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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 Teven Quarry (the 'quarry'), Teven, NSW.

The monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the Teven Noise Management Plan and in general accordance with relevant conditions outlined in the Development Consent (ref: SSD 6422); at five representative monitoring locations. This assessment has been undertaken during quarterly period ending September 2019, and forms part of the 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;
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Development Consent (SSD 6422), 2015; 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 of the Teven Quarry Development Consent (2015), outlines the applicable noise criteria for residential receivers surrounding the quarry site.

**Table 1** reproduces relevant criteria for each of the receivers as outlined in the quarry's Development Consent.

Table 1 Noise Criteria		
Location <sup>1</sup>	Quarry Operations	
	Period: Day	Period: Evening
	7am – 6pm	6pm – 10pm
	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)
R3, R4, R13, R15, R16, R17, R18, R20	38	35
All other receivers	37	35

Note 1: Receiver locations are shown in Figure 1.

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### 3 Methodology

#### 3.1 Locality

The quarry is located in Teven, NSW approximately 7km west of Ballina, NSW. Receivers in the locality surrounding the quarry are primarily rural residential. The surroundings of the quarry include bushland and farming pastures. The monitoring locations with respect to the quarry 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 in accordance with the NMP. The selected monitoring locations are presented in **Table 2** along with the noise sensitive receivers they represent.

<b>Table 2 Monitoring Locations (MGA56)</b>			
Location	Nearest Receiver	Easting, m	Northing, m
N1	R7	547017	6810098
N2	R3/R4	548877	6810290
N3	R2	548642	6810801
N4	R10	547729	6810226
N5	R15	547793	6808998

#### 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 NPI. Measurements were carried out using a Svantek Type 1, 971 noise analyser on Tuesday 20 August 2019 and Wednesday 21 August 2019. Acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS/NZS 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  $\pm 0.5$  dBA.

As per the Noise Management Plan, two daytime measurements were conducted at each monitoring location. It is noted that the quarry was not operating during the evening period, however two measurements were conducted at each monitoring location as per the requirements of the EPL.

Measurements were of 15 minutes in duration and where possible, throughout each survey the operator quantified the contribution of each significant noise source.

Extraneous noise sources were excluded from the analysis to determine the LAeq(15min) noise contribution for comparison against the relevant criteria. Where the quarry was inaudible, the contribution is estimated to be at least 10dB below the ambient noise level.

**FIGURE 1**  
**LOCALITY PLAN**  
REF: MAC180611-06

0 150m



**KEY**

-  RECEIVER LOCATION
-  SITE LOCATION



\*Imagery Source : reamaps

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## 4 Results

### 4.1 Assessment Results - Location N1

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each day and evening survey period at Location N1 are presented in **Table 3**.

**Table 3 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N1**

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>		
21/08/2019	11:30 (Day)	63	38	30	WD: W	Aircraft 45-58
					WS: 1m/s	Birds 37-55
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Inaudible
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						<30
21/08/2019	11:45 (Day)	76	42	31	WD: W	Birds 40-55
					WS: 1m/s	Operator 55-68
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Inaudible
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						<32
20/08/2019	18:00 (Evening)	63	35	26	Calm	Birds 40-45
					Rain: Nil	Resident's car 38-45
					Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution	
21/08/2019	18:15 (Evening)	58	33	26	Calm	Birds 40-50
					Rain: Nil	
					Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (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.

## 4.2 Assessment Results - Location N2

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each day and evening survey period at Location N2 are presented in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N2						
Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>		
21/08/2019	09:30 (Day)	88	64	37	WD: SW	Birds 38-47
					WS: 1.5m/s	Passing Traffic 40-85
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Operations 37-39
	Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution					37
21/08/2019	09:45 (Day)	86	65	38	WD: SW	Birds 38-47
					WS: 1.5m/s	Passing Traffic 40-85
					Rain: Nil	Quarry Operations 36-38
	Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution					37
21/08/2019	19:55 (Evening)	82	55	28	Calm	Frogs 34-44
					Rain: Nil	Passing Traffic 45-80
					Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution	
	21/08/2019	20:11 (Evening)	86	62	28	Calm
Rain: Nil						Passing Traffic 45-85
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						Quarry not operational

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.

### 4.3 Assessment Results - Location N3

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each day and evening survey period at Location N3 are presented in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N3						
Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>		
20/08/2019	16:23	57	37	32	Calm	Birds 42-45
	(Day)				Rain: Nil	Quarry Operations 32-36
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						33
20/08/2019	16:38	75	54	28	Calm	Quarry Operations 33-38
	(Day)				Rain: Nil	Aircraft 43-73
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						33
20/08/2019	20:32	54	31	26	Calm	Distant Traffic 30-32
	(Evening)				Rain: Nil	Aircraft 33-40
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						Quarry not operational
20/08/2019	20:48	49	29	26	Calm	Insects/Frogs 26-30
	(Evening)				Rain: Nil	
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						Quarry not operational

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 N4

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each day and evening survey period at Location N4 are presented in **Table 6**.

