - ii Details of investigations into all exceedances of the trigger value;
  - iii Steps taken to implement corrective actions;
  - iv Ongoing actions to reduce discharges of contaminants from the site; and
  - v Changes/modifications to the air quality monitoring programme; and
- f For the Port Industry Area, the port company must hold and must invite Ngāi te Rangi and operators identified within the dust management plan to an annual meeting with Ngāi te Rangi to share the results of the annual report required by (e).

### 9.2 PM<sub>10</sub> trigger investigation reporting

### 9.3 Investigation and reporting

An investigation and report are required should the trigger values be exceeded. According to AIRSCHED2 the following is required for investigation and reporting:

#### **Part B: Investigation and Reporting**

- a In the event that either of the trigger values set out in Part A Clause (7) are exceeded, then an investigation must be undertaken as soon as reasonably practicable by, or under the direction of, a SQEP to:
  - i Determine the cause of and reasons for the trigger value being exceeded;
  - ii Identify corrective actions required to minimise the potential for the trigger value being exceeded in the future; and
  - iii Set out the timeframes for implementation of the identified corrective actions;

- b *The investigation results and findings must be documented by the SQEP in an Investigation Report;*
- c *The Investigation Report in (b) must be provided to the Regional Council within two months of the trigger value being exceeded;*
- d *The owner of the subject site and/or the parties responsible for the activity/operation that caused the exceedance of the trigger values must implement the corrective actions within the timeframes identified by the SQEP in the Investigation Report and must provide written confirmation to the Regional Council within 5 working days of completion of the actions.*

#### **9.4 Complaints reporting**

In addition, as required by:

- AIRSCHED2 Part A (8) (g), a summary of the complaints/incidents register must be reported annually.

## 10 Training

POTL recognises the importance of staff and Port Users being aware of both the risks to air quality from activities on-site and what standard operating procedures should be employed to reduce those risks. Therefore, it is considered critical that these people are trained and competent to undertake their roles in the management of these risks.

It is the ultimate responsibility of the Stevedores, Marshalls, Yard Cleaning Service Providers and bulk store facility owner/operators to ensure that their staff and visitors to their work areas are adequately trained and/or inducted prior to undertaking works without direct supervision.

As a minimum, Yard Cleaning Providers, Stevedore and Marshalling staff undertaking log handling and bulk solid material handling activities identified by this DMP should have completed the relevant induction materials detailed below:

- Bulk Solid Material Handling Induction;
- Log Handling Induction;
- Yard Cleaning Services Induction.

At the time of writing, the above-mentioned inductions are under development by POTL. However, will be completed by 30 September 2024. Following the completion of these induction materials, key POTL staff, the Yard Cleaning Providers, Stevedores and Marshalls shall:

- Ensure that a list of all staff working in each area is provided to POTL on request.
- Ensure that all relevant staff working in each area have completed the induction by 30 November 2024.
- Ensure that all new staff working in these areas have completed the induction prior to undertaking any works without direct supervision.
- Ensure that all staff working in these areas undertake the induction annually between 1 August and 30 September.
- Ensure that all staff working in these areas undertake refreshers of these inductions if advised by POTL that the induction has been updated.

As a minimum, Yard Cleaning Providers, Stevedores and Marshalls will ensure that supervisors/forepersons/or other person who holds responsibility of overseeing operations of others in these work areas have received training that encompasses the full requirements of the relevant SOPs by 30 November 2024, or prior to overseeing operations of others if engaged for this role after that date. Records of this training will be kept by those parties.

POTL will ensure that all key POTL staff have received training that encompasses the full requirements of all SOPs associated to activities in the Port Operational Area by 30 November 2024. Records of this training will be kept by POTL.

POTL will ensure that these induction materials are kept up to date and available to these Port Users at all times.

Key POTL staff detailed above includes:

- Port of Tauranga Environmental staff.
- Port of Tauranga Cargo Services Manager.

## 11 DMP review and reporting procedures

This Plan may require update or review to reflect material changes associated with:

- significant new or changed processes for handling bulk materials or log delivery, loading and debris management; or
- the risks, dust source control measures, responsibilities and management processes associated with such changes.

Any such change would be to support continuous improvement.

The DMP will be reviewed once per year as required by Rule AREA2-R1 (3) (c) (iv). The review will take into consideration:

- Site personnel comments.
- Audit findings and recommendations.
- Environmental monitoring records.
- Environmental incidents and emergencies.
- Details of corrective and preventative actions.
- Changes to organisational structure.
- Ongoing compliance with objectives, conditions and targets.
- Possible changes in legislation and standards.

The review process will assess whether the procedures are still appropriate. Reasons for making changes will be documented.

Standard document control procedures will be used, so a copy of the original DMP document and subsequent versions will be kept on file and each version of the DMP is issued with a version number, date and review date to ensure obsolete DMP documentation is not used.

Any update will be supplied to the Regional Council and Ngāi te Rangi within one month of the amendment. POTL will ensure that BOPRC always has a copy of the most recent version of the DMP.

## 12 Applicability

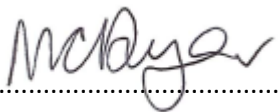
This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client Port of Tauranga Limited, with respect to the particular brief given to us and it may not be relied upon in other contexts or for any other purpose, or by any person other than our client, without our prior written agreement.

We understand and agree that our client will submit this report as part of an application for resource consent and that Bay of Plenty Regional Council, as the consenting authority will use this report for the purpose of assessing that application.

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# **Appendix A      Environmental Policy**

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# **Environmental Policy**

**15 December 2023**



## Introduction

The Port of Tauranga Limited (the Port) is committed to demonstrating environmental leadership. This is reflected in its commitment to preserving and ensuring sustainability of the environment for future generations.

## Purpose

This policy is designed to ensure the actions of the Port are environmentally sustainable.

The Port is committed to maintaining the life supporting capacity of our environment and positively managing environmental resources for the benefit of the Port, local communities and its future generations. Initiatives include:

- Setting standards for environmental performance that are consistent with the Port's environmental aspirations.
- Creating an attitude of responsible and positive environmental performance.
- Sustainably managing adverse environmental effects and environmental risks associated with port activities by setting, monitoring, and improving (where practicable) environmental operational standards.
- Seeking opportunities to improve resource use efficiencies and where possible, reduce our environmental impact.
- Recognising the role of local iwi and hapu in the moana and its surrounds.

## Scope

This policy details the principles behind environmental management decisions and procedures undertaken at the port.

This policy applies to all activities undertaken within port operational areas by all port users.

## Policy

The Port endeavours to act as stewards of the environment and to advocate responsible environmental practice as follows:

- Requiring all port users to consider and undertake diligent environmental performance at all times for all activities.
- Requiring that activities undertaken on the Port comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.

- Working with relevant stakeholders to create and update environmental operational standards to reduce environmental risk. Particular emphasis is to be placed on ensuring air and stormwater quality standards are met.
- Educating port users on environmental issues associated with activities, sharing best practice, and advising how to achieve conformance with the Port's environmental operational standards.
- Undertaking audits of port users' activities to monitor conformance with the Port's environmental operational standards.
- Addressing non-conformance with Port environmental operational standards and taking appropriate action.
- Seeking and incorporating continuous improvement opportunities, including technological advances and innovations, to current environmental operational standards and practices to improve environmental outcomes.
- Investigating all environmental incidents occurring on the port that are reported to the Port.
- Considering environmental impacts when purchasing equipment.
- Recognising and acknowledging strong environmental leadership and best practice on the port.
- The Port is a Toitū carbon reduce programme member and is committed to a greenhouse gas emissions management and reduction programme.
- The Port is targeting Net Zero Emissions by 2050.

**Approved:** Board of Directors, 15 December 2023



**Leonard Sampson**  
Chief Executive

## Review

<b>Approved:</b>	Board
<b>Policy Owner:</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>Effective Date:</b>	15 December 2023
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	August 2024 (or earlier if required)
<b>Approval:</b>	The Chief Financial Officer or the Chief Executive has the authority to approve minor revisions or amendments.



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**Appendix B      Bulk Solid Materials Standard  
Operating Procedures**

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# Bulk Solid Materials Standard Operating Procedures



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# **Purpose and responsibilities**

## 1. Background

- 1.1 These Bulk Solid Material Standard Operating Procedures (**the Procedures**) stipulate the standard operating procedures that Port Users should follow when operating within the Port of Tauranga Operational Area. These procedures form part of the Port Industry Area Dust Management Plan (DMP), as required by Rule AREA2-R1 (Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the Mount Maunganui Airshed) of the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1 These Procedures cover the physical area of the Port of Tauranga Operational Area (as detailed in Schedule 1).

- 2.2 The Procedures apply to:

All bulk cargo stevedoring and transporting activities/operations associated to ship unloading undertaken within the Port of Tauranga Operational Area (**Bulk Cargo Operations**), namely:

- The collection and transfer of bulk cargo from a ship's hold to a hopper or other receiving receptacle,
- The storage and holding of bulk cargo in a hopper or other receiving receptacle,
- The collection and transfer of bulk cargo into a truck or other means of transport,
- The movement and/or operation of trucks (including empty trucks) used to transport bulk cargo,
- The management, cleaning and housekeeping of the stevedore's work area

References in the Procedures to **Bulk Cargo Operators** means any party undertaking the activities identified above.

- 2.3 For the purposes of the Procedures, Bulk Cargo Materials is granular cargo materials unloaded at the Port of Tauranga Operational Area, however, excludes materials loaded or unloaded in a way where the material is completely enclosed, such as packaged, bagged or containerised. Bulk Cargo Materials include:

- Agricultural animal protein feeds,
- Gravel
- Quarried rock
- Fertiliser
- Coal
- Cement
- Flour
- Rock aggregate
- Grains
- Compost
- Woodchip
- Clinker
- Wood pallets
- Gypsum, and

- any other qualifying cargo handled, unloaded within the Port of Tauranga Facility in a process the same or similar to those materials listed above.

- 2.4 The Procedures detail the operational procedures that should be followed. Additional mitigation measures to those detailed in the procedures can be applied to Bulk Cargo Operations. These can be applied in addition to those required by the Procedures however, can only replace the measures detailed in the Procedures if an exemption is provided by Port of Tauranga Limited (POTL) (as per Section 7).
- 2.5 POTL will monitor conformance with the Procedures, however, POTL is not responsible for the conformance of other Bulk Cargo Operators, this is the responsibility of the Bulk Cargo Operators.

### 3. Bulk Cargo Operator documentation

- 3.1 Stevedore companies undertaking Bulk Cargo Operations may also hold an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), or equivalent document, which details how their Bulk Cargo Operations will align with the Procedures as well as include any other additional mitigation measures that may be employed.
- 3.2 POTL may require a party undertaking Bulk Cargo Operations, or any other activities associated to Bulk Cargo Operations, to hold an EMP in respect to their activities.

### 4. Responsibilities of parties

- 4.1 POTL will maintain the Procedures and DMP and will provide access to the current versions at <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/health-safety/procedures-compliance/>.
- 4.2 POTL will provide wind speed monitoring infrastructure within the Port Operational Area. POTL will also provide relevant wind speed information to parties undertaking Bulk Cargo Operations in order for these parties to manage operations in compliance with wind speed limits (as detailed in Section 5.3).
- 4.3 The provision of wind speed data shall be made available to Bulk Cargo Operators primarily via the visual wind speed display lights located at berths 7 and 8. In instances where these lights are not visually available to Bulk Cargo Operators, wind speed data will be made available via online web page <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/cargo-and-shipping/harbour-conditions/>.
- 4.4 The Stevedore undertaking the Bulk Cargo Operation shall monitor that activities undertaken within the Stevedore's Work Area conform with the Procedures and undertake actions to correct non-conformances should they be identified.
- 4.5 All parties undertaking Bulk Cargo Operations must monitor their activities for conformance with the Procedures and any EMP required by Section 3.2, and undertake actions to correct non-conformances should they be identified,
- 4.6 All Bulk Cargo Operators and the Cargo Owners must train staff and contracted parties so that they are familiar with any applicable EMP required by Section 3.2 and the sections of the Procedures applicable to their activities.
- 4.7 POTL will undertake routine monitoring of Bulk Cargo Operations to check for non-conformances with the Procedures (in addition to the supervision of the parties undertaking the activities, detailed in section 4.4). This may be achieved

by in field observations (where possible) and via CCTV. If POTL identify non-conformance, actions should be taken by POTL to address the non-conformance.

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## 5. Activities in the stevedore's working area

- 5.1 The Bulk Cargo Operations of stevedores and other parties operating in the stevedore's working area shall incorporate the following as standard operation (unless exemption has been granted as per Section 7).
- 5.2 The Stevedore and other parties undertaking the Bulk Cargo Operation shall monitor that activities undertaken within the Stevedore's work area conform with the Procedures and undertake actions to correct non-conformances should they be identified.

### Prior to operations commencing

5.3 Prior to the Bulk Cargo Operation commencing:

- a) The stevedores work area should be of a 'clean state' and be free of any foreign particulate matter or other material, examples of what is considered a clean standard and free of foreign particulate matter as demonstrated in Figures 1 and 2 below.

*Note: If the work area does not meet this standard, POTL Port Control shall be contacted on 07 572 7544 immediately so a cleaning programme can be arranged.*

- b) Save-alls should be correctly positioned against the hull of the vessel, where possible to reduce the volume of material which can accumulate around nib walls and other wharf infrastructure obstructions
- c) Grabs and hoppers should be tested and working correctly (i.e. grabs and hoppers are closing completely and not leaking bulk cargo),

*Note: If a hopper(s) is not operating correctly, contact POTL Port Control on 07 572 7544 to arrange repair. Do not use the hopper(s) if it is not operating correctly.*

- d) For high risk/dusty bulk cargo operations (as per Section 8), a suitable vacuum sweeper should be present on site and ready to commence operations,
- e) Wind speed information should be available for monitoring for the stevedores. Wind speed should primarily be monitored via the visual wind speed display lights located at berths 7 and 8 where possible, if this is not possible, it can be monitored via online web page <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/cargo-and-shipping/harbour-conditions/>,
- f) Wind speed conditions should be within the limits as detailed in Section 5.5.





Figure 1. Example of a wharf apron in a 'clean state'



Figure 2. Example of a wharf edge in a 'clean state'

### **During operations - Wind conditions and airborne particulate/dust**

5.4 The Stevedore should visually monitor the extent of visible airborne particulate and wind speed throughout the Bulk Cargo Operation.

5.5 Bulk cargo shall only be transferred from the ship's hold to a hopper, or from a hopper to a truck when a green light or a green and orange light combination is displayed on the visual wind speed display lights located at berths 7 and 8 or on the online web page <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/cargo-and-shipping/harbour-conditions/> or as described in Section 5.6. A description of the different light statuses is provided below.

#### **Green light**

1. 15 minute average wind speed is less than 12 knots at both berth 8 and berth 10 wind speed stations and no gust speed triggers (status 5-7) are being exceeded

### **Green light and Orange light**

2. 15 minute average wind speed is greater than 12 knots but less than 15 knots and no gust speed limits are being exceeded at either the berth 8 or 10 wind speed stations, or
3. A red light has been displayed within the last 15 minutes

### **Red light**

4. 15 minute average wind speed is greater than 15 knots or has been within the last 10 minutes at either the berth 8 or 10 wind monitoring stations, or
5. Three or more 5 second max gust measurements have exceeded 19.4 knots within a 60 second rolling period and there has not been a period of 15 minutes without gust triggers (status 5-7) being exceeded, or
6. Two or more 5 second max gust measurements have exceeded 20.4 knots within a 60 second rolling period and there has not been a period of 15 minutes without gust triggers (status 5-7) being exceeded, or
7. A 5 second max gust measurement has exceeded 21.4 knots and there has not been a period of 15 minutes without gust triggers (status 5-7) being exceeded.

5.6 When a red light is displayed on the visual wind speed display lights located at berths 7 and 8 or on the online web page <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/cargo-and-shipping/harbour-conditions/> the following should occur:

- No further bulk cargo shall be transferred from the ship's hold to the hopper
- No product should be emptied from hoppers unless:
  - it is raining or it is considered likely to rain, or,
  - if product levels need to be lowered below the top of the hopper to reduce wind blown product coming off the pile, in this instance, the level should only be reduced the bare minimum to prevent wind blown product coming off the hopper pile, or
  - It is determined that a complete operation shut down should occur due to weather conditions. For avoidance of doubt, a complete operation shut down example would be the termination of a work shift.

5.7 Bulk Cargo Operations should not cause the generation of visible airborne particulate/dust that travels greater than 100 metres from the stevedore's work area (as detailed in schedule 2), or into or above the harbour.

If this occurs, the operation should stop until this standard can be achieved.

## **Grabs and hopper management**

- 5.8 Grabs capable of gradual or slow release, such as hydraulic grabs or slow release mechanical grabs, should be used and operated with slow/gradual release
- 5.9 Grabs should be positioned as close as possible to the bulk cargo product level in a hopper prior to opening to reduce the falling distance of the product as much as is practicable.
- 5.10 Hoppers shall be kept as 'full' as is practicable throughout the Bulk Cargo Operation to reduce the falling distance of product that is released from a grab. More information on what is considered full is provided below.

### **250 tonne hoppers (Hopper A and B)**

A full 250 tonne hopper, Hopper A and B, which do not have grizzlies (cross members or grids at the top of the hopper) are considered to be full when product levels reach 1 to 2 meters below the top of the hopper wall, as per figure 3 below.



*Figure 3. Maximum fill height of a hopper without a grizzly, hoppers A and B*

### **Other hoppers (Hoppers C to J)**

All other hoppers which have grizzlies, Hoppers C – J, are considered to be full when 1 to 2 grabs worth of product extend above the top of the hopper walls and grizzly, as per Figure 4 below.



Figure 4. Maximum fill height of a hopper with a grizzly, hoppers C to J

- 5.11 Hoppers should be, where practicable, returned to a 'full' state before product is emptied from the hopper into a truck. Efforts should be made to place product released from the grab onto the product pile in the hopper rather than dropping the product from the grab at height onto the pile, wherever practicable.
- 5.12 Any equipment used to handle, store or transport bulk cargo materials, including, but not limited to, grabs and hoppers, should be operated free of leaks of bulk cargo.
- 5.13 Hopper operators should ensure that truck bins are not overfilled to prevent the excessive spillage of material from the truck bin, including when the truck levels the bulk cargo material.
- 5.14 If bulk cargo materials is spilled on the ground in the stevedores work area, the stevedore should undertake an appropriate action to recover the spill as soon as practically possible.

A spill of product does not include general fugitive dust deposition which occurs on the ground during an operation, rather it refers to losses of greater volumes of product such as accidental losses of products from hoppers, trucks or grabs.

### Site housekeeping and cleaning

- 5.15 Levelling of cargo undertaken by trucks operating in the stevedore's work area should not result the generation of airborne particulate/dust that is visible and travels greater than 15 metres from the truck bin.
- 5.16 When undertaking a Bulk Cargo Operation for bulk cargo materials with higher risk of airborne particulate/dust generation, as listed in Section 8, a vacuum sweeper truck suitable to collect the bulk cargo material should be operating throughout the entire Bulk Cargo Operation.

The vacuum sweeper truck should be operated to keep the ground in the stevedore's working area, and any affected and accessible adjacent ground areas, free of accumulations of bulk cargo materials as much as is practicable.



5.17 The vacuum sweeper truck should be managed appropriately to ensure that it does not result in the generation of airborne particulate/dust that is visible and travels greater than 15 metres from the vacuum sweeper truck.

*Note: Dependent on the cargo being handled, the vacuum sweeper truck may need to employ dust mitigation measures such as water spray jets, or reduced travel/operating speed to conform with rule 5.17.*

5.18 Areas where bulk cargo materials accumulate during the Bulk Cargo Operation that are not accessible to a vacuum sweeper truck, including, fenders, fender plates, bollards, save-alls, nib walls, areas immediately adjacent to building walls and the base of the hopper, should be manually cleaned at least once per shift. This cleaning should not result in the generation of airborne particulate/dust that is visible and travels greater than 15 metres from the cleaning site.

*Note: This may entail moving the bulk cargo material from these areas into an area a sweeper truck can access for collection. This may be achieved by sweeping or careful use of a blower.*

### **At the completion of operations**

5.19 At the completion of the bulk cargo unloading:

- a) The stevedores work area and any affected and accessible adjacent ground areas should left in a 'clean' standard and be free of any foreign particulate matter or other material, examples of what is considered a clean standard and free of foreign particulate matter is demonstrated in figures 1 and 2 in Section 5.3.
- b) Hoppers should be completely emptied with jaws left closed,

## **6. Bulk cargo transport operators**

6.1 Trucks undertaking Bulk Cargo Operations should adhere to the Port of Tauranga approved traffic management plan provided for the operation.

6.2 Trucks should travel at or below the designated speed limits. These are sign posted and detailed in Schedule 3.

6.3 Trucks operating in the stevedore's work area should travel at speeds of 10 kilometres per hour or less.

6.4 The levelling of cargo by trucks should be undertaken within the stevedore's work area adjacent to the ships side and should not result the generation of airborne particulate/dust that is visible and travels greater than 15 metres from the truck bin.

6.5 Overweight trucks are to tip of material in an enclosed shed as directed by POTL.

6.6 Bulk trucks should have their bins completely covered in all areas of the Port of Tauranga Facility, with the exception of the stevedore's working area. This includes when the bins are empty.

6.7 Trucks heavily coated with bulk cargo material should be cleaned as soon as practicable within the stevedore's working area or at an appropriate enclosed offsite facility, such as an appropriate bulk cargo storage facility. If cleaning is undertaken within the stevedore's work area, it should not cause generation of airborne particulate that is visible and travels greater than 15 metres from the cleaning site.

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## 7. Exemptions to the Procedures and alternative handling equipment

7.1 An application for exemption from any part of the Procedures must state what Section/section the exemption is sought from, why, for how long and any additional or alternative dust control measures proposed instead. Applications are to be made to the POTL Environmental Manager prior to operations commencing. A list of approved exemptions will be maintained by the Port of Tauranga in M-Files, document ID 108155.

POTL reserves discretion to apply any reasonable conditions to a granted exemption, or to decline it.

7.2 A stevedore undertaking a Bulk Cargo Operations may verbally request from the POTL Environmental Manager (contactable via Port Control on 07 572 7544) approval to continue to operate at times when wind conditions exceed the limits stipulated by Section 5.5. Any approval granted will only be granted if the cargo being handled is not causing visible airborne particulate/dust generation beyond the stevedore's work area. This approval may be retracted by the POTL at any time and is valid only to that Bulk Cargo Operation. Request are recorded in the POTL record system.

