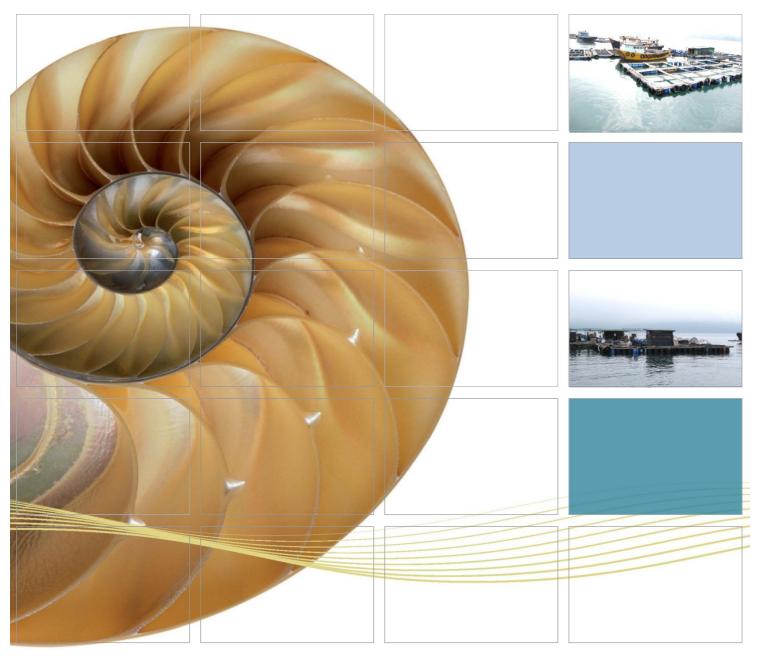
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Reference Document/Plan

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Reference EM&A Manual/ EP Requirement

EM&A Manual Requirement:

Section 5.1

Content:

Site Inspections

"...A weekly site inspection will be carried out at the proposed BMH in TKO Industrial Estate until the completion of construction works at the landing point. The areas of inspection will not be limited to the site area and should also include the environmental conditions outside the site which are likely to be affected, directly or indirectly, by the site activities ... "

EP Condition:

Condition No. 2.4

Content: Site Audit

"To monitor the environmental impacts and timely implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, the Permit Holder shall:

(i) implement the EM&A programme of the Project in accordance with the procedures and requirements set out in the approved EM&A"

(ii) submit to the Direct... (a)...; (b) weekly impact monitoring and site audit report within three days after the relevant monitoring data are collected or become available; and (c)..."

ET Certification

I hereby certify that the above referenced document/plan complies with the above referenced condition of EP-433/2011.

/MOE

Terence Fong, Environmental Team Leader:

Date:

29 April 2013

IEC Verification

I hereby verify that the above referenced document/plan complies with the above referenced condition of EP-433/2011.

Vincent Lai, Independent **Environmental Checker:**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NTT Com Asia (NTTCA) proposes to install a telecommunication cable (Asia Submarine-cable Express (ASE) cable) of approximately 7,200 km in length, connecting Japan and Singapore with branches to the Philippines, Hong Kong SAR (HKSAR) and Malaysia. A Project Profile (PP-452/2011) which includes an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the installation of the submarine telecommunications cable system was prepared and submitted to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) under section 5. (1)(b) and 5.(11) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) for the application for Permission to apply directly for Environmental Permit (EP). The Environmental Protection Department, subsequently issued an Environmental Permit (EP- 433/2011).

This is the **Fourteenth Weekly Site Inspection Report** that presents the findings of the site inspection and other EM&A activities undertaken during the period from **22 April 2013** to **28 April 2013**.

Environmental Site Inspection

A weekly environmental site inspection was carried out by the representative of the Environmental Team (ET). Environmental performance complied with the environmental requirements and all necessary mitigation measures were properly implemented.

Environmental Complaints, Non-compliance & Summons

No non-compliance with PP recommendations, EP conditions and other requirements associated with the construction of the Project was recorded in the reporting period.

No environmental complaint was received in this reporting period.

No environmental summons was received in this reporting period.

Upcoming Works for the Next Reporting Period

The remaining works at the cable landing point are the construction of protection fences for the new beach manholes. Potential environmental impacts arising from these activities are mainly associated with dust and waste management.

