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Executive Summary

ESB operates and maintains a large network of fluid insulated electrical cables across Ireland, with the majority (of fluid filled cables) located in urban settings across Dublin City and Cork City. Due to the location and age of the cables, they are often subject to third party interference and damage and/or corrosion and defects, which can potentially cause the cable fluid to leak into adjacent soil, groundwater, and/or surface water. This report focuses on a leak of approximately 4,412 L of cable fluid (linear alkyl benzene) from a 220 kV section of cable between Inchicore and Poolbeg One (Site 7). The cable was damaged during groundworks being undertaken in the basement of the Jackson Court Hotel on Harcourt Street.

The objective of the work was as follows:

To assess the environmental and human health impact associated with legacy cable fluid loss.

This has been completed in a risk-based staged approach, consistent with the process described in "Guidance on the Management of Contaminated Land and Groundwater at EPA Licenced Sites" (EPA, 2013). We note that the section of cable assessed in this report does not form part of an EPA licenced site.

In order to provide ESB with this Preliminary Site Assessment report, Golder has completed the following:

- A Site walkover (200 m each way along the cable length from the indicative leak location, and laterally as required);
- A desk study of publicly available information; and
- A preliminary Conceptual Site Model (CSM).

The work has been completed in accordance with the scope provided in the proposal P19126590.P1.V0, dated 28 June 2019. No significant variations from this scope were required to complete the work.

The Preliminary Site Assessment approach is considered conservative as it seeks to identify the potential source, and a broad range of initially theoretical pathway and receptor linkages present for each Site. The preliminary CSM identified potential source, pathway, and receptor linkages that may be present at the Site or caused by the leak. A qualitative risk analysis and evaluation was completed on each potential pollutant linkage identified. It is noted that where a potential risk is identified at this stage it does not necessarily mean a risk is present but that further investigation is required to either confirm the presence or absence of the risk. Where a potential linkage has been classified as either low or very low in the risk assessment no further action has been recommended to address this linkage as the actual risks identified in the low and very low risks have been sufficiently assessed in the PSA.

Further investigation and analysis will be required to assess these potential pollutant linkages identified in this report. A summary of the findings is given below. Golder will produce a letter under separate cover recommending actions to address the below findings:

Summary of Findings

Potential pollutant linkages have been identified that could impact human health and/or controlled waters receptors as follows:



Summary of Findings

There is a moderate potential risk that residents in basement apartments or workers in basement offices or cellars close to the spill location could be exposed to vapours.

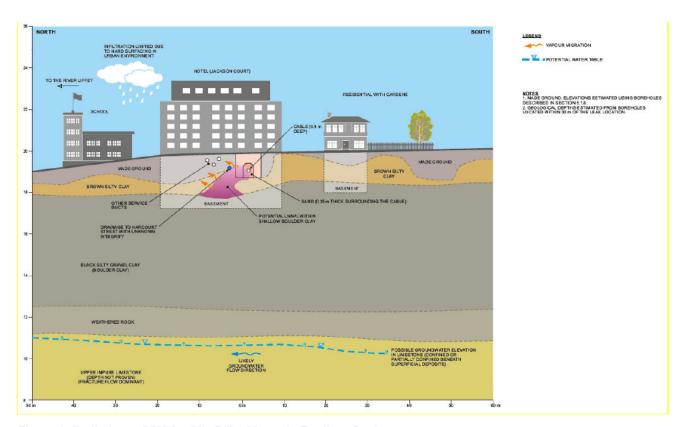


Figure 1: Preliminary CSM for Site 7 (Inchicore to Poolbeg One).

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1.3	Quantitative Risk Assessment						
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2.2	Feasibility Study and Design						
2.3	Detailed Design						
2.4	2.4 Final Strategy and Implementation Plan						
Stage 3	Stage 3: Corrective Action and Implementation and Aftercare						

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Drawing 2

Preliminary CSM (Identifying Pollutant Linkages) Inchicore to Poolbeg One (Site 7)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

ESB Engineering and Major Projects (ESB) has commissioned Golder Associates Ireland Limited (Golder) to complete a Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) for historical loss of fluid from a high voltage (220 kV) cable run located between Inchicore and Poolbeg One ('Site 7') (hereafter referred to as the 'Site').

The work has been completed by suitably qualified and experienced Golder (Ireland and UK) consultants. The curriculum vitae of the Golder consultants who worked on this report are available on request.

Golder has completed this work in accordance with the scope outline in proposal P19126590.P1.V0 dated 28 June 2019 and the revision P19126590.P1.V1 dated 3 July 2019, and the ESB Consultancy Services Agreement between ESB and Golder Associates Ireland Limited, dated 25 June 2019, and signed by Golder on 5 July 2019.

1.1 Background

ESB operates and maintains a large network of fluid insulated electrical cables across Ireland, with the majority (of fluid filled cables) located in urban settings across Dublin City and Cork City. Due to the location and age of the cables, they are potentially subject to third party interference and damage and/or corrosion and defects, which can potentially cause the cable fluid to leak into adjacent soil, groundwater, and/or surface water. ESB has requested that Golder complete a preliminary risk assessment in accordance with the EPA document "Guidance on the Management of Contaminated Land and Groundwater at EPA Licenced Sites" (EPA, 2013).

The Preliminary Site Assessment approach is considered conservative as it seeks to identify the potential source, and a broad range of initially theoretical pathway and receptor linkages present for each Site. The preliminary CSM identified potential source, pathway, and receptor linkages that may be present at the Site or caused by the leak. A qualitative risk analysis and evaluation was completed on each potential pollutant linkage identified. It is noted that where a potential risk is identified at this stage it does not necessarily mean a risk is present but that further investigation is required to either confirm the presence or absence of the risk. Where a potential linkage has been classified as either low or very low in the risk assessment no further action has been recommended to address this linkage as the actual risks identified in the low and very low risks have been sufficiently assessed in the PSA.