7.3 POTL reserves discretion to approve or decline any request made as per Section 7.1.

### 7.4 Changes to equipment

- Any party wishing to use new or alternative equipment (type or technology) for any Bulk Cargo Operation activity must seek prior approval from POTL. This includes any alternative to the standard equipment type and technology used on site as of in the 12-months ending on 12 February 2024.
- In assessing the proposal POTL will consider:
  - 7.4..1 The degree of mitigation of environmental effects provided by the equipment compared to current equipment;
  - 7.4..2 Potential environmental effects both within and beyond the Port Industry area associated with the equipment or technology, including potential impacts on compliance with any relevant legislation or regulation;
  - 7.4..3 Potential logistical issues associated with the equipment or technology that may directly affect POTL infrastructure, operation or procedure, or the operations and procedures of other port users, and
  - 7.4..4 Any potential additional infrastructure requirements or constraints that may occur as a result of the new equipment or technology.

7.5 The assessment will be recorded in Vault (or similar)

7.6 POTL reserves the right to apply any reasonable conditions to such proposals or to decline the request for approval if it is considered that the effects/impacts outweigh the benefits for the matters listed above.

*Note: logistical aspects that are relevant are the effects on: site weight limits/ wharf loadings, equipment transport, cleaning, operational and storage space requirements, space or timing effects on services to other Port Users*

## **8. High risk/dusty bulk cargo materials**

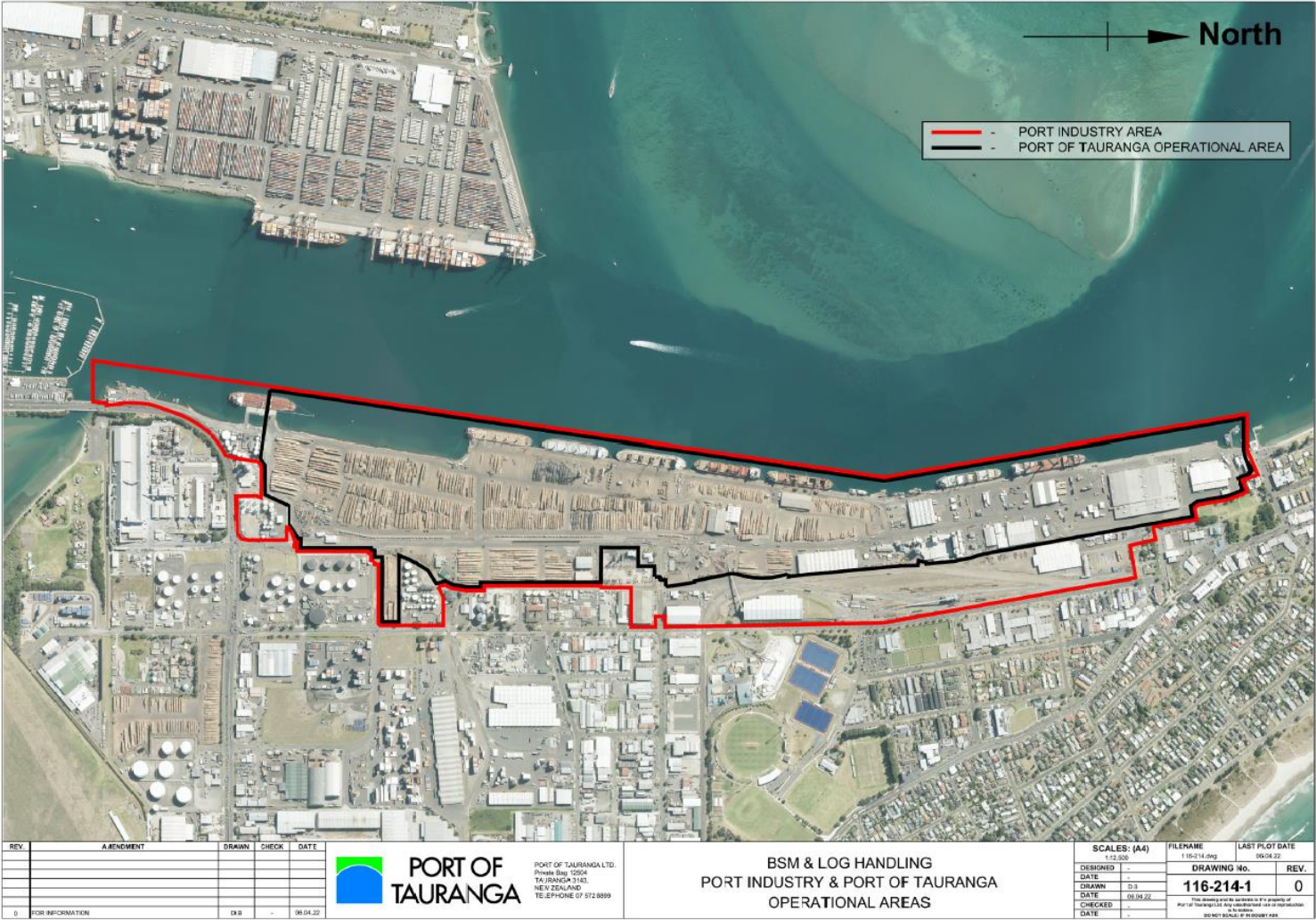
8.1 For the purposes of the Procedures, the following bulk cargo materials are considered as likely to have higher risk of airborne particulate/dust generation during Bulk Cargo Operations:

- Agricultural animal protein feeds, including but not limited to, Palm Kernel Expeller, Soya Bean Meal, Tapioca, Dried Distillers Grain, Cotton Seed, Corn Gluten, Canola Meal
- Phosphate Rock,
- Potash
- Clinker

8.2 POTL reserves the right to determine any other bulk cargo material as having a higher risk of airborne particulate/dust generation during Bulk Cargo Operation, and effectively be added to the list detailed in Section 10.1.

8.3 Exemptions may be granted for certain bulk cargo materials listed in Section 8.1, applications for exemptions will be managed by the process detailed in Section 7.

# Schedule 1 – Port of Tauranga Operational Area



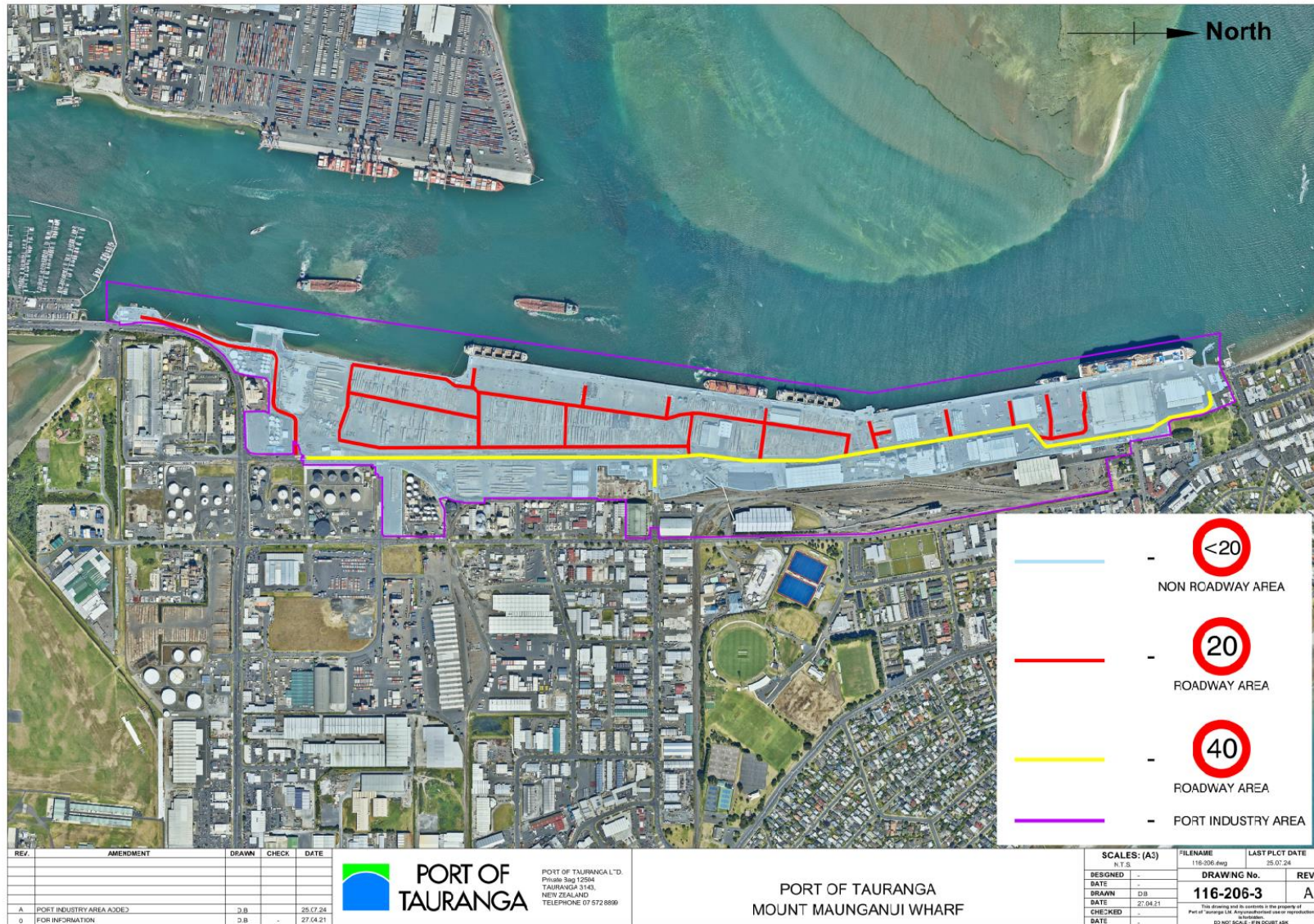


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### Schedule 3 – Speed limits within Port of Tauranga Facility



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## **Appendix C      Log Standard Operating Procedures**

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# Log Standard Operating Procedures



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# **Purpose and Responsibilities**

## 1. Background

1.

- 1.1 This document (the Procedures) details the standard operating procedures for log handling that Port Users should follow while operating within the Port Operational Area. These procedures form part of the Port Industry Area Dust Management Plan (DMP), as required by Rule AREA2-R1 (Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the Mount Maunganui Airshed) of the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan.

## 2. Scope

2.

- 2.1 These Procedures cover the physical area of the Port Operational Area (as detailed in Schedule 1).
- 2.2 The Procedures apply to:  
All activities associated with log storage and handling within the Port Operational Area (**Log Operations**)
- 2.3 References in the Procedures to **Log Operators** means any party undertaking the activities identified below:
- Transportation and receipt of logs via train or truck,
  - Collection and transfer of logs from train, truck or storage areas to storage, staging or berth areas,
  - Storage of logs,
  - Debarking of logs
  - Loading or unloading of logs onto a vessel,
  - Cleaning, movement and operation of equipment used for log handling operations,
  - Management and cleaning of land associated to log handling on the berth area, and
  - Any other operation associated with Log Operations.
- 2.4 References in the Procedures to **Yard Cleaning** (management and cleaning of land associated with log handling other than berth areas) means any Party undertaking the activities identified as Yard Cleaning.
- 2.5 The Procedures detail the Log Operators and Yard Cleaning standard operating procedures that should be followed. Dust Control measures applied in addition to those detailed in the Procedures can only replace the measures detailed in the Procedures if an exemption is provided by the Port of Tauranga Limited (POTL) (as detailed in Section 10).
- 2.6 POTL will monitor conformance with the Procedures. POTL is not responsible for conformance with the procedures by other Log Operators, this is the responsibility of the Log Operator.

- 2.7 The procedures form part of the Port Industry Area Dust Management Plan (DMP), as required by Rule AREA2-R1 of the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan.

### 3. Log Operator – additional documentation

3.

- 3.1 Marshalling and stevedoring companies undertaking Log Operations may also have an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or equivalent document which details how their Log Operations will align with the Procedures as well as include any other additional dust control measures that may be employed.
- 3.2 POTL may require a party undertaking Log Operations or associated activities to hold an EMP in respect to their activities

### 4. Yard Cleaning – additional documentation

4.

- 4.1 Yard cleaning service operators engaged by the POTL may also have an EMP or equivalent document which details how their operations will align with the procedures, as well as:
- how they will operate to minimise the generation of airborne particulate/dust when undertaking yard cleaning services,
  - how they will operate during times of elevated winds,
  - how they will operate during times when cleaning areas of high particulate load with high risk of dust generation, and
  - How they will prioritise their services to minimise the risk of adverse environmental effects occurring beyond the boundary of the Port Industry Area, as far as is practicable.

*Note: Section 4.1 does not constrain such an EMP or equivalent document from including other environmental risk mitigation measures.*

- 4.2 POTL may require Yard Cleaning Service operators to hold an EMP in respect to their activities

### 5. Responsibilities of Parties

5.

- 5.1 POTL will maintain the Procedures and DMP and will provide access to the current version at <https://www.port-tauranga.co.nz/health-safety/procedures-compliance/>.
- 5.2 POTL will provide bark and particulate removal services to recover bark and particulate material associated to general day to day log handling activities in the Port of Tauranga Log Yard. All materials recovered are the property and responsibility of the POTL or their authorised agent. This excludes:

- the Stevedores Work Area (See Schedule 3) which is the responsibility of the stevedore
- the excavator park lease areas (see Schedule 3) which is the responsibility of the lease holders.

- 5.3 Litter, dunnage, wood chip, spillages (hydrocarbons or other materials), spill response absorbent materials, are not considered to be associated with general day to day log handling activities. Recovery of these materials is the responsibility of the party whose activity they are associated.
- 5.4 All parties undertaking Log Operations including marshallers, stevedores, and transport providers must monitor their activities for conformance with the Procedures and any Environmental Management Plan required by Section 3.2 and undertake actions to correct non-conformances should they be identified.
- 5.5 All parties undertaking Yard Cleaning must monitor their activities for conformance with the Procedures and any Environmental Management Plan required by Section 4.2 and undertake actions to correct non-conformances should they be identified.
- 5.6 All parties undertaking Log Operations and Yard Cleaning must train their staff and contracted parties so that they are familiar with any EMP required by Section 3.2 and 4.2 and the sections of the Procedures applicable to their activities.
- 5.7 POTL will undertake routine monitoring of Log Operations and Yard Cleaning Services to check for non-conformances with the Procedures (in addition to the supervision of the parties undertaking the activities, detailed in Section 5.4). This may be achieved by in field observations (where possible) and via CCTV. If POTL identify non-conformances, actions should be taken by POTL to address the non-conformance.

# **Operating Procedures**



## 6. Log Marshallers

6. Log Marshallers should at all times:

6.1 Travel at or below the designated speed limits. These are sign-posted on site and detailed in Schedule 2,

6.2 Adhere to the traffic management plan,

6.3 Travel on designated roadway areas (as detailed in Schedule 2) as much as is practicable,

*Note: The intent of Section 6.3 is to avoid travel in areas not designated as a roadway (such as berth pre-load/staging areas or storage areas) Marshallers required to travel off designated roadways should undertake this work as per Section 6.4.*

6.4 When Marshallers must operate within an area that is not a designated roadway they should restrict their speed as per Schedule 2 to minimise the generation excessive visible airborne dust.

*Note: When required to operate mobile plant in areas other than a designated roadway or a temporary roadway (as detailed in Section 6.4), Marshallers should identify and prioritise travel in areas with less particulate and dust accumulations where practicable. Heavy machinery travel through areas both swept and unswept may result in airborne dust generation. Speed reductions should be applied when operations cause excessive quantities of airborne dust.*



*Figure 1. Example of excessive visible airborne dust.*

6.5 Marshallers may use a section of a log storage area as a 'temporary roadway' if:

6.5.1 The temporary roadway is swept to a standard that is visually comparable to a designated roadway prior to its use, and

6.5.2 Frequent sweeping occurs on the area to ensure it remains visually comparable to designated roadways for the time that it is used as a temporary roadway,

6.5.3 Speeds are reduced if travel in these areas is generating excessive visible airborne dust.

- 6.6 Water should not be used for dust suppression within the Port Operational Area unless prior approval from POTL has been given, using the Section 10 approval process. Water use by Yard Cleaning services (vacuum sweeper trucks, bark ploughs and bark collection trailers) to suppress dust generated by their operations is approved in its current form as at July 2024.
- 6.7 On request by POTL, Marshalls should temporarily cease operations (stand down), to allow for bark and particulate removal, vacuum sweeping, or other action. POTL may require stand-down in any area of the Port of Tauranga Operational Area.

POTL may require a stand down of an area when there are reasonable grounds to believe that Log Operations or activities in that area might be:

- 6.7.1 Causing or risking non-compliance with regional rules, as assessed by POTL, or
- 6.7.2 Causing nuisance or adverse effect within or beyond the Port Industry Area that POTL regards as requiring immediate mitigation action.

*Note: Section 6.7 is in addition to Marshalls or other port operators responsibilities to monitor the effects of their activities and applying appropriate dust control measures to minimise environmental risk.*

## 7. Stevedores

7.

- 7.1 Prior to the commencement of a stevedoring Log Operation:
- 7.1.1 The Stevedore should ensure that the Stevedores Work Area is of a 'clean state' and free of any particulate matter/dust or other material. Examples of what is considered a 'clean state' and free of foreign particulate matter is demonstrated in Figures 2 and 3 below.
- 7.1.2 The Stevedore should have a sweeping plan in place that complies with Section 7.2

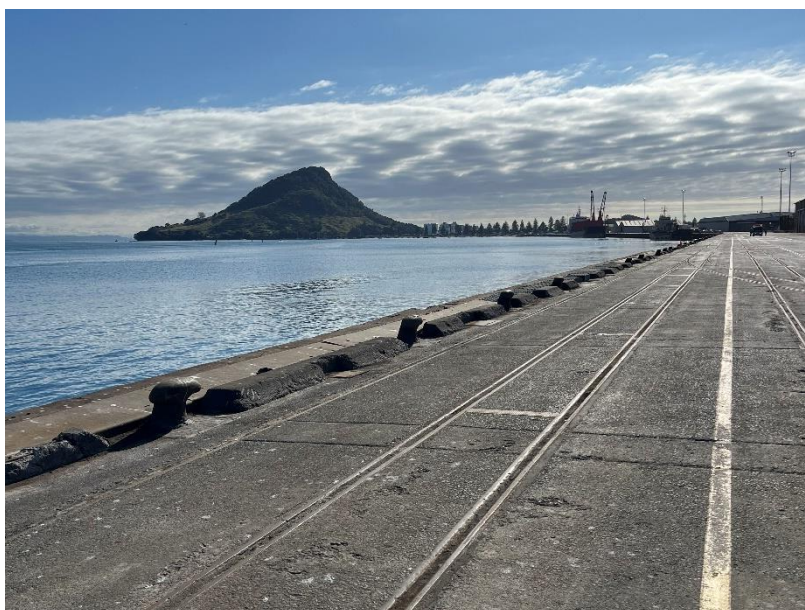


Figure 2. Example of a 'clean state' wharf apron and fender area



Figure 3. Example of a 'clean state' wharf apron

7.2 The Stevedore should ensure bark and dirt is removed from the Stevedores Work Area that they are using (refer to Schedule 3) including via vacuum sweeping. The minimum vacuum sweeping frequency should be:

- For 'trailer' operations, once every 12 hours, and
- For 'bunk' operations, once every four hours throughout an operation. Bark, dirt and other particulate matter/dust from on and around bunk structures must also be removed.

7.3 Water should not be used for dust suppression in the Port Operational Area unless prior approval from the POTL has been given using the Section 10 approval process.

7.4 Once stevedoring of a Log Operation is complete the Stevedore should ensure that the Stevedores Work Area apron is of a 'clean state' as demonstrated above in figures 1 and 2.

## 8. Yard Cleaning Services

8.

8.1 POTL engages Yard Cleaning Services that remove bark and particulate by bark ploughing, bark collection and vacuum sweeping in the Port of Tauranga Log Yard area affected by Log Operations.

8.2 The stevedore's working area and excavator park lease area (as detailed in Schedule 3) are the responsibility of the Operators and/or leaseholders to vacuum sweep and maintain in a tidy condition.

8.3 Yard Cleaning Services operators should:

8.3.1 Travel at or below the designated speed limits. These are sign-posted on site and detailed in Schedule 2.

8.3.2 Travel on designated roadway areas (as defined in Schedule 2), as much as is practicable,

**Note:** *Yard Cleaning Service mobile plant operating in areas outside of designated roadways as a part of day-to-day operations should follow Section 8.4. The intent of Section 8.3 is to advise*

*that other areas, such as berth pre-load/staging areas or storage areas are not used in the place or as an alternative to travel that could be undertaken on a designated roadway.*

- 8.4 Yard Cleaning Service Providers should restrict their speed to under 10 km/h for vacuum sweeper trucks and 15 km/h for bark ploughs when actively recovering bark and particulate materials.
- 8.5 Where bark piles are formed during cleaning operations, these piles should:
- 8.5.1 Be placed out of the way of log yard operations, where practicable.
- 8.5.2 Not be moved across roadways, where practicable.
- 8.6 Yard Cleaning Services should meet the below levels of service:

Minimum vacuum sweeper hours per week	180
Minimum bark recovery hours (plough/loader/truck) per week	80
Weekday sweeper presence	0500 - 2300hrs
Saturday sweeper presence	0600-1800
Sunday sweeper presence	0600-1800

Note: *At times of reduced log handling, such as at Christmas to New Year, these levels may reduce.*

- 8.7 Yard Cleaning Service providers should cease operations if they are causing visible discharge of airborne dust beyond the boundary of the Port Industry Area, unless otherwise instructed by the POTL.
- 8.8 Yard cleaning services should cease bark ploughing, bark collection services and/or sweeping if the activity is causing visible airborne dust discharge greater than 20 metres from the area being cleaned.

Note: *If airborne dust is visible at a distance greater than 20 metres or beyond the Port Industry Area boundary occurs (as per Section 8.7 or 8.8), operators may reduce speed, in order to reduce dust and continue operations. If speed reduction actions are not able to achieve compliance with Section 8.7 or 8.8, then the operation is to shut down until compliance can be achieved, unless otherwise instructed by POTL. Such instruction from POTL would be made if it was considered that failure to recover the bark and/or particulate/dust material would result in greater adverse environmental effects.*

## 9. Truck transport operators and all other parties

9.

