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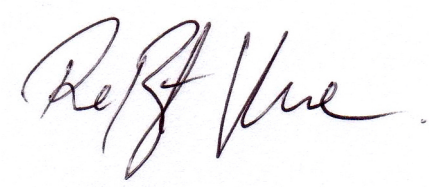

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Global Acoustics was engaged by Borg Manufacturing Pty Ltd to conduct a noise survey of operations and construction at the Borg panel manufacturing facility (Borg) near Oberon, NSW. The purpose of the survey was to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the day, evening, and night periods of 29 and 30 March 2020 at four monitoring locations around Borg.

1.2 Monitoring Locations

Monitoring locations are detailed in Table 1.1 and shown in Figure 1. It should be noted that Figure 1 shows the actual monitoring position, not the location of residences.

Table 1.1: ATTENDED MONITORING LOCATIONS

Report Descriptor	Monitoring Location
NM1	Oberon Caravan Park
NM2	Intersection of Pine Street and Herborn Street
NM3	127 Hazelgrove Road
NM4	Intersection of Tasman Street and Earl Street

Figure 1: Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

1.3 Terminology & Abbreviations

Some definitions of terms and abbreviations which may be used in this report are provided in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2: TERMINOLOGY & ABBREVIATIONS

Descriptor	Definition
dB(A)	Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The "A" weighting scale is used to describe human response to noise.
L_{Amax}	The maximum A-weighted noise level over a time period.
L_{A1}	The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time.
$L_{A1,1minute}$	The noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the specified time period of 1 minute.
L_{A10}	The noise level which is exceeded for 10 percent of the time.
L_{Aeq}	The average noise A-weighted energy during a measurement period.
L_{A50}	The noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time and the median noise level during a measurement period.
L_{A90}	The level exceeded for 90 percent of the time. The L_{A90} level is often referred to as the "background" noise level and is commonly used to determine noise criteria for assessment purposes.
L_{Amin}	The minimum A-weighted noise level over a time period.
L_{Ceq}	The average C-weighted noise energy during a measurement period. The "C" weighting scale is used to take into account low-frequency components of noise within the audibility range of humans.
SPL	Sound pressure level. Fluctuations in pressure measured as 10 times a logarithmic scale, with the reference pressure being 20 micropascals.
Hertz (Hz)	The frequency of fluctuations in pressure, measured in cycles per second. Most sounds are a combination of many frequencies together.
AWS	Automatic weather station used to collect meteorological data, typically at an altitude of 10 metres
VTG	Vertical temperature gradient in degrees Celsius per 100 metres altitude.
Sigma-theta	The standard deviation of the horizontal wind direction over a period of time.
SC	Stability class (or category) is determined from measured wind speed and either sigma-theta or VTG.
IA	Inaudible. When site noise is noted as IA then there was no site noise at the monitoring location.
NM	Not Measurable. If site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified.
Day	This is the period 7:00am to 6:00pm.
Evening	This is the period 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
Night	This is the period 10:00pm to 7:00am.

2 REGULATOR REQUIREMENTS AND NOISE CRITERIA

2.1 Development Consent

The most current development consent associated with activities at Borg is Development Consent SSD 7016 (the consent), most recently modified 20 November 2018. The sections of the consent relating to noise are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.2 Environment Protection Licence

Borg holds Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 3035 issued by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) most recently on 4 September 2019. Relevant sections of the EPL are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.3 Operational Noise Management Plan

Noise monitoring requirements are detailed in the Borg Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP) and Construction Noise Management Plan (CNMP). The most recent version of the ONMP was approved in December 2017. The most recent version of the CNMP was approved in June 2017. Relevant sections of the ONMP and CNMP are reproduced in Appendix A.

2.4 Noise Criteria

Noise limits are consistent between the consent and EPL and have been reproduced in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB	Night $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB
All sensitive receivers	55	50	45

Construction noise criteria for each monitoring location are detailed in Table 2.2 and Table 2.3.

Table 2.2: GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOISE LIMITS

Report Descriptor	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB	Night $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB
NM1	55	50	45
NM2	55	50	45
NM3	55	50	45
NM4	55	50	45

Table 2.3: ROCK/CONCRETE BREAKING NOISE LIMITS

Report Descriptor	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ dB
NM1	75
NM2	75
NM3	75
NM4	75

2.5 Meteorological Conditions

As described in the consent, noise generated by Borg is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP), as follows:

- during rain and wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

2.6 Modifying Factors

The EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI, 2017) was approved for use in NSW in October 2017, and supersedes the EPA's Industrial Noise Policy (INP, 2000). Assessment and reporting of modifying factors is to be carried out in accordance with Fact Sheet C of the NPfI.

NPfI modifying factors, as they are applicable to mining noise, are described in more detail below.

2.6.1 Tonality and Intermittent Noise

As defined in the NPfI:

Tonal noise contains a prominent frequency and is characterised by a definite pitch.

Intermittent noise is noise where the level suddenly drops/increases several times during the assessment period, with a noticeable change in source noise level of at least 5 dB(A); for example, equipment cycling on and off. The intermittency correction is not intended to be applied to changes in noise level due to meteorology.

2.6.2 Low-Frequency Noise

As defined in the NPfI:

Low frequency noise is noise with an unbalanced spectrum and containing major components within the low-frequency range (10 – 160 Hz) of the frequency spectrum.

