

# **ESB Engineering and Major Projects**

# Blackrock - Ringsend (Site ID 40)

Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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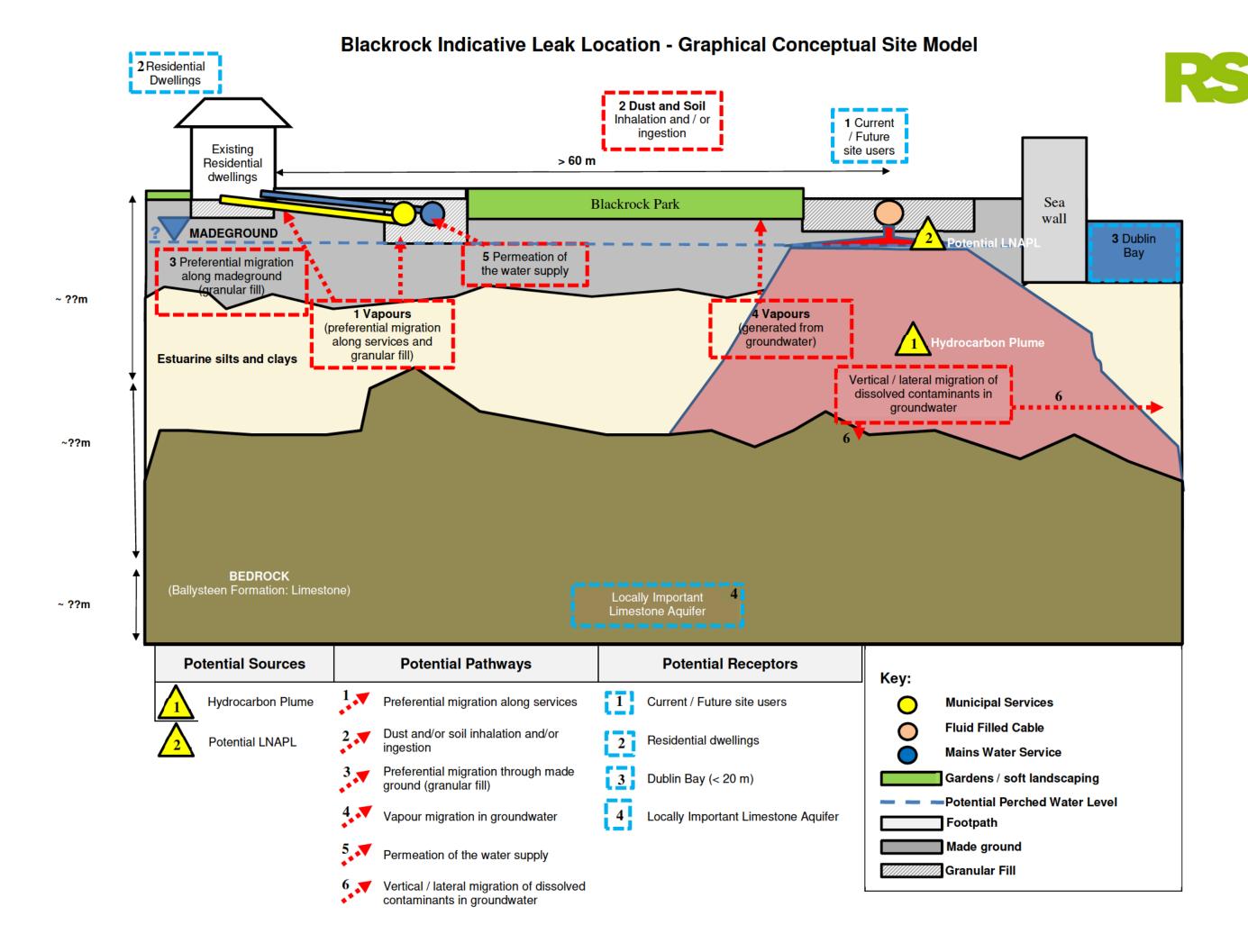
Historic information confirms that the area of the site has been subject to development since the 1840's and has been used as a railway. Surrounding park land was developed by 1910's. Neither the railway or parkland are considered to be significantly potentially contaminating. The surrounding land use is predominantly residential with Dublin Bay to the northeast.

The site is the location of a leakage of cable fluid from a high voltage (HV) underground cable which occurred in April 2007 and was repaired in September 2008. It is RSKs understanding that the fluid contained Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) and that the total fluid loss was approximately 12,760 litres.

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RSK recommends further assessment to investigate and quantify potential risks to Dublin Bay from the historic spill.





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All objectives and outlined scope of works contained within the proposal of works (proposal reference 602749, dated October 2019) have been achieved and completed.

The comments given in this report and the opinions expressed are based on the information reviewed. However, there may be conditions pertaining at the site that have not been disclosed by the investigation and therefore could not be taken into account.

This report is subject to the RSK Ireland Limited service constraints given in Appendix A.



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Project Contractual Basis and Personnel Involved

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This report has been compiled by Brian Cronin BSc, MSc, MIEI (Graduate Consultant with 2 years of experience). The site walkover was also completed by Brian Cronin.

This report is subject to the RSK service constraints given in Appendix A.

# 1.2 Background Information

The site is the location of a leakage of cable fluid from a high voltage (HV) underground cable which occurred in early April 2007 and was repaired in September 2008. It is RSKs understanding that the fluid contained in the cable is Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) and that the total fluid loss was approximately 12,760 litres. It is also RSKs understanding that no previous investigations or monitoring has been undertaken at the subject site. The site location is shown on Figure 1.

The aim of the preliminary site assessment (PSA) is to assess potential impacts to human health and the environment from the leaked fluid, establish any potential environmental liabilities associated with contamination issues at the site due to leaked insulating fluids, undertake a detailed source audit and desk-based hydrogeological assessment.

# 1.3 Project Objectives

RSK will assess potential impacts associated with legacy cable fluid loss at the site. The PSA will determine the potential risks to human health and the environment at the leak location and potential areas of impact. The risk-based approach applied will be consistent with Irish regulations as well as the best practice document Guidance on the Management of Contaminated Land and Groundwater at EPA Licenced site.

In addition, risks will be assessed in accordance with CIRIA C552 and the outcome of the risk assessment will be used to determine any further actions that may be required to further inform the risk assessment.

The objectives of this assessment are to:

- Design a conceptual site model (CSM) for the site based on a review of historical information, environmental setting and a site walkover; and
- Obtain and review sufficient information regarding ground conditions from which risks to end-users and the environment can be assessed.



# 1.4 Scope of Work

A scope of work has been devised to meet the objectives set out in Section 1.3. The scope of works for the assessment included:

- A desk-based assessment to include a review of geological, hydrogeological and hydrological information and historical plans and completion of a site walkover;
- Review of information held by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland (OSI), Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), Office of Public Works (OPW), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and Local Authority (Dublin City Council); and,
- Produce an initial Conceptual Site Model (CSM) to identify and assess any potential pollution linkages assuming the ongoing commercial land use.