1.1.1 Site Location

The location of the cable leak, and 200 m Site limits (200 m each way along the cable length from the cable leak) are summarised in Table 1 and shown on Drawing 1.

Table 1: Site Location

	Leak Co-ordinates	200 m Cable Length Limit	200 m Cable Length Limit	
Easting	315731	315532	315799	
Northing	233067	233050	232907	

The Site is located in the urban area of Dublin, approximately 1.6 km south of the River Liffey. The leak occurred in a length of cable present beneath Camden Lane, slightly west of the junction with Harcourt Street (in the basement of Jackson Court Hotel).

1.1.2 Leak Information

The following information regarding the leak has been provided to Golder by ESB.



Table 2: Summary of Leak Information

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Site ID	7
Incident Title	7 Inchicore – Poolbeg One – December 2017
Circuit	Inchicore – Poolbeg One 220 kV
Leak Start Date	March 2015
Leak Repair Date	December 2017 (However, leak patched within 1 week of Leak Start Date)
Leak Duration (months)	<1
Total Leakage (litres)	4,412 L
Leakage Rate (litres/month)	N/A
Volume of Circuit (litres)	22,250
Year Circuit Installed	1971
Voltage (kV)	220
Cable Length (km)	12.5
Leak Size Minus Circuit Volume (litres)	-17,838
Assumed Fluid	Linear alkyl benzene (LAB)
Comment	Post 1970 circuit – LAB
Local Authority	Dublin City Council
Leak Location	Underneath Camden Lane
Fluid/Oil Type	Cable fluid
Chemical Information	Linear Alkyl Benzene
Brand Name	T 3788
CAS Number	67774-74-7

1.2 Objectives

The objective of the work is as follows:

To assess the environmental and human health impact associated with legacy cable fluid loss.

This has been completed in a risk-based staged approach, consistent with the process described in "Guidance on the Management of Contaminated Land and Groundwater at EPA Licenced Sites" (EPA, 2013).



1.3 Scope of Works

A summary of the scope of works proposed, which was developed following best practice guidance and relevant Irish legislation, is as follows:

- Desk study summary of current and historical publicly available information and Site-specific data (where available). This included a visit to Trinity College Dublin map library to collect relevant information;
- Site walkover a walkover of the site was conducted by a suitably qualified Golder engineer, to identify visual or olfactory evidence of potential contamination or areas of concern. The Site walkover extended a minimum of 200 m along the cable length in each direction, and an appropriate lateral distance from the cable leak was determined following the presence of potential human health and/or environmental receptors and/or alternative potential contaminant sources. Inside of buildings (including basements) were not accessed as part of the Site walkover; and
- Preliminary Risk Assessment this includes the information gathered as part of the desk study and Site walkover, which has been used to determine a preliminary Conceptual Site Model (CSM) identifying the potential source, pathway, and receptor linkages, and next stage recommendations.

More details on the proposed scope of work task summarised are included in proposal (P19126590.P1/V.1).

The Site walkover was conducted with no significant deviations from the proposed methodology. The length of the cable run was accessible 200 m each way from the indicative leak location.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The Site walkover was completed on 5 July 2019. The Golder engineer walked along the length of the cable; 200 m from the leak location in each direction (shown on Drawing 1). It is noted that, as described below, the leak for this location occurred in a basement. Whilst it is not expected that significant impacts will be observed at ground level above the leak location, a walkover was carried out for completeness. Buildings were not accessed as part of the Site walkover; including the private basement where the leak occurred.

2.1 Description of Leak Event

ESB confirmed that the leak occurred in the basement of Jackson Court Hotel, located at 29/30 Harcourt Street, Dublin, in early March 2015. A contractor struck the 220 kV un-energised cable whilst drilling an opening for a duct, causing the oily cable fluid, approximately 4,412 L, to leak from the cable into the duct opening and onto the basement floor. It is understood that the majority of the fluid flowed into a partially confined area of the basement used as a beer keg store and cloakroom. This section of the basement had a gully that the cable fluid collected in before flowing directly to the connected surface water drainage system. ESB noted in their report on the incident that the drainage gully is linked to the Irish Water combined sewer system on Harcourt Street, which ultimately discharges to Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant. ESB confirmed that the vast majority of the liquid was discharged to drain which flowed to the treatment plant in Ringsend.

ESB has confirmed that Rilta Ltd were engaged by ESB Networks to clean up this cable fluid spill. ESB state that Rilta used absorbent pads to clean the residual cable fluid spill and in total removed a 180 kg drum of waste from the Site to an appropriate disposal facility using a licenced waste contractor.

It is noted that the entire leak volume calculated by the ESB is 4,412 L. The vast majority of this active fluid flowed to the drainage system and the residual spill was treated with sorbent pads and cleaned down. Therefore, the residual volumes remaining after this spill are considered to be low by ESB.