The NPfI contains the current method of assessing low-frequency noise, which is a 2 step process as detailed below:

Measure/assess source contribution C-weighted and A-weighted L_{eq},T levels over the same time period. The low frequency noise modifying factor correction is to be applied where the C-A level is 15 dB or more and:

- *where any of the 1/3 octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by **up to and including** 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 2 dBA positive adjustment to measured A weighted levels applies for the evening/night period; and*

- *where any of the 1/3 octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by **more than** 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 5 dBA positive adjustment to measured A weighted levels applies for the evening/night period and a 2 dBA positive adjustment applies for the daytime period.*

Table C2 and associated notes from the NPfI is reproduced below:

Table C2: One-third octave low-frequency noise thresholds.

Hz/dB(Z)	One-third octave $L_{Zeq,15min}$ threshold level												
Frequency (Hz)	10	12.5	16	20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160
dB(Z)	92	89	86	77	69	61	54	50	50	48	48	46	44

Notes:

- dB(Z) = decibel (Z frequency weighted).
- For the assessment of low-frequency noise, care should be taken to select a wind screen that can protect the microphone from wind-induced noise characteristics at least 10 dB below the threshold values in Table C2 for

wind speeds up to 5 metres per second. It is likely that high performance larger diameter wind screens (nominally 175 mm) will be required to achieve this performance (Hessler, 2008). In any case, the performance of the wind screen and wind speeds at which data will be excluded needs to be stated.

- Low-frequency noise corrections only apply under the standard and/or noise-enhancing meteorological conditions.
- Where a receiver location has had architectural acoustic treatment applied (including alternative means of mechanical ventilation satisfying the Building Code of Australia) by a proponent, as part of consent requirements or as a private negotiated agreement, alternative external low-frequency noise assessment criteria may be proposed to account for the higher transmission loss of the building façade.
- Measurements should be made between 1.2 and 1.5 metres above ground level unless otherwise approved through a planning instrument (consent/approval) or environment protection licence, and at locations nominated in the development consent or licence.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Overview

Attended environmental noise monitoring was conducted in general accordance with Australian Standard AS1055 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise', relevant NSW EPA requirements, and the Borg ONMP and CNMP. Meteorological data was obtained from the Borg automatic weather station (AWS) which allowed correlation of atmospheric parameters with measured noise levels.

3.2 Attended Noise Monitoring

During this survey, attended monitoring was undertaken during the day, evening and night period at each location. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. Atmospheric condition measurement was also undertaken at each monitoring location.

Attended monitoring is preferred to the use of noise loggers when determining compliance with prescribed limits as it allows an accurate determination of the contribution, if any, to measured noise levels by the source of interest (in this case Borg).

This survey presents noise levels gathered during attended monitoring that are the result of many sounds reaching the sound level meter microphone during monitoring. Received levels from various noise sources were noted during attended monitoring and particular attention was paid to the extent of Borg's contribution, if any, to measured levels. At each receptor location, Borg's $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ and $L_{A1,1minute}$ (in the absence of any other noise) was measured directly, where possible, or, determined by frequency analysis.

If the exact contribution of the source of interest cannot be established, due to masking by other noise sources in a similar frequency range, but site noise levels are observed to be well below (more than 5 dB lower than) any relevant criterion, a maximum estimate of the potential contribution of the site might be made based on other measured site-only noise descriptors in accordance with Section 7.1 of the NPfI. This is generally expressed as a 'less than' quantity, such as <20 dB or <30 dB.

The terms 'Inaudible' (IA) or 'Not Measurable' (NM) may also be used in this report. When site noise is noted as IA, no site noise was audible at the monitoring location. When site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified. If site noise was NM due to masking but estimated to be significant in relation to a relevant criterion, we would employ methods (e.g. measure closer and back calculate) to determine a value for reporting.

All sites noted as NM in this report are due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Site noise levels were extremely low and unlikely, in many cases, to be even noticed;
- Site noise levels were masked by another relatively loud noise source that is characteristic of the

environment (e.g. breeze in foliage or continuous road traffic noise) that cannot be eliminated by moving closer; and/or

- It was not feasible, nor reasonable to employ methods such as move closer and back calculate. Cases may include, but are not limited to, rough terrain preventing closer measurement, addition/removal of significant source to receiver shielding caused by moving closer, and meteorological conditions where back calculation may not be accurate.

A measurement of $L_{A1,1minute}$ corresponds to the highest noise level generated for 0.6 second during one minute. In practical terms this is the highest noise level, or L_{Amax}, received from the site during the entire measurement period (i.e. the highest level of the worst minute during the 15 minute measurement).

Often extraneous noise events (for example, road traffic pass-bys and dogs) interfere with the measurement of site noise levels in the frequency range of interest. Where required, the analyser is paused during these occurrences to aid in quantification of the site only $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ level.

3.3 Modifying Factors

Years of monitoring have indicated that noise levels from the facility, particularly those measured at significant distances from the source are relatively continuous and broad spectrum. Given this, noise levels from Borg at the monitoring locations are unlikely to be intermittent or tonal.