# 2 SOURCE AUDIT FINDINGS – PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONAL HISTORY

# 2.1 Current Site Activities

The site of the historic cable leak is located in the vicinity of a railway. The cable runs northwest to southeast, adjacent to Dublin Bay to the northeast and adjacent to Blackrock Park to the southwest.

# 2.2 Previous Site Operations

A review of the site history was undertaken by assessing the available historical maps and aerial photos available from the Ordnance Survey of Ireland (OSI) geohive public viewer <a href="http://map.geohive.ie/mapviewer.html">http://map.geohive.ie/mapviewer.html</a>.

The earliest available online OSI map dating from 1837-1842 (Figure 3) shows that the site is located along a railway which runs over Dublin Bay. Blackrock Park is not marked on the map, the area is mapped as an extension of Dublin Bay which flooded at high tide. The surrounding land is mixed residential and agricultural use. There are two culverts which run below the site and open into Dublin Bay, immediately northeast of the railway. Blackrock Station is located approximately 500m southeast of the site and Booterstown Station is located approximately 800m northwest.

The OSI online map from 1888-1913 (Figure 4) shows that the site is still located along a railway. The land immediately southwest of the railway is now developed as Blackrock Park. The surrounding land use is now predominantly residential with the Blackrock urban district marked on the map. A tramway has been developed along Rock Road. Blackrock College and sports pitches are approximately 500m west of the site.

The OSI aerial photos from 1995 to 2012 have also been reviewed. The resolution of the photography is poor, and it is not possible to identify building or property use. The surrounding land use appears to be predominantly residential but now with some commercial properties also. In general, little change is noted during this period in the site and surrounding area.

# 2.3 Chemicals of Potential Concern

As previously mentioned, the site is the location of a historical leak of insulating fluid from a HV cable. Therefore, the main chemicals/contaminants of potential concern (COPC) at the site are the hydrocarbons comprising the insulating fluid which leaked. The fluid used to insulate the cables comprised Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB).

LAB is a clear, colourless liquid with a mild petroleum odour. The European Chemicals Bureau produced a European Risk Assessment report with regards to LAB in 1999 <sup>(1)</sup>. The risk assessment concluded that there was a high margin of safety with regards to indirect human exposure via the environment, that LAB is not carcinogenic and is not toxic nor harmful. The overall result of the risk assessment was that 'there is at present no need



for further information and/or testing of for risk reduction measures beyond those which are being applied already'.

The identified COPC are outlined in Table 2.1.

Table 2-1: Contaminants of potential concern

Potential Sources	COPC
HV Cabla insulation fluid lask	Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB)
HV Cable insulating fluid leak 2010	Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs)

The properties of LAB as identified in the material safety data sheet (Appendix D) are outlined below;

#### LAB;

Physical State : Liquid

Colour : ColourlessOdour : Odourless

Boiling Point/range : 278 – 316 0C

• Flash Point (Close Cup) ( 0C.): 140

Vapour Density: 8.4 (Air = 1)

Vapour Pressure @ 25 0C: 0.01 mmHg

Evaporation Rate : NA

• Specific Gravity: 0.866 (Water = 1)

pH:NA

Solubility in Water: Insoluble

Kinematic Viscosity: 4.0 – 4.5 mm<sup>2</sup>/s

It should be noted that anecdotal information suggests that dissolved phase LAB has previously been identified in surface water samples recovered from surface waters adjacent to LAB spill locations and therefore the anecdotal information indicates that LAB may have at least limited solubility potential under certain conditions.



# 3 SITE ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

#### 3.1 General Introduction

The site is located along a railway adjacent to Blackrock Park, Blackrock, Dublin 4. The site is located approximately 8 km southeast of Dublin City Centre. The site is centred on Irish Grid reference O 20994 29845 at an altitude of approximately 1.8 m above ordnance datum.

A site walkover survey was carried out by RSK on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The findings are summarised below. The site walkover photographs are included in Appendix B.

The indicative leak location is along the DART railway adjacent to Blackrock Park, in a predominantly residential area. The indicative leak location is approximately 60m northeast of the nearest residential properties on Phoenix Terrace. The indicative leak location is bounded by Dublin Bay to the northeast and Blackrock Park to the southwest. Blackrock Park contains a large surface water feature and a children's play area. A stream runs southeast to northwest along the border of the park adjacent to the railway.

The survey area comprises an area which extends 250m in each direction along the cable route from the indicative leak location and 100m in either direction northeast and southwest out from the cable route.

The northwestern extent of the survey area from the indicative leak location remains on the railway, with residential houses and park land to the southwest of the 250m marker and Dublin Bay to the northeast of the 250m marker.

The southeastern extent of the survey area from the indicative leak location is located along the railway, adjacent to the southeastern extent of Blackrock Park, with park land to the southwest of the 250 m marker and Dublin Bay to the northeast of the 250m marker.

The site layout is shown on Figure 2. The area around the site is comprised primarily of commercial and residential land uses with Dublin Bay (The Irish Sea) to the northeast.

# 3.2 Regional Geology and Hydrogeology

#### 3.2.1 Geology

Information from the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) online mapping public viewer <a href="https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9">https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=de7012a99d2748ea9</a> <a href="106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0">106e7ee1b6ab8d5&scale=0</a> indicates that the survey area straddles two different bedrock geologies separated by a fault running east-west, crossing the railway at approximately 200 m southeast of the indicative leak location. The solid geology underlying the majority of the site is limestone of the Ballysteen formation as shown in Figure 3.1 below. The Ballysteen formation comprises dark muddy limestone, shale.

The southern extent of the site is underlain by granite of the Type 2p microcline porphyritic formation as shown in Figure 3.2. The Type 2p formation comprises granite with microcline phenocrysts.



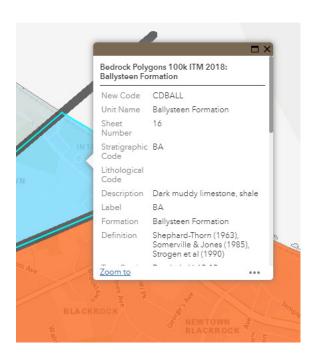


Figure 3.1 Bedrock Geology Underlying Majority of the Site



Figure 3.2 Bedrock Geology Underlying Southern Extent of the Site

The superficial geology underlying the site is described as made ground overlying estuarine silts and clays.



The GSI has published borehole and trial pit records on-line. Although there are no available borehole/trial pits records for the subject site.

# 3.3 Hydrogeology

# 3.3.1 Aquifer characteristics

Information from the GSI Groundwater public viewer website <a href="https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687a">https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687a</a> <a href="https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687a">https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687a</a> <a href="https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7e8a202301594687a</a> <a href="https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/i

Groundwater vulnerability is classified as extreme at the site (see Figure 3.3 below) with patches of the site (seen in red in Figure 3.3) classified as shallow rock. The EPA categorise the groundwater body as not at risk and water framework directive (WFD) monitoring (2010-2015) ranks the water quality as good.