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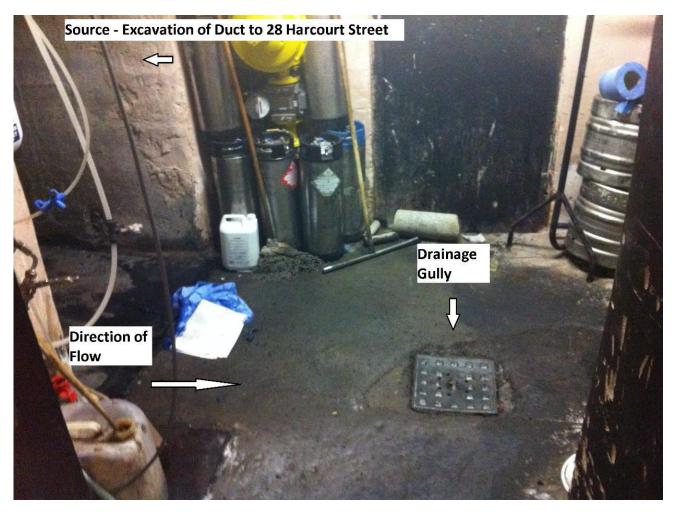


Figure 2: Photograph of the basement in Jackson Court following the leak incident. Photograph taken after the majority of the fluid had drained into the drainage system, but prior to ESB remediation contractor attending the location (photograph provided by ESB, dated 7 March 2015).

2.2 Current Site Conditions

2.2.1 Leak Location

No evidence of potential contamination from cable fluid/oily substances was observed at the indicative leak location during the Site walkover. Selected photographs of potentially relevant observations made during the Site walkover are provided in APPENDIX A with commentary.

2.2.2 Cable and Area in Proximity to Leak

No evidence of potential contamination from cable fluid/oily substances was observed along the total 400 m cable length (200 m each way from the leak location) that we examined during the Site walkover. Selected photographs of potentially relevant observations made during the Site walkover are provided in APPENDIX A with commentary.

3.0 SITE HISTORY

3.1.1 Information Sources

■ The Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) online map viewer – dcenr.maps.arcgis.com, accessed 6 July 2019;

- The Geological Society of Ireland (GSI) Groundwater Bodies Summary for Dublin: https://secure.dccae.gov.ie/GSI_DOWNLOAD/Groundwater/Reports/GWB/DublinGWB.pdf, accessed on 8 July 2019;
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) online map viewer https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/, accessed 6 July 2019:
- The National Monuments Service's Historic Environment Mapping Viewer http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/, accessed 6 July 2019;
- The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) map data https://www.npws.ie/maps-and-data, accessed 6 July 2019;
- The European Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (E-PRTR) http://prtr.ec.europa.eu, accessed 6 July 2019;
- The Geohive by Ordnance Survey Ireland https://geohive/ie/, accessed 6 July 2019; and
- The Ireland Grid Reference http://gridreference.ie/, accessed 6 July 2019.

Trinity Map Library was visited on 4 July 2019 to consult available historical maps relating to the indicative leak location, the 400 m cable length, and areas of interest located laterally from the cable run.

3.1.2 Potential Historical Sources

Historical activities that may have resulted in contamination sources are summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: Historical Activities within 500 m of the Site Boundary

Date	Detail
1864 (5 ft: 1 Statute Mile)	Fewer buildings (presumed to be dominated by residential, not indicated otherwise) on Harcourt Street in comparison to the 1890 and later maps.
	Harcourt Street Terminus located to the southeast of the section of interest.
	■ No rail lines present on Harcourt Street.
	Open space in place of now Garda Headquarters.
1890 (5 ft: 1 Statute Mile)	■ Dominated by residential type buildings.
	Harcourt Street Terminus located to the southeast of the section of interest.
	Rail lines present on Harcourt Street.
	Open space in place of now Garda Headquarters.
	Mineral Water Works located north of Pleasants Street.
	■ 'Smithy' indicated north of Pleasants Street.
1909 (5 ft: 1 Statute Mile)	Dominated by residential type buildings.

Date	Detail		
	Harcourt Street Terminus located to the southeast of the section of interest.		
	'Trough' identified on Harcourt Street adjacent to the Harcourt Street Terminus.		
	Rail lines present on Harcourt Street.		
	Open space in place of now Garda Headquarters.		
1936 (1:2,500)	Dominated by residential type buildings.		
	Harcourt Street Terminus located to the southeast of the section of interest.		
	Rail lines present on Harcourt Street.		
	Open space in place of now Garda Headquarters.		
1969 (1:1,000)	Dominated by residential type buildings.		
	'Factory' identified on former Harcourt Street Terminus site, located to the southeast of the section of interest.		
	■ No rail lines present on Harcourt Street.		
	Open space in place of now Garda Headquarters.		
	Factories identified north of Pleasants Street.		
1988 (1:1,000)	Dominated by residential type buildings.		
	'ES' electrical substation identified on Harcourt Street Terminus site, located to the southeast of the section of interest.		
	■ 'Tanks' identified on Harcourt Street Terminus site.		
	■ No rail lines present on Harcourt Street.		
	Garda Headquarters identified on map.		
1994 (1:1,000)	Dominated by residential type buildings.		
	'ES' electrical substation identified on Harcourt Street Terminus site, located to the southeast of the section of interest.		
	■ 'Tanks' identified on Harcourt Street Terminus site.		
	No rail lines present on Harcourt Street.		
	■ Garda Headquarters identified on map.		
	■ Factories identified north of Pleasants Street.		
2008	■ Tramlines present on Harcourt street (unknown when first installed).		

4.0 CHEMICALS OF CONCERN

The information provided by ESB (summarised in Table 2) defines the chemical present in the cable fluid as Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) present in cable fluid T 3788 (CAS 67774-74-7). LAB is the Chemical of Potential Concern (COPC) discussed further in this PSA.

The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations, 2010 (S.I. 9 of 2010) establish a new strengthened regime for the protection of groundwater in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC). Regulations 9(c) – (f) requires the Environmental Protection Agency to identify and publish a list of substances which are to be considered hazardous or non-hazardous and which the Agency considers to present an existing or potential risk of pollution.