Assessment of low-frequency modifying factors is necessary when application of the maximum correction could potentially result in an exceedance of the relevant site-only L_{Aeq} criterion. Low-frequency analysis is therefore undertaken for measurements in this report where:

- meteorological conditions resulted in criteria being applicable;
- contributions from Borg were audible and directly measurable, such that the site-only L_{Aeq} was not "NM" or less than a maximum cut off value (e.g. "<20 dB" or "<30dB");
- contributions from Borg were within 5 dB of the relevant L_{Aeq} criterion, as 5 dB is the maximum penalty that can be applied by low-frequency modifying factors; and
- Borg was the only low-frequency noise source.

All measurements meeting these conditions were evaluated for possible low-frequency penalty applicability in accordance with the NPfI.

3.4 Monitoring Equipment

Table 3.1 lists the equipment used to measure environmental noise levels. Calibration certificates are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3.1: ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Model	Serial Number	Calibration Due Date
Rion NA-28 sound level analyser	30131882	05/02/2021
Rion NC-74 acoustic calibrator	11248306	17/06/2021

4 RESULTS

4.1 Total Measured Noise Levels

Overall noise levels measured at each location during attended measurements are provided in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: MEASURED NOISE LEVELS – QUARTER 1 2020[1]

Location	Start Date and Time	L_{Amax} dB	L_{A1} dB	L_{A10} dB	L_{Aeq} dB	L_{A50} dB	L_{A90} dB	L_{Amin} dB	L_{Ceq} dB
NM1	29/3/20 16:21	58	51	47	46	45	44	42	61
NM1	29/3/20 19:39	65	55	48	47	46	45	44	62
NM1	29/3/20 23:18	56	49	47	46	46	45	43	61
NM2	29/3/20 16:45	64	51	46	44	44	42	40	59
NM2	29/3/20 20:00	54	50	48	47	46	45	43	60
NM2	29/3/20 22:56	52	50	47	46	45	44	43	60
NM3	29/3/20 20:54	50	46	33	34	31	30	29	49
NM3	29/3/20 22:03	62	54	38	41	30	28	27	54
NM3	30/3/20 10:50	63	57	47	46	42	40	36	60
NM4	29/3/20 17:07	70	55	45	46	42	41	39	58
NM4	29/3/20 19:17	58	52	46	45	45	43	41	57
NM4	29/3/20 23:44	48	47	45	44	44	43	40	56

Notes:

1. *Levels in this table are not necessarily the result of activity at Borg.*

4.2 Modifying Factors

Measured site-only levels were assessed for the applicability of modifying factors in accordance with the NPfI.

There were no intermittent or tonal noise sources, as defined in the NPfI, audible from site during the survey.

Five of the measurements in this survey satisfied the conditions outlined in Section 3.3 and were assessed for low-frequency modifying factors in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: LOW-FREQUENCY MODIFYING FACTOR ASSESSMENT – QUARTER 1 2020

Location	Start Date and Time	Measured Borg Only L_{Aeq} dB	Measured Borg Only L_{Ceq} dB	Borg Only $L_{Ceq} - L_{Aeq}$ dB[1]	Max exceedance of ref spectrum Result[2]	Penalty dB[3]
NM1	29/3/20 19:39	46	62	16	Nil	Nil
NM1	29/3/20 23:18	46	61	15	Nil	Nil
NM2	29/3/20 20:00	46	60	14	NA	NA
NM2	29/3/20 22:56	45	60	15	Nil	Nil
NM4	29/3/20 23:44	44	56	12	NA	NA

Notes:

1. *As per NPfI, if $L_{Ceq} - L_{Aeq} \geq 15$ dB further assessment of low- frequency noise required as detailed in Sections 2.6.2 and 3.3 of this report;*
2. *As per NPfI, compare measured spectrum against reference spectrum to determine if the low-frequency modifying factor is triggered and application of penalty is required; and*
3. *Bold results indicate that NPfI low-frequency modifying factor has been triggered and application of correction is required.*

4.3 Attended Noise Monitoring

Table 4.3 compares measured $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ levels from Borg with the project specific noise criteria. Further detail for the exceedance at NM1 is provided in Section 5.

Table 4.3: $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ GENERATED BY BORG AGAINST CRITERIA – QUARTER 1 2020

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s	Stability Class	Criterion dB	Criterion Applies?[1]	Borg $L_{Aeq,15min}$ dB[2]	Exceedance[3,4]
NM1	29/3/20 16:21	3.2	A	55	No	45	NA
NM1	29/3/20 19:39	1.1	F	50	Yes	46	Nil
NM1	29/3/20 23:18	1.4	F	45	Yes	**46**	**1**
NM2	29/3/20 16:45	3.1	C	55	No	44	NA
NM2	29/3/20 20:00	1.4	F	50	Yes	46	Nil
NM2	29/3/20 22:56	1.2	F	45	Yes	45	Nil
NM3	29/3/20 20:54	1.7	F	50	Yes	<30	Nil
NM3	29/3/20 22:03	1.7	F	45	Yes	<30	Nil
NM3	30/3/20 10:50	4.0	D	55	No	41	NA
NM4	29/3/20 17:07	3.3	C	55	No	42	NA
NM4	29/3/20 19:17	1.3	F	50	Yes	44	Nil
NM4	29/3/20 23:44	1.2	F	45	Yes	44	Nil

Notes:

1. *Noise criteria apply under all meteorological conditions except the following:*
   - Wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
   - Stability class F temperature inversion conditions, and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s at 10 metres above ground level; or
   - Stability class G temperature inversion conditions.
2. *Site-only $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ attributed to Borg, including modifying factors if applicable;*
3. *Bold results in red indicate exceedance of criterion (if applicable); and*
4. *NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified, therefore criterion was not applicable.*

4.4 Atmospheric Conditions

Atmospheric condition data measured by the operator during each measurement using a Kestrel hand-held weather meter is shown in Table 4.4. The wind speed, direction and temperature were measured at approximately 1.8 metres. Attended noise monitoring is not undertaken during rain, hail, or wind speeds above 5 m/s at microphone height.