- 9.1 Whilst operating in the Port of Tauranga Facility, all other parties/Port Users undertaking Log Operations should:
- 9.1.1 Travel at or below the designated speed limits. These are sign-posted and detailed in Schedule 2 and sign posted on site.

- 9.1.2 Adhere to traffic management plans in place.
- 9.1.3 Travel on designated roadway areas (see Schedule 2), as far as is practicable, unless entry is required for the loading or unloading of logs or other legitimate purpose

Note: *The intent of Section 9.1 is to avoid unnecessary travel in areas not designated as roadway (such as berth pre-load/staging or storage areas). Some Log Operators are required to travel in areas outside of designated roadways as a part of day to day operations. In those instances, Log Operators shall comply with Section 9.2.*

- 9.2 If a truck transport operator is required to operate within an area other than a designated roadway they should restrict their speed (as defined in Schedule 2) as required to prevent the generation of excessive visible airborne dust, as much as is practicable

Note: *When required to operate mobile plant in areas other than a designated roadway, Log Operator should also identify and prioritise travel in areas with less particulate and dust accumulations. Vehicle travel through areas that have been swept may still result in the generation of airborne dust in which case speed reduction is recommended to reduce dust generation.*

- 9.3 Water should not be used for dust suppression in the Port of Tauranga Operational Area unless prior approval from the POTL has been given. Details on how to seek approval to undertake water dust suppression are in Section 10.
- 9.4 Truck transport providers should only sweep bark and particulate material off their trucks and trailers at the designated sweeping area of the trailer hoisting facility.

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## 10. Exemptions and approvals (water suppression, alternative equipment)

10.

10.1 An application for exemption from any part of the Procedures must state what section the exemption is sought from, why, for how long and any additional or alternative dust control measures proposed instead. Applications are to be made to the POTL Environmental Manager prior to operations commencing.

POTL reserves discretion to apply any reasonable conditions to a granted exemption, or to decline it.

### 10.2 Water suppression

10.2.1 An application to use water suppression must state which section the exemption is sought from, why, for how long and any additional or alternative mitigation measures proposed. Applications are to be made to the POTL Environmental Manager prior to operations commencing.

10.2.2 POTL reserves discretion to apply any reasonable conditions to a granted exemption, or to decline it.

### 10.3 Changes to equipment

10.3.1 Any party wishing to use new or alternative equipment (type or technology) for any Log Operation activity must seek prior approval from POTL. This includes any alternative to the standard equipment type and technology used on site as of in the 12-months ending on 12 February 2024.

10.3.2 In assessing the proposal POTL will consider:

- The degree of mitigation of environmental effects provided by the equipment compared to current equipment;
- Potential environmental effects both within and beyond the Port Industry area associated with the equipment or technology, including potential impacts on compliance with any relevant legislation or regulation;
- Potential logistical issues associated with the equipment or technology that may directly affect POTL infrastructure, operation or procedure, or the operations and procedures of other port users, and
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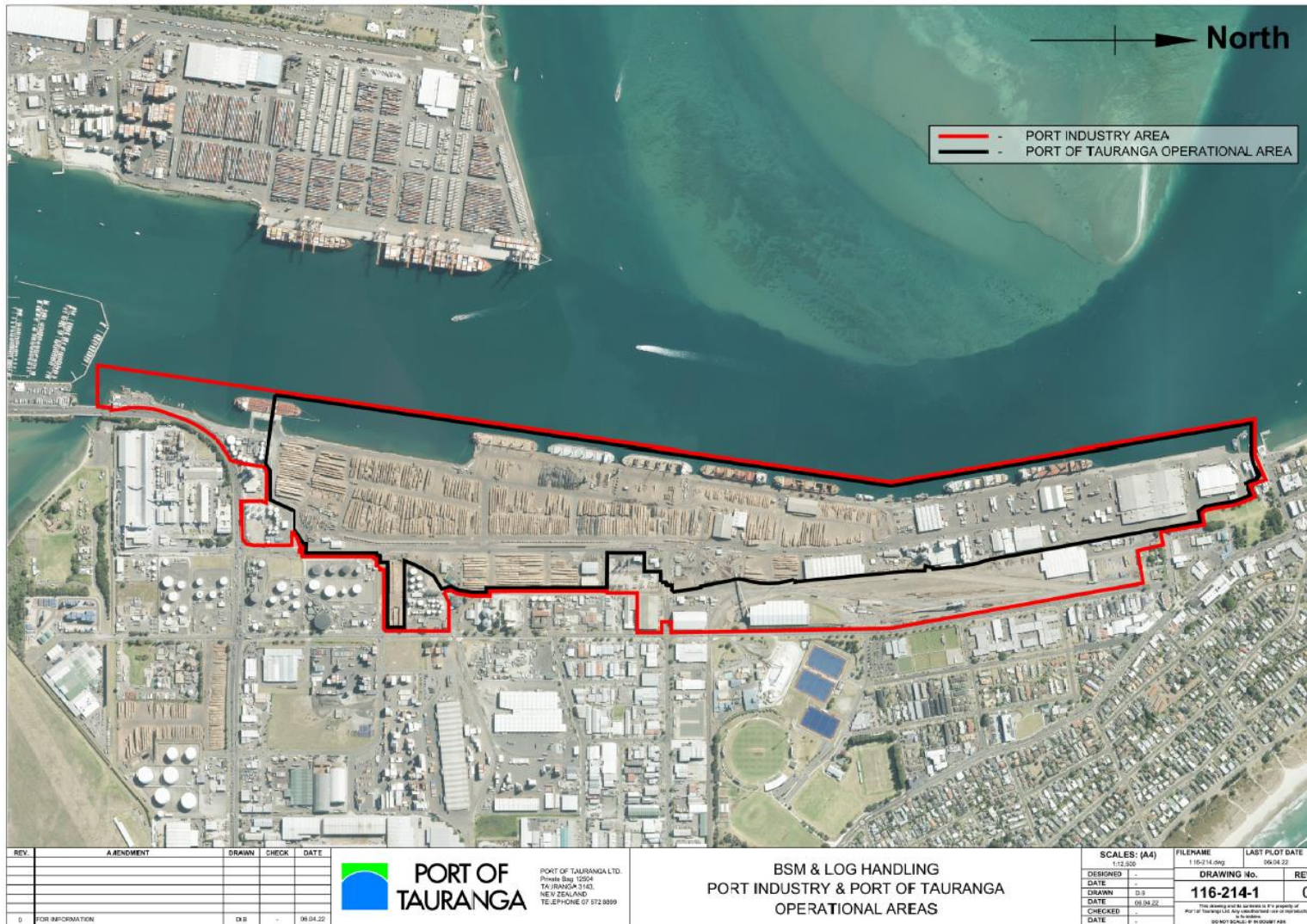
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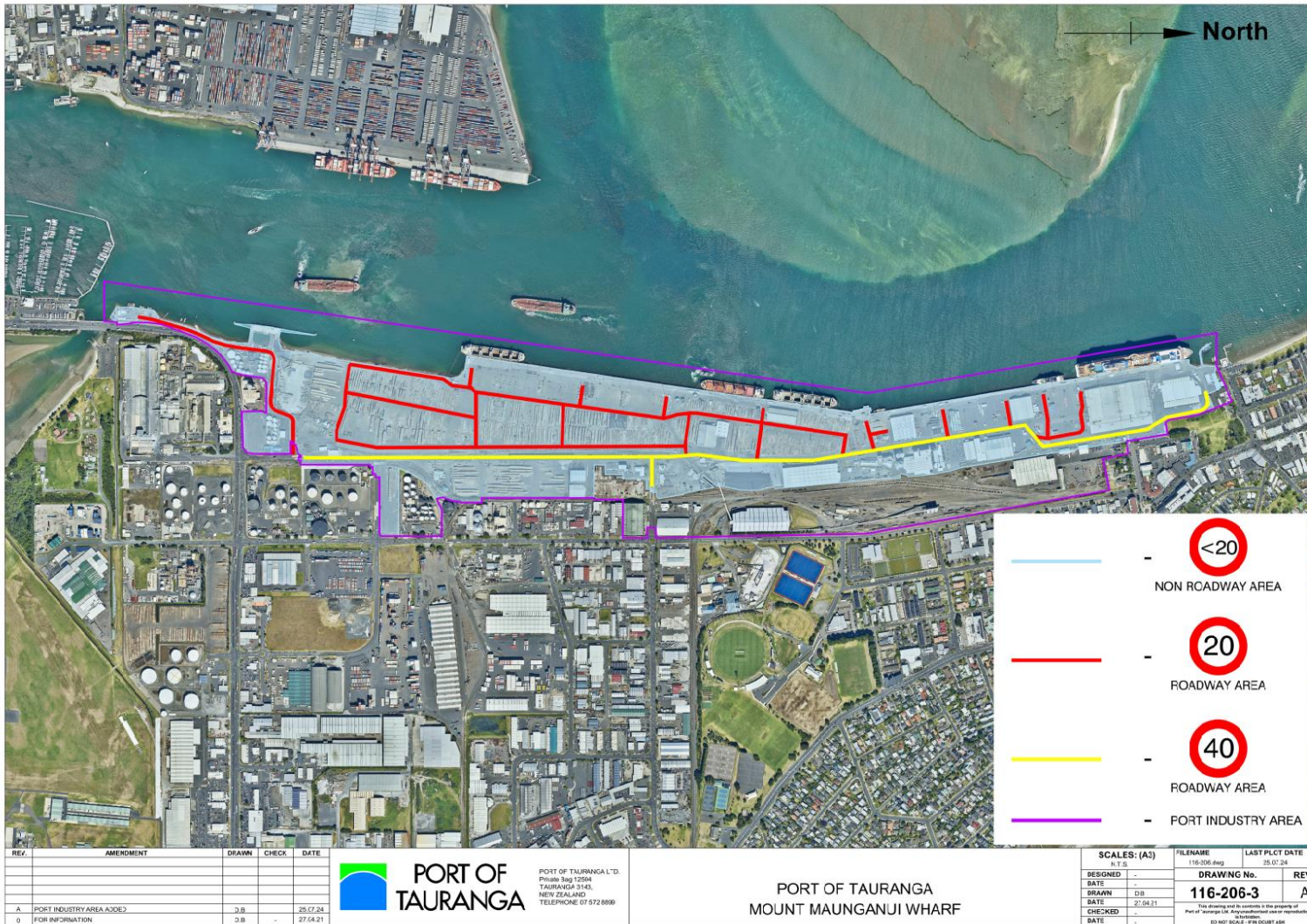


# Schedule 1 – Port of Tauranga Operational Area





## Schedule 2 – Designated speed limits and roadways





### Schedule 3 – Stevedore’s work area



## Appendix D Schedule of contact details

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## **Appendix E      Marngo activity specific information**

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## Dust Management Plan for PC13

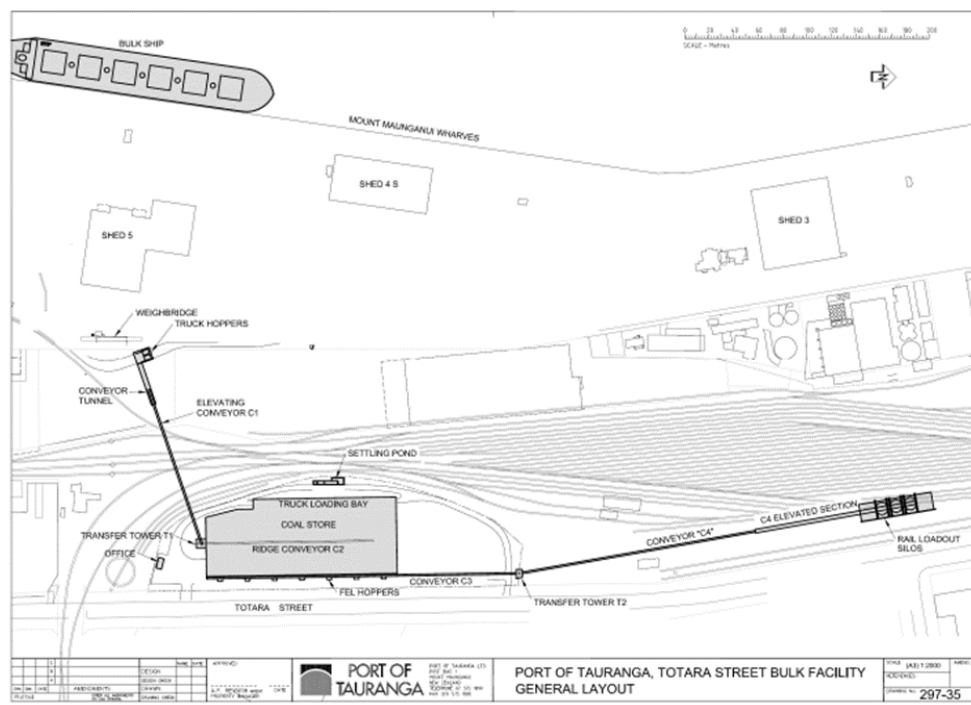
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### 1. Purpose of the Document

The purpose of this document is to outline Marnco Ltd.'s commitment and approach to managing dust emissions in accordance with the IPAR standards, Plan Change 13 (PC13) and PoTL's overarching Dust Management Plan (DMP). It aims to ensure compliance through advanced dust control technologies and best practices that address the unique aspects of our operations within the Port Industry Area, where PoTL does not maintain operational control. Our leased facility at 90 Totara St. falls under this "Port Industry Area", and in turn opting us to collaborate with the PoTL to ensure Marnco is doing its part to improve air quality in Mount Maunganui.

This plan also demonstrates our commitment to operational excellence and environmental stewardship. We want to have a positive influence on the protection of local community health and the natural environment. Additionally, the document is prepared in response to PoTL's feedback request on the dust trigger level framework and fulfills regulatory requirements and contributing to sustainable dust management practices at the port.

### 2. Site Location Map



### **3. Site Description and Operations:**

#### **a. Site Description:**

##### **i. Main Warehouse:**

The Marnco shed is utilized for the storage, blending, and dispatching of bulk fertiliser. It is equipped with modern facilities to handle large volumes of bulk material efficiently. On site, there is an office and small tool shed, located on the southern end of the property.

Regular Operating hours are: Monday – Friday 7am – 4PM, However, while discharging ships, these operating hours can be extended to 24 hours temporarily. Also, in peak season, we may need to extend operating hours to mitigate traffic when discharging product to customers.

It should be noted an exit rail load out facility on the North and East end of the property, this machinery (known as C3) is not lease or utilised by Marnco in our operations. All loading bays on the East wall, which acted as rail loaders have been decommissioned and sealed by the Port of Tauranga (PoTL) to ensure no dust or product escapes.

Trucks entering the property from Totara Street will need to be allowed access via the security gate on the southeastern end of the facility

The warehouse is equipped with 5 roller doors with Rapid close capabilities and utilises a one-way traffic management plan to ensure efficient transport. Two entrances are located on the southern side of the facility and 3 on the Northern Exits are on the northern side.

##### **ii. Warehouse Activities:**

Bulk fertiliser is offloaded from ships by Stevedores using cranes, which carefully empty the product into a hopper on the wharf. Trucks positioned under the hopper are then filled.

Fertiliser is transported from the dock to the warehouse in covered, bottom-emptying trucks, safeguarding against weather and containing dust. Sweeper trucks are on standby during all vessel unloading operations to immediately clean any product spillage.

Trucks may deliver and unload the product directly inside the warehouse, utilizing rapid close doors to prevent dust emissions. Following unloading, trucks are dry cleaned to ensure no loose product is lost to the environment as they exit the facility.

In the warehouse, trucks are either loaded directly using mobile machinery or through a conveyor system that transfers fertiliser directly from the wharf. Both methods ensure controlled material handling and include dust control measures.

Large concrete blocks have been deployed throughout the warehouse to keep product separated from the internal traffic plan as well as a minimum of 5m from exit doors to ensure product is not swept or blown out during operations. Product will be piled a safe distance away from the doors and after out loading, Marnco Employees will check to make sure no product is being lost to the environment.



**Direct Truck Loading:** Trucks are loaded directly inside the warehouse using mobile machinery, ensuring materials are contained and controlled.

**Conveyor System Loading:** Bottom loading trucks emptying loads into the conveyor hopper, the warehouse then is loaded by conveyor directly from wharf. Fertiliser is transferred to storage areas or loading bays via an enclosed conveyor system, which is monitored for efficiency and dust control.

**Hopper:** The in-loading hopper is manned at all times while the conveyor is in use. The employee or contractor is Inducted to all duties and potential risks at the hopper to properly manage or mitigate any potential overfilling or spills. The hoppers are control filled to minimise the distance product falls and can effectively manage the potential for overfilling of the hopper. Any product that falls onto the surrounding ground can easily be swept by broom or sweeper trucks which are ready to be deployed whenever necessary.

b. Potential Dust Discharge Sources:

The process of unloading ships, transporting to, and loading within the warehouse can generate dust; potentially degrading air quality around the port and warehouse areas. Various methods are outlined in this plan to mitigate dust emissions.

Opening rapid close roller doors to allow trucks to be loaded and discharged with fertiliser product also has the potential to lose product to fugitive dust emissions. However, rapid close doors are effective in mitigating the chances for fugitive emissions to be lost, rumple bars/ shake grates are also used as trucks leave to ensure any loose product is bumped off the body of trucks to ensure product is not lost to the environment.

c. Locational or Operational Constraints:

Material cannot be wetted as moisture can ruin the product. While receiving the product via conveyor, product is dropped from the top of the facility as this is where the conveyor ends. The drop from the conveyor is about 30m high and has the potential to create dust depending on the product being handled.

d. Product Type, Volume, and Frequency of Handling:

This location may receive up to 10 bulk shipments of fertiliser, up to 300,000MT of product being delivered and discharged annually. Fertiliser will also be delivered via bulk and bagged container shipments, these shipments should not cause fugitive dust emissions, as container shipments will be delivered via truck and tipped internally with door closed.

Fertiliser is the main bulk product to be handled at this location, should any other bulk product be received, this document will be amended and the PoTL notified to ensure no dust risks are present with any proposed new consignments.

#### **4. Standard operating procedures and mitigation methods for dust including:**

- a. For all activities:
  - i. Dust is managed through several controls, including adherence to POTL's Bulk Cargo Handling Procedures by stevedores, use of bottom dumper trucks with controlled unloading rates, and maintenance of a full hopper at the conveyor loading bay to minimize drop distances. Additionally, conveyor systems are fully enclosed to prevent dust escape.
  - ii. This warehouse is equipped with an air scrubber which can be utilised in case of emergencies. Internally, products are stored as far as reasonably practicable and will only be loaded into a truck once the rapid close doors are down. Rapid close doors will be utilised with all receipt and discharge of product. Air blower will be utilised as needed when out-loading trucks to clear debris from the body of the truck, ensuring no fugitive material is lost.
  - iii. Operations will cease in accordance with the PoTL wind and gust policy for ship discharge and product receipt.
  - iv. Trucks on site, receiving and discharge, operate under a 10 km speed limit. Trucks are also required to have their loads tarped before exiting the facility.
  - v. Sweeper trucks are on standby during all vessel unloading operations to immediately clean any product spillage. The warehouse is also equipped with sweeping equipment to ensure any spill is cleaned immediately. The hopper on the PoTL wharf is manned while discharging ships, and is equipped with spill equipment to ensure the area is kept clear throughout the process of loading the warehouse.
  - vi. As we continue to develop the operations on this site, Marnco's dust management plan will evolve. If a product has been identified as being inherently dusty, causing air quality issues, we will receive product via truck directly into the warehouse.
  - vii. Quarterly Maintenance: Comprehensive servicing of all heavy machinery and transport vehicles, including lubrication, replacement of worn parts, and calibration of control systems.
  - viii. Annual Maintenance: A full audit of all equipment and infrastructure to assess any major repairs needed, update or replace systems as technology advances, and ensure compliance with the latest environmental and safety standards.
- b. For bulk solid materials only:
  - i. No exposed bulk product will be stored outdoors;
  - ii. For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions include an air scrubber to be used in emergencies. The shed will never directly vent outdoors.
  - iii. In the event of a spill, a mobile sweeper will be deployed immediately to ensure mitigation of any potential product being lost to the environment. Brooms and air dusting equipment will be present throughout the receipt and discharge of all consignments to ensure positive environmental outcomes during Marnco operations.

## 5. Dust trigger level response procedures

Monitoring requirements and trigger levels will be covered in the overarching Port Industry Area DMP. The site-specific DMP should outline the procedures that will be followed in the event the operator is notified of a dust trigger level exceedance.

Marnco is committed to conducting its operations with meticulous rigor and adherence to industry best practices. To foster transparency and support collaborative growth, we will consistently notify the Port of Tauranga Limited (PoTL) upon the receipt of shipments. This proactive line of communication is designed to boost operational efficiency and contribute to our long-term environmental success.

In alignment with our dedication to maintaining a safe and healthy environment, should our activities cause dust trigger levels to be exceeded, we will immediately suspend operations. This stoppage will continue until effective measures are implemented, and dust levels are successfully mitigated to within established safe limits. By taking these steps, Marnco aims to minimize environmental impacts while ensuring compliance with regulatory.

### **Complaints Procedures**

#### a. Contact Details for Complaints:

##### General complaints:

- i. Email: [Hello@marnco.co.nz](mailto:Hello@marnco.co.nz)
- ii. Phone: 0800 627626 (0800 MARNCO)

##### Operations Manager Tauranga:

Neil Gowthorpe

- i. Phone: +64 27 203 4286
- ii. Email: [Neil.g@marnco.co.nz](mailto:Neil.g@marnco.co.nz)

#### b. Complaints procedures for staff:

- i. Our operations Manager at the Tauranga, Neil Gowthorpe will be notified and will lead a response with Marnco's ESG Manager and Head of Operations.
  - ii. Incidents will be registered into our Health and Safety system, Safe 365 to track all incidents which may arise during operations.
  - iii. This register will track reported dust levels, and will include product type, volume, weather, and any other factors that become relevant as this DMP is established.
- c. Complaints requiring attention will be handled with the highest degree of professionalism and urgency, ensuring all stakeholders are respectfully acknowledged and their concerns addressed. To guarantee comprehensive oversight, a robust feedback mechanism will be established, ensuring that no complaint goes unattended.

### **6. Staff training procedures must include:**

- a. Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in.