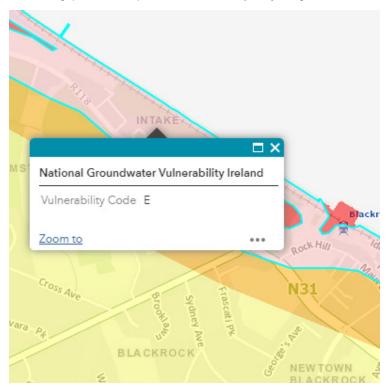


Figure 3.3 Groundwater Vulnerability at the Site



#### 3.3.2 Groundwater abstractions

The GSI public viewer indicates that there are no groundwater abstractions within 1km of the site. The closest groundwater abstraction is located approximately 2.3 km northwest of the site; the well use is described as "other". Yields are 95.9 m³/day. The site is not located in a source protection area.

# 3.4 Hydrology

#### 3.4.1 Surface watercourses

EPA mapping (available at <a href="https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/">https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/</a>) has been reviewed to identify potential receptor surface watercourses. The nearest surface watercourse is Priory Stream which flows adjacent to the southern extent of Blackrock Park, flowing northeast into Dublin Bay. Although it is not illustrated on the EPA map viewer, it was observed during the site walkover that this stream diverges approximately 5m before the railway and feeds a stream/ditch which runs parallel to the railway, flowing in a north-westerly direction along the boundary of the park. The EPA do not have data on the map viewer for water quality in Priory Stream and its status is unassigned.

# 3.4.2 River Basin Management Plan

River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) have been published for all River Basin Districts in Ireland in accordance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. The Water Maps viewer (available at <a href="http://www.wfdireland.ie/maps.html">http://www.wfdireland.ie/maps.html</a>) is an integral part of the River Basin Management Plan and provides access to information at individual water-body level and at Water Management Unit level for all the River Basin Districts in Ireland. There is no information for a river basin waterbody underlying the site. The groundwater body underlying the site is listed as Waterbody Dublin Urban and its status is described as good.

#### 3.4.3 Site Drainage

The site is comprised of different surfaces, all of which are made ground. Blackrock Park is primarily grass and drainage appears to be a mix of natural attenuation in soils and overflow to municipal drainage on site. The surface along the railway is track ballast. Drainage of railway tracks is generally by side drains either side of the track. The local residential areas are all on impervious concrete or tarmac surfaces which drain to the local municipal drainage system. The Dublin Bay area is tidal with drainage being in the beach sands during low tide.

Drawings have been requested from Dublin Laoghaire Rathdown Council (7<sup>th</sup> November 2019). No drainage drawing of the site had been received at the time of reporting.

#### 3.4.4 Flood Risk

The Office of Public works (OPW) interactive flood maps, available at <a href="https://www.floodinfo.ie/map/floodmaps/">https://www.floodinfo.ie/map/floodmaps/</a>, does not record any flood events on the site. The closest flood events to the site did not extend far enough to impact on the site.



A review of the site was undertaken by assessing the available flood event maps provided by the OPW. The maps refer to flood event probabilities in terms of a percentage Annual Exceedance Probability, or 'AEP'. This represents the probability of a flood event occurring in any given year. These probabilities may also be expressed as odds (e.g. 100 to 1) of the event occurring in any given year. The latest maps, dated October 2017, only covers the southern extent of Blackrock Park, there are no maps for the majority of the site. The maps indicate that there is no risk identified for fluvial or coastal flooding at the southern extent of Blackrock Park. The fluvial flood risk map is presented as Figure 6.1 and the coastal flood risk map is presented as Figure 6.2.

It should be noted that sea walls along the coast are installed for flood defence in this area.

# 3.5 EPA Licensed IPPC / Waste Facilities / Section 4 Discharges

Information from the EPA website <a href="https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/">https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/</a> indicates that there are no IPPC, licensed waste facilities or Section 4 discharges located within 1 km of the site.

# 3.6 Sensitive land uses

A 2km buffer zone for sensitive land uses has been used as RSK considers it reasonable to assume that significant impact is unlikely to receptors where surface water or groundwater migration is a potential pathway at this distance.

A search carried out using the National Parks and Wildlife website (<a href="http://www.npws.ie/">http://www.npws.ie/</a>) for the presence of any designated sites confirmed that there is no designated site within 2 km of the site.

A Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special area of Conservation (SAC) were identified in the vicinity of the site. South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA and South Dublin Bay SAC were identified within the 2 km radius of the leak location. These are protected and designated sites under the EC Habiats and Birds Directive.

# 3.7 Local Authority Information

RSK have requested information from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 regarding any pertinent environmental issues that they are aware of on or adjacent to the subject site. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council acknowledged RSK's request for information and advised the information would be sent in due course. No information had been received at the time of reporting.



# 4 CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

# 4.1 Summary: Initial Conceptual Model

The information presented in Sections 2 and 3 has been used to compile an initial conceptual model. The identified potential sources of contamination, associated contaminants and receptors have been considered with plausible pathways that may link them. The resulting potential pollutant linkages are considered in Section 4.1.4.

# 4.1.1 Summary of potential contaminant sources

Potential sources and contaminants of concern are summarised in Table 4.1 below.

Table 4.1: Potential sources and types of contamination

Potential sources	Contaminants of concern
On-site	
Historic leak of HV cable insulating fluids	LAB insulating oil and potential breakdown products

# 4.1.2 Sensitive receptors

Sensitive receptors at the site include:

- Current / future site users.
- Neighbouring site users and surrounding areas.
- Surface waters.
- Groundwater in bedrock.

Please note that construction workers have not been identified in the conceptual model as receptors because risks are considered to be managed through health and safety procedures as required in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.

#### 4.1.3 Summary of plausible pathways

The plausible pathways are summarised below:

- Migration of hydrocarbon vapours in any permeable soils or along existing service runs from natural deposits or made ground.
- Vertical and lateral migration via groundwater.
- Preferential migration of contaminants in groundwater via underground service corridors.
- Permeation of water supply pipes.
- Inhalation of hydrocarbon vapours.



 Direct contact via soil and dust ingestion/inhalation from near surface soils and dermal contact with near surface soils.

# 4.1.4 Potentially complete pollutant linkages

The outline conceptual model and an estimate of the risk associated with each linkage is summarised in Table 4.2 below. The risk classification has been undertaken in accordance with CIRIA C552 (Rudland et al., 2001), a summary of which is included in Appendix C.

Table 4.2: Risk estimation for potentially complete pollutant linkages

Potential source	Possible pathway	Potential re- ceptor	Likelihood	Severity	Risk and justification
Onsite Contamination associated with historic leakage of HV cable insulating fluid containing LAB.	Inhalation of hydrocarbon vapours	Current / future site users & occupants of adjacent sites	Unlikely	Medium	Low  The insulating fluid has a low volatility. The vapour pressure of LAB is 0.013 hPa @ 25°C  There are no buildings built over the cable route reducing risks to residential and commercial human health receptors.  The leak of insulating fluid occurred in the vicinity of a railway line and most likely in granular materials used in the construction. The granular material in the railway construction pack will likely act as a preferential pathway for any vapours formed.  In addition, the spillage occurred over 12 years ago, and the most volatile fractions of the fluid are likely to have partitioned and dissipated.
	Direct dermal contact or ingestion of hydrocarbons	Current / future site users & occupants of adjacent sites	Unlikely	Medium	Low  The area of the insulating oil leak is under railway track ballast. Areas of soft landscaping in the vicinity of the railway (Blackrock Park) and on private property (> 60 m) are unlikely to be impacted.



