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1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been commissioned by Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd (Holcim) to complete a Noise Monitoring Assessment (NMA) for Cooma Road Quarry the 'quarry', Googong, NSW.

The monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the quarry Noise Management Plan and in general accordance with Development Consent (SSD-5109); at five representative monitoring locations. This assessment has been undertaken for the quarterly period ending December 2020 and forms part of the annual noise monitoring program for the quarry.

The assessment has been conducted in accordance with the following documents:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), 2017;
- Cooma Road Quarry, Noise Management Plan (NMP), 2014;
- Development Consent SSD-5109; and
- Australian Standard AS 1055:2018 - Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise.

A glossary of terms, definitions and abbreviations used in this report is provided in **Appendix A**.

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2 Noise Criteria

Schedule 3, Condition 4 of the Cooma Road Quarry Development Consent, approved on 27 September 2013, outlines the applicable noise criteria for residential receivers N1 – N71 surrounding the quarry and are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Noise Criteria			
Receivers	Morning Shoulder	Day	Evening
	6am – 7am	7am – 6pm	6pm – 10pm
	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)
N1, N7, N8, N56, N57, N59, N63, N64, N65	40	44	39
N67	36	41	35
All other Receivers between N9 and N71 inclusive	36	38	35
All other Receivers	35	35	35

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

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3 Methodology

3.1 Locality

The quarry is located in Googong, NSW approximately 13km south east of Canberra, ACT. The quarry is bounded primarily by rural and residential properties in all directions, with noise from passing road traffic on Old Cooma Road dominating the acoustic environment for receivers to the east of the quarry. The monitoring locations with respect to the quarry and assessed receivers are presented in the locality plan shown in **Figure 1**.

3.2 Noise Monitoring Locations

Five monitoring locations have been selected as part of the NMA and in accordance with the Development Consent.

Location N3 is to the west of the quarry situated on a rural property off Copperfield Place. This location represents residential and rural receivers to the west of the quarry.

Location N8 is to the north east of the quarry along Tempe Crescent and is representative of residential receivers in that area.

Location N38 is on Heights Road and is representative of the elevated residential receivers to the east of the quarry.

Location N60 is at 501 Old Cooma Road and represents the residence adjacent to the quarry access road.

Location N67 is situated on a rural property at 732 Old Cooma Road to the south of the quarry. This is representative of rural and residential receivers to the south, with direct line of site into the quarry pit.

3.3 Assessment Methodology

Attended noise surveys were conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Australian Standard AS 1055:2018, "Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise" and the EPL. Measurements were carried out using Svantek Type 1, 971 noise analysers from Monday 9 November 2020 to Wednesday 11 November 2020. The acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS IEC 61672.1-2019-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ± 0.5 dBA.

Noise measurements were of 15-minutes in duration and where possible, throughout each survey the operator quantified the contribution of each significant noise source. One measurement was conducted at each monitoring location during the day, evening and morning shoulder periods.

Extraneous noise sources were excluded from the analysis to calculate the $L_{Aeq}(15min)$ quarry noise contribution for comparison against the relevant criteria.

Where the quarry is inaudible, the contribution is estimated to be at least 10dBA below the ambient noise level.



FIGURE 1
Site Locality
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Holcim Cooma Road Quarry

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● Noise Monitoring Locations

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4 Results

4.1 Assessment Results - Location N3

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each assessment period at Location N3 for the NMA are presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N3

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
09/11/2020	17:19	64	43	36	WD: E WS: 0.5m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 35-44
	(Day)					Birds 35-64 Aircraft 36-48 Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						<35
09/11/2020	18:01	57	39	34	WD: E WS: 0.5m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 36-42
	(Evening)					Birds 36-52 Aircraft 42-57 Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						Quarry Not Operating
10/11/2020	06:07	69	44	37	WD: N WS: 0.1m/s Rain: Nil	Birds 34-69
	(Morning Shoulder)					Traffic 34-38 Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						<35

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

4.2 Assessment Results - Location N8

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each assessment period at Location N8 for the NMA are presented in **Table 3**.

Table 3 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N8

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
09/11/2020	16:53 (Day)	69	52	44	WD: E	Traffic 39-69
					WS: 0.1m/s	Birds 39-56
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Not Audible
					Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution	
09/11/2020	18:33 (Evening)	87	60	42	WD: E	Traffic 34-76
					WS: 0.1m/s	Birds 38-77
					Rain: Nil	Local residential noise 42-68
						Dogs 46-87
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution			Quarry Not Audible	Quarry Not Operating		
11/11/2020	06:38 (Morning Shoulder)	70	55	49	WD: NE	Traffic 48-62
					WS: 0.1m/s	Birds 48-70
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Not Audible
					Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution	

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4.3 Assessment Results - Location N38