Table 4.4: MEASURED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS – QUARTER 1 2020

Location	Start Date and Time	Temperature ° C	Wind Speed m/s	Wind Direction ° Magnetic North[1]	Cloud Cover 1/8s
NM1	29/3/20 16:21	32	1.5	290	3
NM1	29/3/20 19:39	17	0.5	0	1
NM1	29/3/20 23:18	16	1.5	355	0
NM2	29/3/20 16:45	20	0.9	290	3
NM2	29/3/20 20:00	17	0.0	-	4
NM2	29/3/20 22:56	16	0.0	-	0
NM3	29/3/20 20:54	17	0.8	230	2
NM3	29/3/20 22:03	17	0.4	50	1
NM3	30/3/20 10:50	14	1.5	340	8
NM4	29/3/20 17:07	20	2.4	270	4
NM4	29/3/20 19:17	16	0.0	-	2
NM4	29/3/20 23:44	15	0.8	330	1

Notes:

1. *"-" indicates calm conditions at monitoring location.*

Meteorological data used for compliance assessment is sourced from the Borg AWS.

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 Noted Noise Sources

During attended monitoring, the time variations (temporal characteristics) of noise sources are taken into account in each measurement via statistical descriptors. From these observations, summaries have been derived for each location and provided in this chapter. Statistical 1/3 octave-band analysis of environmental noise was undertaken and the following figures display frequency ranges of various noise sources at each location for L_{A1}, L_{A10}, L_{Aeq}, L_{A50} and L_{A90} descriptors. These figures also provide, graphically, statistical information for these noise levels.

An example is provided as Figure 2 where it can be seen that frogs and insects are generating noise at frequencies above 1000 Hz while industrial noise is at frequencies less than 1000 Hz, which is typical. Adding levels at frequencies that relate to mining only allows separate statistical results to be calculated. This analysis cannot always be performed if there are significant levels of other noise at the same frequencies as Borg, such as dogs, cows, or (most commonly) road traffic.

It should be noted that the method of summing statistical values up to a cut-off frequency can overstate the L_{A1} result by a small margin but is entirely accurate for L_{Aeq}.

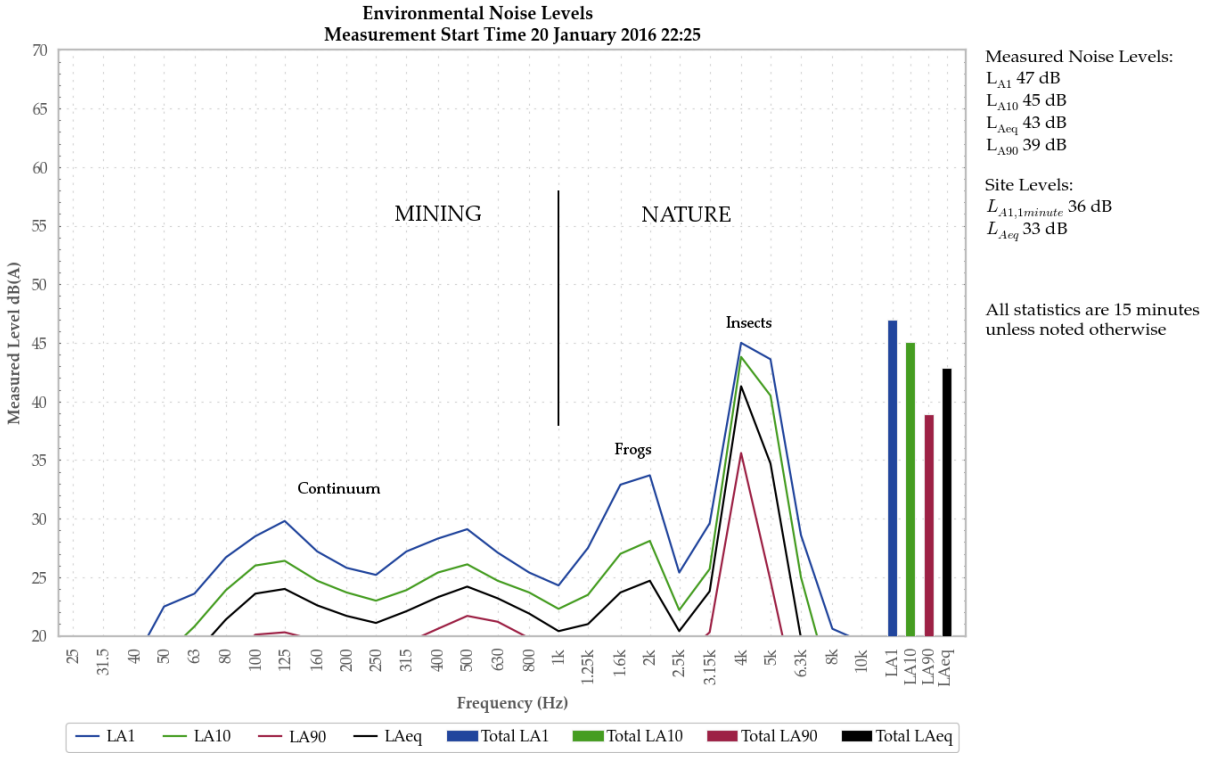

Figure 2: Sample graph (see Section 5.1 for explanatory note)