Potential source	Possible pathway	Potential re- ceptor	Likelihood	Severity	Risk and justification
	Permeation of water supply pipes	Current / future site users & occupants of adjacent sites	Unlikely	Medium	It is considered unlikely that water supply pipes are present at this location as the leak site is not located adjacent to residential properties, public footpaths or public highways. Where water pipes may be present, water will be moving rapidly and at high pressure in water supply pipes making it unlikely that permeation of the pipes will occur in significant or harmful concentrations.  In addition, the WHO drinking water guideline value for EC10–EC12, EC12 – 16 aromatic fractions are 0.09 mg/l(2); however, as the solubility limit of LAB is 0.041 mg/L (OECD), it is not possible for the LAB to dissolve into the water supply above this concentration, therefore, the drinking water guideline value cannot be exceeded.
	Vertical and lateral migration	Underlying locally important aquifer	Unlikely	Medium	It is unlikely that perched groundwater at the site is in continuity with the River Tolka. However, if we assume that it is, given the distance to the River Tolka (500m), it is highly unlikely that dissolved contamination at the site of the leak will affect surface water in the RiverTolka given the processes of dispersion and biodegradation that will occur to any dissolved contamination over this distance.  As discussed in section 3.2.1, the underlying till material has a relatively low permeability which would impede any vertical migration of any hydrocarbons to the underlying locally important aquifer.



Potential source	Possible pathway	Potential re- ceptor	Likelihood	Severity	Risk and justification
	Vertical and lateral migration	Dublin Bay	Likely	Mild	It is likely that perched groundwater at the site is in continuity with Dublin Bay (SPA and SAC). It is considered possible that free phase LAB, dissolved phase LAB and/or dissolved phase breakdown products of LAB may be impacting Dublin Bay. However, the leak occurred over 12 years ago, and it is unlikely that significant quantities of free phase and dissolved phase are being released presently. Additionally, dilution in the Irish Sea would reduce concentrations of LAB or LAB breakdown products to levels considered unharmful.
	Vertical and lateral migration	Large pond in Blackrock Park	Unlikely	Mild	Very low It is unlikely that perched groundwater at the site is in continuity with the large pond in Blackrock Park as the pond is artificial and therefore it is assumed to not to be in hydrogeological continuity with the leak location.

# 4.2 Risk Evaluation

Only potential source contamination related to the historic leak of HV cable insulating fluid containing LAB oil has been considered.

The initial CSM has identified potential pollutant linkages with a risk class of **LOW/VERY LOW** for seven of the identified pollution linkages. A risk class of **MODERATE/LOW** has been identified for linkage between the leak source and Dublin Bay.



# 5 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Historic information confirms that the area of the site has been subject to development since the 1840's and has been used as a railway. Surrounding park land was developed by 1910's. Neither the railway or parkland are considered to be significantly potentially contaminating. The surrounding land use is predominantly residential with Dublin Bay to the northeast.

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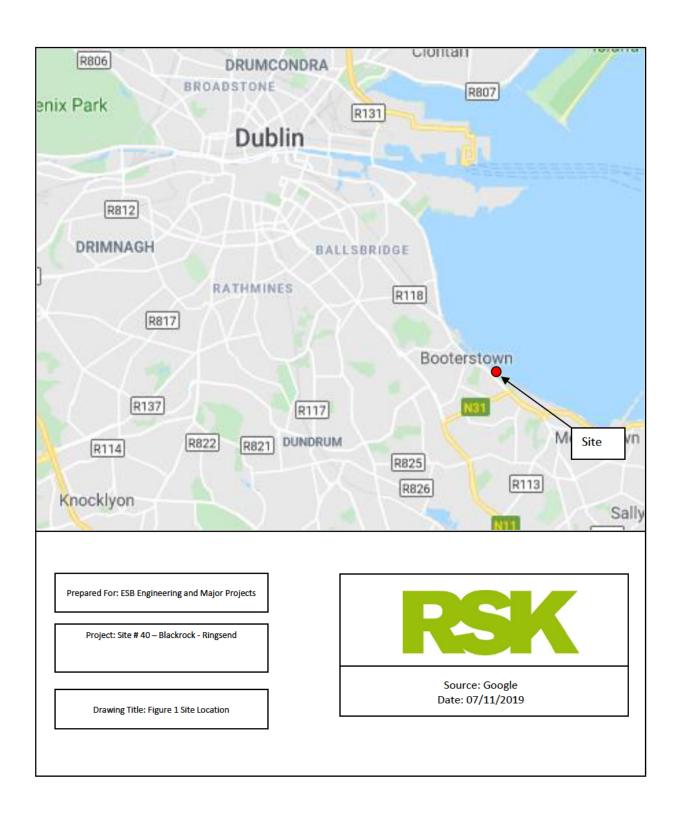