- iv. Overview of Dust Management Plan: Understanding the objectives and the importance of the dust management plan.
  - v. Operational Procedures for Dust Control: Detailed training on the use of dust suppression systems, proper handling of materials, and specific operations that minimize dust generation which are outlined in **Section 4** of this document. Regular tool box meetings and audited induction material will allow Marnco employees to develop best practices to ensure dust and fugitive product is not lost to the environment.
  - vi. Emergency Procedures: Training on what steps to take if dust levels exceed safe thresholds, including how to safely cease operations and implement mitigation measures.
  - vii. Environmental Compliance: Educating staff on regulatory requirements and the environmental impacts of dust, reinforcing the importance of compliance with local and national standards.
- b. Methods used to train staff.
- i. All new employees and Contractors will be inducted with Marnco's EMP and DMP to ensure they understand operational procedures before starting works. Any new versions of the DMP and EMP will be supplied to Marnco contracted and employed workers to ensure all procedures are understood and employed before beginning operations.
- c. Frequency of staff training.
- i. Staff will be inducted with all relevant material to their position relative to the DMP and EMP. Staff will also be included in annual and quarterly compliance check and revisions of this document to ensure operations are Best in practice and guidelines for operations are followed.
- d. All documents relative to the operations at this site are kept on Safe 365 and can be easily accessed by all staff.



## **Appendix F      Genesis activity specific information**

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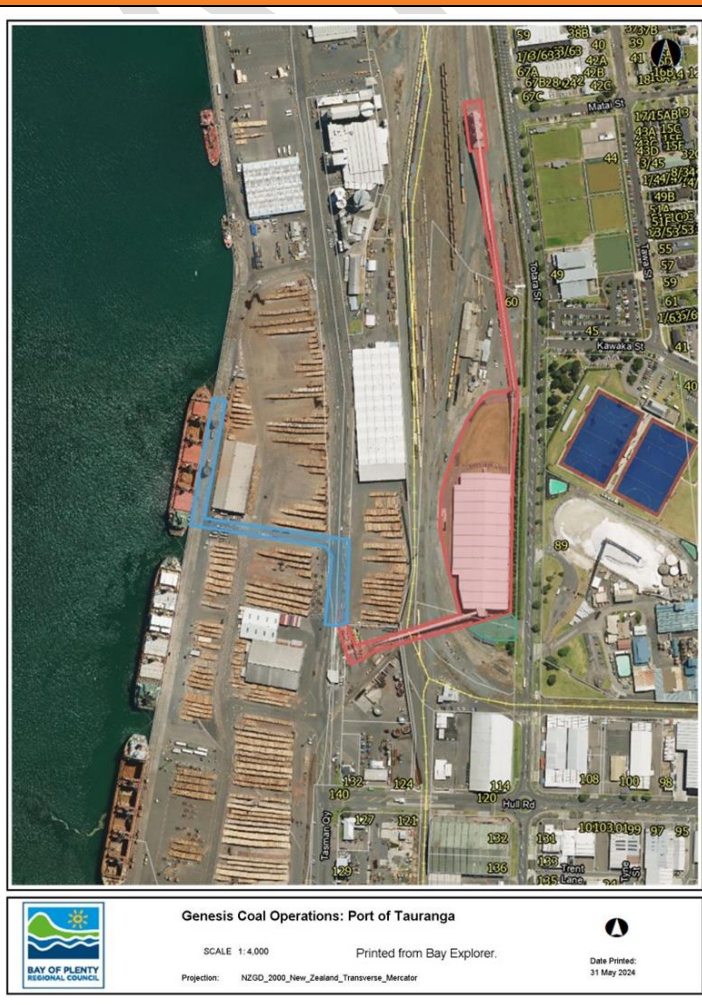
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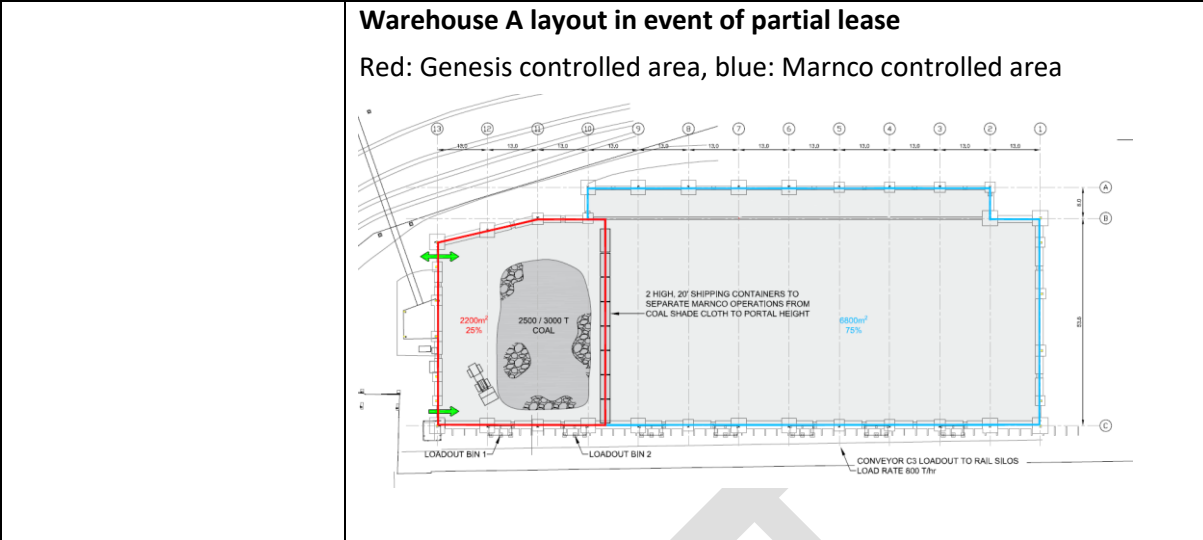
**2. Purpose of the document**

<p>Purpose is to manage and minimise the discharge of PM10 to the greatest extent reasonably practicable.</p>	<p>The purpose of this Dust Management Plan (DMP) is to manage and minimise the discharge of PM10 (specifically coal dust) associated with Genesis’ supply chain operations at PoT.</p> <p>This DMP covers coal handling from the truck unloading area to the rail silos. Operations from the ship to the truck unloading area are described for completeness, but that section of the operation is managed by PoT under the overarching DMP.</p> <p>Key contacts for this DMP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis supervisor &amp; primary contact: <b>TBC</b></li> <li>• Genesis Wholesale Logistic Manager: Sane-Mari Botha, 021 581 422</li> <li>• Coal monitoring contractor: <b>TBC</b></li> </ul>
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**3. Site location map**

Red: Genesis & KiwiRail controlled operations  
 Green: Southern warehouse access point (Genesis/trucking contractor controlled)  
 Blue: PoT controlled operations





**4. Process description and method of operation**

a. A detailed description of the subject site, activity, and discharges to air

In 2004 a purpose-built facility was commissioned at the PoT for the importation of coal to supply Huntly power station for Genesis Energy.

Genesis Energy lease the facility from PoT who built the facility on leased land owned by KiwiRail. The operational management of the site (from the truck unloading facility to the rail silo) is contracted out, contractor to be confirmed and the maintenance is managed by Genesis Energy.

Shipments of coal between 27,000t – 38,500t each arrive from Indonesia. The ships are discharged using four ships cranes with motorised grabs, these full mobile hoppers with 50t – 300t capacity. The Stevedores who operate the hoppers then fill bottom dump trucks or tipper trucks with approximately 45t or 34t of coal per trip (tipper trucks are required if the truck in-load process below is to be used as the bottom dump trucks are not road legal).

**Conveyor in-load process (transport via bottom dump trucks):**

The trucks cart the coal to the truck unloading area which is the beginning of the Coal Reveal system for the Coal Handling Facility. [Note: this aspect of the dust management process is managed by the overarching PoT Dust Management Plan]

The trucks discharge the coal into one of two underground 45t hoppers which are equipped with dust suppression sprayers to reduce dust emissions. The hoppers are positioned above feeder conveyors (F1A & F1B) which are variable speed, and each can be set to supply between 400t – 1000t per hour to enclosed conveyor C1, this then transfers the coal from the feeder pit to enclosed Transfer Tower T1 at the entrance of the storage shed. C1 conveyor is equipped with a belt weigher which tracks the volume coming in. Transfer Tower T1 feeds coal to conveyor C2 inside the coal shed which stockpiles it evenly into the storage building via a movable plough. The plough can be programmed to stockpile the coal at a desired start and finish position and height in the shed. Two pile height detectors activate a winch to move the plough along the

stockpile when the pre-determined height is reached. The system can stockpile in either direction, North to South or South to North and between 1 to 18 metres in height.

**Truck in-load process (transport via road legal tipper trucks):**

The trucks cart the coal from the hoppers directly to the warehouse or Shed 3/Shed.

There is no available direct route to the south end of the warehouse, therefore; the full (covered) trucks will travel as follows:

Out the Port site via Hull Road gate, turn left into Totara Street, turn left into the coal shed site, deliver coal inside, leave coal shed site by turning right into Totara Street, continue to the end of Totara Street, turn left into Rata street and turn left into port land again.

There will not be any truck movement from the coal shed to Huntly (or elsewhere) unless the outload conveyor breaks down for a prolonged period of time or Kiwirail becomes unavailable for a prolonged period of time. Exit from the shed will follow the same route to enable truck going over Port weighbridge (on Port site) and then out Hull Road turning right into Totara Street.

Truck movements from the Port site (directly from shipside hopper or shed 3 or shed 4 directly to Huntly will follow the same route as described in the previous paragraph.

**Management in the warehouse:**

The coal stockpile is managed and reclaimed using two Liebherr, L580 Front end loaders (FELs) fitted with 8 cubic metre buckets. The process varies depending on whether the coal is being transported by rail or truck. [Trucking dispatch is not anticipated at this stage]

**Rail dispatch process executed by coal monitoring contractor:**

The FELs load the coal onto enclosed conveyor C3 using seven feed hoppers fitted with motorised gates which can be set at 400t or 800t per hour which allows two FEL's to be used. Conveyor C3 transfers the coal to the top of enclosed Transfer Tower 2 which feeds enclosed conveyor C4, this conveyor transports the coal to the three enclosed silos (A, B & C). There are two fixed belt ploughs which redirect the coal into the first two silos. The third silo is loaded directly off the end of the conveyor.

The three silos each have a capacity of 500t and are supported by 8 loadcells. Dust collectors are fitted to the silos which keep them under negative pressure to reduce the dust emissions while filling. The silos are also fitted with hydraulically actuated slide gates and telescopic chutes which have dust suppression sprayers that automatically activate when the gates are opened.

**Rail dispatch process executed by Kiwirail:**

Loading the coal into the rail wagons is done using remote control operated by Kiwi Rail employees. The rail wagons each hold 50t of coal and each train consists of between 28 – 30 wagons at a time. At

present there are typically two trains a day available to supply coal to the Huntly Power Station.

**Truck dispatch process (only if required):**

Trucks enter the site from the Totara Street entry to the south of the shed. Trucks enter the south end of the shed, are loaded by the FELs, and continue to exit from the northern end of the shed. In the event of a partial lease of the warehouse, trucks will enter and exit from the southern end of the shed.

Truck wheels are sprayed and any coal material on the bar between the truck and trailer is brushed off.

Trucks then proceed to the PoT weighbridge before dispatching to Huntly.



<p>b. A description of the potential sources of dust emissions</p>	<p>The primary source of potential dust emissions is the handling of coal. Specific risk areas and the operating procedures in place to minimise dust emissions are outlined in section 5.</p>
<p>c. Locational or operational constraints relevant to the management of the material</p>	<p>Management of the coal is constrained by the location, form, and function of the Coal Handling Facility.</p>



<p>d. The type, volume and frequency of handling of the material.</p>	<p>The frequency of coal shipments varies significantly depending on the need for imported coal and the availability of coal and ships. Genesis imports coal via both PoT and Port of Auckland. Shipments of coal are typically 27,000t to 38,500t. Ships can be unloaded to the shed at a rate of around 14,000t / day (i.e. 2 days per shipment). Two trains per day, each carrying 1,400 to 1,450t, supply coal to Huntly. It takes approximately 14 days to move a shipment from the shed to Huntly.</p>
<p><b>5. Standard operating procedures and mitigation methods for dust</b></p>	
<p>5a. For all activities:</p> <p>i Product movement paths, storage, and processing areas including conveyance systems, and whether these are indoors or outdoors;</p> <p>ii Use of dust suppression (e.g. sprinkler/ fog/ misting) systems;</p> <p>iii Use of wind speed limits relating to the subject site when operations must cease;</p> <p>iv Vehicle speed limits and vehicle unloading procedures to minimise dust;</p> <p>v Site sweeping/vacuuming and containment protocols including hours of operation and sweeping frequency;</p> <p>vi Inventory of mitigation measures in place on or about 28 November 2019;</p> <p>vii Inventory of current mitigation measures, including equipment,</p>	<p>The primary controls for minimising dust emissions from the coal handling facility are, as far as practicable, keeping the coal damp and enclosing processes.</p> <p>Standard operating procedures and mitigation measures for dust management include:</p> <p>[Where conveyer inload process used]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ship to truck unloading area (grizzly): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Managed by PoT</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Truck unloading area (grizzly): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bottom dump trucks are used to minimise fall height</li> <li>○ The unloading area is fitted with dust suppression sprays</li> <li>○ Judder bars with concrete bins underneath capture loose material from trucks</li> <li>○ Excess or spilled coal material is swept into the grizzly as required</li> <li>○ Dust suppression sprays are fitted between the chute and conveyor C1 that add ~800t of water per shipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conveyor C1 to tower T1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enclosed conveyor has low risk of dust emissions, especially as coal remains saturated from unloading area spray</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tower T1 to warehouse stockpile via conveyor C2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The warehouse is an enclosed space designed to retain coal dust and debris. Walls and flashings are inverted to keep contamination (including water) within the shed</li> <li>○ The warehouse is fitted with a luhr scrubber with recirculating pump – air is extracted from the building and dust is removed using a column / mist system</li> <li>○ Sprayers over the in-load conveyor (C2) are activated if incoming coal has dried out (but typically remains damp from C1 sprayers)</li> <li>○ Mist sprayers (attached to the overhead conveyor C2) are also available to re-dampen the stockpile as required</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>[Where truck inload process used]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tipper trucks are used</li> </ul>

<p>materials and procedures;</p> <p>viii Proposed further mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures</p> <p>ix Frequency of equipment maintenance programmes; and</p> <p>x Contingency procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The warehouse is an enclosed space designed to retain coal dust and debris. Walls and flashings are inverted to keep contamination (including water) within the shed</li> <li>• The warehouse is fitted with a luhr scrubber with recirculating pump – air is extracted from the building and dust is removed using a column / mist system</li> <li>• A floor water system is in place to reduce the risk of dust being mobilised from the floor as vehicles travel over it</li> <li>• A mobile sprayer will be used to keep the coal stockpile damp, if required</li> </ul> <p>[Where rail dispatch process used]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warehouse to rail silos via conveyor C3 and transfer tower T2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dust suppression sprays fitted around load-out bin openings and in T2</li> <li>○ Enclosed conveyor has low risk of dust emissions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rail silos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Silos are fitted with dust collectors (a luhr filter system) which keep them under negative pressure when being filled</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Filling wagons from silos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dust suppression sprays in the silo chutes automatically activate when the chutes are opened</li> <li>○ Once filled, the wagons are covered to minimise dust during transport</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>5b. For bulk solid materials only:</p> <p>i Exclusion or buffer areas within the subject site where no outdoor storage is permitted;</p> <p>ii Use of covers or containment systems for outdoor storage areas;</p> <p>iii For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications; and</p> <p>iv Materials spill management response protocols.</p>	<p>[Where truck dispatch process used]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shed to trucks (only if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spray wetting system in roof of truck load-out annex (only available if full warehouse is leased)</li> <li>○ Wheels are washed by hose (connected to fire hydrant) on leaving the shed</li> <li>○ Trucks are covered once full</li> <li>○ Water cart available, if required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No wind speed limits are in place (as the majority of operations are enclosed)</li> <li>○ No specific vehicle speed limits are in place beyond those already required by PoT</li> <li>○ Sweeping is undertaken on an as-needed basis</li> <li>○ Water carts are available to clean up tracking from trucks, if required</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The existing controls described in this DMP have been developed to appropriately manage and minimise the discharge of PM10 (specifically coal dust) associated with Genesis' supply chain operations at PoT. No further mitigation measures are proposed.</p> <p>A full condition maintenance survey was undertaken in February 2020. Routine maintenance of the dust management controls is undertaken as part of each shipment and any defects identified are remediated as soon as practical.</p> <p>Any spills, tracking or dust will be responded to by sweeping, water cart, or additional spraying, as appropriate.</p>



## 6 & 7. Dust monitoring programme and trigger level response procedures

Monitoring requirements and trigger levels will be covered in the overarching Port Industry Area DMP. The site-specific DMP should outline the procedures that will be followed in the event the operator is notified of a dust trigger level exceedance.

PoT will be responsible for the dust monitoring programme.

If Genesis or the coal monitoring contractor is notified of a dust trigger exceedance related to the Coal Handling Facility, the Genesis supervisor will be responsible for implementing the following general procedure:

- Locate and verify source of dust
- Identify cause of dust (eg incorrect procedure being followed, sprayer not working, high winds)
- Investigate and put in place immediate/short-term measures that can be put in place to manage dust (eg dampen coal, provide alternative water source, temporarily cease operations)
- Review and put in place permanent measures to improve dust management, if required (eg replace sprayers)
- Record the investigation and outcomes in Genesis' Maximo system and provide a summary to PoT on request.

If the source of a dust trigger exceedance is specifically identified as the loading of the coal into the rail wagons, KiwiRail will be responsible for implementing a similar procedure to that stated above.

## 8. Complaints Procedures

- a. The name of the contact person and contact details for complaints from the community.
- b. Complaints procedures for staff.
- c. Maintenance of a complaints/incidents register that includes any actions undertaken to respond to the complaint, including further dust control measures.
- d. A complaint response protocol, including methods for recording of any on-site activity, including type and approximate volume of material being handled, dust mitigation measures in place at the time,

PoT will maintain a complaints procedure and register.

If Genesis or coal monitoring contractor is notified of a complaint related to the Coal Handling Facility, the Genesis supervisor will be responsible for implementing the following general procedure:

- Record, in Maximo (the Genesis Event Management System), the activity being undertaken at the Coal Handling Facility, the mitigation measures in place (including any standard mitigation measures not in place), the weather conditions (including wind)
- Locate and verify the source of dust, if any
- Identify cause of dust, if any (eg incorrect procedure being followed, sprayer not working, high winds)
- Investigate and put in place immediate/short-term measures that can be put in place to manage dust (eg dampen coal, provide alternative water source, temporarily cease operations)
- Review and put in place permanent measures to improve dust management, if required (eg replace sprayers)
- Record the investigation and outcomes in Genesis' Maximo system
- Provide a summary of the above to PoT within 2 working days of the complaint to allow PoT to respond to the complainant and/or BOPRC as required.

If the complaint is specifically related to the loading of the coal into the rail wagons, KiwiRail will be responsible for implementing a similar procedure to that stated above.

<p>and wind conditions at the time of complaint; and procedures for investigating and remedying the cause of complaint and providing response to complainant.</p> <p>e. A protocol for determining further mitigation measures that may be required on site.</p>	
<p><b>9. Staff training procedures must include:</b></p>	
<p>a. Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in.</p> <p>b. Methods used to train staff.</p> <p>c. Frequency of staff training.</p> <p>d. How and where staff training records are to be kept.</p>	<p>All Genesis and coal monitoring contractor site staff will be advised of their obligations detailed within this DMP through the onboarding process prior to each shipment and forms part of the contractual engagement. Prior to each shipment a pre-commencement toolbox is held with the relevant personnel.</p> <p>The Genesis supervisor will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of this DMP. A copy of this DMP is retained on site at all times.</p> <p>If the coal is dispatched via truck, the truck driver induction includes training on washing truck wheels and cleaning off the bar between truck and trailer.</p>
<p><b>10. System review and reporting procedures</b></p>	
<p>a. The process for reviewing the overall dust management system performance;</p> <p>b. Types and frequency of reports not otherwise provided to the Regional Council such as site/ process/ equipment upgrades; and</p> <p>c. External audits and ISO certification (optional)</p>	<p>The overall dust management system is reviewed on an as required basis.</p> <p>If at any time there is a need to review the system and/or reporting procedure, the Genesis Wholesale Logistic Manager along with the Genesis supervisor will meet with the PoT. At which time, a review will be undertaken of the handling, identify any dust emission events, and discuss potential additional measures that may be required.</p> <p>There are no relevant reports, external audits, or ISO certifications.</p>

**Appendix G      Swap Stockfoods activity specific  
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Dust Management Plan for Portside Drive,  
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### Glossary of Abbreviations

<b>AQCNZ</b>	Air Quality Consulting NZ Limited
<b>NESAQ</b>	National Environmental Standards for Air Quality
<b>BoPRC</b>	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
<b>DMP</b>	Dust Management Plan
<b>E</b>	East
<b>GPG</b>	Good Practice Guide
<b>GPG Dust</b>	Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Dust
<b>IPAR</b>	Rule AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A) Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the MMA
<b>MMA</b>	Mount Maunganui Airshed
<b>N</b>	North
<b>NZTM</b>	New Zealand Transverse Mercator
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 µm
<b>RMA</b>	Resource Management Act
<b>S</b>	South
<b>W</b>	West

### Glossary of Abbreviations for Unit of Measurement

<b>km</b>	Unit of Distance: kilometre
<b>km/h</b>	Unit of Speed: kilometre per hour
<b>knots</b>	Unit of Speed
<b>µm</b>	Unit of Length: micrometre or microns
<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	Unit of Concentration: micrograms per cubic metre
<b>%</b>	Percentage
<b>m</b>	Unit of Distance: metre
<b>m/s</b>	Unit of Speed: metre per second

# Dust Management Plan

This Dust Management Plan is for managing dust discharges to air from three Bulk Solid Materials (BSM) handling and storage facilities located within the Mount Maunganui Airshed (MMA). This plan is prepared to comply with the Interim Permitted Activity Rule AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A) (the “IPAR” or “Rule AREA2-R1”) until the objectives of Plan Change 13 are met.

## Document Control Statement

To ensure this Dust Management Plan (DMP) is kept up-to-date and that the most recent version is used by staff and contractors, its distribution and revision will be controlled. The Site Foreman for the three SSL sites will:

- Manage the master copy and any other paper or electronic copies of the DMP
- Keep a summary of updates, versions and dates and distribution lists
- Ensure DMP updates are distributed to all relevant staff as controlled copies
- Ensure any uncontrolled copies are marked as uncontrolled copies
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## 1 Introduction

Swap Stockfoods Limited (SSL) engaged Air Quality Consulting NZ Limited (AQCNZ) to prepare a Dust Management Plan (DMP) for its three sites located within the Mount Maunganui Airshed (MMA), but outside of the designated port area. The locations of these three sites are shown in Figure 1-3. The sites falls under the IPAR as the handling of bulk solid material exceeds 50 tonnes per hour, and for the discharge has not been discontinued for a continuous period of more than six months since 28 November 2019.