**Table 6 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location N4**

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
		L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>		
21/08/2019	10:05	74	56	40	WD: W	Quarry Fixed Plant 38-43
	(Day)				WS: 1m/s	Passing Traffic 50-76
					Rain: Nil	Truck parked (5min) 55-58
						Birds 40-49
		Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution				37
21/08/2019	10:21	70	52	39	WD: W	Quarry Fixed Plant 38-43
	(Day)				WS: 1m/s	Passing Traffic 50-70
					Rain: Nil	Birds 40-51
		Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution				36
20/08/2019	18:41	71	41	30	Calm	Insects 28-30
	(Evening)				Rain: Nil	Distant Traffic 28-30
		Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution				Quarry not operational
20/08/2019	18:57	76	41	29	Calm	Insects 27-29
	(Evening)				Rain: Nil	Distant Traffic 28-30
		Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution				Quarry not operational

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 N5

The monitored noise level contributions and observed meteorological conditions for each day and evening survey period at Location N5 are presented in **Table 7**.

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA						
		L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>								
21/08/2019	10:41 (Day)	78	56	38	WD: W WS: 1.5m/s Rain: Nil	Passing Traffic 50-75						
						Tractor in Field 35-46						
						Resident 43-50						
						Wind in Trees 40-44						
						Quarry Operations 34-36						
Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						35						
21/08/2019	10:57 (Day)	77	54	40	WD: W WS: 2.5m/s Rain: Nil	Passing Traffic 50-75						
						Tractor in Field 35-46						
						Wind in Trees 40-44						
						Quarry Operations 34-38						
						Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						36
20/08/2019	19:20 (Evening)	68	44	26	Calm Rain: Nil	Passing Traffic 40-68						
						Operator 40-50						
						Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						Quarry not operational
20/08/2019	19:36 (Evening)	44	30	26	Calm Rain: Nil	Frogs/Insects 26-30						
						Teven Quarry L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15min) Contribution						Quarry not operational

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 Noise Compliance Assessment

The compliance assessment for each residential receiver (R2, R3/R4, R7, R10 and R15) are presented in **Table 8** and **Table 9** for day and evening assessment periods respectively.

**Table 8 Daytime Noise Compliance Assessment**

Receiver No.	Monitoring Location	Quarry Noise		Compliant
		Contribution		
		dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	
R2	N3	33	37	✓
R3/R4	N2	37	38	✓
R7	N1	<32	37	✓
R10	N4	37	37	✓
R15	N5	36	38	✓

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.

**Table 9 Evening Noise Compliance Assessment**

Receiver No.	Monitoring Location	Quarry Noise		Compliant
		Contribution		
		dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	
R2	N3	Quarry Not Operational	35	✓
R3/R4	N2	Quarry Not Operational	35	✓
R7	N1	Quarry Not Operational	35	✓
R10	N4	Quarry Not Operational	35	✓
R15	N5	Quarry Not Operational	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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## 6 Discussion

### 6.1 Discussion of Results - Location N1

Quarry noise emissions were inaudible during the two daytime noise measurements conducted on Wednesday 21 August 2019, therefore satisfying the daytime noise limits. The quarry was not operational during the evening period which satisfied the relevant evening noise limits, however background measurements were completed as per the requirements of the EPL.

Non quarry noise sources observed during the measurements included insects, birds and aircraft.

### 6.2 Discussion of Results - Location N2

Quarry emissions were audible during the two daytime measurements on Wednesday 21 August 2019 however satisfied the relevant daytime and evening noise limits. Audible noise sources included processing plant and road traffic.

The quarry was not operational during the evening period which satisfied the relevant evening noise limits, however background measurements were completed as per the requirements of the EPL.

Extraneous sources measured include traffic, birds and frogs.

### 6.3 Discussion of Results - Location N3

Quarry noise emissions were audible during the two daytime measurements conducted on Tuesday 20 August 2019. The Processing plant and pit activities were audible during the two daytime measurements with a measured contribution of 33dBA, therefore satisfying the daytime criteria.

The quarry was not operational during the evening period which satisfied the relevant evening noise limits, however background measurements were completed as per the requirements of the EPL.

Non-quarrying noise sources observed during the measurements included insects, aircraft and distant traffic.

#### 6.4 Discussion of Results - Location N4

Quarry noise emissions were audible during the two daytime measurements conducted on Wednesday 21 August 2019. The Processing plant and truck loading activities were audible during the two daytime measurements with a measured contribution of 37dBA, therefore satisfying the daytime criteria.

The exceedance noted from the previous survey was not observed during this round of measurements. The previous survey (quarter ending June 2019) had noted that the dominant noise was screen noise which was audible but not dominant during the survey. Therefore, the ameliorative measures implemented have successfully reduced noise emissions to a compliant level.