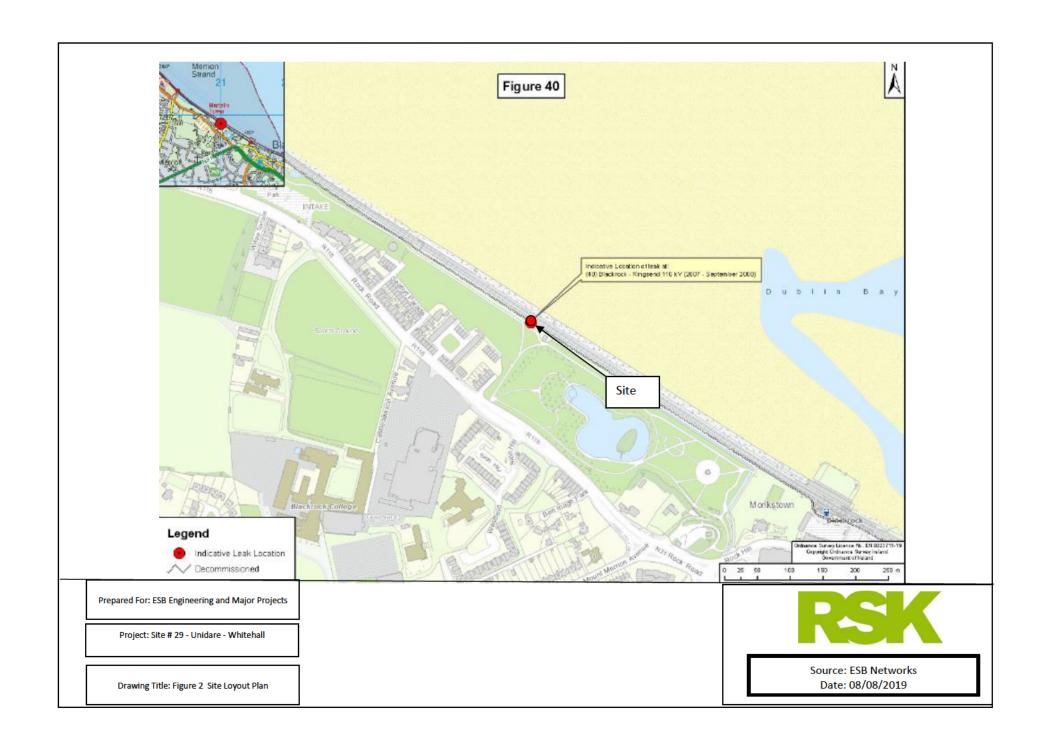
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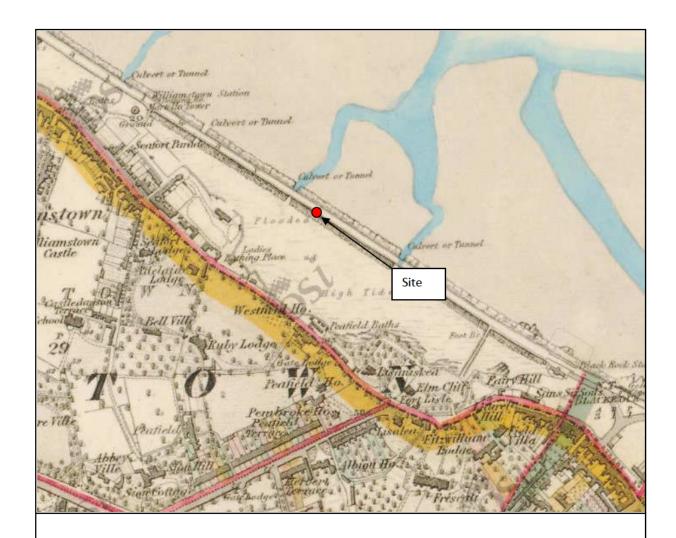
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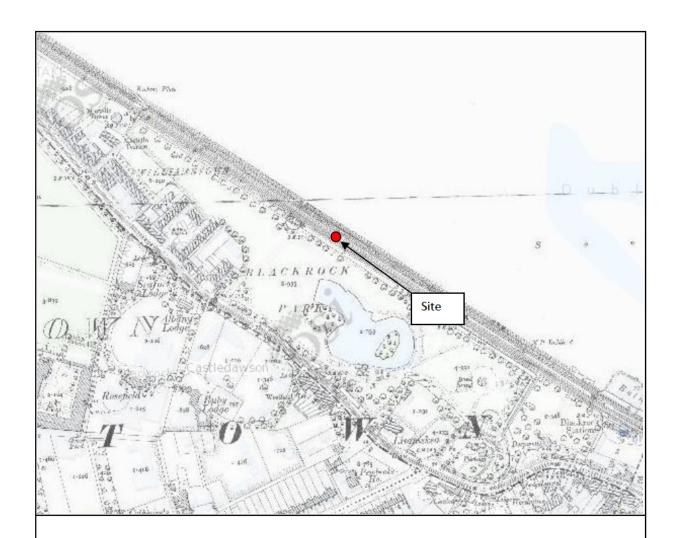
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Source: OSI (accessed via GeoHive)
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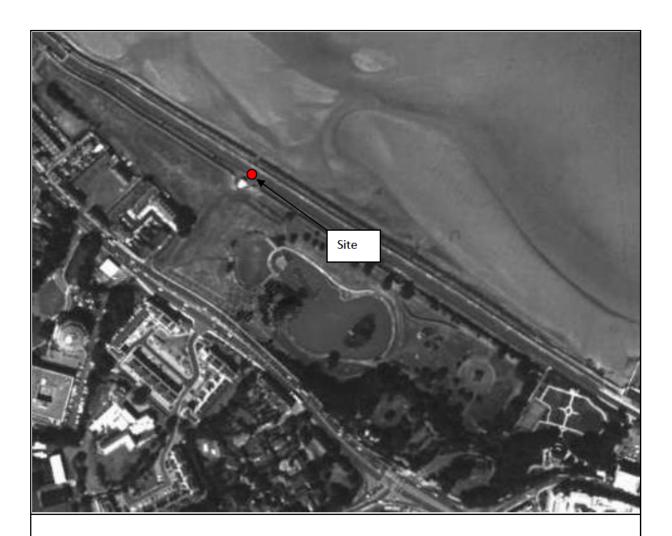
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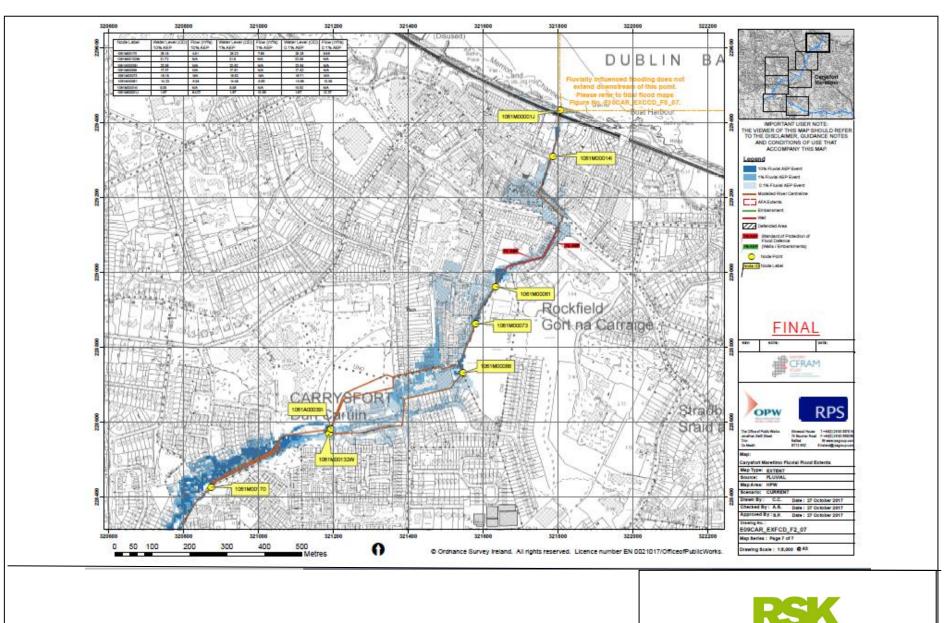
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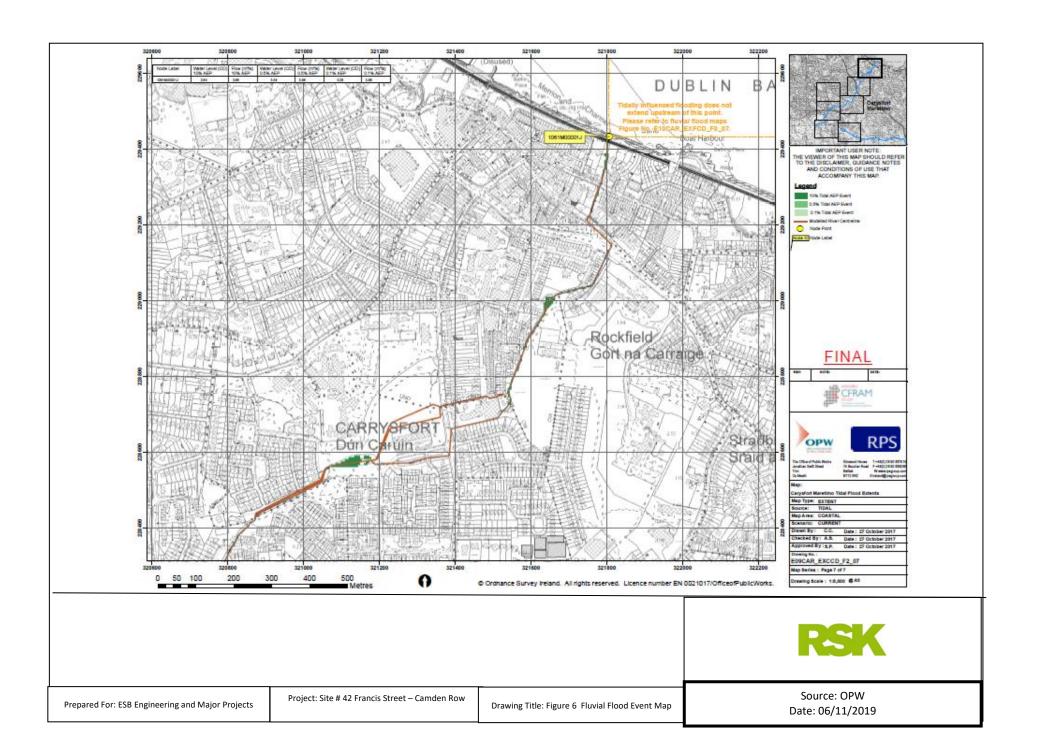