Figure 4 shows the locations of the SSL sites relative to the MMA. The MMA was gazetted as a polluted airshed by the Ministry for the Environment on 28 November 2019. This DMP has been prepared to comply with the Interim Permitted Activity Rule AQ R22A (IPAR) and is intended to minimise dust emissions to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until the objectives of Plan Change 13 (PC13) are met. The three sites fall under the IPAR rule as the handling of bulk solid material exceeds 50 tonnes per hour and the sites were operating for a continuous period of more than 6 months since 28 November 2019.

This DMP is prepared to comply with the IPAR Rule AREA2-R1, which is intended to minimise dust emissions to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until the objectives of Plan Change 13 (PC13) are met.

### **Portside Drive Site**

The site located at 63 Portside Drive (NZTM 1,881,534 mE, 5,826,757 mS) is on land legally described as Lot 16 DPS 73763 and Lot 17 DPS 73763 held with Record of Title SA69A/357.

The total land area is 9,739 m<sup>2</sup> and is owned by Portside Properties Limited. Under the Tauranga City Plan the site is located within the Port Industry Zone.

There are two existing warehouses which occupies the majority of the site and has a total ground floor area of approximately 2,850 m<sup>2</sup> + 2,960 m<sup>2</sup> = 5,810 m<sup>2</sup>.

The site has legal frontage and a 15 m wide vehicle crossing onto Portside Drive which is a shared 50 m right of way (ROW) with 59 Portside Drive. There is a truck weigh bridge located on the right side of the ROW adjacent to the building.

The surrounding environment comprises of large and small scale industrial activities in the immediate and wider area. The Tauranga Airport is located 1 km south of the site and the Port of Tauranga is just over 1 km west of the site. This site is presented in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 Locations of SSL's Two Storage Warehouse (Portside Drive)





### Newton Street Site

The site is located at 64 Newton Street (NZTM 1,881,656 mE, 5,862,676 mS) and is on land legally described as Lot 2DPS 48999 held with Record of Title SA41D/680.

The total land area is 3,422 m<sup>2</sup> and is owned by Hamertons Trustee Services Limited, and Natalie and Stuart Munro.

There is an existing warehouse that occupies the majority of the site and has a total ground floor area of approximately 1,763 m<sup>2</sup>. The site has legal road frontage and a 10 m wide vehicle crossing on to Newton Street. A common accessway for land at the rear of the site is present across the southeastern boundary. This access is used by a number of other parties for their own purposes.

This site is presented in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 Location of SSL Storage Warehouse (Newton Street)





### Triton Avenue Site

The site is located at 38 Triton Ave (NZTM 1,881,610 mE, 5,827,277 mS) and is on land legally described as Lot 7 Deposited Plan 555107 held with Record of Title 966259.

The total land area is 13,530 m<sup>2</sup> and is owned by Triton Pacific Limited.

There are a number of business activities on the site as well as the site entranceway which serves as an accessway to multiple business' beyond this title and the business location on 966259. The SSL warehouse is the majority leaseholder of this site.

The site has no direct road frontage with the access dual lane on to Triton Ave. This site is presented in Figure 3 Figure 2 below.

Figure 3 Location of SSL Storage Warehouse (Triton Ave)



The location of each site relative to the MMA is shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4 SSL's Site Locations relative to the MMA



## 1.1 Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the MMA

The IPAR standards were developed to ensure, as far as possible, that a comparison of the “before” and “after” IPAR circumstances can be measured and compared. The list of standards applicable to the Site is sourced from the PC13 – Final version of provisions following Third Interim Decision (amended for NPStds)<sup>1</sup> and is presented in **Appendix A** as a reference.

It will be necessary for the operators of SSL to satisfy the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC) that:

1. Site activities and the discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> must be the same or similar in character and the same or less in scale and intensity than that occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019, as estimated in accordance with all standards of this rule;
2. The discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> from the handling bulk solid materials must be on the same subject site as the existing discharge as at 1 October 2020 and must have been occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019;
3. The discharge does not cause any offensive or objectionable effect beyond the boundary of the subject site;
4. The various limits required by conditions Rule AREA2-R11(s) to (y) are not exceeded.
5. PM<sub>10</sub> mitigation measures in place on the subject site must be no less effective than the mitigation measures in place and operating efficiently (and not on a trial basis) at any date prior to or on 12 February 2024.

SSL must demonstrate compliance with the IPAR standards to continue to operate and to be able to apply for a restricted discretionary consent<sup>2</sup> under rule AQ 22B within three years of the IPAR becoming operative. In the event that SSL cannot demonstrate compliance with the IPAR standards, SSL will require consent as a discretionary activity<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A4611036/content>

<sup>2</sup> A restricted discretionary activity must comply with any requirements, conditions and permissions specified in the RMA, regulations or relevant plan and requires a resource consent before it can be carried out. Council can exercise discretion as to whether or not to grant consent, and to impose conditions, but only in respect of those matters over which it has restricted its discretion in the plan or over which discretion is restricted in national environmental standards or other regulations.

<sup>3</sup> A discretionary activity must comply with any requirements, conditions and permissions specified in the RMA, regulations or relevant plan and requires a resource consent before it can be carried out. The consent authority can exercise full discretion as to whether or not to grant consent and as to what conditions to impose on the consent if granted.



## 1.2 Purpose

This DMP is prepared to in accordance with the Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Dust<sup>4</sup> (GPG Dust) and based on the requirements set out in Rule AREA2-R1 and AIRSCHED2<sup>1</sup>.

The purpose of this DMP is to ensure that the discharge of PM<sub>10</sub> into the Mount Maunganui Airshed is minimised to the greatest extent reasonably practicable to contribute to meeting the objectives of AIR chapter without undue delay, to meet the general standards of Rule AREA2-R1 standards (1)(a) to (1)(f) and to be consistent with Policy AIR-P3 to achieve improvements in air quality.

This DMP aims to support the operators of the site in:

- Identifying main dust discharging activities occurring at the site.
- Determining an appropriate level of dust mitigation to reduce the potential for adverse effects.
- Ensuring dust control and mitigation measures in place must be no less effective than the most effective mitigation measures in place as of November 2019 and operating efficiently.
- Ensuring site activities are the same or similar in character and the same or less in scale and intensity than that occurring before 28 November 2019.
- Monitoring ambient PM<sub>10</sub> at the site and take corrective actions if PM<sub>10</sub> exceed alert or trigger values.
- Provide support to complainants and undertake immediate corrective actions to minimise dust discharges.

## 1.3 Staff Training on DMP

A training and induction programme on managing dust in accordance with this DMP shall be provided for all personnel working at the SSL sites at least once a year.

The purpose of the training and induction is to make all personnel aware of and understand the purpose of the DMP and the requirements of Rule AREA2-R11(s) to (y), as well as the ramifications of a failure to comply with the requirements.

The training for required personnel onsite will include at least the following aspects:

- Information about the activities at the SSL sites;
- To ensure that all required contractors and staff are properly trained and understand the requirements of the DMP;
- To ensure that the control, mitigation measures and procedures outlined in the DMP are implemented effectively;
- The corrective actions to be taken if an unusual air discharge event takes place; and

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<sup>4</sup> Ministry for the Environment, Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing dust, 2016



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- All training documentation shall be appropriately filed by SSL for auditing and review purposes. Records are held in the wider SSL management system. The SSL risk management system is a server based centralised induction and training platform, where inductee training is held and monitored. Training is customised to suit various business needs.

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## 2 Staff Responsibilities

SSL has the responsibility to ensure that all standards set out in the IPAR are complied with and site activities are carried out in accordance with this DMP.

Table 1 outlines the activities required to be implemented in accordance with this DMP, along with the nominated person responsible for the activity. For tasks 4, 5 and 8, collaboration between the nominated staff members will be required. For example, if a complaint is received, the various parties will work together to establish the likely cause of the complaint and follow the specified complaint procedure.

Table 1 Staff Responsibilities

Tasks	Role Classification
1. Daily Site Inspection	Site Foreman
2. Implementation of Dust Mitigation Measures	Site Foreman Onsite Staff Contractors
3. Review and Development of Dust Mitigation Measures	Site Foreman Environmental Manager SQEP
4. Response to Continuous Particulate Monitoring Alerts	Site Foreman
5. Managing Complaints	Environmental Manager
6. Record Keeping	Site Foreman
7. Staff Training	Staff Training Facilitator
8. Annual Review of DMP	Environmental Manager



## 2.1 Responsibilities

SSL operates the site and has the ultimate responsibility of ensuring that all site activities are carried out consistently with this DMP and in a way that does not result in off-site effects.

### Site Foreman

The **Site Foreman** will have overall responsibility for the following:

- Overall responsibility at the site for ensuring that the dust control and mitigation measures and procedures outlined in this DMP are implemented effectively.
- Assisting with developing dust management measures, together with the Environmental Manager and Suitably Qualified Environmental Practitioner (SQEP).
- Responsibility to ensure that complaints are received and investigated as per the requirements of this DMP.
- Inform overall Site Foreman of any complaints received
- Responsibility for ensuring all staff and contractors on site are adequately trained regarding the dust control methods used on site and are aware of the requirements of the DMP.
- Investigation of dust alerts/triggers and implementation of further control when required.
- Overall operational responsibility to ensure that dust emissions are avoided and investigated as far as is practicable.
- Where Tier 2 and Tier 3 controls are required, implementation of these measures.
- The Store Manager may delegate responsibility for implementing dust mitigation measures.

### Environmental Manager

The **Environmental Manager** will have the overall responsibility for the following:

- Assisting with the development of dust management measures.
- Preparation and Annual review of the DMP (shared role with SQEP).
- Responsibility for ensuring all staff on site are adequately trained regarding the requirements of this DMP.
- Conduct Site Activities Audit to assess compliance with the DMP.
- Responsibility to ensure Complaints are managed as per the requirements of this DMP (shared role with Store Manager)
- Maintaining accurate records and submissions to the BoPRC (shared role with HQ Expert).

### Onsite Staff and Contractors

All contractors and staff working on-site are to ensure that their activities comply with the requirements of the DMP.

Onsite staff and contractors are responsible for ensuring that mitigation measures set out in this document are appropriately undertaken and that any incidents or events that could lead to dust nuisance effects are reported.



### Suitability Qualified Environmental Practitioner

The SQEP is responsible for assisting with the development and review of the DMP, assisting with dust investigations and operating and maintaining the air quality monitoring equipment.

### Key Staff Contacts

Table 2 presents the contact details for each role.

Table 2 Contact Details of Nominated Roles

<b>Roles</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
Environmental Manager	<b>Dudley Clemens</b> Email: <a href="mailto:dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz">dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz</a> Mobile: 021 192 3368
Staff Training Facilitator	<b>Dudley Clemens</b> Email: <a href="mailto:dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz">dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz</a> Mobile: 021 192 3368
Site Foreman	<b>Quentin Edge</b> Email: <a href="mailto:quentin.edge@jswap.co.nz">quentin.edge@jswap.co.nz</a> Mobile: 027 839 7210
Nominated staff to manage monitoring data	<b>Dudley Clemens</b> Email: <a href="mailto:dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz">dudley.clemens@jswap.co.nz</a> Mobile: 021 192 3368  <b>Shannon Crawford</b> Email: <a href="mailto:shannon@jswap.co.nz">shannon@jswap.co.nz</a> Mobile: 027 435 5793

### 3 DMP Requirements under IPAR

This section outlines the requirements that apply to dust management plans prepared under Rule AREA2-R1. The list of requirements are sourced from the PC13 – Final version of provisions following Third Interim Decision (amended for NPStds)<sup>5</sup> under AIRSCHED2 – *Dust Management Plans for AREA2-R1*.

The list of standards for the DMP is presented in **Appendix B** as a reference.

#### 3.1 Part A – Contents Required in this DMP

Table 3 outlines the contents required to be included in a DMP prepared under IPAR, and identifies section(s) which address these requirements.

*Table 3 Contents required in a DMP to comply with Rule AREA2-R1*

Item no.	DMP requirements under Rule AREA2-R1	Section(s) in this DMP which address the matters required
1	Title	Swap Stockfoods Limited Dust Management Plan for Portside Drive, Newton Street and Triton Ave
2	A purpose to ensure that the discharge of PM <sub>10</sub> into the Mount Maunganui Airshed is minimised to the greatest extent reasonably practicable to contribute to meeting the objectives of the AIR chapter without undue delay, to meet the general standards of Rule AREA2-R1 standards (1)(a) to (1)(f) and to be consistent with Policy AIR-P3 to achieve improvements in air quality.	Section 1.2
3	A map that includes a scale, a north point, the location of the subject site, distance to all sensitive areas, including any isolated dwellings within the industrial area and predominant wind directions at the subject site.	Refer to Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 4 for maps of the site. Section 5 provides information on the predominant wind directions. Section 6 provides information on nearby sensitive areas.
4	Process description and method of operation including:	Section 4
4 (a)	A detailed description of the subject site, activity, and discharges to air;	Section 4.1

<sup>5</sup> Decision Number [2023] NZEnvC 001, issued on 23 February 2024



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4 (b)	A description of the potential sources of dust emissions;	Section 4
4 (c)	Any locational or operating constraints relevant to the management of handling of bulk solid materials and/or logs; and	Not applicable
4 (d)	The type(s), volume(s) and frequency of handling of bulk solid materials or logs at the subject site.	Section 4.1
5	Methods of mitigation and standard operating procedures for the subject site which must include details of dust emission reduction processes and practices including:	Section 7.1– Table 9
5 (a)	for all activities: i. Product movement paths, storage, and processing areas including conveyance systems, and whether these are indoors or outdoors; ii. Use of dust suppression (e.g. sprinkler/fog/misting) systems; iii. Use of wind speed limits relating to the subject site when operations must cease; iv. Vehicle speed limits and vehicle unloading procedures to minimise dust; v. Site sweeping/vacuuming and containment protocols including hours of operation and sweeping frequency; vi. Inventory of mitigation measures in place on or about 28 November 2019; vii. Inventory of current mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures; viii. Proposed further mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures ix. Frequency of equipment maintenance programmes; and x. Contingency procedures.	Section 7.1 – Table 9  Section 7.2 – The measures in Table 10, will be implemented if the general measures in Table 9 are not able to control dust emissions to below the trigger values. These measures are tiered in terms of their hierarchy for implementation. Tier 1 measures will be implemented at all times. If dust monitoring



Item no.	DMP requirements under Rule AREA2-R1	Section(s) in this DMP which address the matters required
		<p>alert levels or triggers are exceeded, the activity identified as causing the exceedance shall be suspended, and Tier 2 mitigation measures will be implemented.</p> <p>Level 3 measures have longer lead times to implement and would only be triggered if dust levels repeatedly exceeded triggers despite Tier 1 and 2 measures being implemented.</p> <p>Table 10</p>
5 (b)	<p>for bulk solid materials only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Exclusion or buffer areas within the subject site where no outdoor storage is permitted;</li> <li>ii. Use of covers or containment systems for outdoor storage areas;</li> <li>iii. For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications; and</li> <li>iv. Materials spill management response protocols.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable – no outside storage
6	A monitoring programme which must:	Section 9.1
6 (a)	Be designed by a SQEP to monitor ambient PM <sub>10</sub> concentrations in accordance with relevant good practice;	Section 9.1.1
6 (b)	Include a description of types and locations of devices for PM <sub>10</sub> and meteorological conditions monitoring;	
6 (c)	Provide data that allows for a technically robust comparison with the trigger values in Part A clause (7);	
6 (d)	Be continuous monitoring with a minimum of ten-minute resolution;	Section 9.1.1
6 (e)	Be telemetered with alarms;	Section 9.4.1
6 (f)	Be installed, commissioned, operated, serviced, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and any appropriate standards;	Section 9.1.1

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6 (g)	Have as a minimum one monitor funded by the owner or occupier of the subject site;	Section 9.1
6 (h)	Produce validated data in accordance with the Good Practice Guide for Air Quality Monitoring and Data Management, including the valid data requirements of 75% for averaging and 95% for data capture;	Section 9.1.1
6 (i)	Specify monitors compliant with either NESAQ Schedule 2 or equivalency as demonstrated through AS 3580.9.17-2018 or EN 12341:2014;	Section 9.1.1
6 (j)	Require that all monitoring data collected must be provided to the Regional Council as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Raw monthly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council by the 5th day of the following month;</li> <li>ii. Validated quarterly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November of every year; and</li> <li>iii. Any exceedance of the trigger values set out in Part A clause (7) must be notified to the Regional Council in writing within 5 working days of the exceedance.</li> </ul>	Section 9.4.3
6 (k)	Requires records to be kept, including documentation of maintenance and control parameters.	Section 12
7	The following PM <sub>10</sub> trigger values for use in Part B and IPAR standard (3)(e): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 150 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 1-hour average concentration under Schedule 1 NESAQ) recorded by the monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6;</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) 65 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 12-hour average concentration under Schedule 1 NESAQ) recorded by the monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6.</li> </ul>	Section 9.4.1 – Clause 7 (a) is used
8	Complaints procedures must include:	Section 10
8 (a)	The name of the contact person and contact details for complaints from the community;	
8 (b)	Complaints procedures for staff;	





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Item no.	DMP requirements under Rule AREA2-R1	Section(s) in this DMP which address the matters required
8 (c)	Maintenance of a complaints/incidents register that includes any actions undertaken to respond to the complaint, including further dust control measures;	
8 (d)	A complaint response protocol, including methods for recording of any onsite activity, including type and approximate volume of material being handled, dust mitigation measures in place at the time, and wind conditions at the time of complaint; and procedures for investigating and remedying the cause of complaint and providing response to complainant;	
8 (e)	A protocol for determining further mitigation measures that may be required onsite;	
8 (f)	Time frames for communication to the Regional Council and complainant; and	
8 (g)	Reporting requirements that include the complaints/incidents register which must be submitted to the Regional Council at least once per calendar year.	
9	Staff training procedures must include:	Section 1.3
9 (a)	Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in;	
9 (b)	Methods used to train staff;	
9 (c)	Frequency of staff training; and	
9 (d)	How and where staff training records are to be kept.	
10	System review and reporting procedures must include:	Section 12
10 (a)	The process for reviewing the overall dust management system performance;	Section 11
10 (b)	Types and frequency of reports not otherwise provided to the Regional Council such as site/process/equipment upgrades; and	Section 12
10 (c)	External audits and ISO certification (optional).	This is optional. Not currently undertaken.

### 3.2 Part B – Investigation and Reporting

In the event that either of the trigger values set out in Part A Clause (7) are exceeded, then an investigation shall be undertaken as soon as reasonably practicable by, or under the direction of, a SQEP to undertake an investigation on the incident(s).

Table 4 outlines the investigation and reporting requirements that need to be undertaken in order to comply with the IPAR and identifies the section of this DMP that addresses these requirements.

*Table 4 Dust exceedance incidents response requirements*

Item no.	DMP requirements under Rule AREA2-R1	Section(s) in DMP which address the matters required
(a)	In the event that either of the trigger values set out in Part A Clause (7) are exceeded, then an investigation shall be undertaken as soon as reasonably practicable by, or under the direction of, a SQEP to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Determine the cause of and reasons for the trigger value being exceeded;</li> <li>(ii) Identify corrective actions required to minimise the potential for the trigger value being exceeded in the future; and</li> <li>(iii) Set out the timeframes for implementation of the identified corrective actions;</li> </ul>	Section 9.4.4
(b)	The investigation results and findings shall be documented by the SQEP in an Investigation Report;	Section 9.4.4
(c)	The Investigation Report in (b) shall be provided to the Regional Council within two months of the trigger value being exceeded;	Section 9.4.4
(d)	The owner of the subject site and/or the parties responsible for the activity/operation that caused the exceedance of the trigger values must implement the corrective actions within the timeframes identified by the SQEP in the Investigation Report and shall provide written confirmation to the Regional Council within 5 working days of completion of the actions.	Section 9.4.4

## 4 Description of Site Activities

SSL operates sites located within the MMA, east of the Port. The Portside Drive site has separate two storage facilities, while the Newton Street site operates one. A range of products are unloaded from shipping vessels and transported from the Port by SSL to be stored and processed at the SSL sites. Subsequently, SSL distributes the products to its customers.

The warehouse operating hours are dependent on the unloading of the vessels. Vessels can arrive at the Port outside of conventional working hours and usually the vessels will be unloaded as soon as practicable to minimise the time vessels spend at berth. Under these circumstances, operations at the SSL sites can occur 24/7.

### 4.1 Dust Sources at SSL Sites

The bulk solid materials (BSM) transported from the Port to the SSL sites are listed below:

- Corn
- Wheat
- Dried Distillers Grains
- Soya Bean Meal
- Citrus pulp pellets
- High starch pellets
- Cotton Seed
- Soya Hulls
- Palm Kernel Extract
- Sunflower Pellets
- Barley
- High Fibre pellets
- Tapioca
- Corn Gluten
- And other products as the market dictates

All of the products listed above have the potential to generate particulate emissions while they are being handled, with emissions primarily related to the proportion of particles less than 100 µm in diameter.

Particulate discharges with diameter greater than 50 µm are generally associated with nuisance effects rather than health effects. It is the inhalable suspended particulate, generally, less than 10 µm in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>), which is associated with health effects as the particulate matter can penetrate deep into the lungs of humans and animals.

Specifically, Palm Kernel Extract, Soya Bean Meal, Tapioca, Dried Distillers Grain, Cotton Seed and Corn Gluten are considered as likely to have higher risk of generating particulate dust emissions. SSL has heightened awareness regarding these materials particularly when handling them. This ensures that appropriate measures can be taken to mitigate potential dust-related effects.

## 4.2 Dust Generating Activities

The dust generating activities at the SSL sites are often associated with the transporting and handling of BSM. Table 5 presents a summary of the dust generating activities at the SSL sites. All the dust generating activities undertaken at the SSL sites are managed by mitigation measures discussed in Section 7.