The EPA published such a list of such substances in their guidance document "Classification of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Substances in groundwater" (2010). In this document the EPA has classified four Linear Alkyl Benzene compounds as hazardous (CAS numbers 134211-53-3, 115963-94-5, 115733-08-9 and 96792-49-3) in groundwater. The LAB compound used by the ESB identified with CAS number 6777-74-7 is not classified in this list. It is noted that the EPA document referenced above states that only substances that have been reviewed may be classified as hazardous or non-hazardous. If a substance is yet to be reviewed, then it cannot be classified as non-hazardous. There may be several reasons that a substance has not been reviewed, such as a lack of data on toxicity or bioaccumulation. In this instance Golder consider that the LAB used by ESB is not classified by the EPA with respect to being hazardous or non-hazardous in groundwater.

The European Chemicals Bureau 1st Priority List (Volume 3) "Union Risk Assessment Report CAS No 67774-74-7" (1999) completed a risk assessment for LAB. The following conclusions about LAB were made in the report:

- In relation to incidental contact of workers with LAB there is no need for additional risk reduction measures beyond normal precautions for this material (such as correct use of PPE);
- It degrades aerobically;
- It is moderately volatile from water with a Henry's Law constant of 95 Pa.m³/mol;
- It is highly adsorptive to soil particles;
- It was not classified as toxic or hazardous under the EU legislation at the time of report issue;
- It was not classified as a skin irritant under EU legislation at the time of report issue;
- It was not classifiable as an eye irritant under EU legislation at the time of the report issue; and
- It was not classified as a skin sensitiser under EU legislation at the time of the report issue.

4.1 Review of Material Safety Data Sheet

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provided by ESB (H&R ESP, undated) to Golder identified the cable fluid as T 3788 which is a "low viscosity compound based on a blend of linear alkyl benzenes that have side alkyl chains of 10 – 13 carbon atoms in length." The MSDS is provided in APPENDIX B. A summary of the chemical properties for LAB as listed in the MSDS are as follows:

- Concentration range is 100%;
- Not classified as a dangerous substance in accordance with The Chemical (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002;
- Clear, colourless liquid;



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- Mild petroleum odour;
- pH not determined;
- Boiling point of 280 °C;
- Flash point of >135 °C;
- Not flammable (but will burn);
- Not explosive;
- Vapour pressure is low at 20 °C is <0.02 kPa;</p>
- Density of 0.86 g/cm⁻³ at 20 °C;
- Insoluble in water; a solubility value of 0.041 mg/L has been reported in the literature;
- Low volatility;
- Vapour density is >1 (air = 1);
- Evaporation rate is not determined;
- Human effects include skin and eye irritant, nausea and vomiting following ingestion, and irritant of the mucous membranes, cause dizziness, headaches, and nausea if inhaled; and
- No specific environmental hazards under normal use conditions.

LAB is used and manufactured extensively, most commonly in the production of linear alkyl benzene sulphonates (LAS), which are used in household and industrial cleaners and detergents. LAB has minor uses as a solvent and binder in speciality applications namely, cable oil, paint, insulation, electricity, and printing. Up to 1 % of LAS is expected to be LAB as the consequence of incomplete conversion during manufacture (Fernandez et al., 2002). Due to the wide use of LAS as a detergent and the discharge of LAS into the domestic sewer, the ultimate receiving environment for LAS and LAB is often the aquatic ecosystem. Concentrations of 0.001 – 2.2 mg/l of LAB has been reported in effluent discharge waters from municipal sewage treatment plants (Europe) (Fernandez et al., 2002).

LAB is produced from petroleum derivatives: benzene and linear paraffins and forms a mixture of long-alkyl chain LAB, with the alkyl group in various ranges (EC, 1997). The LAB used by ESB contains an alkyl chain group restricted to the range of $C_{10}-C_{13}$ carbon atoms, and which are produced under the Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registration number: 67774-74-7.

The "LAB and Derivatives" REACH Consortia (ReachCentrum, 2012) list LAB as a "substance of unknown variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials", or 'UVCB', for the purpose of chemical classification, labelling, and registration in the information for suggested entry into the International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID).

LAB is less dense than water, and due to its insolubility, it is likely to act as a Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) when in contact with water (e.g. groundwater or surface water).

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

5.1.1 Information Sources

Information regarding geology, hydrology, hydrogeology and environmentally sensitive areas for the Site and surrounding area has been primarily obtained from publicly available sources outlined in Section 3.1.1.

5.1.2 Topography

The Site lies at an elevation of approximately 20 m above Ordnance Datum (m AOD) according to Ireland Grid Reference. The local topography falls to the north towards the River Liffey.



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5.1.3 Current Surrounding Land Use

A summary of land use surrounding the leak location is provided is Table 4.

Table 4: Summary of Current Surrounding Land Use

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Direction from Leak Location	Description of Current Land Use		
North	There is a school located approximately 26 m north of Site, beyond which are residential and commercial buildings.		
East	There is residential housing approximately 20 m east of Site (with basements). Iveagh Gardens lies approximately 80 m east of Site.		
South	The Site is bound to the south by commercial and residential buildings. The Grand Canal lies approximately 580 m south of the Site.		
West	The Site is bound to the west by commercial and residential buildings. Two schools lie approximately 315 m and 370 m southwest of the Site.		

Overall, the Site is generally surrounded by commercial and residential areas. The leak is located in the basement of a hotel.

5.1.4 Current Waste Permits, IPC and IE Licences in Area of Site

A review of the data available on the EPA online maps shows that there are no Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) licenced facilities, or Industrial Emission licenses (IE) within 500 m of the Site. There are no registered waste permit holders for processing of LAB containing fluids within 500 m of the Site.