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# APPENDIX A SERVICE CONSTRAINTS

#### **RSK ENVIRONMENT LIMITED SERVICE CONSTRAINTS**

- This report (the "Services") was compiled and carried out by RSK Ireland Limited (RSK) for ESB International Ltd (the "client") in accordance with
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- 4. It is RSK's understanding that this report is to be used for the purpose described in the introduction to the report. That purpose was a significant factor in determining the scope and level of the Services. Should the purpose for which the report is used, or the proposed use of the site change, this report may no longer be valid and any further use of or reliance upon the report in those circumstances by the client without RSK 's review and advice shall be at the client's sole and own risk. Should RSK be requested to review the report after the date hereof, RSK shall be entitled to additional payment at the then existing rates or such other terms as agreed between RSK and the client.
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- 6. The observations and conclusions described in this report are based solely upon the Services which were provided pursuant to the agreement between the client and RSK. RSK has not performed any observations, investigations, studies or testing not specifically set out or required by the contract between the client and RSK. RSK is not liable for the existence of any condition, the discovery of which would require performance of services not otherwise contained in the Services. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise expressly referred to in the introduction to this report, RSK did not seek to evaluate the presence on or off the site of asbestos, electromagnetic fields, lead paint, heavy metals, radon gas or other radioactive or hazardous materials.
- 7. The Services are based upon RSK's observations of existing physical conditions at the Site gained from a walk-over survey of the site together with RSK's interpretation of information including documentation, obtained from third parties and from the client on the history and usage of the site. The Services are also based on information and/or analysis provided by independent testing and information services or laboratories upon which RSK was reasonably entitled to rely. The Services clearly are limited by the accuracy of the information, including documentation, reviewed by RSK and the observations possible at the time of the walk-over survey. Further RSK was not authorised and did not attempt to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of information, documentation or materials received from the client or third parties, including laboratories and information services, during the performance of the Services. RSK is not liable for any inaccurate information or conclusions, the discovery of which inaccuracies required the doing of any act including the gathering of any information which was not reasonably available to RSK and including the doing of any independent investigation of the information provided to RSK save as otherwise provided in the terms of the contract between the client and RSK.
- 8. Any site drawing(s) provided in this report is (are) not meant to be an accurate base plan, but is (are) used to present the general relative locations of features on, and surrounding, the site.



# APPENDIX B PHOTOGRAPHS



# PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

**Client Name:** 

ESB Engineering and Major Projects

Site Location:

Blackrock - Dublin

Site walkover

Photo No.

Date: November 2019

# **Direction Photo taken:**

North

# Description:

Priory Stream, at the southern extent of Blackrock Park. The stream is flowing from the left hand side of the photo, around a 90° bend, then flowing north away from the photographer. The stream is then culverted under the railway (right of photo) and into Dublin Bay.



Photo No.

**Date:** November 2019

# Direction Photo taken:

North

# Description:

View of Blackrock Park to the left of the photo, Priory Streeam right of centre and the DART railway to the far right





# PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG

**Client Name:** 

ESB Engineering and Major Projects

**Site Location:** 

Blackrock - Dublin

Site walkover

Photo No. 3

Date: November 2019

**Direction Photo taken:** 

Northwest

Description:

View of DART railway along which cable route is running.

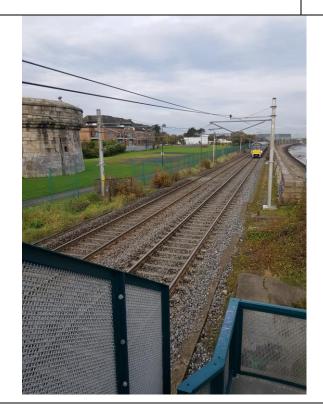


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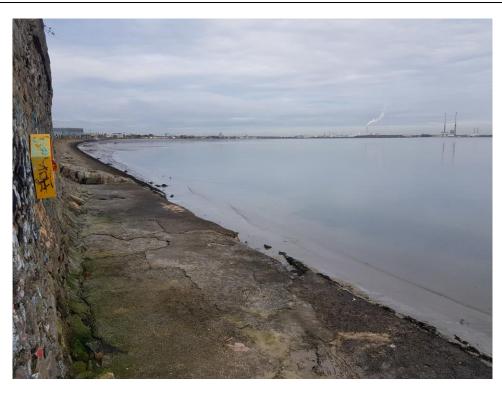
Date: October 2019

Direction Photo taken:

North

Description:

Dublin Bay, considered a sensitive receptor, located immediately adjacent to DART railway.





# **PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG**

# **Client Name:**

ESB Engineering and Major Projects

#### Site Location:

Blackrock - Dublin

Site walkover

Photo No. 5

**Date:** November 2019

# **Direction Photo taken:**

East

# Description:

Residential properties approximately 60 m southwest of the cable leak location.



Photo No.