5.1.1 NM1 – Night

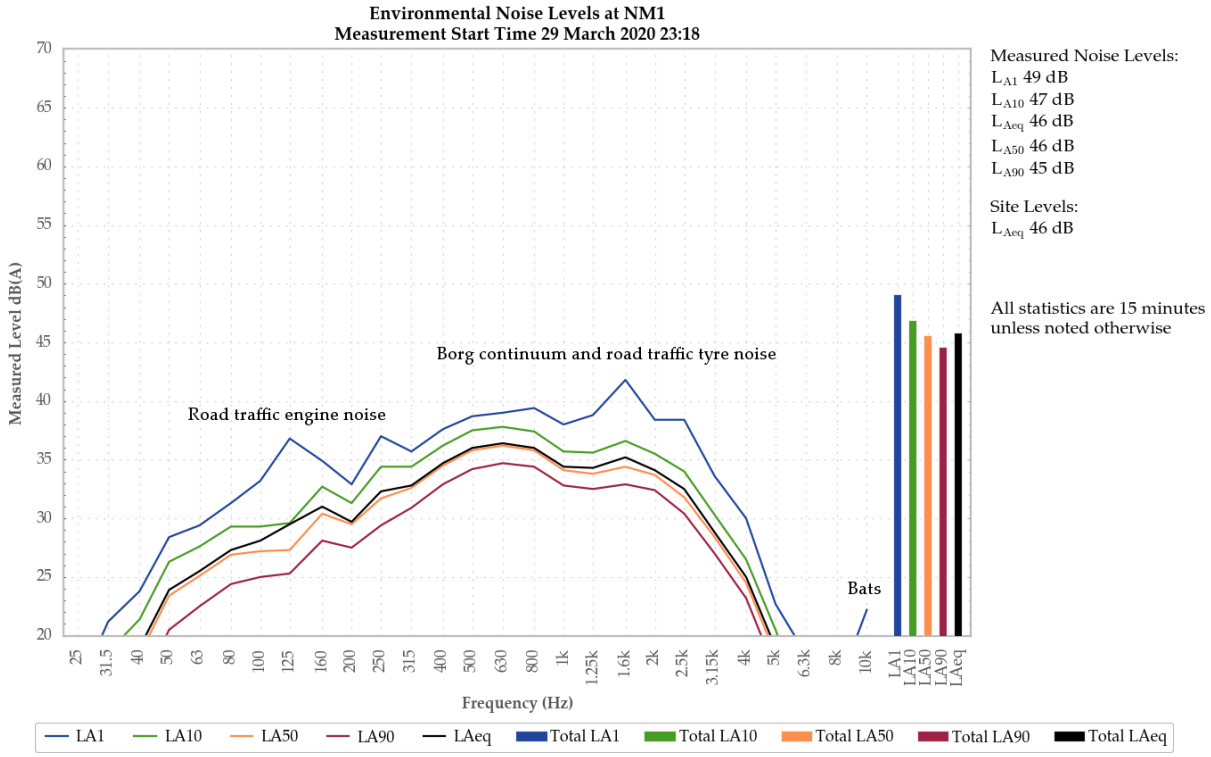

Figure 3: Environmental Noise Levels, NM1 – Oberon Caravan Park

A continuum from Borg was audible throughout the measurement, generating the site only L_{Aeq} of 46 dB.

Borg was responsible for the measured L_{A10}, L_{A50}, L_{Aeq} and L_{A90}. Borg and road traffic generated the measured L_{A1}.

Bats, insects and breeze were also noted.

6 SUMMARY

Global Acoustics was engaged by Borg Manufacturing Pty Ltd to conduct a noise survey of operations at the Borg panel manufacturing facility (Borg) near Oberon, NSW. The purpose of the survey was to quantify and describe the acoustic environment around the site and compare results with specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the day, evening, and night periods of 29 and 30 March 2020 at four monitoring locations around Borg.

Borg operations complied with the relevant criteria during the Quarter 1 2020 survey at all monitoring locations, with the exception of NM1 during the night period. A continuum from Borg was audible throughout the measurement, generating the site only L_{Aeq} of 46 dB, exceeding the criterion by 1 dB. Follow-up monitoring for the exceedance at NM1 was completed by Borg.

Criteria may not always be applicable due to meteorological conditions at the time of monitoring.

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APPENDIX

A REGULATOR DOCUMENTS

A.1 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT SSD 7016

NOISE

Hours of Work

B13. The Applicant must comply with the hours detailed in **Table 1**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Secretary.