1 INTRODUCTION

ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM) was appointed by NTT Com Asia (NTTCA) as the Environmental Team to conduct regular site inspections and audit the implementation of all environmental monitoring and mitigation measures recommended in the Project Profile (PP) (Register No. PP – 452/2011) for the Proposed Asia Submarine-cable Express (ASE) – Tseung Kwan O (the Project).

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This is the **Fourteenth Weekly Site Inspection Report** (the Report), which summarises the inspection findings for the period from **22 April 2013** to **28 April 2013** and the implementation status of the EM&A recommendations on environmental protection and pollution control mitigation measures and monitoring.

1.2 STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

The structure of the Report is as follows:

Section 1: Introduction

Details the scope and structure of the Report.

Section 2: Project Information

Summarises background and scope of the Project, site description, construction programme, the construction works undertaken and the status of Environmental Permits/Licenses during the reporting period.

Section 3 : **Environmental Monitoring** Summarises the monitoring programmes as recommended in the PP and the monitoring undertaken during the reporting period.

Section 4 : **Site Inspection Results** Summarises the findings of the weekly site inspection undertaken within the reporting period.

Section 5 : **Environmental Non-conformance** Summarises any exceedances of environmental performance standard, environmental complaints and environmental summons received within the reporting period.

Section 6 : **Upcoming Works for the Next Reporting Period** Summarises the impact forecast and monitoring schedule for the next reporting week.

Section 7: Conclusions

2.1 BACKGROUND

NTT Com Asia (NTTCA) proposes to install a telecommunication cable (Asia Submarine-cable Express (ASE) cable) of approximately 7,200 km in length, connecting Japan and Singapore with branches to the Philippines, Hong Kong SAR (HKSAR) and Malaysia. NTTCA is responsible for securing the approval to land the ASE cable in Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong SAR (HKSAR). The proposed landing site will be at a new Beach Manhole (BMH) and ultimately connect with a Data Centre in Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Industrial Estate which is scheduled for completion in 2012. From Tseung Kwan O, the cable will extend eastward approaching the Tathong Channel. Near to Cape Collinson, the cable is approximately parallel to the Tathong Channel until north of Waglan Island where the cable travels eastward to the boundary of HKSAR waters where it enters the South China Sea. The total length of cable in Hong Kong SAR waters is approximately 33.5 km. A map of the proposed cable route is presented in *Annex A*.

A Project Profile (PP-452/2011) which includes an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the installation of the submarine telecommunications cable system was prepared and submitted to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) under section 5.(1)(b) and 5.(11) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) for the application for Permission to apply directly for Environmental Permit (EP). The Environmental Protection Department, subsequently issued an Environmental Permit (EP- 433/2011).

Under the requirements of Condition 2.4 of the EP, an EM&A programme as set out in the revised Environmental Monitoring and Audit Manual (EM&A Manual) is required to be implemented. The EM&A programme includes water quality monitoring, marine mammal observation, coral monitoring and weekly site inspection.

2.2 WORKS PROGRAMME AND WORKS LOCATIONS

The location of the cable installation works within the boundary of Hong Kong SAR waters is shown in *Annex A*, while the location of the landing point (ie new Beach Manhole (BMH) in TKO Industrial Estate) is shown in *Annex B*.

2.3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Submarine Cable Installation

Starting from 8 October 2012, the submarine-cable laying works in Zone A, Zone B and Zone C have been largely finished and the installation barge

reached the boundary of Hong Kong marine waters on 24 October 2012. All marine works associated with the Project were finished in late January 2013.

Landing Point Construction

The construction works of the landing point, which included the beach manholes and the land duct, commenced on 4 October 2012, and were completed in late December of 2012, dismantlement of the site hoarding fence were completed in late February. During the reporting period, BMH fences construction was conducted at the landing point on 22 – 28 April 2013 (*Table 2.1*).

Table 2.1Summary of Landing Point Construction Activities Undertaken during
Reporting Period

Construction Activities Undertaken

• Construction of new Beach Manholes (BMH) fences

2.4 STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL DOCUMENTS

A summary of the relevant permits, licences, and/or notifications on environmental protection for this Project is presented in *Table 2.2*.