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each assessment period at Location N38 for the NMA are presented in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N38						
Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
09/11/2020	16:35 (Day)	68	50	43	WD: E WS: 0.5m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 41-68
						Insects <38
						Birds 38-44
						Local residential noise <41
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						Aircraft 38-46
						Quarry Not Audible
09/11/2020	18:51 (Evening)	72	47	39	WD: E WS: 0.3m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 35-58
						Birds 36-72
						Dogs 46-60
						Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						Quarry Not Operating
11/11/2020	06:19 (Morning Shoulder)	69	51	45	WD: NE WS: 0.1m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 45-65
						Local residential noise <48
						Birds 48-69
						Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						<35

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

4.4 Assessment Results - Location N60

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each assessment period at Location N60 for the NMA are presented in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N60						
Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 μ Pa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
09/11/2020	16:17 (Day)	80	66	47	WD: E	Traffic 37-80
					WS: 0.1m/s	Birds <43
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Not Audible
					Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution	
09/11/2020	19:33 (Evening)	82	61	38	WD: E	Traffic 28-82
					WS: 0.5m/s	Birds 37-52
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Not Audible
					Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution	
11/11/2020	06:01 (Morning Shoulder)	85	66	42	WD: NE	Birds 49-64
					WS: 0.1m/s	Traffic 38-85
					Rain: Nil	Aircraft 42-58
					Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution	

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

4.5 Assessment Results - Location N67

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each assessment period at Location N67 for the NMA are presented in **Table 6**.

Table 6 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N67						
Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L _{Amax}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}		
09/11/2020	15:52	62	40	30	WD: E WS: 1m/s Rain: Nil	Birds 32-62
	(Day)					Aircraft 32-44 Wind 32-36 Quarry Mobile Plant 32-35
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						34
09/11/2020	19:12	59	36	30	WD: E WS: 0.1m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 29-36
	(Evening)					Birds 32-59 Insects <29 Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						Quarry Not Operating
10/11/2020	06:37	68	50	37	WD: N WS: 0.1m/s Rain: Nil	Traffic 36-41
	(Morning Shoulder)					Birds 36-68 Quarry Not Audible
Cooma Road Quarry L _{Aeq} (15min) Contribution						<35

Note: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

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5 Discussion

5.1 Discussion of Results - Location N3

Quarry noise was inaudible during daytime and morning shoulder measurements. Quarry noise contributions were estimated to satisfy the relevant morning shoulder and daytime criteria. The quarry was not operational during the evening period therefore satisfying the evening criteria of 35dB LAeq(15min).

Extraneous noise sources audible during the survey included traffic, aircraft, and birds.

5.2 Discussion of Results - Location N8

Noise levels were dominated by generally constant traffic on Old Cooma Road during all measurements. Quarry noise was inaudible during breaks in traffic for daytime and morning shoulder periods. Quarry noise contributions were estimated to satisfy the relevant morning shoulder and daytime criteria. The quarry was not operational during the evening period therefore satisfying the evening noise limit of 39dB LAeq(15min).

Extraneous noise sources audible during the survey included traffic, birds, dogs barking and local residential noise.

5.3 Discussion of Results - Location N38

Noise levels were dominated by generally constant traffic on Old Cooma Road during all measurements. Quarry noise was inaudible during breaks in traffic for daytime and morning shoulder periods. Quarry noise contributions were estimated to satisfy the relevant morning shoulder and daytime criteria. The quarry was not operational during the evening period therefore satisfying the evening criteria of 35dB LAeq(15min).

Extraneous noise sources audible during the survey included insects, traffic, birds, local residential noise, aircraft, and dogs barking.

5.4 Discussion of Results - Location N60

Noise levels were dominated by generally constant traffic on Old Cooma Road during all measurements. Quarry noise was inaudible during breaks in traffic for daytime and morning shoulder periods. Quarry noise contributions were estimated to satisfy the relevant morning shoulder and daytime criteria. The quarry was not operational during the evening period therefore satisfying the evening criteria of 35dB LAeq(15min).

Extraneous noise sources audible during the survey included traffic, aircraft, and birds.

5.5 Discussion of Results - Location N67

Quarry noise emissions were inaudible during the morning shoulder measurement and just audible during the daytime measurement. Quarry noise contributions satisfied the relevant morning shoulder and daytime criteria. It is noted that the quarry was not operational during the evening period, therefore satisfying the evening noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min).

Quarry noise sources audible during the survey included quarry mobile plant. Extraneous noise sources audible during the survey included birds, aircraft, wind in trees and insects.

6 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has completed a Noise Monitoring Assessment (NMA) for Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd at the Cooma Road Quarry, Googong, NSW. The assessment was completed to assess the quarry's compliance with the relevant noise criteria outlined in their Development Consent for residential receivers surrounding the quarry.

Attended monitoring was undertaken from Monday 9 November 2020 to Wednesday 11 November 2020 at five representative monitoring locations. The assessment has identified that noise emissions generated by Cooma Road Quarry comply with relevant noise criteria specified in the Development Consent at all assessed residential receivers for the quarterly period ending December 2020.