Table 1: Hours of Work

Activity	Day	Time
Earthworks and Construction	Monday – Friday Saturday	7 am to 7 pm 8 am to 1 pm
Operation	Monday – Sunday	24 hours

B14. Works outside of the hours identified in Condition B13 may be undertaken in the following circumstances:
(a) works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers;
(b) works agreed to in writing by the Secretary;
(c) for the delivery of materials required outside these hours by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or
(d) where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

Construction Noise Management Plan

B15. The Applicant must prepare a Construction Noise Management Plan (CNMP) for the Project to manage construction noise. The plan must form part of the CEMP required by Condition C1 and must:
(a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
(b) be approved by the Secretary prior to the commencement of construction of the Project;
(c) describe procedures for achieving the noise limits in **Table 2**;
(d) describe the measures to be implemented to manage noisy works such as rock/concrete breaking activities, in close proximity to sensitive receivers;
(e) include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing noisy works;
(f) describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in e) above; and
(g) include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the Project.

Operational Noise Limits

B16. The Applicant must ensure that noise generated by the Development does not exceed the noise limits in **Table 2.**

Table 2: Noise Limits dB(A)

Location	Day $L_{Aeq(15\ minute)}$	Evening $L_{Aeq(15\ minute)}$	Night $L_{Aeq(15\ minute)}$
All sensitive receivers	55	50	45

Note: *Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.*

Noise Mitigation

B17. The Applicant must ensure all noise attenuation measures already installed for the Existing Development are maintained in good working order for the life of the Development.

Operational Noise Management Plan

B18. Within 6 months of the date of this consent, the Applicant must prepare an Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP) for the Existing Development, to manage operational noise to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The ONMP must form part of the OEMP required by Condition C4 and be prepared in accordance with Condition C9. The ONMP must:
(a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
(b) describe the measures that will be implemented to minimise noise from the Existing Development including:
(i) all reasonable and feasible measures being employed on site;
(ii) maintain equipment to ensure it is in good order;
(iii) traffic noise is effectively managed;
(iv) the noise impacts of the Existing Development are minimised during any meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply;
(v) compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent;
(c) includes a noise monitoring program that:
(i) must be carried out until otherwise agreed to in writing by the Secretary;
(ii) is capable of evaluating the performance of the Existing Development; and
(iii) includes a protocol for determining exceedances of the relevant conditions of this consent and responding to complaints; and
(d) include a procedure for implementing noise mitigation measures, should the Applicant be directed by the EPA or the Secretary, or should non-compliances be detected.

B19. Prior to the commencement of operation of the Project, the Applicant must update the ONMP required under Condition B18, to incorporate the Project and its management, to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The updated plan must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of Condition B18, and must incorporate the following:
(a) description of the noise monitoring program to measure the performance of the Development against this consent and the EPL; and
(b) description of any additional measures that would be implemented for the Development to ensure compliance with the noise limits in Condition B16 and the EPL.

Noise Verification

B20. Within 3 months of commencement of operation of the Project, the Applicant must undertake a noise verification study for the Development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. The study must:
(a) be undertaken by a suitably qualified expert;
(b) include an analysis of compliance with noise limits specified in Condition B16;
(c) demonstrate achievement of the sound power levels in Table 12 of the *Borg Panels Timber Panel Processing Facility Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment*, dated May 2016 and prepared by Global Acoustics;
(d) include an outline of management actions to be taken to address any exceedances of the limits specified in Condition B16; and
(e) describe the contingency measures in the event management actions are not effective in reducing noise levels to an acceptable level.

Within 1 month of completing the study, the Applicant must submit a report outlining the findings of the study to the Secretary and the EPA.

B21. Should the noise verification study indicate the Development has not complied with the noise limits in Condition B16 and applicable EPL requirements, or where the verification indicates that greater impacts than predicted in the EIS may arise, a detailed investigation and an outline of any management measures necessary to prevent exceedances must be submitted to the Secretary and the EPA, as part of the study.

Borg will implement reasonable and practical measures to avoid or minimise impacts to the environment that may arise as a result of the project.

Borg will carry out the proposed works in accordance with the EIS, RTS and the approval conditions.

Noise

Attenuation, as detailed in the NIA, will be implemented as follows:

- Conti 1 Dryer Fan air intake redesigned and the fan speed reduced to minimise noise generated. A sound power reduction from LAeq 121 dB to 114 dB or better is required.
- Booster fan will receive additional insulation and a reduction in fan speed. A sound power reduction from LAeq 116 dB to 109 dB or better is required.
- Main fibre transport fan will have a concrete enclosure constructed around it. A sound power reduction from LAeq 110 dB to 104 dB or better is required.

In short, the approach taken by Borg to mitigate noise is based on a number of factors:

1. Continuation of the use of mobile chippers (that is, not to enclose the mobile chippers). However, these are backup items (only to be used when enclosed, electric chippers are not operational), and will not be used in enhancing met conditions.
2. Implementation of additional noise mitigation measures to minimise noise generated by equipment, as detailed above.
3. Provision of sound attenuation structures and enclosures to other equipment where appropriate.

Irrespective of the above, Borg undertakes to meet the existing plant sound power reductions specified in the NIA. If the proposed attenuation measures to the existing plant are found to be insufficient in achieving these reductions, additional works will be undertaken.