Table 2.2Summary of Current Environmental Licensing, Notification and Permit
Status

Permit/ Licences/ Notification	Reference	Validity Period	Remarks
Environmental Permit	EP-433/2011	Throughout the construction and operation of the Project	Permit granted on 20 December 2011
Construction Noise Permit	GW-RE0774-12	18 Sep 2012 – 31 Jan 2013	Permits granted on using of registered powered mechanical equipment for 07:00- 23:00 hrs on general holidays (including Sundays) and 19:00- 23:00 hrs on any day not being a general holiday for Sub-marine cable laying works of the Project

3 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

3.1 CABLE INSTALLATION WATER QUALITY MONITORING

As all marine works of the Project were finished in late January 2013, post project water quality monitoring in Zone A, Zone B and Zone C was conducted in February 2013. Post Project Water Quality Monitoring Reporting summarizing the findings of the water quality monitoring in the three zones were submitted on 28 February 2013.

3.2 MARINE MAMMAL OBSERVATION (MMO)

Daily marine mammal exclusion zone monitoring is required to be conducted during the cable installation works taking place in daylight hours along the sections outside Zone A to Zone B (ie Zone C and from C to the boundary of HKSAR waters). This monitoring was completed on 24 October 2012.

3.3 CORAL MONITORING

Post-project coral monitoring was conducted within one month after completion of the marine works of the Project in late January. The Post-Project Coral Monitoring Survey Report was submitted to EPD and AFCD on 28 February 2013.

3.4 SITE INSPECTION AND AUDIT

In accordance with the revised EM&A Manual, a weekly site inspection should be undertaken at the landing point (ie new Beach Manhole (BMH) in TKO Industrial Estate) to ensure that the appropriate environmental protection and pollution control mitigation measures are properly implemented in accordance with the Project Profile (PP-452/2011). Results of the site inspection in the reporting period are provided in *Section 4*. The weekly site inspection is required to be carried out by the representative of the Contractor and the Environmental Team (ET). A Site Inspection Log is completed by the ET representative to record whether the Contractor is compliant with environmental regulations in terms of noise, water quality and housekeeping etc. (*Annex C*).

During the reporting period, the site inspection was conducted on 25 April 2013. Construction works for both the new beach manhole and land duct at the cable landing point have been largely completed. Fences for the new beach manholes area were installing (*Annex D Photos Nos. 1* and 2). There was no non-compliance recorded during the site audit.

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5 ENVIRONMENTAL NON-CONFORMANCE

5.1 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL NON-COMPLIANCE

No non-compliance of PP/ EM&A/ EP/ legislative requirements was recorded during the reporting period.

5.2 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINT

No complaint was received during the reporting period.

5.3 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMON AND SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION

No summons was received during the reporting period.

6 FUTURE KEY ISSUES

6.1 KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Works to be taken for the next reporting period are summarised in *Table 6.1*.

Table 6.1 Construction Works to Be Taken For the Next Reporting Period

Work to be taken

• Construction of the New Beach Manhole Fence

Potential environmental impacts arising from the above activities are mainly associated with dust and waste management.

6.2 MONITORING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Next weekly site inspection will be conducted in the week when the construction of the new beach manhole fence is carried out.

This **Fourteenth Weekly Site Inspection Report** presents the findings of the site inspection and other EM&A activities undertaken during the period from **22 April 2013** to **28 April 2013**, in accordance with the PP (Register No. PP – 452/2011), revised EM&A Manual and the requirements of Environmental Permit (EP- 433/2011).

A weekly environmental site inspection was conducted on 25 April 2013 during the reporting period. It confirmed that the environmental mitigation measures recommended in the PP were properly implemented by the Contractor.

No non-compliance event was recorded during the reporting period.