5.1.5 Sensitive Ecological Receptors

A review of the data available on the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) map viewer shows that there are no special protection areas (SPAs), natural heritage areas (NHAs), or special areas of conservation (SAC), within 500 m of the Site. The nearest protected sites are the South Dublin Bay SAC (000210) and South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024) located approximately 3.4 km east of the Site. This location is also a proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA). At this distance from the indicative leak location, these sites are not considered a potential receptor as there is no viable pathway present. We note that this report does not represent an ecological assessment and that if such assessments are required will be completed separately by a suitably qualified ecologist as appropriate.

5.1.6 Hydrology

5.1.6.1 Surface Water Features

The Site lies within the "Liffey and Dublin Bay" Water Framework Directive catchment. The nearest surface water feature is a small pond located approximately 98 m east of Site. The River Liffey is located 1,149 m north of the Site. A lake is located approximately 400 m northeast of Site. The Grand Canal is located approximately 580 m south of Site. The River Poddle, most of which is culverted through the city, is located approximately 860 m west of Site.

5.1.6.2 Surface Water Quality

The WFD catchment area is known as the "Liffey and Dublin Bay" catchment. According to the EPA River Waterbodies Risk map, the partially culverted River Poddle located approximately 860 m west of Site is at risk

of deteriorating or being at less than 'Good' status under the Water Framework Directive. The River Poddle River Waterbody WFD status is unassigned.

5.1.6.3 Surface Water Abstraction

The GSI online map viewer did not show any Group Water Scheme Abstraction points within a 500 m radius of the Site.

5.1.6.4 Discharges to Surface Water

A review of the data available on the EPA map register shows one Section 4 Discharge to water held by Kevin St Garda Station Development, located approximately 538 m northwest of the Site (PCLW/001/15). This is most likely a discharge to surface water, but this cannot be confirmed with publicly available data.

5.1.6.5 Surface Water Flooding

The Office of Public Works (OPW) flood maps shows a single flood event caused by surface water runoff located approximately 230 m from the Site which occurred on the 26 July 2013. The OPW flood maps do not indicate that the Site is at risk of flooding. The Rainfall Flood Extents map indicates sections of the Site are at high probability (1 in 10 chance of occurring or being exceed in any given year) to be directly flood by rainfall in a moderate rainfall event.

5.1.6.6 Pollution Releases to Land, Air and Water

The European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR), compiles data on releases of pollutants and transfer of wastes for specified industries across the EU for 91 pollutants. LAB is not listed as a specified pollutant in this register.

5.1.7 Geology

5.1.7.1 Artificial Ground

The EPA National subsoils map shows that Made Ground deposits are present beneath the Site, the depth of which deposits are unknown.

5.1.7.2 Superficial and Bedrock Geology

The GSI Subsoils (Quaternary Sediments) maps shows the subsoil to be till derived from limestones. A review of the Bedrock Geology 1:100,000 map (GSI) shows that the underlying bedrock geology to be Lucan Formation (dark limestone and shale) known as Calp. These form part of the Dinantian Upper Impure Limestones.

5.1.7.3 Faulting

The Bedrock Geology 1:500,000 map (GSI) Faults map indicates that there are no faults within a 1 km radius of the Site.

5.1.8 GSI Borehole Logs

The nearest registered well or spring is located approximately 1.3 km northwest of the Site, but is not considered a receptor at that distance from the Site. The GSI geotechnical viewer showed a borehole located approximately 30 m east of the Site which was drilled to a depth of 8.99 m below Ground Level (bGL) (GSI reference R591/B59830). The geology encountered was recorded as made ground to 0.23 m bGL, underlain by brown silty stony clay to 1.98 m bGL and black silty stony clay to 7.47 m bGL. Weathered rock was encountered to 8.99 m bGL. Groundwater was recorded at 3.66 m bGL.

The GSI geotechnical viewer showed a borehole located approximately 30 m east of the Site which was drilled to a depth of 8.84m bGL (GSI reference R591/B59829). The geology encountered was recorded as Made Ground to 0.3 m bGL, underlain by brown silty stony clay to 2.13 m bGL and black silty stony clay to 7.77 m bGL. Weathered rock was encountered to 8.84 m bGL. Groundwater was recorded at 0.76 m bGL.



5.1.9 Hydrogeology

5.1.9.1 Groundwater Vulnerability

The GSI Bedrock Aquifer map shows the Site and surrounding have moderate vulnerability to groundwater contamination. The bedrock aquifer is described as a locally important aquifer. According to GSI, this is bedrock that is moderately productive only in local zones and is capable of supplying locally important abstractions (smaller public water supplies, and group schemes).

5.1.9.2 Discharges to Groundwater

A review of the data available on the EPA map register shows there are no known discharges to groundwater within 50 m of the Site. A Section 4 discharge to water is held by Kevin St Garda Station Development, located approximately 538 m northwest of the Site (PCLW/001/15) most likely discharging to surface water but not known.

5.1.9.3 Groundwater Group Water Scheme Abstraction Points

The GSI online map viewer did not show any Group Water Scheme Abstraction points within a 500 m radius of the Site. The Site does not lie within a groundwater source protection zone.

The Dinantian Upper Impure Limestones are classed as a 'locally important' aquifer within the vicinity of the Site and the area across Dublin in general.

5.1.9.4 Groundwater Flow Directions

There is no published information on groundwater levels or flow direction for the area of the Site. It is anticipated that groundwater beneath the Site will flow in a generally northern direction towards the River Liffey or in an easterly direction towards Dublin Bay. However, this has not been confirmed at this time, with Site-specific data.