The quarry was not operational during the evening period which satisfied the relevant evening noise limits, however background measurements were completed as per the requirements of the EPL.

Non-quarrying sources observed during the measurements included local and local and distant traffic, birds and frogs/insects.

#### 6.5 Discussion of Results - Location N5

Quarry noise emissions were audible during the two daytime measurements conducted on Wednesday 21 August 2019, however satisfied the daytime criteria of 38dBA with a quarry contribution of 36dBA.

The quarry was not operational during the evening period which satisfied the relevant evening noise limits, however background measurements were completed as per the requirements of the EPL.

Local traffic was the dominant source audible throughout the survey at this location. Other non-quarrying sources including traffic, birds and insects were audible during the September 2019 monitoring period.

## 7 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has completed a Noise Monitoring Assessment (NMA) on behalf of Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd at the Teven Quarry, Teven, NSW. The assessment was completed to determine the quarry's compliance with the relevant criteria outlined in their Development Consent for relevant surrounding residential receivers during Quarter 2, period ending September 2019.

Attended noise measurements were undertaken on Tuesday 20 August 2019 and Wednesday 21 August 2019 at representative monitoring locations with quarry noise contributions compared against the relevant criteria. The assessment has identified that noise emissions generated by Teven Quarry comply with relevant noise criteria specified in the Development Consent at all assessed residential receivers.

The exceedance noted from the previous survey was not observed during this quarterly survey, demonstrating that ameliorative measures have been successful in reducing noise emissions from the quarry achieving compliance.

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# Appendix A - Glossary of Terms

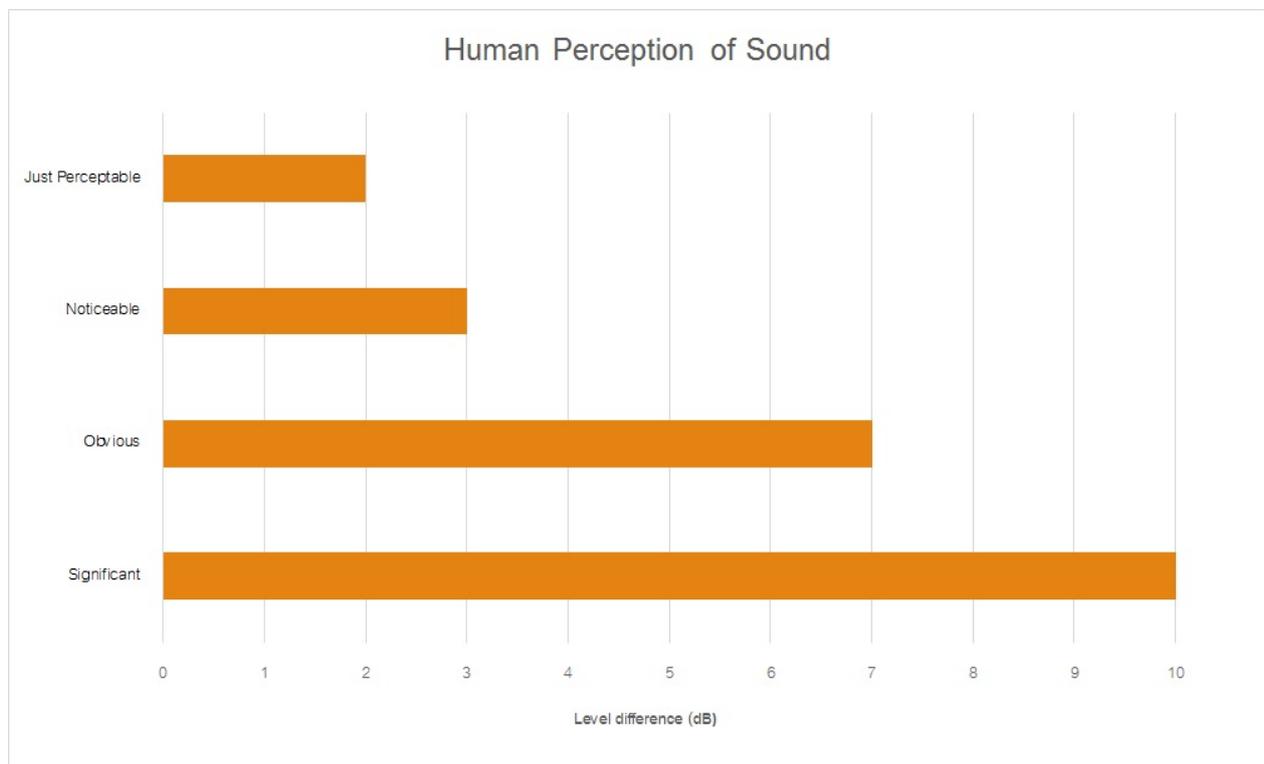
Table A1 provides a number of technical terms have been used in this report.

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 <sub>ax</sub>	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 <sub>0</sub> 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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