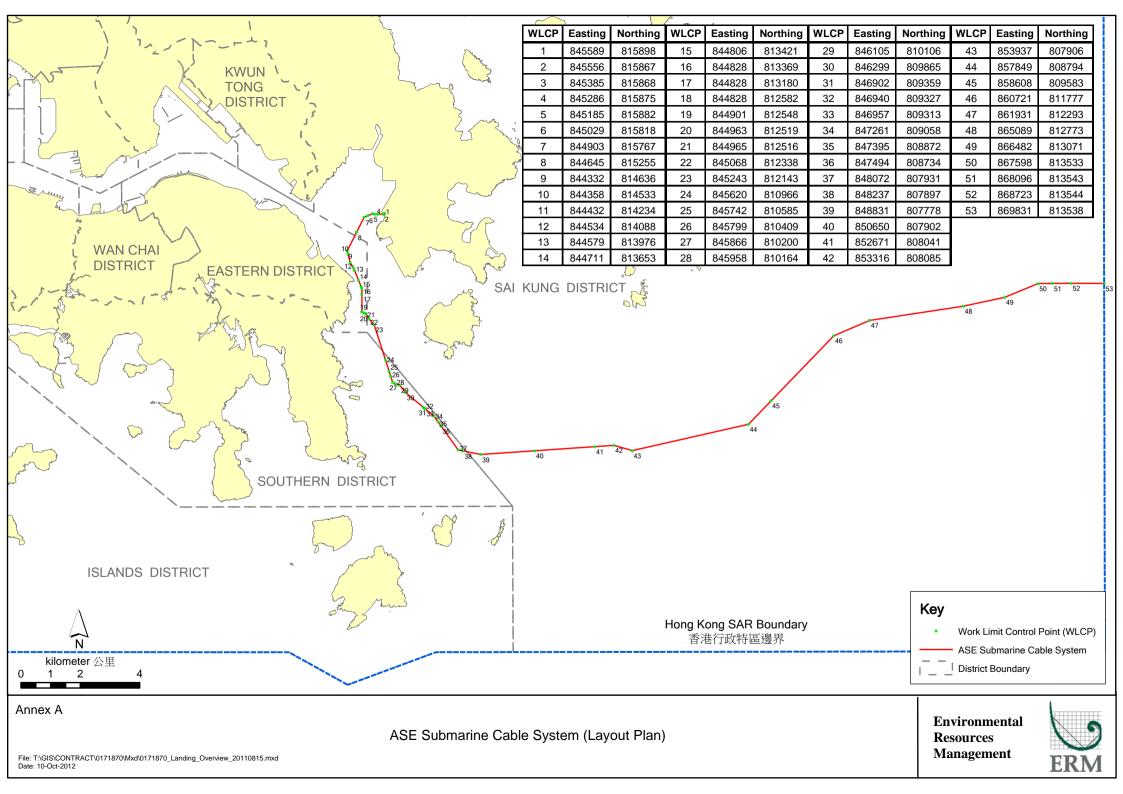
No complaint and summons/prosecution was received during the reporting period.

The ET will keep track on the construction works to confirm compliance of environmental requirements and the proper implementation of all necessary mitigation measures.

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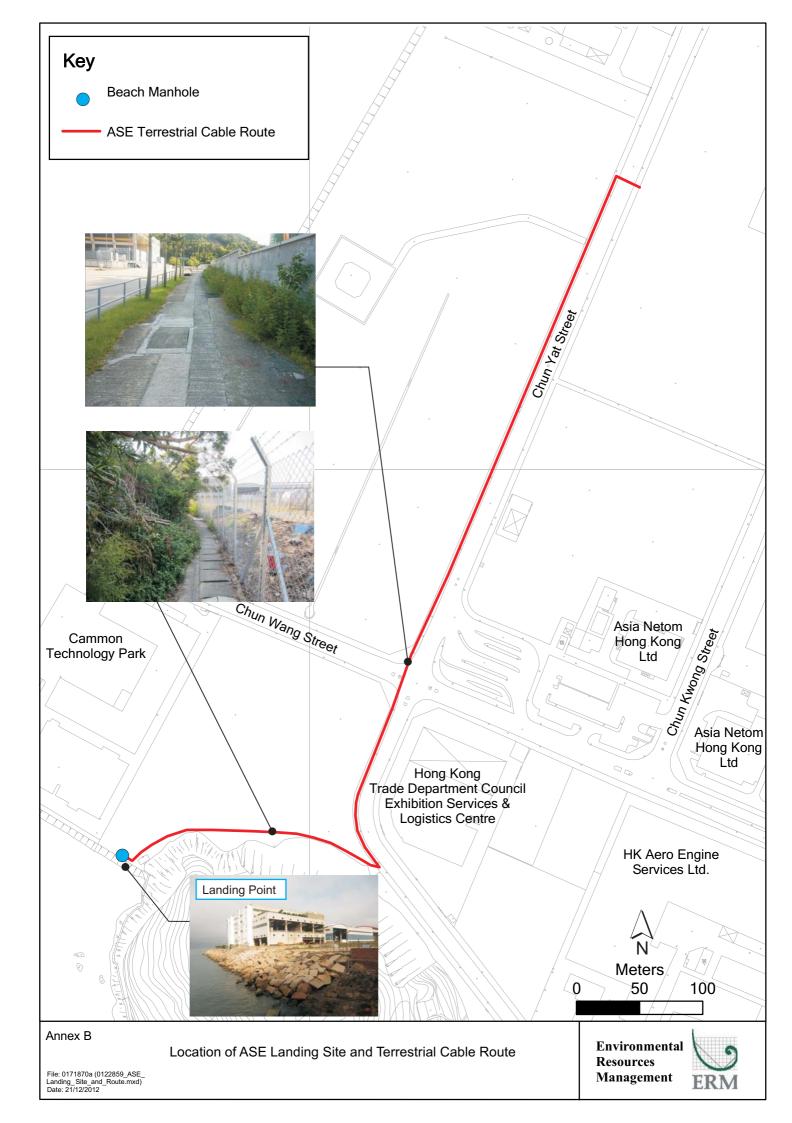
Annex A