5.1.9.5 Groundwater Quality

The Groundwater Body (GWB) underlying the Site is known as the Dublin GWB. The Dublin GWB is approximately 837 km² in areal extent. The GSI classifies this GWB as poorly productive bedrock. According to the EPA Ground Waterbody Water Framework Directive (WFD) map, the groundwater waterbody status is classified as good. The groundwater is also listed as flowing beneath SAC s, and SPA sites. This statement applies to the entire GWB and is not specific to the leak location. In Dublin City centre where this Site is located the utilisation of the GWB as a potable resource is considered to be low due to the availability of potable mains supply and the relatively poor yielding potential of the aquifer.

6.0 PREVIOUS SITE SAMPLING AND MONITORING DATA

ESB has confirmed that there is no Site sampling and monitoring data, or observation reports available for the Site.

7.0 PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

The PSA is the first tier of a risk assessment; the purpose of the PSA is to develop a preliminary Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for the Site and establish whether or not there are potentially unacceptable risks. The outcome of the PSA is a decision as to whether or not further action is needed.

7.1 Context of the PSA

This PSA is being conducted to assist ESB with managing its potential liabilities associated with the Site.



7.2 Development of the Preliminary CSM

A preliminary CSM has been established from the data obtained from the following sources:

- Publicly available data;
- Trinity College Dublin Map library;
- ESB provided data; and
- Site walkover observations.

In the definition that has become accepted by the environmental industries and regulators (and discussed in the EPA (2013) *Guidance on the management of contaminated land*), there are three components to consider when developing a CSM:

- The source is the COPC identified, specifically it is the leak of the known cable fluid;
- The *pathways* are any routes linking the source with the receptors (in which degradation processes may also occur); and
- The receptors are humans and controlled waters that are connected to the source by the pathways, such as soils, vapours, aquifers, surface watercourses, local supply boreholes, or springs. Whilst ecological receptors are not normally considered in preliminary risk assessment protected species/habitats are considered here to flag any potential issues that may require further detailed assessment.

These three components are linked within a conceptual model for a Site. Should either one of the source, pathway, or receptor be absent from the site setting, the pollutant linkage is deemed not to be present therefore negligible risk will be posed to human health and/or controlled water environments.

7.3 Description of the Source

The source is the indicative leak location of the fluid filled cable (Eastings: 315731, Northing: 233067) (locations obtained from georeferenced ESB provided drawing, reference QD-354120-01-D460-001-011-001, dated 26 June 2019 (provided in Drawing 1). ESB estimate the total loss of cable fluid over the leak period as approximately 4,412 L. ESB has stated that the leak was patched within a week of the Leak Start Date and repaired in December 2017.

A summary of the source (LAB) is provided in Section 4.0.

7.4 Description of the Pathways

A description and summary of the potential pathways identified is provided in Table 5.

The trenches for the cable runs are likely to be the primary potential pathway for the cable fluid to migrate away from the indicative leak location. Details of a typical cable trench construction (provided by ESB) is as follows:

- Depth to the base of trench 1,200 mm;
- Depth to top of cable 900 mm 1,000 mm;
- Thickness of sand surrounding cables 350 mm;
- Width of trench 1,100 mm; and
- Backfill is either arisings or Clause 804 (gravel up to 75 mm diameter).



Additionally, a description of the leak event (provided by ESB), indicated that a significant portion of the 4,412 L of LAB lost during the leak event flowed to the combined sewer network.

7.5 Description of the Receptors

A description and summary of the potential receptors identified is provided in Table 5.

Drawing 2 provides an overview of the source and potential sensitive receptors located within 1 km of the Site. Sensitive receptors comprise of human health risks (e.g. schools or hospitals), or risks to controlled waters (e.g. rivers or lakes). Groundwater receptors (unless a potable borehole abstraction point is identified) are not shown on Drawing 2.

7.6 Preliminary Conceptual Site Model Risk Analysis

The potentially significant source-pathway-receptor linkages present at the Site and surrounding area (200 m along the cable length from the indicative leak location each way, and up to 500 m laterally from the cable run) are summarised in Table 6.

The level of potential risk of the identified pollutant linkage to human health and/or controlled waters and protected species and natural habitats has been completed with reference to CIRIA guidance document C522 "Contaminated Land Risk Assessment a Guide to Good Practice" (2002). This document presents a qualitative framework for evaluating risk which is useful at the PSA stage, prior to intrusive investigations being completed. C522 presents a risk matrix that allows a qualitative expression of:

- Magnitude of a potential consequence (severity) of a risk occurring; and
- Magnitude of the probability (likelihood) of the risk occurring.

Table 5: Risk Matrix - Consequence versus Probability.

		Consequence (of risk being realised)			
		Severe	Medium	Mild	Minor
ised)	High Likelihood	Very High Risk	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Moderate/Low Risk
Probability (of risk being realised)	Likely	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Moderate/Low Risk	Low Risk
ability (of ris	Low Likelihood	Moderate Risk	Moderate/Low Risk	Low Risk	Very Low Risk
Prob	Unlikely	Moderate/Low Risk	Low Risk	Very Low Risk	Very Low Risk

A detailed description of the probability and consequence definitions is provided in CIRIA guidance document C522. These definitions are also provided in APPENDIX C. Golder has applied this methodology to the

identified pollutant linkages for this Site and presented the findings in Table 6. Each identified pollutant linkage has been numbered and a qualitative risk rating applied to the linkage. Comments are provided for consideration of the risk evaluation for each linkage.