Date: October 2019

# **Direction Photo taken:**

Northwest

# Description:

View of large pond in Blackrock Park





# APPENDIX C RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

CLR11 outlines the framework to be followed for risk assessment in the UK. The framework is designed to be consistent with UK legislation and policies including planning. Under CLR11, three stages of risk assessment exist: preliminary, generic quantitative and detailed quantitative. An outline conceptual model should be formed at the preliminary risk assessment stage that collates all the existing information pertaining to a site in text, tabular or diagrammatic form. The outline conceptual model identifies potentially complete (termed possible) pollutant linkages (source—pathway—receptor) and is used as the basis for the design of the site investigation. The outline conceptual model is updated as further information becomes available, for example as a result of the site investigation.

Production of a conceptual model requires an assessment of risk to be made. Risk is a combination of the likelihood of an event occurring and the magnitude of its consequences. Therefore, both the likelihood and the consequences of an event must be taken into account when assessing risk. RSK has adopted guidance provided in CIRIA C552 for use in the production of conceptual models.

The likelihood of an event can be classified on a four-point system using the following terms and definitions based on CIRIA C552:

- Highly likely: the event appears very likely in the short term and almost inevitable over the long term or there is evidence at the receptor of harm or pollution
- Likely: it is probable that an event will occur or circumstances are such that the event is not inevitable, but possible in the short term and likely over the long term
- Low likelihood: circumstances are possible under which an event could occur, but it is not certain even in the long term that an event would occur and it is less likely in the short term
- Unlikely: circumstances are such that it is improbable the event would occur even in the long term.

The severity can be classified using a similar system also based on CIRIA C552. The terms and definitions relating to severity are:

- Severe: short term (acute) risk to human health likely to result in 'significant harm' as defined by the Environment Protection Act 1990, Part IIA. Short-term risk of pollution of sensitive water resources. Catastrophic damage to buildings or property. Short-term risk to an ecosystem or organism forming part of that ecosystem (note definition of ecosystem in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000)
- Medium: chronic damage to human health ('significant harm' as defined in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000), pollution of sensitive water resources, significant change in an ecosystem or organism forming part of that ecosystem (note definition of ecosystem in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000)



- Mild: pollution of non-sensitive water resources. Significant damage to crops, buildings, structures and services ('significant harm' as defined in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000). Damage to sensitive buildings, structures or the environment
- Minor: harm, not necessarily significant, but that could result in financial loss or expenditure to resolve. Non-permanent human health effects easily prevented by use of personal protective clothing. Easily repairable damage to buildings, structures and services.

Once the likelihood of an event occurring and its severity have been classified, a risk category can be assigned using the table below.

		Consequences			
		Severe	Medium	Mild	Minor
	Highly likely	Very high	High	Moderate	Moder- ate/Low
Probability	Likely	High	Moderate	Moder- ate/Low	Low
Proba	Low likelihood	Moderate	Moder- ate/Low	Low	Very Low
	Unlikely	Moderate/Low	Low	Very Low	Very Low

Definitions of these risk categories are as follows together with an assessment of the further work that may be required:

- Very high: there is a high probability that severe harm could occur or there is evidence that severe harm is currently happening. This risk, if realised, could result in substantial liability; urgent investigation and remediation are likely to be required.
- High: harm is likely to occur. Realisation of the risk is likely to present a substantial liability. Urgent investigation is required. Remedial works may be necessary in the short term and are likely over the long term.
- Moderate: it is possible that harm could arise, but it is unlikely that the harm would be severe and it is more likely that the harm would be relatively mild. Investigation is normally required to clarify the risk and determine the liability. Some remedial works may be required in the longer term.
- Low: it is possible that harm could occur, but it is likely that if realised this harm would at worst normally be mild.
- Very low: there is a low possibility that harm could occur and if realised the harm is unlikely to be severe.



# APPENDIX D MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

Product Name: T 3788

Application: Hollow-core Energy Cable Saturant

<u>Company:</u> H&R ESP Ltd.

<u>Address:</u> Matrix House
North 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Milton Keynes, MK9 1NJ

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 (0)1908 351 111 Fax: +44 (0)1908 351122

# 2: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Composition: Low viscosity compound based on a blend of linear alkyl benzenes that

have side alkyl chains of 10 - 13 carbon atoms in length.

Synonyms: Linear Alkyl Benzenes

Alkyl C10-C13, benzenes Benzene, C10-13-alkyl-deriv.

Detergent Alkylate

Composition	EINECS	CAS	Symbol	Risk	Concentration
	number	number	letters	numbers	range
C10 - C13 Linear Alkyl Benzenes	267-051-0	67774-74-7	Not re	egulated	100%

All constituents of this product are listed in EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances) or ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances) or are exempt.

# 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

<u>Classification of preparation:</u> This product is <u>not classified as a dangerous substance /</u>

preparation in accordance with The Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002

(CHIP3).

Physical and Chemical Properties: Not classified as flammable, but will burn. Avoid contact with

strong oxidisers.

#### Health Effects

Skin: Contact with the skin may cause irritation. Prolonged or

> repeated skin contact may cause drying of the skin. progressing to dermatitis. Symptoms may include itching,

discolouration, swelling and blistering.

Eyes: Contact with the eyes may cause irritation. Symptoms may

include reddening, swelling and impaired vision.

Ingestion of small amounts may cause nausea and vomiting. Ingestion:

Inhalation: Due to low volatility, this product should not present an

inhalation hazard under ambient conditions. Exposure to vapour or mineral oil mists may irritate the mucous

membranes and cause dizziness, headaches and nausea.

#### Environmental Effects

No specific hazards under normal use conditions.

#### 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Remove from further exposure. If respiratory irritation, Inhalation:

dizziness, nausea, or unconsciousness occurs, seek

immediate medical assistance and call a doctor. If breathing

has stopped, administer artificial respiration.

Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected skin with Skin contact:

soap and water. If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention. If high pressure injection injuries occur, obtain

medical attention immediately.

Flush eye with copious quantities of water. If persistent Eye contact:

irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

Ingestion: Wash out mouth with water and obtain medical attention, DO

NOT INDUCE VOMITING.

## 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, foam or water spray.

Unsuitable extinguishing media: Do not use water jets.

Special exposure hazards: Combustion is likely to give rise to a complex mixture of

airborne solid and liquid particulates and gases, including carbon monoxide, and unidentified organic and inorganic

compounds.

Special protective equipment: Proper protective equipment including breathing apparatus

must be worn when approaching a fire in a confined space.

#### **6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

<u>Personal Precautions:</u> Spilt product presents a significant slip hazard. Remove any

sources of heat.

Environmental Precautions: Prevent from spreading or entering into drains, sewers and

watercourses by using inert absorbent material or other appropriate barriers. Inform local authorities if this cannot be

prevented.

Methods for cleaning up: Absorb liquid with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and

remove to a suitable, clearly marked container for disposal in

accordance with local and national regulations

### 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

<u>Handling:</u> Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst using this product. To avoid

the possibility of skin disorders repeated or prolonged contact with products of this type must be avoided. It is essential to

maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.