A.2 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE

L3 Noise limits

L3.1 Noise from the premises must not exceed:
a) 55 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) during the day (7am to 6pm); and
b) 50 dB(A) LAeq(15 minute) during the evening (6pm to 10pm); and
c) at all other times 45 dB(A) LAeq (15 minute), except as expressly provided by this licence.

Where LAeq means the equivalent continuous noise level - the level of noise equivalent to the energy-average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.

L3.2 To determine compliance with condition L3.1, noise must be measured at or computed for "Oorong" or any other noise sensitive location (such as a residence/school) along Herbourne or West Cunynghame Street, Oberon. A modifying factor correction must be applied for tonal, impulsive or intermittent noise in accordance with the "Environmental Noise Management - NSW Industrial Noise Policy" (January 2000).

L3.3 The noise emission limits identified in this licence apply under all meteorological conditions except:

a) during rain and wind speeds (at 10m height) greater than 3m/s; and
b) under "non-significant weather conditions".

Note: Field meteorological indicators for non-significant weather conditions are described in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy, Chapter 5 and Appendix E in relation to wind and temperature inversions.

A.3 OPERATIONAL NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

7.3 Attended Noise Monitoring

Attended noise monitoring is preferred to the use of noise loggers when determining compliance with prescribed limits as it allows the most accurate determination of the contribution, if any, to measured noise levels by the source of interest.

Operational noise impacts are potentially greatest at night when background levels are typically low and the allowable levels are correspondingly low, and, this is the period when noise propagation enhancement is most likely.

7.3.1 Compliance Monitoring

It is proposed to conduct compliance monitoring for the Existing Development at each location once per year during the day, evening and night periods (pending weather and operational constraints) with results compared to noise criteria in **Table 3**. Compliance monitoring should be conducted during the winter period as this season represents the likely worst-case season due to temperature inversions.

Any exceedance of a noise criterion recorded during regular attended noise monitoring is to be investigated. The acoustic consultant undertaking the attended monitoring is to contact the Environment Officer as soon as practicable to advise of the recorded results. If exceedance of limits is demonstrated follow-up monitoring is to be undertaken within one week of the exceedance. The regular monitoring frequency will be resumed if no further exceedances are measured.

Attended compliance monitoring is to be undertaken by a suitably qualified noise expert. Appropriate techniques should be applied to determine noise contributions from the Existing Development in isolation (in the absence of all extraneous noise sources). These techniques could include, but are not limited to:

- Pausing the sound level meter during extraneous noise events, for example, when a dog is barking or road traffic noise is clearly audible and affecting the measurements;
- Using frequency filtering techniques where certain frequencies of noise are excluded from the measurements; or
- Using other noise descriptors such as L_{A90} or L_{A50} to filter extraneous noise events.

The Existing Development should be fully operational at the time of monitoring.

Operational noise performance is reported as detailed in **Section 9**.

7.4 Monitoring Locations

Four representative locations have been chosen for monitoring as summarised in **Table 6**. Refer to **Figure 2** for these locations.

Table 6 – Noise Monitoring Locations

Location ID	Monitoring Location
NM1	Oberon Caravan Park
NM2	Intersection Pine Street and Herborn Street
NM3	127 Hazelgrove Road
NM4	Intersection Tasman Street and Earl Street

Noise management levels for each monitoring location are provided in **Table 3**. Where these are exceeded from operational noise sources, the exceedance should be investigated (as discussed in **Section 9**) to determine the cause and any necessary mitigation.

7.5 Meteorological Conditions

Monitoring should be undertaken on days of light winds (<5 m/s) and no rain. Wind speed is to be monitored using a hand held wind speed monitor. Rain and too much wind will elevate the noise level. If there is no choice but to monitor in inclement weather, note the conditions.

Meteorological data is obtained from the Borg Panels weather station (EPA Identification Point 26). This data allows correlation of atmospheric parameters and measured noise levels. Atmospheric condition measurement at ground level is also undertaken during attended monitoring.

10 ONMP Review

In accordance with Development Consent SSD 7016 Condition C10, this ONMP will be reviewed and if necessary revised within 3 months of an:

- Approval of a modification;
- Submission of an incident report under Condition C13;
- Approval of an Annual Review under Condition C11; or
- Completion of an audit under Condition C15.

Revisions to the ONMP will be submitted to the Secretary DP&E for approval.

A.4 CONSTRUCTION NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN

5 Construction Noise Management Levels

Construction activities will be undertaken simultaneously with regular operation of the existing site. Borg propose to generally restrict site noise emission from both construction and operational tasks combined to comply with operational noise criteria conditioned in Development Consent SSD 7016 and EPL 3035.

Following consideration of the ICNG (**Section 2.6**), Development Consent (SSD 7016) conditions (**Section 2.2**), EPL 3035 (**Section 2.4**) and the measured background noise levels (refer Global Acoustics, May 2016), **Table 6** summarises the Noise Management Levels (NMLs) for all residential receivers.

Table 6 – Operation and Construction Noise Management Levels

Location	Activity	Day (7am-6pm) LAeq (15 min)	Evening (6pm-10pm) LAeq (15 min)	Night (10pm-7am) LAeq (15 min)
All residential receivers	General Construction	55	50	45
	Rock/ Concrete Breaking	75		

Work outside approved construction hours are not expected, however unforeseen constraints relating to delivery of materials or equipment, or other technical requirements, may see some activities undertaken outside approved hours. Where required, out of hours works will be undertaken to meet the noise management levels in **Table 6**.