Table 6: Summary of the Preliminary Source, Pathway, Receptor Linkages (CSM)

Linkage Number	Source	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of Risk Being Realised	Probability of Risk Being Realised	Risk Classification	Comments
1	Free-phase LAB from the cable leak	Migration along the cable trench through the permeable infill materials	1a) Groundwater and/or 1b) surface water: direct contact or adjacent to the trench, likely to act as a LNAPL	Medium	Unlikely	1a) Groundwater Low Risk 1b) surface water Low Risk	 1a) There is a significant thickness of Boulder Clays providing protection to the underlying aquifer. Shallow perched water was recorded in boreholes close by however this is not considered to be a continuous aquifer at this depth. The volume of cable fluid lost is not insignificant (4,412 L) however, most of it was captured in drainage and diverted to a WWTP. Residual clean-up of the spill was also completed at the time. 1b) The nearest surface water receptor is 860 m west of the Site (Poddle) and is culverted. Considering that the loss was diverted to drainage and a clean up occurred the risk to the surface water receptor at this distance is not considered significant.
2		Migration along other service trenches/pipes (including potential residue	2a) Groundwater and/or 2b) surface water: direct	Medium	Unlikely	Low Risk	2a) There is a significant thickness of Boulder Clays providing protection to the underlying aquifer. Local perched water above the boulder clays is not considered to be in hydraulic continuity with the underlying aquifer.



Linkage Number	Source	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of Risk Being Realised	Probability of Risk Being Realised	Risk Classification	Comments
		left in drainage system)	contact or adjacent to the trench, likely to act as a LNAPL				The volume of cable fluid lost is not insignificant (4,412 L) however, most of it was captured in drainage and diverted to a WWTP. Residual clean-up of the spill was also completed at the time. 2b) The nearest surface water receptor is 860 m west of the Site (Poddle) and is culverted. As above the residual volume of cable fluid remaining is likely to be small. The risk to the river Poddle is not considered significant.
3			Mains water pipes	Minor	Unlikely	Very Low Risk	Mains water pipes remain in positive pressure, ensuring that any water in areas of damaged pipework/leaks is forced out from the pipe, rather than allowing ingress into the water pipes. At this time, LAB is not known to be aggressive to plastic or metal pipework, or cause leaching from plastic pipework.
4		Volatilisation and migration of vapours, accumulation in	Residents or workers in basements/cell ars, school	Medium	Likely	Moderate Risk	At this time, it is not known if LAB has migrated into building footings or other basements/sewers adjacent to the spill location. LAB is not considered toxic. Although



Linkage Number	Source	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of Risk Being Realised	Probability of Risk Being Realised	Risk Classification	Comments
		cellars, basements etc via inhalation	children exposed to vapours in basements				we note the low vapour pressure of the cable fluid, the enclosed nature of this leak is such that it is classified a moderate risk. The risk to school children is dependent on the presence of basements in schools however is considered less significant given that most of the cable fluid was captured in drainage and removed to a WWTP.
5	LAB in unsaturated soils from the cable leak	Infiltration of rain, leaching of contaminants, and vertical/horizont al migration of dissolved contaminants	Groundwater	Mild	Unlikely	Very Low Risk	There is a significant thickness of Boulder Clays providing protection for the underlying aquifer. Local perched water above the boulder clays is not considered to be in hydraulic continuity with the underlying aquifer. Groundwater in nearby boreholes was not encountered in depths up to 8 m bGL. The area is covered in hardstanding with drainage throughout, which limits rainwater infiltration. The volume of cable fluid lost is not insignificant (4,412 L) however, most of it was captured in drainage and diverted to a WWTP. Residual clean-up of the spill was also completed at the time.
6		Volatilisation (low volatilisation)	Hotel workers, residents in	Medium	Likely	Moderate Risk	At this time, it is not known if LAB has migrated into building footings or other basements adjacent to the spill location. LAB is not



Linkage Number	Source	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of Risk Being Realised	Probability of Risk Being Realised	Risk Classification	Comments
		and migration of vapours, accumulation in cellars and basements etc via inhalation	basement apartments, school children				considered toxic. Although we note the low vapour pressure of the cable fluid, the enclosed nature of this leak is such that it is classified a moderate risk. The risk to school children is dependent on the presence of basements in schools however is considered less significant given that most of the cable fluid was captured in drainage and removed to a WWTP.
7	LAB in groundwater from the cable leak (low solubility)	Dissolution of contaminants, vertical and lateral migration of dissolved contaminants in groundwater	7a) Groundwater Impacts to the groundwater body beneath the Site which has currently "Good" status and/or 7b) surface water: direct contact or adjacent to the trench.	Medium	Unlikely	Low Risk	7a) There is a significant thickness of Boulder Clays providing protection to the underlying aquifer. Groundwater in nearby boreholes was not encountered in depths up to 8 m bGL. considered less significant given that most of the cable fluid was captured in drainage and removed to a WWTP 7b) The nearest surface water receptor is 860 m west of the Site (Poddle) and is culverted. Considering that the loss was diverted to drainage and a clean up occurred the risk to the surface water receptor at this distance is not considered significant.

Linkage Number	Source	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of Risk Being Realised	Probability of Risk Being Realised	Risk Classification	Comments
8		Volatilisation (low volatilisation) and migration of vapours, accumulation in subsurface ducts, services, cellars and basements etc via inhalation	Residents, hotel or office workers	Medium	Likely	Moderate Risk	At this time, it is not known if LAB has migrated into building footings or other basements adjacent to the spill location. LAB is not considered toxic. Although we note the low vapour pressure of the cable fluid, the enclosed nature of this leak is such that it is classified a moderate risk. The risk to school children is dependent on the presence of basements in schools however considered less significant given that most of the cable fluid was captured in drainage and removed to a WWTP.

Notes: PPE = Personal Protective Equipment.

Drawing 3 provides a visual representation of Table 6, and highlights the potential pollutant linkages identified in the preliminary CSM assessment.

As defined in the guidance, risk is only realised when a linkage is proven between the source, pathway, and receptor. The linkage must be present between all three elements for a risk to be realised. Risk due to short term exposure, for example ground workers, are not considered here as they should be managed by appropriate use of PPE or other measures identified in a contractors Risk Assessment and Method Statement (RAMS) documents. During the risk analysis, Golder reviewed several relevant source, pathways, and receptors, and subsequently discounted the risks show in Table 7, as there are incomplete linkages i.e. a potential risk not possible for a given scenario.