Proposed ASE Submarine Cable System (Layout Plan)



Annex B

Location of ASE Landing Point and Terrestrial Cable Route



Annex C

Completed Site Inspection Log

Site	ASE Tseung Kwan O Landing Point	Inspected By:
Insp	ection Date: 25-Apr-13 Time: 14:00 -1	4:30 Stacey Tsang
Wea	ather	
Con	dition Sunny Fine Overcast Drizzle	Rain Storm Hazy
Tem	nperature 29 ℃ Humidity High	✓ Moderate Low
Win	d Calm Light ✓ Breeze Strong	
Α	Noise	N/A or Yes No Photo/Remarks
A1	Are all plant and equipment well maintained and in good operating condition?	
A2	Is idle equipment turned off or throttled down?	
A3	Are powered mechanical equipment covered or shielded by acoustic materials?	
A4	Are silenced equipment used where practicable?	
A5	Do mobile plants be sited as far away from NSRs as possible?	✓ No NSRs nearby.
A6	Do plants known to emit noise strongly in one direction be oriented away from nearby NSRs?	✓ No NSRs nearby.
A7	Major noise source(s)	Construction activities inside of site
	Construction activities outside of site	Others
A8	Any remedial action undertaken?	

в	Water Quality		N/A or not observed	Yes	No	Photo/Remarks
B1	Is drainage system adequate?		\checkmark			
	Are there temporary ditches for runoff disc	narge into appropriate				
B2	Watercourse?		\checkmark			
B3	With silt retention pond?		\checkmark			
B4	Do permanent drainage channels have:	sediment basin?	\checkmark			
B5		traps and baffles?	\checkmark			
B6	Are there sediment tanks for settling runoff	prior to disposal?	\checkmark			
B7	Are there oil interceptors in drainage syste	m?	\checkmark			
B8	Oil and grease removed regularly?		\checkmark			
B9	Bypass to prevent flushing during per	ods of heavy rain?	\checkmark			
B10	Is drainage system well maintained?		\checkmark			
B11	Is exposed earth stabilized after earthwork	s have been completed?	\checkmark			
B12	Are exposed slope surfaces covered (by ta	rpaulin or other means)?	\checkmark			
B13	Are open stockpiles of more than 20 $\ensuremath{\text{m}}^3$ co	vered during rainstorm?	\checkmark			
B14	Are manholes covered and sealed?			\checkmark		
	Rainy Season					
B15	Drainage system adequately designed	d for storm flow?	\checkmark			
B16	Sediment control measures inspected rain storms?	l and maintained after	\checkmark			
B17	Is debris and rubbish on site collected and	disposed of properly?		\checkmark		
B18	Is wastewater discharge license available f	or inspection?	\checkmark			
B19	Measures to prevent the washing away of s	sand/silt to drains?	\checkmark			
B20	Is there any sediment plume observed exis	ting the marine works area?			\checkmark	

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C Environmental Complaint

C1	Number of Environmental Complaint Received from 22-Apr	-13	to _	28-Ap	r-13	0	
D	General / Housekeeping		-	I/A or observed	Yes	No	Photo/Remarks
D1	Are potential stagnant pools cleared and mosquito breeding prevented?		[\checkmark	Photo 4 Note D1

Items for Inspection
- Beach Manholes fence Constuction Work
Notes / Issues Recorded On Site
D1: A big bucket of water was observed in use on site (photo 4), contractor has been advised to cover it after use to prevent mosquito breeding.
Corrective Actions
Nil.
Signatures: ET: <i>Total</i>
(Name: Stacey TSANG)

Annex D

Photographic Records on Site



Photo 1 – Overview of the construction site at Tseung Kwan O Landing Point



Photo 3 – Dusty construction material has been well covered by tarpaulin sheet.



Photo 2 – BHM fence Construction Work on-going



Photo 4 – Contractor has been advised to cover the water bucket after use to prevent mosquitos breeding.

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