Development Consent SSD 7016 Condition B14 requires non-standard construction hour work to be inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers. The Development Consent takes precedence over the ICNG and will be adopted in this plan.

In this instance, "inaudible" means the activity is not discernible from general operation activities.

7.2 Monitoring Frequency

7.2.1 Compliance Monitoring

The following compliance monitoring, to be undertaken during construction by a suitably qualified noise expert, is recommended for the project:

- Periodic attended noise monitoring at the potentially most affected residences during the day period, with a frequency of once per quarter, during the construction phase of the Project; and
- If exceedance of limits is demonstrated, additional mitigation controls are to be implemented, and follow-up monitoring undertaken within one week of the exceedance.

Construction noise performance is reported as detailed in **Section 10**.

7.3 Monitoring Locations

Four representative locations have been chosen for monitoring as summarised in **Table 8**. Refer to **Figure 2** for these locations.

Table 8 – Noise Monitoring Locations

Location ID	Monitoring Location
NM1	Oberon Caravan Park
NM2	Intersection Pine Street and Herborn Street
NM3	127 Hazelgrove Road
NM4	Intersection Tasman Street and Earl Street

Noise management levels for each monitoring location are provided in **Table 6**. Where these are exceeded by construction-related noise sources, the exceedance should be investigated (as discussed in **Section 10**) to determine the cause and any necessary mitigation.

7.3.2 Weather Conditions

Monitoring should be undertaken on days of light winds (<5 m/s) and no rain. Wind speed is to be monitored using a hand held wind speed monitor. Rain and too much wind will elevate the noise level. If there is no choice but to monitor in inclement weather, note the conditions on the field sheet.

NMLs listed in Table 6 apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- Wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

Weather conditions measured at the site weather station should be used to determine applicability of meteorological exclusion rules.

APPENDIX

B CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

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Sound Level Meter
IEC 61672-3.2013
Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C19073

Client Details	Global Acoustics Pty Ltd 12/16 Huntingdale Drive Thornton NSW 2322
Equipment Tested/ Model Number :	NA-28
Instrument Serial Number :	30131882
Microphone Serial Number :	04739
Pre-amplifier Serial Number :	11942

Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions		**Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions**	
Ambient Temperature :	24.5°C	**Ambient Temperature :**	23.6°C
Relative Humidity :	54.5%	**Relative Humidity :**	51%
Barometric Pressure :	99.39kPa	**Barometric Pressure :**	99.36kPa

Calibration Technician :	Charlie Neil	**Secondary Check:**	Lewis Boorman
Calibration Date :	5 Feb 2019	**Report Issue Date :**	6 Feb 2019

Approved Signatory : Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	*Pass*	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	*Pass*
13: Electrical Sig. tests of frequency weightings	*Pass*	18: Toneburst response	*Pass*
14: Frequency and time weightings at 1 kHz	*Pass*	19: C Weighted Peak Sound Level	*Pass*
15: Long Term Stability	*Pass*	20: Overload Indication	*Pass*
16: Level linearity on the reference level range	*Pass*	21: High Level Stability	*Pass*

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 1 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2013, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

As public evidence was available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for approving the results of pattern evaluation test performed in accordance with IEC 61672-2:2013, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements in IEC 61672-1:2013, the sound level meter submitted for testing conforms to the class 1 requirements of IEC 61672-1:2013

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	*±0.15dB*	*Temperature*	*±0.2°C*
12.5kHz	*±0.2dB*	*Relative Humidity*	*±2.4%*
16kHz	*±0.29dB*	*Barometric Pressure*	*±0.015kPa*
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	*±0.11dB*		

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

This calibration certificate is to be read in conjunction with the calibration test report.

Acoustic Research Labs Pty Ltd is NATA Accredited Laboratory Number 14172.
Accredited for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 - calibration.

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Sound Calibrator
IEC 60942-2017

Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C19344

Client Details Global Acoustics Pty Ltd
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Thorton NSW 2322

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : Rion NC-73
Instrument Serial Number : 11248306

Atmospheric Conditions
Ambient Temperature : 24.6°C
Relative Humidity : 47.4%
Barometric Pressure : 100.85kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 17 Jun 2019
Secondary Check: Eloise Burrows
Report Issue Date : 17 Jun 2019
Approved Signatory : Ken Williams

Characteristic Tested	Result
Generated Sound Pressure Level	*Pass*
Frequency Generated	*Pass*
Total Distortion	*Pass*

	Nominal Level	Nominal Frequency	Measured Level	Measured Frequency
Measured Output	94.0	1000.0	94.3	989.75

The sound calibrator has been shown to conform to the class 2 requirements for periodic testing, described in Annex B of IEC 60942:2017 for the sound pressure level(s) and frequency(ies) stated, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Specific Tests

Generated SPL	*±0.11dB*
Frequency	*±0.01%*
Distortion	*±0.3%*

Environmental Conditions

Temperature	*±0.3°C*
Relative Humidity	*±2.3%*
Barometric Pressure	*±0.017kPa*

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

* The tests <1000 kHz are not covered by Acoustic Research Labs Pty Ltd NATA accreditation.

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