Table 5 Dust generating activities at SSL Sites

Activities	Description
Transfer of products via trucks to storage warehouses	<p>The BSM is transported via trucks to the storage facility building. Once the trucks are inside the warehouse, the trucks open the tarpaulin and deposit the BSM onto the warehouse floor.</p> <p>The empty trucks are “blown down” in the warehouse normally using a hand-held compressed air hose before exiting the warehouse. During this process, the storage warehouse doors remain open under current operating procedures.</p> <p>Figure 5 and Figure 6 show photographs of the main access doors to the Newton Road and Triton Avenue facilities that dust has the potential to be discharged.</p>
Handling of products within storage warehouses	<p>The BSM may need to be pushed into piles inside the storage facility, using specially adapted front-end loader buckets and pushers, to achieve maximum storage capacity. Figure 7 shows a front-end loader in the warehouse used to load/unload BSM in the warehouse.</p>
Processing of material	<p>Certain products are screened and/or crushed within the storage warehouse in order to add value to the product.</p> <p>Processing occurs intermittently or continuously at all warehouses depending on operational requirements and load sharing between warehouses.</p>
Blending of Material	<p>Blending and mixing of product types occurs by the mixing of dry products on the floor of the facility by loader scooping up and blending into a specific stockpile mix.</p> <p>Blending of liquids and or liquids into dry products occurs with a range of agricultural or other machinery, specific to that product type. For example, blending liquid molasses into dry Palm Kernel Extract to add nutrients and calorific intake.</p>

Activities	Description
	Blending occurs intermittently or continuously at all warehouses, depending on operational requirements and load sharing between warehouses.
Distribution of products from storage to end users	The BSM is loaded into trucks within the warehouse using front end loaders for transportation to various sites at customer's request.  Fulfilment of customer request from a given warehouse is an operational business decision.

Figure 5 Main access doors onsite where discharges can occur (Newton Road)





*Figure 6 Main access doors onsite where discharges can occur (Triton Avenue)*



*Figure 7 Photograph of a front-end loader in a warehouse*





## 5 Site Meteorology

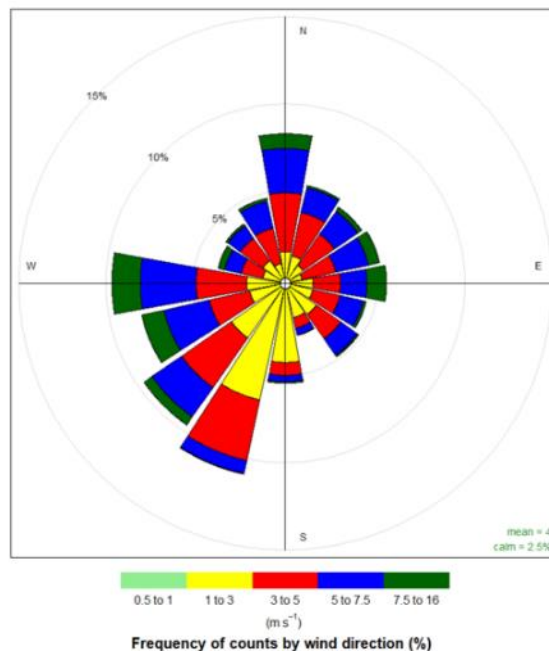
Figure 8 presents wind rose data collected from Tauranga airport meteorological station which provides information on the general patterns for the Mount Maunganui area.

The wind rose of a 1-hour average wind speed and wind direction data collected from the dust monitor at the Tauranga airport weather station indicates the following:

- The winds at the sites are most frequently observed from the north, north-northeast and south.
- The average hourly wind speed was 2.1 m/s (Refer to **Appendix C** for a m/s to knots conversion table) for the period.
- High winds (> 5 m/s) are most common from the north.
- Very high winds (> 7.5 m/s) are exclusively from the north. Wind speeds > 5 m/s are those most conducive to elevated levels of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions, whereby the wind can pick up dusty material from paved surfaces.
- Light winds (< 3 m/s) are measured from most wind directions; however, they are most frequent from the south.

One dust monitor will be installed at each of the three sites. Where practicable, the location of each monitor has been based on the prevailing wind flows, maximising the time that the monitor is downwind of potential dust sources. More information on these dust monitors is presented in Section 9 of this DMP.

Figure 8 Tauranga Airport AWS wind data presented as a wind rose (1 January 2021 and 31 December 2022)



## 6 Surrounding Environment

The three SSL sites are located within the MMA, in the area zoned Industrial. In the Industrial area there are a number of sources that contributed to the dust in the area: BSM, log handling, open spaces, vehicles and cargo handling equipment.

Sensitive Areas refers to locations that may be particularly sensitive to adverse effects associated with air contaminant discharges either due to the vulnerability of the population or area exposed to the contaminant, or due to the potential for people to be exposed for prolonged periods and may include:

- (a) residential buildings and areas (including marae)
- (b) childcare centres, schools, educational facilities
- (c) hospitals, nursing homes, aged care facilities
- (d) offices, consulting rooms, gymnasiums, community centres
- (e) hotels, motels, caravan parks, camping areas, tourist accommodation
- (f) correctional facilities
- (g) public amenity areas
- (h) manufacturing or storage of food or beverages
- (i) manufacturing or storage of electronics
- (j) public water supply catchments and intakes
- (K) Incompatible crops or farming systems (e.g. organic farms, greenhouses)
- (L) household water supplies (including roofs from which a water supply is obtained).

Based on this definition, nine sensitive receptors within 1 km of the SSL sites have been identified and presented in Figure 9. For the purposes of identifying potential receptors, this distance is considered highly conservative as dust nuisance effects are unlikely to occur beyond a distance of 300 m.

All identified sensitive receptors are located to the north and east of the SSL sites, where the zoning is predominately residential. To the west and the south of the SSL sites the zoning is industrial and there are no sensitive receptors identified within 1 km of the sites. Whareroa Marae is approximately 1.2 km to the southwest of the nearest warehouse, a distance that is well beyond the extent that dust discharges could cause adverse effects.

Figure 9 Sensitive Area Locations relative to the SSL Site Locations

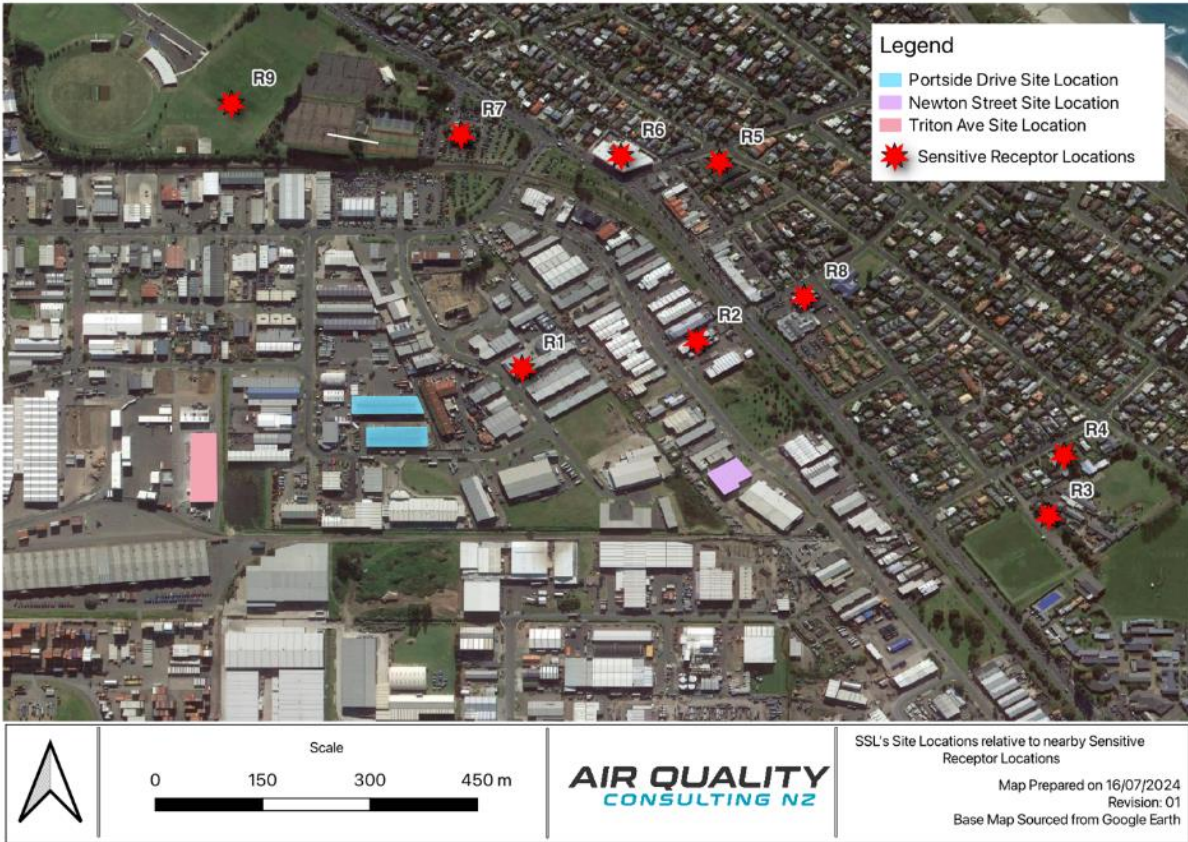




Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8 present the approximate distance and direction of the sensitive receptors to the SSL sites. The tables include a risk rating (low, medium, or high) for the likelihood of each receptor being particularly sensitive to adverse effects associated with air contaminant discharges based on the following distances:

- High risk (<200 m)
- Medium Risk (200 m to 500 m)
- Low risk (>500 m)

**Table 6 Sensitive Receptors and their approximate distances to the Portside Drive Site**

Receptor	Sensitive Receptor Description	Distance to Portside Drive Site Boundary	Direction from SSL Site Boundary	Risk Rating based on Distance (low, medium, or high)
1	Renegade Fitness 24/Hr Gym	210 m	NE	Medium
2	Curate Church	450 m	NE	Medium
3	Gwen Rogers Kindergarten	940 m	SE	Low
4	Omanu School	945 m	E	Low
5	Blue Haven Motel	655 m	NNE	Low
6	New World	570 m	NNE	Low
7	Mount Sports Centre	520 m	N	Low
8	Dee Street Medical Centre	620 m	NE	Low
9	Blake Park	470 m	N	Medium

Table 7 Sensitive Receptors and their approximate distances to the Newton Street Site

Receptor No.	Sensitive Receptor Description	Distance to Newton Street Site Boundary	Direction from SSL Site Boundary	Risk Rating based on Distance (low, medium, or high)
1	Renegade Fitness 24/Hr Gym	335 m	NW	Medium
2	Curate Church	240 m	N	Medium
3	Gwen Rogers Kindergarten	455 m	E	Medium
4	Omanu School	470 m	E	Medium
5	Blue Haven Motel	550 m	N	Low
6	New World	580 m	N	Low
7	Mount Sports Centre	700 m	NNW	Low
8	Dee Street Medical Centre	330 m	NE	Medium
9	Blake Park	900	NW	Low

Table 8 Sensitive Receptors and their approximate distances to the Triton Ave Site

Receptor No.	Sensitive Receptor Description	Distance to Triton Ave Site Boundary	Direction from SSL Site Boundary	Risk Rating based on Distance (low, medium, or high)
1	Renegade Fitness 24/Hr Gym	443 m	ENE	Medium
2	Curate Church	690 m	ENE	Low
3	Gwen Rogers Kindergarten	1.2 km	ESE	Low
4	Omanu School	1.2 km	E	Low
5	Blue Haven Motel	850 m	NE	Low
6	New World	747 m	NE	Low
7	Mount Sports Centre	627 m	NE	Low
8	Dee Street Medical Centre	856 m	ENE	Low
9	Blake Park	580 m	N	Low



## 7 Dust Controls and Mitigation Measures

All staff and contractors are responsible for undertaking the dust control and mitigation measures provided in the following section.

### 7.1 General Dust Mitigation Measures (Tier 1 Measures)

Table 9 provides a summary of the key dust mitigation actions, which would be applied to various dust sources, as necessary to ensure ambient dust levels are low and well below trigger values.

Table 9 General Dust Control and Mitigation

Dust Source	Control and Management Methods	Mitigation measure implemented as of 28 November 2019 ( Yes/No)
Transportation of BSM into and out of the warehouses via trucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trucks are covered at all times, both full and empty, when travelling to and from the Site, as far as reasonably practicable.</li> <li>Trucks are blown down inside of the warehouse with compressed air before leaving the Site to remove any dust that might have accumulated on the outside of the vehicle. The air from the hose is directed in a way that blows dust back inside the warehouse.</li> <li>Vehicle speeds limits of 15 km per hour</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
Unloading of BSM in the warehouses for later distribution from storage to end users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Products are unloaded within the warehouses as far as practicable from the entranceway.</li> <li>A hand-held compressed air hose or hand held blower is used to sweep the floor of the warehouse and clean trucks of residual product prior to departing the warehouses</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
Processing Materials and handling of products within storage warehouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary controls will be based around operator behavior such as reducing drop heights for product into hoppers.</li> <li>Cleaning and maintenance of processing equipment to ensure tracking and movement of product is limited to internal locations where product can be contained.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>
General Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess weather and ground conditions (dryness and wind) at the start of each day and ensure that applicable mitigation measures and methods are ready for use. If it is a dry day (i.e., there has been no rain in the last 24 hours and ground conditions are visibly dry) and wind speed is (or is forecast to be</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>



Dust Source	Control and Management Methods	Mitigation measure implemented as of 28 November 2019 ( Yes/No)
	<p>during that day) above 5 m/s: a) sweep the floor and entrance of the warehouse if tracking is anticipated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly assess (at least twice daily) visible dust emissions and respond accordingly.</li> <li>• Only resume the activity(s) (other than dust suppression) once the appropriate mitigation measures are in place to prevent visible dust blowing beyond the site boundary.</li> <li>• Where not in conflict with operational requirements such as truck movements, keep doors to facilities closed.</li> <li>• Monitor wind meteorological conditions and particulate matter concentrations as discussed in Sections 9.4.1, and respond accordingly if the alert levels (80% of trigger limit) are exceeded. Ensure a 24-hour contact is available, with details posted in clear view at the site entrance.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>New measure introduced</p>
<p>Response to dust alert/ trigger levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the wind speed and/or the PM<sub>10</sub> alert/trigger limit (refer to Table 11) are exceeded, then the following precautions must be taken:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The data logging system sends an alert to the Site Foreman or delegated staff member.</li> <li>- Identification of the cause of dust causing the alert/trigger and checks to ensure the mitigation measures set out in Table 9 are being undertaken.</li> <li>- Commencement of hourly visual monitoring for dust beyond the site boundary over the next 4 hours.</li> <li>- If visible dust levels are attributable to SSL operations, and emissions cannot be controlled below alert/trigger values, the contingency measures outlined in The measures in Table 10, will be implemented if the general measures in Table 9 are not able to control dust emissions to below the trigger values. These measures are tiered in terms of their hierarchy for implementation. Tier 1 measures will be implemented at all times. If dust monitoring alert levels or triggers are exceeded, the activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>New measure introduced</p>



Dust Source	Control and Management Methods	Mitigation measure implemented as of 28 November 2019 ( Yes/No)
	<p>identified as causing the exceedance shall be suspended, and Tier 2 mitigation measures will be implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level 3 measures have longer lead times to implement and would only be triggered if dust levels repeatedly exceeded triggers despite Tier 1 and 2 measures being implemented.</li> <li>- Table 10 will be implemented.</li> </ul>	
Contingency Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At any time, including outside normal operating hours, if visible dust is blowing beyond the site boundary or if the monitoring values in Sections 9.4.1 have been exceeded and mitigation measures above have been implemented, suspend all dust generating operations and continue all dust suppression activities until the issues can be resolved or wind conditions have changed.</li> </ul>	New measure introduced
Compliance with the standards set out in AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environmental Manager will undertake a review every six months to ensure that the current and projected volume of BSM handled will not exceed the various standards set out in AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A).</li> </ul>	No

## 7.2 Contingency Measures

The measures in Table 10, will be implemented if the general measures in Table 9 are not able to control dust emissions to below the trigger values. These measures are tiered in terms of their hierarchy for implementation. Tier 1 measures will be implemented at all times. If dust monitoring alert levels or triggers are exceeded, the activity identified as causing the exceedance shall be suspended, and Tier 2 mitigation measures will be implemented.

Level 3 measures have longer lead times to implement and would only be triggered if dust levels repeatedly exceeded triggers despite Tier 1 and 2 measures being implemented.

Table 10 Contingency Measures

Tier Level	Control and Management Methods
1	<p>In the event that visible dust is observed traveling beyond the boundary of the site-by-site staff and the dust monitor is measuring exceedances of PM<sub>10</sub> dust trigger levels, where practicable the activity generating the emissions is to cease immediately. It is the responsibility of every employee and contractor on the site to immediately notify the Site Foreman so that Tier 2 dust mitigation measures can be implemented prior to the offending activity recommencing.</p>
<p>If ceasing the activity does not reduce the measured concentration to below the trigger values Tier 2 controls are to be implemented within 3 hours.</p>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporarily cease activities in part or whole</li> <li>• Shut facility doors until weather conditions change (eg reduction in wind speeds) and or immediate issue(s) or new additional measures are deployed</li> <li>• Immediate and more frequent sweeping of inside of warehouse and external areas before road entry</li> <li>• Increase frequency of vehicle blow down and cleaning</li> <li>• Upgrade of sweeping equipment, including deployment of a sweeper tractor broom(s)</li> <li>• To reduce tracking outside of the warehouse, deploy shaker bars on floors and or truck wheel water bath</li> <li>• Relocation of products and or activities that have high dust potential to other storage facilities. Noting that for dusty products, these would be reallocated once the warehouse is empty.</li> </ul>
<p>If Tier 2 mitigation is still not sufficient to control dust emissions from this source, the following Tier 3 mitigation measures are to be investigated and implemented if practicable, noting that some of these have long lead-times for implementation and require significant capital investment.</p>	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misting sprays on warehouse doors</li> <li>• Installation of a camera looking at warehouse doors</li> <li>• Installation of truck blow down curtain inside of warehouse</li> <li>• Installation of wind fences</li> </ul>



Tier Level	Control and Management Methods
1	In the event that visible dust is observed traveling beyond the boundary of the site-by-site staff and the dust monitor is measuring exceedances of PM <sub>10</sub> dust trigger levels, where practicable the activity generating the emissions is to cease immediately. It is the responsibility of every employee and contractor on the site to immediately notify the Site Foreman so that Tier 2 dust mitigation measures can be implemented prior to the offending activity recommencing.
If ceasing the activity does not reduce the measured concentration to below the trigger values Tier 2 controls are to be implemented within 3 hours.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved building ventilation (non-filtered) to remove heat from the building and reduce airflow via doorways.</li><li>• Installation of a dust extraction system and Hi-speed doors</li><li>• Construction of enclosed area outside warehouses to act as a chamber minimising the potential for fugitive emission from the door</li><li>• Installation of shaker bars and truck wheel water bath on floors</li><li>• Installation of air extraction and filtration on processing equipment</li></ul>

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## 8 Daily Site Inspections for Dust Emission and Dust Monitoring

### 8.1 Site Inspection

Site inspections of visible dust emissions will be carried out routinely throughout each day of operation and findings and mitigation actions logged in daily site inspection logs (Refer to **Appendix D**).

The inspections are to ensure that control measures are being implemented effectively. They also assist in the analysis of dust events and for investigating and responding to complaints. The specific procedures for carrying out daily site inspections are outlined below:

- Site staff will keep a routine watch for visible dust plumes.
- If visible dust plumes from the site are transgressing beyond the site boundary, the following details must be recorded using the incident response form outlined in **Appendix E**:
  - The source of the visible dust emissions
  - The level (extent) of the visible dust emissions based on the following:
    - (1) minor visible emissions (<5 m beyond the boundary)
    - (2) moderate visible emissions (<30 m beyond the boundary)
    - (3) major visible emissions (>30 m beyond the boundary);
  - The person responsible for investigation and response.
  - A brief description of the colour and opacity of the visible dust emissions (e.g., dim brown, Hazy grey, dense black etc.);
  - The date, time and general weather conditions (wind speed/direction, sunny etc);
  - The possible causes of the incident, corrective and preventive actions taken;
- The control and mitigation measures listed in Table 9 apply at all times and are to be carried out as necessary to prevent or remedy any visible dust emissions beyond the site boundary. If the level of visible dust emissions extends beyond the boundary, the duty or Site Foreman must be notified for further action.
- When notified for further action, the Site Foreman, or delegate person will investigate the situation and take necessary measures, as described in Table 10, to ensure dust levels do not give rise to adverse off-site impacts. Such actions will also be recorded in the daily log for SSL site inspection.



## 9 Environmental Monitoring

### 9.1 Continuous Particulate Monitoring on Site

E-BAM Plus continuous particulate monitors will be installed at both Portside Drive and Newton Road and located to the east of the warehouses at locations predominantly downwind of the dust sources.

For Triton Ave, given the lack of a suitable location to the east of the warehouse (i.e. no access or mains power), an E-BAM Plus Monitor will be installed on the southwestern site boundary. However, given that containers are stacked to the west of the warehouse, it is likely the predominant wind flow outside the warehouse doors will be either from the north or the south. The suitability of this monitoring location will be reviewed after the collection of data over a three-month period.

The E-BAM Plus automatically measures and records the airborne PM<sub>10</sub> particulate concentration levels using the principle of beta ray attenuation<sup>6</sup>.

A photograph of a E-BAM Plus dust monitor is shown in Figure 10 and the respective locations of the monitors in relation to the three SSL sites are presented in Figure 11 below.

*Figure 10 Example of a Dust Monitor and Weather Station*



<sup>6</sup> A small 14C (Carbon 14) element emits a constant source of high-energy electrons known as beta rays. Beta rays are detected and counted by a sensitive scintillation detector. A vacuum pump pulls a measured amount of dust-laden air through the filter tape, which is positioned between the source and the detector thereby causing an attenuation of the beta ray signal. The degree of attenuation of the beta ray signal is used to determine the mass concentration of particulate matter on the filter tape and the volumetric concentration of particulate matter in ambient air.

Figure 11 SSL Dust Monitor Locations



### 9.1.1 E-BAM Plus PM<sub>10</sub> Monitor

The E-BAM Plus is a United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) designated equivalent method for PM<sub>10</sub> (EQPM-1215-226) and complies with the *United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40—Protection of Environment, Volume 2, Part 50, Appendix J—Reference method for the determination of particulate matter as PM<sub>10</sub> in the atmosphere*. This is one of the approved methods listed under schedule 2 of the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NESAQ), and consequently, data from this monitor can be used to measure concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub>, which can be directly compared with the PM<sub>10</sub> standard of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, as a 24-hour average and the trigger values set out in Part A Clause (7).