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Appendix A - Glossary of Terms

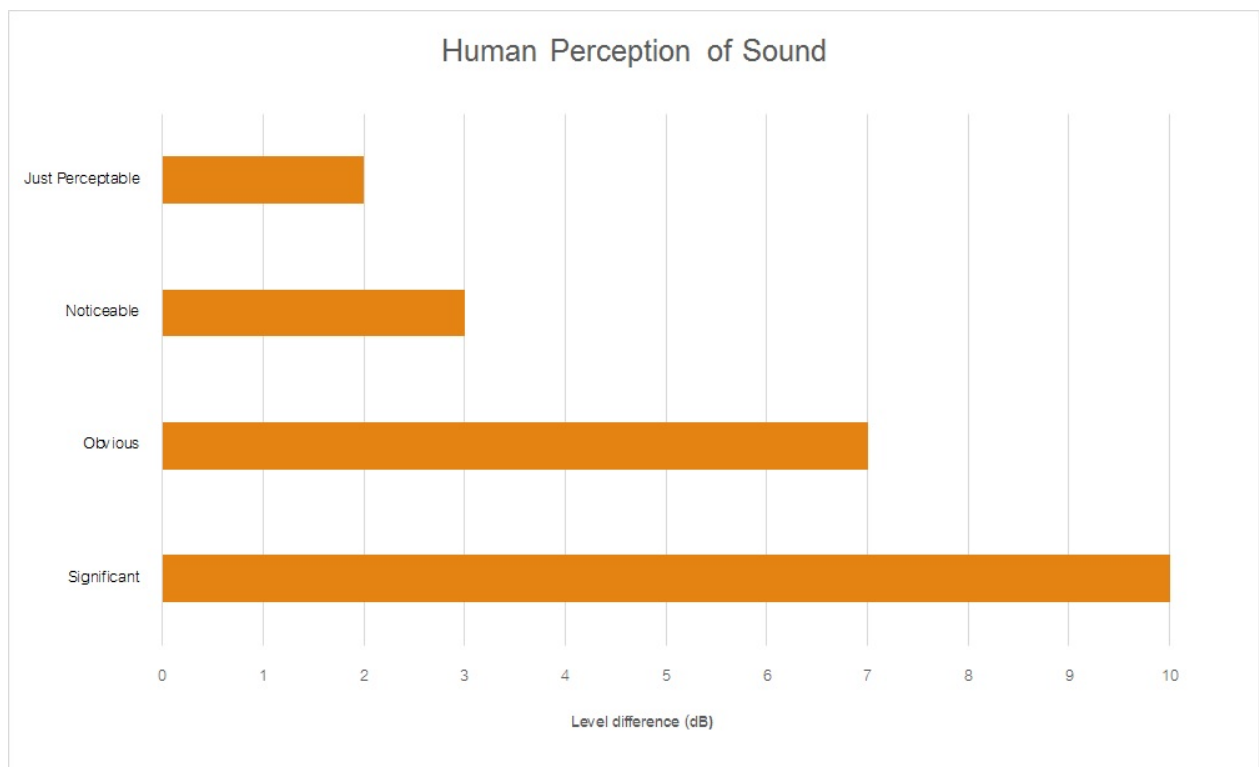
Table A1 provides a number of technical terms have been used in this report.

Table A1 Glossary of Terms	
Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background level for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured LA90 statistical noise levels.
Adverse Weather	Weather effects that enhance noise (that is, wind and temperature inversions) that occur at a site for a significant period of time (that is, wind occurring more than 30% of the time in any assessment period in any season and/or temperature inversions occurring more than 30% of the nights in winter).
Ambient Noise	The noise associated with a given environment. Typically a composite of sounds from many sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the human ear to noise.
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing noise, the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z), dB(L)	Decibels Linear or decibels Z-weighted.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A noise level which is exceeded 10 % of the time. It is approximately equivalent to the average of maximum noise levels.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90 % of the time.
LAeq	The summation of noise over a selected period of time. It is the energy average noise from a source, and is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period.
LAm _{ax}	The maximum root mean squared (rms) sound pressure level received at the microphone during a measuring interval.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the intrusiveness criteria for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the ABL's.
Sound power level (LW)	This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a fundamental location of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment. Or a measure of the energy emitted from a source as sound and is given by : $= 10 \cdot \log_{10} (W/W_0)$ Where : W is the sound power in watts and W ₀ is the sound reference power at 10-12 watts.

Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

Table A2 Common Noise Sources and Their Typical Sound Pressure Levels (SPL), dBA	
Source	Typical Sound Level
Threshold of pain	140
Jet engine	130
Hydraulic hammer	120
Chainsaw	110
Industrial workshop	100
Lawn-mower (operator position)	90
Heavy traffic (footpath)	80
Elevated speech	70
Typical conversation	60
Ambient suburban environment	40
Ambient rural environment	30
Bedroom (night with windows closed)	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound



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