Storage: Store in a cool place away from sources of heat and out of

direct sunlight to avoid pressure build up. Do not store near

oxidisers.

Handling and Storage Materials and Coatings

<u>Suitable:</u> Carbon steel, baked epoxy or Phenolic coatings, aluminium.

<u>Unsuitable:</u> Natural rubber, Butyl rubber

# 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Limits: Not established.

Engineering control measures: Use of local exhaust ventilation is recommended whenever

this product is used in a confined space, is heated above

ambient temperatures, or is agitated.

<u>Hygiene measures:</u> Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking and using the

toilet. Gloves should be washed before being removed.

Respiratory Protection: Normally not required if adequate ventilation is in place.

Where concentrations in air may exceed the limits given in this section, it is recommended to use a half mask respirator to protect from over exposure by inhalation. Suitable filter material depends on the amount and type of chemicals being handled, but filter material suitable for organic vapours may

be considered for use.

<u>Hand Protection:</u> When handling this product it is recommended to wear

chemical resistant gloves. Suggested materials for protective

gloves include: PVC, Neoprene or similar.

Eye Protection: Wear eye protection such as safety glasses, chemical

goggles, or face shield if engineering controls or work practices are not adequate to prevent eye contact. Have

suitable eye wash water available.

<u>Skin Protection:</u> Wear impervious protective clothing to prevent skin contact.

Selection of protective clothing may include gloves, apron,

boots, and complete facial protection depending on

operations conducted.

#### 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

General Information

Appearance: Clear, colourless liquid
Odour: Mild petroleum odour

Health, safety and environmental information

pH: Not determined

Boiling point/range:  $280 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ Flash point:  $>135 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Flammability:

Explosive properties:

Oxidising properties:

Vapour pressure at 20 °C:

Non flammable

Not explosive

Not applicable

<0.02 kPa

Density: 0.86 g/cm<sup>-3</sup> at 20 °C typical

Solubility in water: Insoluble

Kinematic Viscosity at 20°C:  $4.0 - 4.5 \text{ cSt} (4.0 - 4.5 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}) \text{ typical}$ 

Vapour density (Air=1): >1

Evaporation rate: Not determined

Other information

Pour point: -60 °C typical Expansion coefficient: 0.0007 / °C typical

Neutralisation value: 0.03 mg KOH g<sup>-1</sup> maximum

# 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<u>Chemical stability:</u> This material is considered stable under normal ambient and

anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature

and pressure and will not polymerise.

Conditions to avoid: Temperatures above 140 °C

Materials to avoid: Strong oxidising agents, such as liquid chlorine, concentrated

oxygen, sodium hypochlorite, calcium hypochlorite, peroxides

etc, as this may present an explosion hazard.

Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon monoxide and irritant fumes may be generated if this

product is burned in an enclosed space.

#### 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

<u>Basis for assessment:</u> Toxicological data have not been determined specifically for

this product. Information given is based on a knowledge of the components and the toxicology of similar products.

Acute toxicity: Oral LD50 expected to be >5000 mg/kg (rat)

Inhalation LC50/4hr expected to be >1.8 mg/l (rat)
Dermal LD50 expected to be >2000 mg/kg (rabbit)

Corrosivity/irritation:

<u>Eye:</u> May be slightly irritant <u>Skin:</u> May be slightly irritant

Respiratory tract: If mists are inhaled, slight irritation of the respiratory tract

may occur

Skin sensitisation: Not expected to be a skin sensitiser

Repeated-dose toxicity: Prolonged and/or repeated contact may lead to irritation and

possibly dermatitis, especially under conditions of poor

personal hygiene.

<u>Mutagenicity:</u> Not expected to be a mutagen.

<u>Carcinogenicity:</u> Not expected to be a carcinogen.

Reproductive toxicity: The preparation has not been assessed at all for this end-

point, so its hazardous property in this regard is not known.

# 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for assessment: Ecotoxicological data have not been determined specifically

for this product. Information given is based on a knowledge of the components and the ecotoxicology of similar products.

Ecotoxicity: Poorly soluble mixture. Product is not expected to be

ecotoxic to fish/daphinia/algae, or sewage bacteria. This preparation is expected to be removed in a wastewater

treatment facility

Mobility: Liquid under most environmental conditions. Floats on water.

If it enters soil, it will adsorb to soil particles and will not be

mobile.

<u>Persistence and degradability:</u> Readily biodegradable.

Soils degradation - half life approx, 15 days.

Natural waters degradation – half life approx. 4 – 9 days.

<u>Bioaccumulative potential:</u> May have the potential to bioaccumulate

#### 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal must be in accordance with local and national legislation.

<u>Unused Product:</u> Dispose of through an authorised waste contractor to a

licensed site. May be incinerated.

<u>Used/Contaminated Product:</u> Dispose of through an authorised waste contractor to a

licensed site. May be incinerated.

<u>Packaging:</u> Dispose of through an authorised waste contractor. May be

steam cleaned and recycled.

#### 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is not classified as dangerous for transport.

#### 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

<u>Classification/Symbol:</u> Not Regulated

This preparation is not classified as Dangerous according to EU Directives

This safety data sheet is intended to assist in compliance with the following UK legislation:

- Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.
- Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974.
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regs. 1991
- COSHH essentials: Easy steps to control chemicals. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations

#### Further Guidance

The following guidance notes are available from HMSO or HSE.

Occupational exposure limits (EH 40). Effects of mineral oil on the skin (SHW 397).

Preventing dermatitis at work (INDG 233)

A step by step guide to COSHH assessment (HSG 97)

Assessing and managing risks at work from skin exposure to chemical agents (HSG 205)

The selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment: A practical guide (HSG 53)

# Relevant EC Directives:

- Dangerous Substances Directive (DSD)
- Dangerous Preparations Directive (DPD)
- Safety Data Sheets Directive (SDSD)
- Health & Safety Framework Directive

#### 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This data sheet was prepared in accordance with Commission Directive 2001/58/ECand SI 2002 No. 1689 (CHIP 3)

#### Key References:

- Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002
- The compilation of safety data sheets. Approved Code of Practice (third edition)
- Approved supply list (7<sup>th</sup> Edition). Information approved for the classification and labelling of substances and preparations dangerous for supply. Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002
- Approved classification and labelling guide. Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002, Guidance on regulations (Fifth edition).
- EH40/2005 Workplace Exposure Limits 2005
- COSHH essentials: Easy steps to control chemicals. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
- European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances (EINECS)

The data and advice given apply when the product is sold for the stated application or applications. The product is not sold as suitable for any other application. Use of the product for applications other than as stated in this sheet may give rise to risks not mentioned in this sheet. You should not use the product other than for the stated application or applications without seeking advice from us.

If you have purchased the product for supply to a third party for use at work, it is your duty to take all necessary steps to secure that any person handling or using this product is provided with the information in this sheet.

If you are an employer, it is your duty to tell your employees and others who may be affected of any hazards described in this sheet and of any precautions that should be taken.

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