The primary advantages of the E-BAM Plus are that it can be set up and deployed quickly, does not require an air-conditioned enclosure like more traditional monitors, and has a small footprint. The monitor can also measure sub-hourly concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub>, which is useful for understanding short-duration activities that can generate particulate discharges. The E-BAM Plus has a measurement range of -15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 65,000 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, a measurement resolution of 1.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and the following lower detection limits: (1 hour) less than 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and (24 hours) less than 2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> - which are based on two times the standard deviation.

The sampling inlet for the E-BAM Plus monitor is at 2 m above ground level, and it measures the following:

- Ambient PM<sub>10</sub> concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
- Ambient temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Relative Humidity (%)

## 9.2 Meteorological Monitoring

A harvest electronics meteorological station has been installed at each site which meets the following requirements.

The meteorological stations are capable of measuring the following parameters:

- a) Wind speed (10-minute scalar average)
  - o maximum resolution of 0.1 m/s;
  - o accuracy of at least within +/- 0.2 m/s;
  - o Stall speed no greater than 0.5 m/s;
- b) Wind direction (10-minute vector average)
  - o maximum resolution of 1.0 degree
  - o accuracy within +/- 1.0 degree
- c) Screened temperature with accuracy of +/- 0.5 degree;
- d) Humidity (%RH) with accuracy of +/- 5 percent.

In addition, the monitoring station meets the following requirements:

- a) The anemometer is installed at a height at least 5 m above natural ground level;
- b) The station is operated in general accordance with AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016<sup>7</sup>;
- c) Data from the instruments is collected and recorded using an electronic data logging system with an averaging time for each parameter of 10 minutes;
- d) The logging system is also configured to send alerts to the Site Foreman or delegated staff member via text message or email;

The meteorological stations have been co-located with the dust monitors.

All meteorological monitoring equipment should be checked/calibrated annually to ensure it is functioning properly and it should be calibrated at a frequency and according to manufacturer's specifications. A record of when maintenance is undertaken, the type of maintenance and who undertook it is kept by AQCNZ.

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<sup>7</sup> AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air: Part 1.1: Guide to Siting Air Monitoring Equipment

### 9.3 Visual Monitoring

Cameras will be installed at each site looking towards the main dust sources. These cameras take an image every 10 minutes. The purpose of this camera is to help investigate any periods where PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations are elevated and identify any visual dust emissions or activities that could've generated PM<sub>10</sub>.

### 9.4 Installation, Maintenance of Monitor and Monitoring Data Access

The E-BAM PLUS monitors currently installed at two of the SSL Site's were installed by AQCNZ and sited in general accordance with AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2016<sup>8</sup>. The weather stations are maintained and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.

The E-BAM PLUS are continuously monitor and electronically log PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations every 10 minutes. The raw electronic monitoring data can be accessed via Harvest Electronics (NZ) Ltd's (Harvest) website <https://live.harvest.com>.

The E-BAM PLUS will be maintained by Air Matters Limited (local subcontractor to AQCNZ) every three months. Documents of dust monitor maintenance and data check logs will be saved electronically and made available to BoPRC upon request.

#### 9.4.1 Trigger Values

Table 11 presents the trigger values and guideline set out in Part A Clause 7 and NESAQ, respectively. Wind warning triggers are also used to alert staff during high-risk conditions.

As a measure to prevent the Part A Clause 7 (a) thresholds from being exceeded, an alert level alarm set at 80% of the trigger value has been adopted.

This alarm notifies SSL staff when ambient PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations reach 80% of the trigger level (Alert Level), enabling them to assess operations and make necessary adjustments promptly. By proactively addressing elevated PM<sub>10</sub> levels before they reach the trigger values, staff can prevent exceeding regulatory limits and mitigate potential impacts that would be greater if the PM<sub>10</sub> levels were to reach the trigger value.

Email or text notifications will be sent to the Site Foreman, or other nominated person(s) who hold the responsibility for managing dust effects on the site, when the ambient PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations have exceeded the Alert level and potentially the trigger values outlined in Table 11. If this occurs outside of work hours, the ambient PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations will be addressed the next working day as soon as reasonably practicable.

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<sup>8</sup> Methods for sampling and analysis of air – Guide to siting air monitoring equipment.



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Table 11 PM<sub>10</sub> Trigger Values

Averaging Hours	Alert Level	Trigger Values	Source	Staff Members Notified
Rolling 1-hour average concentration	120 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Part A Clause 7 (a)	Site Foreman and Environmental Manager
Rolling 24-hour average concentration	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	65 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Part A Clause 7 (b)	
Wind warnings	Wind speed greater than 4 m/s as a 1-hour average	Wind speed greater than 10 m/s during two consecutive 10-minute periods and Wind speed greater than 5 m/s as a 1-hour average	GPG Dust	

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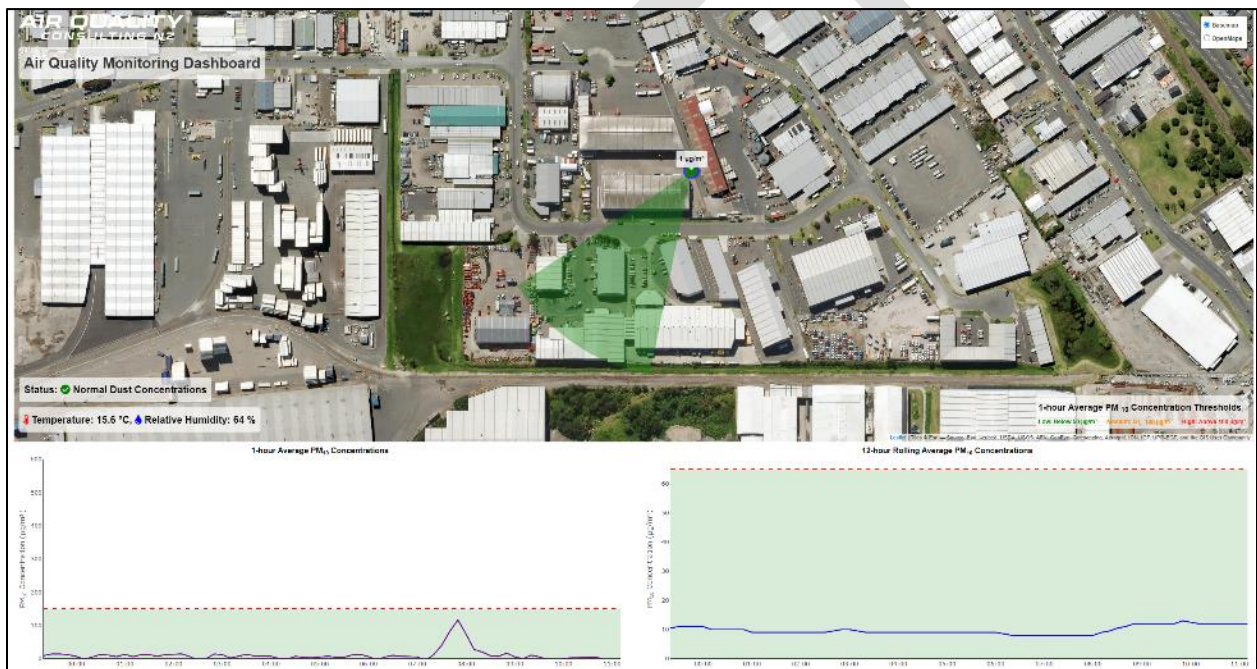


### 9.4.2 Monitoring Dashboard

To assist with interpreting the monitoring data, an air quality monitoring dashboard has been developed for the site, which can be accessed using <https://live.harvest.com>.

The dashboard shows the current PM<sub>10</sub> measurement, the direction from which dust could be coming (upwind of the monitor), a status bar, a link to camera images and hourly and rolling 12-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> graphs. The wind arcs showing the direction of the dust change colour depending on how high the concentrations are being measured, progressively changing from green to yellow to red as PM<sub>10</sub> levels increase. The graphs include a shaded area below a dotted red line indicating where dust levels should be maintained. Figure 12 shows a screenshot of the dashboard.

Figure 12 Air Quality Monitoring Dashboard





#### 9.4.3 Monitoring Data Submission to BoPRC

As required under Part A Clause 6 (j), SSL is required to submit the following to BoPRC:

- Raw monthly data via electronic access to BoPRC by the 5th day of the following month;
- Validated quarterly data via electronic access to BoPRC on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November of every year;  
(Produce validated data in accordance with the Good Practice Guide for Air Quality Monitoring and Data Management, including the valid data requirements of 75% for averaging and 95% for data capture (currently scheduled to be sent by AQCNZ).
- To minimise large gaps in data, SSL will set alarms to be triggered during periods of flat-line data or significant drops in flow, as-well as conducting regular daily and weekly checks to identify any potential issues promptly. Dust monitor parts that typically require replacements or are prone to malfunction, will be held by Air Matters (the local company engaged to calibrate and maintain the equipment). Having spare parts readily available minimizes downtime and ensures continuous data collection in the event that dust monitor parts malfunction or need replacement.

#### 9.4.4 Dust Concentration Trigger and Responses

When PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations exceed the trigger levels specified in Section 9.4.1, the Site Foreman or other nominated person who has the responsibility for managing dust effects on the site must undertake the following:

- Investigate as soon as reasonably practicable by, or under the direction of, a SQEP to:
  - (i) Determine the cause of and reasons for the trigger value being exceeded;
  - (ii) Identify corrective actions required to minimise the potential for the trigger value being exceeded in the future;
  - (iii) Set out the timeframes for implementation of the identified corrective actions;
  - (iv) The exceedance of trigger values must be notified to BoPRC in writing within 5 working days of the exceedance.
  - (v) SSL must implement the corrective actions identified by the SQEP in the Investigation Report and shall provide written confirmation to the BoPRC within 5 working days of completion of the actions.
- The investigation results and findings shall be documented by the SQEP in an Environmental incident report (or investigation report) on the monitoring trigger event(s). The Investigation report shall be provided to BoPRC within two months of the trigger value being exceeded;

## 10 Complaints

Complaints may be referred by one or more of the regulatory authorities, a member of the public or staff of SSL. It is the responsibility of the operation manager or appointed personnel from SSL to respond to and follow up all complaints regarding dust, odour or other contaminant.

Actions to be taken when a complaint is received:

1. Fill out a complaint log (Refer to Appendix F).
2. Note the time, date and type of complaint including details of the incident, for example duration, location and any effects noted.
3. Identity and contact details of complainant (if provided). Note if complaint has been referred from a consent authority.
4. Person recording complaint to record observed weather conditions including wind direction and strength at the time of incident. An estimate of wind direction and strength can be undertaken using a Beaufort wind speed description presented in Appendix C.
5. Record description of the dust emission from the complainant.
6. Undertake a site inspection. Note all dust or the contaminant of concern producing activities that have taken place at the time of incident, person responsible for the site and the mitigation methods used.
7. Order any remedial action necessary.
8. If complaint was related to an event in the recent past, (if possible) note any dust producing activities that were underway at that time.
9. (Preferably within two hours) visit the area from where the complaint originated to ascertain if dust /other contaminant is still a problem.
10. Immediately after the initial investigations have been completed, contact the complainant to explain any problems found and remedial actions taken.
11. If necessary, update any relevant procedures to prevent any recurrence of problems.
12. Complete complaint log and file on SSL complaint register and save all corresponding documents here.
13. Notify BoPRC as soon as practicable that a complaint has been received and what the findings of the investigation were and any remedial actions taken.

The complaint log shall be made available to the Council at all reasonable times and a copy shall be forwarded to the Council within two working days after request.

### 10.1 Complaint Reporting

All complaints/incidents registered for the year must be submitted to BoPRC at least once per calendar year.

## 11 Dust Management Plan Review

This DMP shall be reviewed by the SSL SQEP annually or during a change in ownership or change in the use of the property/surrounding area, or a change to existing operations undertaken at SSL site. Consultation with BoPRC will be necessary and SSL will need to provide BoPRC with a copy of any subsequent revisions of or amendments.

The DMP may be reviewed at any time following consultation with the BoPRC. Any amendments to the plan following review shall be lodged to the BoPRC for certification that this is in accordance with the conditions of the IPAR. The review process will include looking at the environmental controls and procedures to make sure they are still applicable to the activities being carried out. Reasons for making changes to the DMP will be documented.

A copy of the original DMP document and subsequent versions will be kept for records and marked as obsolete.

Table 12 presents the items needed to be taken into consideration during a DMP review:

*Table 12 Checklist when reviewing the effectiveness of DMP*

Item no.	Checklist	Site Compliance
1	If AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A) standards have been achieved	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments
3	Review environmental complaints, triggers, incidents and emergencies	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments
4	Review corrective and preventative actions	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments
5	Review any changes to organizational structure or activities	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments
6	Review any possible changes in legislation and standards	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments
7	Review any emerging or new technology that could be implemented to reduce emissions.	*Example-only* YES/NO. Any comments

## 12 Record Keeping and Document Maintenance

Record keeping of documents mentioned in this DMP are required. All records required by the IPAR to be documented as part of the DMP are outlined in Table 13. These records shall be kept by SSL and made available to the BoPRC on request.

Table 13 Record keeping requirements

Records	Person Responsible	Time Frame	Location
Staff training records (Section 1.3 of DMP)	Administration Staff	1 Month	SSL internal server
Daily site inspection log (Section 8.1 of DMP)	Site Foreman	Monthly	SSL internal server
Complaint register (Section 10.1 of DMP)	Site Foreman	Annually	SSL internal server
Raw monitoring data access (Section 9.4.3 of DMP)	AQCNZ	Monthly	Harvest Electronics
Validated quarterly data to be provided via electronic access to BoPRC (Section 9.4.3 of DMP)	AQCNZ	Quarterly on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November	Harvest Electronics
Records on monitoring exceedance events (Section 9.4.4 of DMP)	Environmental Manager	Must be notified to BoPRC within 5 working days after the incident	SSL internal server
Investigation reports prepared by SQEP on the monitoring exceedance events (Section 9.4.4 of DMP)	Environmental Manager	Investigation report must be submitted to BoPRC two months after the monitoring trigger event.	SSL internal server
Annual meeting minutes (Section 3 of DMP)	Environmental Manager	To be kept for record purposes and send to BoPRC upon request	SSL internal server
Revisions to the DMP (Section 11 of DMP)	Environmental Manager	Annually	SSL internal server



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## 13 Limitations

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## Appendix A IPAR Standards

The following outlines the relevant parts of AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A) that apply to the SSL sites:

### **AREA2-R1 (AQ 22A) Interim Permitted Activity Rule (IPAR) for Existing Activities in the MMA**

#### **AREA2-R1 Handling of bulk solid materials and logs within the Mount Maunganui Airshed until 12 February 2027 – Permitted**

Within the **Mount Maunganui Airshed**, unless otherwise permitted by AIR-R2, AIR-R15 or AIR-R10, or managed by AIR-FUME-R20, the discharge of *contaminants* to air from:

- (A) the **handling of logs** on or within a **subject site** where:
  - (a) the area used for the **handling of logs** exceeds 1 hectare;OR
- (B) the **handling of bulk solid materials** on or within a **subject site** where:
  - (a) The rate of **bulk solid materials handling** exceeds 20 tonnes in any hour and the discharge occurs less than 100 metres from any **sensitive area**, or
  - (b) The rate of **bulk solid materials handling** exceeds 50 tonnes in any hour, is a permitted activity until:
- (C) 12 February 2027; or
- (D) Where a resource consent application for the discharge proposed under Rule AIR-R16 or AREA2-R2 has been accepted by the Regional Council under s 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (or its replacement) prior to 12 February 2027, then the relevant date shall be:
  - (a) The date the resource consent commences under s116 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (or its replacement); or
  - (b) the date all appeals are determined, if the resource consent is declined.

#### **Provided that the following standards are complied with:**

- (1) **General standards applying to all discharges of PM<sub>10</sub>**
  - (a) The discharge of **PM<sub>10</sub>** must be the same or similar in character and the same or less in scale and intensity than that occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019, as estimated in accordance with all standards of this rule; and



- (b) The discharge of **PM<sub>10</sub>** from the **handling of logs** or **handling of bulk solid materials** must be on the same **subject site** as the existing discharge as at 1 October 2020 and must have been occurring in the 12 months ending on 28 November 2019; and
- (c) The discharge must not have been discontinued for a continuous period of more than 6 months since 28 November 2019; and
- (d) The discharge does not cause any offensive or objectionable *effect* beyond the boundary of the **subject site**; and
- (e) Subject to standard (1)(ka) and standard (2) (where relevant), the annual product volumes or tonnages of logs and **bulk solid materials** handled must be the same or less than in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019; and
- (f) In addition to mitigation measures required by standards (g) to (x) the **PM<sub>10</sub>** mitigation measures in place on the **subject site** must be no less effective than the mitigation measures in place and operating efficiently (and not on a trial basis) at any date prior to or on 12 February 2024. In the event of any trial mitigation subsequently being shown to form part of the *best practicable option* to reduce emissions of **PM<sub>10</sub>** to air in the **Mount Maunganui Airshed**, it must be included as an amendment to the Dust Management Plan; and

**In addition to standards 1(a) to (f), the following standards apply to **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions from bulk solid materials handling or storage facilities outside the Port Operational Area, except as provided in (2)**

- (g) The annual volume or tonnage of **bulk solid materials** handled or stored on the **subject site** must be the same or less than the maximum annual volume or tonnage handled or stored in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019 and
- (h) The annual volume or tonnage of **bulk solid materials** handled or stored outside any building enclosure on the **subject site** must be the same or less than the maximum annual volume or tonnage handled or stored in the 12 months ending on 31 July 2019; and
- (i) The nature and character of **bulk solid materials** handled or stored must be the same or similar to those handled or stored in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019, taking into account density, free moisture content, hygroscopic nature and particle size distribution which could result in increased emissions of **PM<sub>10</sub>**; and

- (j) The combined maximum daily truck numbers arriving at and departing from the **subject site** must be the same or less than the maximum daily number in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019; and
  - (k) All trucks used for transporting **bulk solid materials** must be always covered, except when being loaded or unloaded, to avoid the escape of dust during transport as far as reasonably practicable; and
  - (l) The maximum processing capacity on the **subject site** must be the same or less than the maximum capacity available in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019; and
  - (m) Dust containment measures in place on the **subject site** must be the same or better than those in place in the 12-months ending on 31 July 2019, including the extent to which sealing building openings and the installation of dust extraction and filtering equipment are incorporated, as examples.
- (2) **Circumstances in which standards (s), (t), (v) and (x) may not apply to bulk solid materials handling activities outside the Port Operational Area**
- Standards (s), (t), (v) and (x) may not apply if it can be demonstrated by robust, peer-reviewed methodology carried out by a **SQEP** that dust containment measures on the **subject site** are sufficient to avoid any adverse effects of **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions from the site on **sensitive areas**.
- (3) **Dust management plan**



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## Appendix B Dust Management Plan Requirements

### (3) Dust management plan

- (a) For discharges associated with activities located outside the **Port Industry Area**, the owner or occupier of the **subject site** where the activity is carried out must engage a **SQEP** who has visited the subject site to prepare a dust management plan in accordance with the requirements of AIRSCHED2.
- (b) For discharges associated with activities located within the **Port Industry Area**
  - (i) the port company must engage a **SQEP** who has visited the **Port Industry Area** to prepare a dust management plan in accordance with the requirements of AIRSCHED2.
  - (ii) The discharge is identified and managed by the dust management plan; and
  - (iii) The dust management plan must specify procedures that must be followed and specify who must carry out those procedures, when **handling bulk solid materials** or **handling of logs** within the **Port Industry Area**.
- (c) The dust management plan required by (3)(a) or 3(b) must be:
  - (i) peer reviewed by another **SQEP** prior to submission to the Regional Council; and
  - (ii) revised to address the peer review comments prior to submission to Regional Council, or where the comments are not addressed to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer, the reasons must be stated; and
  - (iii) provided to the Regional Council within six months of this rule becoming operative, together with the peer review required by (3)(c) (i); or for the **Port Industry Area**, provided to the Regional Council and Ngāi te Rangi within six months of this rule becoming operative, together with the peer review required by (3)(c)(i); and
  - (iv) reviewed by a **SQEP** at least once every calendar year and any updated version of the dust management plan provided to the Regional Council and to Ngāi te Rangi for the **Port Industry Area**, within one month of its review.
- (d) The dust management plan required by (3)(a) or 3(b) must always remain on site, capital works required to minimise **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions must be completed as soon as practicable and the dust management plan must be



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complied with at all times by all persons undertaking the **bulk solid materials handling** or **handling of logs** activity as soon as practicable following the dust management plan being finalised under (3)(c)(ii), (3)(c)(iv) or (3)(e).

- (e) In the event of an exceedance of the trigger level in Part A Clause (7) of AIRSCHED2 and following an investigation as required by Part B Clause (11) of AIRSCHED2, the dust management plan must be amended by a **SQEP** to include actions to avoid or minimise future exceedances of the trigger level and resubmitted to Regional Council, and to Ngāi te Rangi for the **Port Industry Area**, within one month of its amendment.
- (f) To demonstrate compliance with standards, the DMP must:
  - (i) Set out the baseline in the 12-months ending on 28 November 2019 unless a different compliance date is set out above against which compliance with each standard is to be measured; and
  - (ii) Demonstrate how each standard is or will be met; and
  - (iii) Describe any additional measures that will be implemented during the term of the IPAR to reduce **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions from the subject site to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until objective AIR-O2 of PC13 is met and the annual guideline value in the Health-based Guideline Values of the Ambient Air Quality Guidelines 2002 (or its amendment or replacement) is met; and
  - (iv) Demonstrate that the proposal will minimise **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions to the greatest extent reasonably practicable until Objective AIR-O2 of PC13 is met and the annual guideline value in the Health-based Guideline Values of the Ambient Air Quality Guidelines 2002 (or its amendment or replacement) is met within the term of the IPAR, or within a defined period thereafter, after describing and evaluating all reasonably practical options that have been implemented or could be implemented to reduce **PM<sub>10</sub>** emissions from the **subject site**, together with their estimated costs and the estimated likely and range of **PM<sub>10</sub>** reductions they would achieve.
- (g) The DMP must require that records are kept of:
  - (i) The number and significance of complaints received; and
  - (ii) Any exceedances of the **PM<sub>10</sub>** Standard attributable to the **subject site**, abatement notices and enforcement action taken from 12 February 2024.



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Advice note – If an activity does not comply with the standards of Rule AREA2-R1 the discharge is a discretionary activity under AIR-R16.

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## **AIRSCHEM2 – Dust Management Plan requirements for AREA2-R1**

These requirements apply to dust management plans prepared under Rule AREA2-R1 and can be used as a guide for dust management plans prepared under Rule AREA2-R2.

### **Part A: Contents**

A dust management plan must be prepared for each **subject site** and contain:

(1) Title

(2) A purpose to ensure that the discharge of **PM10** into the **Mount Maunganui Airshed** is minimised to the greatest extent reasonably practicable to contribute to meeting the objectives of PC13 without undue delay, to meet the general standards of Rule AQ R22A standards (1)(a) to (1)(f) and to be consistent with Policy AQ P3 to achieve improvements in air quality.

(3) A map that includes a scale, a north point, the location of the **subject site**, distance to all **sensitive areas**, including any isolated dwellings within the industrial area and predominant wind directions at the **subject site**.

(4) Process description and method of operation including:

(a) A detailed description of the subject site, activity, and discharges to air;

(b) A description of the potential sources of dust emissions;

(c) Any locational or operating constraints relevant to the management of **handling of bulk solid materials** and/or **handling of logs**; and

(d) the type(s), volume(s) and frequency of **handling of bulk solid materials** or **handling of logs** at the **subject site**.

(5) Methods of mitigation and standard operating procedures for the **subject site** which must include details of dust emission reduction processes and practices including:

(a) for all activities:

(i) Product movement paths, storage, and processing areas including conveyance systems, and whether these are indoors or outdoors;

(ii) Use of dust suppression (e.g. sprinkler/fog/misting) systems;

(iii) Use of wind speed limits relating to the subject site when operations must cease;

(iv) Vehicle speed limits and vehicle unloading procedures to minimise dust;

(v) Site sweeping/vacuuming and containment protocols including hours of operation and sweeping frequency;

(vi) Inventory of mitigation measures in place on or about 28 November 2019;

(vii) Inventory of current mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures;

(viii) Proposed further mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures

(ix) Frequency of equipment maintenance programmes; and



(x) Contingency procedures.

(b) for **bulk solid materials** only:

(i) Exclusion or buffer areas within the subject site where no outdoor storage is permitted;

(ii) Use of covers or containment systems for outdoor storage areas;

(iii) For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications; and

(iv) Materials spill management response protocols

(6) A monitoring programme which must shall:

(a) Be designed by a SQEP to monitor ambient PM10 concentrations in accordance with relevant good practice;

(b) Include a description of types and locations of devices for PM10 and meteorological conditions monitoring;

(c) Provide data that allows for a technically robust comparison with the trigger values in Part A clause (7);

(d) Be continuous monitoring with a minimum of ten-minute resolution;

(e) Be telemetered with alarms;

(f) Be installed, commissioned, operated, serviced, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and any appropriate standards;

(g) Have as a minimum one monitor funded by the owner or occupier of the subject site;

(h) Produce validated data in accordance with the Good Practice Guide for Air Quality Monitoring and Data Management, including the valid data requirements of 75% for averaging and 95% for data capture;

(i) Specify monitors compliant with either NESAQ Schedule 2 or equivalency as demonstrated through AS 3580.9.17-2018 or EN 12341:2014;

(j) Require that all monitoring data collected must be provided to the Regional Council as follows:

(i) Raw monthly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council by the 5th day of the following month;

(ii) Validated quarterly data to be provided via electronic access to the Regional Council on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August, and 1 November of every year; and

(iii) Any exceedance of the trigger values set out in Part A clause(7) must be notified to the Regional Council in writing within 5 working days of the exceedance.

(k) Requires records to be kept, including documentation of maintenance and control parameters.

(7) The following PM10 trigger values for use in Part B and IPAR standard(3)(e):



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*(a) 150 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 1-hour average concentration under Schedule 1 NESAQ) recorded by the monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6;*

OR

*(b) 65 micrograms per cubic metre (calculated as a rolling 12-hour average) recorded by the monitoring devices in the monitoring programme set out in clause 6.*

*(8) Complaints procedures must include:*

*(a) The name of the contact person and contact details for complaints from the community;*

*(b) Complaints procedures for staff;*

*(c) Maintenance of a complaints/incidents register that includes any actions undertaken to respond to the complaint, including further dust control measures;*

*(d) A complaint response protocol, including methods for recording of any onsite activity, including type and approximate volume of material being handled, dust mitigation measures in place at the time, and wind conditions at the time of complaint; and procedures for investigating and remedying the cause of complaint and providing response to complainant;*

*(e) A protocol for determining further mitigation measures that may be required onsite;*

*(f) Timeframes for communication to the Regional Council and complainant; and*

*(g) Reporting requirements that include the complaints/incidents register which must be submitted to the Regional Council at least once per calendar year.*

*(9) Staff training procedures must include:*

*(a) Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in;*

*(b) Methods used to train staff;*

*(c) Frequency of staff training; and*

*(d) How and where staff training records are to be kept.*

*(10) System review and reporting procedures must include:*

*(a) The process for reviewing the overall dust management system performance;*

*(b) Types and frequency of reports not otherwise provided to the Regional Council such as site/process/equipment upgrades; and*

*(c) External audits and ISO certification (optional).*



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**Appendix C Beaufort Force Scale**

Beaufort force	Description	Specification on land	Wind speed		
			Knots	km/h	m/s
0	Calm	Smoke rises vertically.	Less than 1	Less than 1	Less than 1
1	Very light	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes.	1 – 3	1 – 5	0.3 – 1.4
2	Light breeze	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle, ordinary wind vane moved by wind.	4 – 6	6 – 11	1.7 – 3
3	Gentle breeze	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion, wind extends light flag.	7 – 10	12 – 19	3.3 – 5.3
4	Moderate breeze	Wind raises dust and loose paper, small branches move.	11 – 16	20 – 29	5.6 – 8
5	Fresh breeze	Small trees in leaf start to sway, crested wavelets on inland waters.	17 – 21	30 – 39	8.3 – 10.8
6	Strong breeze	Large branches in motion, whistling in telegraph wires, umbrellas used with difficulty.	22 – 27	40 – 50	11.1 – 13.9
7	Near gale	Whole trees in motion, inconvenient to walk against wind.	28 – 33	51 – 61	14.2 – 16.9
8	Gale	Twigs break from trees, difficult to walk.	34 – 40	62 – 74	17.2 – 20.6
9	Strong gale	Slight structural damage occurs, chimney pots and slates removed.	41 – 47	75 – 87	20.8 – 24.2
10	Storm	Trees uprooted, considerable structural damage occurs.	48 – 55	88 – 101	24.4 – 28
11	Violent storm	Widespread damage.	56 – 63	102 – 118	28 – 32
12	Hurricane	Widespread damage.	>64	>119	>33



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### Appendix D Daily Log Form

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

PM <sub>10</sub> Monitoring Exceedances*		Visible Dust Emissions					
Time	PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <small>(spec. average period)</small>	Source	Level*	Colour Opacity	Time	Weather Cond. <small>(e.g. dry, rainy, windy)</small>	Wind Speed/Direction <small>(e.g. 5m/s SW)</small>
____:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____:	_____	_____
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____:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____:	_____	_____

\*Criteria for exceedance defined by the DMP

- \*Levels/extent of visible dust emission
1. Minor visible emissions (<5m)
  2. Moderate visible emissions (<30m)
  3. Extreme visible emission (>30m)

#### Investigation and Response

Date event was investigated: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. Person responsible for the investigation: \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Possible cause(s):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dust from wind erosion of exposed ground <input type="checkbox"/> Watercart/dust suppression failure <input type="checkbox"/> Exceedance of the speed limit <input type="checkbox"/> Materials poorly handled or stored <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect loading/unloading procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Corrective actions:</b> Date: ___/___/____ Description: _____ _____ Date: ___/___/____ Description: _____ _____ Date: ___/___/____ Description: _____ _____ Date: ___/___/____ Description: _____ _____
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**Form filled in by:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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### Appendix E Incident Response Form

Date: __/__/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mon <input type="checkbox"/> Tue <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="checkbox"/> Thu <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun	
Time	
Is the dust still occurring now?	Y/N
Person Responsible for the investigation	Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
Any visible dust deposits?	Y / N
If Yes, describe the appearance of the dust deposits	Description _____ Colour: Shape: Size: Water Soluble: Other:
Air Samples taken?	Y / N
Photos Taken?	Y / N
Plume Width (if known)?	_____
Possible cause(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cause 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Cause 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ _____ _____ _____
Corrective Action(s)	Date: __/__/____ Description: _____  Date: __/__/____ Description: _____ _____



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	Date: ___/___/___ Description: _____
Preventative Action(s)	Date: ___/___/___ Description: _____
	Date: ___/___/___ Description: _____
	Date: ___/___/___ Description: _____

<b>Form filled in by:</b> Name: _____ Job Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___
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**Appendix F Complaints Investigation Form**

Complaint Investigation Form	
Date:	
Time:	
Name:	
Contact phone number:	
Possible source:	
Is the dust occurring now?	Y/N
Complaint details (incl. effects experienced by complainant):	
Complaint received by:	Name: Anonymous: Y/N
Address:	
Date:	
Time:	
Assessors name:	
Person spoken to at investigation :	
Reason for investigation:	COMPLAINT/PROACTIVE
Initial impressions:	
Any visible dust deposits:	Y/N
Time:	
Type of dust:	
Plume width (if known):	
Describe the appearance of the dust deposits	
Colour:	
Shape:	
Size:	
Any odour:	
Water soluble:	
Crystalline or powdery:	
Hard or Soft:	



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Other:	
<b>Weather data (see over):</b>	
Wind direction:	
Wind speed (m/s):	
Cloud cover:	
Temperature:	
Rainfall in past 24 hrs:	
Photos taken:	Y/N
Samples taken:	Y/N
<b>Diagram/Description of where photos were taken:</b>	

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## **Appendix H    Champion activity specific information**

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# Champion Flour Milling Limited Mount Maunganui Dust Management Plan April 2024 Version 1



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## Purpose of the document

The purpose of the dust management plan is to manage and minimise the discharge of PM10 to the greatest extent reasonably practicable.

## Site location map

### Site 1

Champion Flour Mill

97-105 Tasman Quay, Port of Tauranga Wharf



### Site 2

Champion Flour Mill – Wheat Shed

120 Hull Road, Mount Maunganui



## Process description and method of operation including:

A detailed description of the site such as:

### 1. Site 1

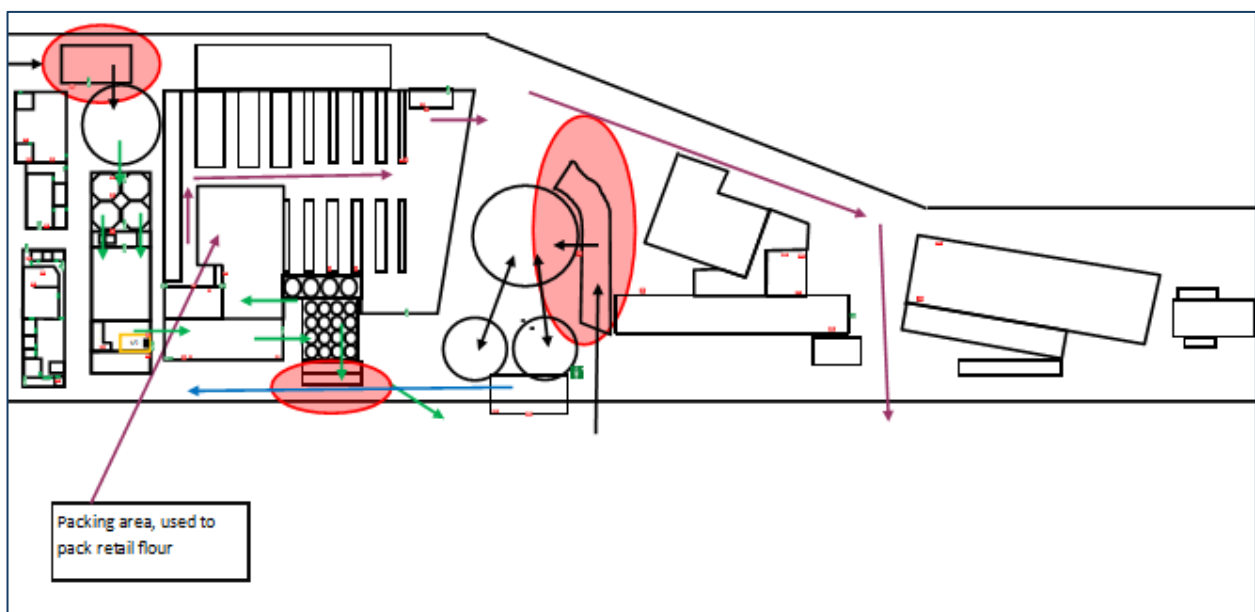
Access to site at North end and heads South down the back of the site. Access to site can be found on traffic management plan. Buildings on site north to site are listed below.






- Admin office including Laboratory.
- Lunchroom.
- Workshop – Vent for welding fumes, grinding dust.
- Wheat intake 2 – extraction fan and breathing vent at top.
- Gristing (grain processing plant)
- Silo 26 – 4500 t silo – Explosion vent, breathing vent at top.
- Mill 2 building including:



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- Storage capacity - 60t silos, 100t silos, 2x loading bay containing 8 hoses, 4 long socks for bulk flour load out and 4 for larger particle broil load out purposes -Explosion vents on silos, small amount of product loss/ dust discharge from the loading process.
  - Mill complex – 5 stories of process machinery, flour air-controlled elevators, gravity feed pipes to feed grinders that are used to make the flour from wheat. – Explosion vent, grated window above CI room (physical point of interested).
  - Packing room – sealed room for packing flour into retail bags, contains 2 automated machines.
  - Pallet loading robot – automated robot arms, pallet travel paths, automated plastic wrap machine.
  - Pallet product warehouse. 1t pallets block stacked and racking packed flour and other consumables.
  - Chlorine Room – Treating flour products in sealed silos. – Monitoring equipment and regular maintenance checks completed.
  - Retipping station for reprocessing flour products.
  - Warehouse loading tunnel and staging area. Includes logistics offices.
- Silo 1,2,3 - 2x concrete silo and 1x large Grain storage silos -Explosion vent, breathing vent at top.
  - Wheat intake 1 – open to air loading bulk grain tip trailer loading area. No dust management equipment at this point in time.
  - Mill 1 building.
    - Bulk flour load-out area – 4 silos
    - Mill building – currently not used.
    - Lunchroom
    - Warehouse – used for racking and block stacked product.
    - Retipping station for reprocessing flour products.
  - Packaging warehouse used for racking and block stacked consumables.
  - Process Diagram Site 1



Colour Codes			Raw grain movement
	Underground Drag Chain		Processed Grain and Flour Movement
	Packaged Retail Flour		High risk dust escape area

2. Site 2

- Large open concrete floor warehouse for bulk storage of Wheat grain. Grain is dumped into a ground floor boxes, to be conveyed through a grain loop system to stack wheat in 5000T piles.

A description of the potential sources of dust:

i. Wheat intake 1

Truck Tip Trailer Dumping station into a dump hopper conveyor system to move the grain to larger silo storage areas. Used during ship off loads once every 2 months, 24 hours a day for 2 or 3 days. Only used in dry conditions due to grain needing to stay dry.

ii. Wheat intake 2

Enclosed Truck Tip Trailer Dumping station into a dump hopper conveyor system to move the grain to larger silo storage areas. Used to load grain into silo storage. Is available for use 24/7.

iii. Bin 33/32

Bran product loading uses shorter socks that guide the flour to bulk tip trailers. Used as per loading schedule for the week. Loading can be completed 24/7.

iv. Bulk load out – Broil and Flour Mill 2

Enclosed gravity feed loading area or air elevators. Sock delivery system to trucks.

v. Flour Bulk loading uses socks that connect to the truck. Loading can be completed 24/7.

Broll bulk loading uses shorter socks that guide the flour to bulk tip trailers. Used as per loading schedule for the week. Loading can be completed 24/7.

vi. Retip stations

Enclosed in building with no ventilation. Used as per production schedule. Able to be used 24/7.

vii. Mill 2

Process of creating flour by grinding wheat to different grades of flour. Process involves air powered elevators sending the processing flour to the top level and gravity dropping to the processing equipment. Mill operates 24/7. More likely to be a negative pressure and not letting dust escape.

viii. Wheat Shed

Stores large amounts of grain in piles on a flat concrete floor. Grain is dumped into a ground floor boxes, to be conveyed through a grain loop system to stack wheat in 5000T piles. This is loaded during ship deliveries that cannot fit into our silos on site. Its is also used to 24/7.

A detailed description of the discharges to air such as:

i. Bulk Load out

Flour, wheat broil and shredded wheat are loaded into trucks, the flowing of the product into the trailers has a possibility of dust escaping the trailer. This dust is flour or larger broil airborne particles.

ii. Intakes

Dust is produced when wheat is tipped out of the trailer. This dust is caused by the movement of the grain as it is being unloaded into the dump hopper conveying system.

iii. Wheat Shed

When moving wheat around the wheat shed with a front-end loader, and when the truck and trailer units are being loaded with a front-end loader.

A description of the potential sources of dust:

i. Wheat shed.

Door can be open when truck and trailer units are being completed.

Movement of the wheat grain as we move it with a front-end loader.

ii. Intakes

Wheat intake 1 – Open to air Truck Tip Trailer Dumping station.

Wheat intake 2 – Door opens to the air as the truck is unable to fit into the intake while unloading.

i. Bulk Load out

Broll – 1 door is left open to fit the truck into the loading bay. This also prevents a wind tunnel to be formed.

Flour – Socks are fitted to the truck to help secure the flour to the tanker.

Locational or operational constraints relevant to the management of the material:

i. Grain – Can not be wetted for MPI security reasons as well as to stop the decomposition of the grain.

ii. Flour & other flour products – Can not be wetted as it would destroy usable product.

Details of the type, volume and frequency of handling of the BSM.

i. Grain – Australian Wheat Grain, 80 000 t per year

Grain – New Zealand Wheat Grain, 4 000 t per year

ii. Flour and flour products –

Flour – 67 200 t per year

Flour products – 16 800 t per year

## Standard operating procedures and mitigation methods for dust including:

For all activities:

i. Product movement paths, storage, and processing areas including conveyance systems, and whether these are indoors or outdoors;

Product movement contained paths are controlled by:

- Air elevators, which are enclosed pipes that move the flour using air pressure.
- Gravity pipes, which allows the flour to fall from high into the processing equipment.
- Drag chains, moving grain from silos to gristing building.
- Conveyors, lifting grain up site.
- Blow lines, to move flour to distribution mechanisms.

#### Storage

- Silo, for both flour and grain.
- ii. Use of dust suppression (e.g. sprinkler/fog/misting) systems;
    - Air curtain on the wheat shed, able to be used to control dust exiting the bulk shed.
  - iii. Use of wind speed limits relating to the subject site when operations must cease.
 

Unloading of ships and there for truck movements are limited to under 15 knots. This is measured by Port of Tauranga monitoring equipment and is displayed by the port using a lights system.

Wheat Intake operators monitor wind speed and direction on site before unloading trucks through both grain intakes to prevent dust.
  - iv. Vehicle speed limits and vehicle unloading procedures to minimise dust;
 

All trucks must stop to load or unload for both Safety and Environmental reasons.

General mobile plant speed on site is 10kph.
  - v. Site sweeping/vacuuming and containment protocols including hours of operation and sweeping frequency.
 

Bay sweep comes to site every day during wheat disembarkation from ship and site maintenance 2-3 a week or if there is a flour spill. They are on site any time during daylight hours.
  - vi. Inventory of mitigation measures in place on or about 28 November 2019;
 

Maintenance and cleaning records have been kept by Champion flour milling of all equipment used in the mitigation of dust.
  - vii. Inventory of current mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures;
 

All equipment used in the mitigation measures is kept by Champion flour milling by its maintenance team.
  - viii. Proposed further mitigation measures, including equipment, materials and procedures;
 

Not confirmed actions at this time.
  - ix. Frequency of equipment maintenance programmes; and
 

Mex system for frequency of machinery maintenance
  - x. Contingency procedures.
 

Off additional side storage.
  - xi. For bulk solid materials only: Exclusion or buffer areas within the subject site where no outdoor storage is permitted;
 

No outdoor storage is permitted.
  - xii. Use of covers or containment systems for outdoor storage areas;

No outdoor storage is permitted.

- xiii. For enclosed operations, emission pathways and general containment provisions, the extent of air extraction and treatment systems installed and their performance specifications; and
- Wheat intake  
Dust extraction system to contain excess dust in wheat intake 2 during the wheat dumping process.
  - Wheat shed.  
Air curtain is used at the doorway to decrease the likelihood of dust going outside.
- xiv. Materials spill management response protocols.  
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## Dust trigger level response procedures.

Monitoring requirements and trigger levels will be covered in the overarching Port Industry Area DMP. The site-specific DMP should outline the procedures that will be followed in the event the operator is notified of a dust trigger level exceedance.

## Complaints Procedures

The name of the contact person and contact details for complaints from the community.

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Complaints procedures for staff.

Direct manager as Champion Policy

Maintenance of a complaints/incidents register that includes any actions undertaken to respond to the complaint, including further dust control measures.

Rapid Global, Rapid Incident records incidents and corrective actions from event.

A complaint response protocol, including methods for recording of any on-site activity, including type and approximate volume of material being handled, dust mitigation measures in place at the time, and wind conditions at the time of complaint; and procedures for investigating and remedying the cause of complaint and providing response to complainant.

As per PIRMP

A protocol for determining further mitigation measures that may be required on site.

Capex process or maintenance requests.  
Critical spares on MEX computer system.



Fast action response team.

## Staff training procedures must include:

Components of the dust management plan that staff are to be trained in.

SOP & Rapid training, MPI Transitional Facilities Managers training.

Methods used to train staff.

A mixture of internal and external training. For example, online learning, SOP, Buddy system, consultants, career planning for specialized roles in the mill.

Frequency of staff training.

Annually or as required.

How and where staff training records are to be kept.

Rapid global and on company Drives.

## System review and reporting procedures must include:

The process for reviewing the overall dust management system performance.

Rapid Auditor and external parties (POT)

Types and frequency of reports not otherwise provided to the Regional Council such as site/process/equipment upgrades; and

Dust monitoring every 2 years.

External audits and ISO certification (optional).

No



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