Table 7: Summary of Incomplete Source, Pathway, Receptor Linkages Considered

Source	Pathway	Receptor	Pollutant Linkage Identified?
4,412 L LAB from cable approximately 0.9 m deep under Camden Lane (hotel basement)	Dust and soil (from near surface soils) ingestion – area covered by hardstanding and leak occurring approximately 0.9 m from surface.	Short-term Public (i.e. passers-by, not workers)	Pathway linkage not viable
4,412 L LAB from cable approximately 0.9 m deep under Camden Lane (hotel basement)	Dermal contact (from near surface soils) – area covered by hardstanding and leak occurring approximately 0.9 m from surface (not in contact with surface soils).	Short-term Public (i.e. passers-by, not workers)	Pathway linkage not viable
4,412 L LAB from cable approximately 0.9 m deep under Camden Lane (hotel basement)	Dust (from near surface soils) inhalation – area covered by hardstanding and leak occurring approximately 0.9 m from surface.	Short-term Public (i.e. passers-by, not workers)	Pathway linkage not viable
4,412 L LAB from cable approximately 0.9 m deep under Camden Lane (hotel basement)	Soil ingestion from homegrown vegetables - residential housing at some distance from the source, source likely to stay at depth (minimum 0.9 m).	_	Pathway linkage not viable
4,412 L LAB from cable approximately 0.9 m deep under Camden Lane (hotel basement)	Volatisation and migration of vapours, accumulation in underground ducts or services.	Short-term workers (e.g. groundworks contractors) – Short term exposure risk is not assessed in the PSA as it is outside the scope of this report. Short term exposure risks to workers are assessed as part of the Health and Safety Risk assessment (RAMS).	Short term exposure risks not examined in the PSA which deals with long term (chronic) risks to receptors.

Source	Pathway	Receptor	Pollutant Linkage Identified?
		Standard PPE measures apply for workers engaged in groundworks in Made Ground to minimise contact with potential contaminants and additional measures are not considered necessary.	

8.0 RISK EVALUATION

Potential pollutant linkages that could impact the identified receptors have been identified in the Preliminary CSM assessment. These linkages have been identified where the source, pathway, and receptor are all present and potentially viable, and the source is therefore considered to pose a theoretical risk to the identified receptors.

As discussed in the CSM, the closest protected habitats or species are the South Dublin Bay SAC and the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA. These sites are located approximately 3.4 km east of the leak location and are not considered viable receptors at this location as no pathway exists over this distance in soil or groundwater to impact these sites. We also know that most of the cable fluid leak (4,412 L) was captured in site drainage and discharged to the waste water treatment system i.e. there is a low residual volume of cable fluid that could potentially impact receptors.

Golder recognises that at present the ability of LAB to penetrate water pipes is not a fully understood risk, albeit likely to be a low risk. In the event that LAB was able to penetrate water pipes, then it is possible to examine the potential for LAB to dissolve in the water in the pipes and compare this to potential toxicity and drinking water limits (e.g. WHO drinking water guideline values).

The WHO drinking water guideline value for EC₁₀–EC₁₂, EC₁₂–EC₁₆ aromatic fraction (*Petroleum Products in Drinking-water, Background document for development of WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality, 2008*) is 0.09 mg/l. The solubility limit of LAB is 0.041 mg/L (OECD). Therefore, it is not possible for LAB to dissolve into water in supply pipes above the drinking water limit i.e. the drinking water guidance cannot be exceeded. Furthermore, presuming permeation of LAB through the pipe is occurring, the maximum solubility limit (0.041mg/l) could potentially be reached if water within the pipe was stagnant and allowed to fully dissolve or equilibrate over time; however, Golder understands that water will be moving in the pipe making it difficult for LAB to reach its solubility limit.

Accordingly, the probability of the risk would be considered unlikely i.e. pollutant linkage may be present in such a scenario, but the circumstances under which harm would occur are improbable. Therefore, along with a medium potential hazard, this would result in an overall rating of 'Low Risk'.

At present Golder consider that the potential vertical migration of LAB through the Dublin Boulder Clays (approximately 7 m thickness in nearby boreholes) is low and consider the risks to the groundwater body from this leak to be low. This is based on the fact that a significant portion of the original loss of 4,412 L was captured in the sewer network, and the Dublin Boulder Clays are known to be typically impermeable and offer a significant protection of the underlying aguifer at this location.

A potential moderate risk to residents in basement apartments, workers in basement offices or cellars, and school children in basement classrooms close to the spill location has been identified. At this time, it is not known if LAB has migrated to building footings adjacent to the spill location or into building basements. Golder recognise that the spill volume was 4,412 L and that most of this liquid was captured in site drainage and discharged to the waste water treatment system (flowing to Ringsend treatment plant). The residual spillage was attended by RIALTA environmental and therefore the residual source is considered to be low.

Overall, the potential risks to schoolchildren in basements is considered low as there is likely a small residual volume of cable fluid to act as a potential source which limits the potential for both liquid and vapour phase migration beyond the immediate leak location. There is a potential moderate risk to workers in basements working alongside the spill.



8.1 Conclusions

Due to the known leak of cable fluid into the permeable cable trench material, and the unknown characteristics (e.g. permeability) of the Made Ground likely to be surrounding the trench, there is the potential for lateral migration of contaminants along ducting routes locally and laterally towards nearby basements. This is considered to be the primary risk driver for this Site at present.

Golder will present recommendations to address the potential risks under separate cover.



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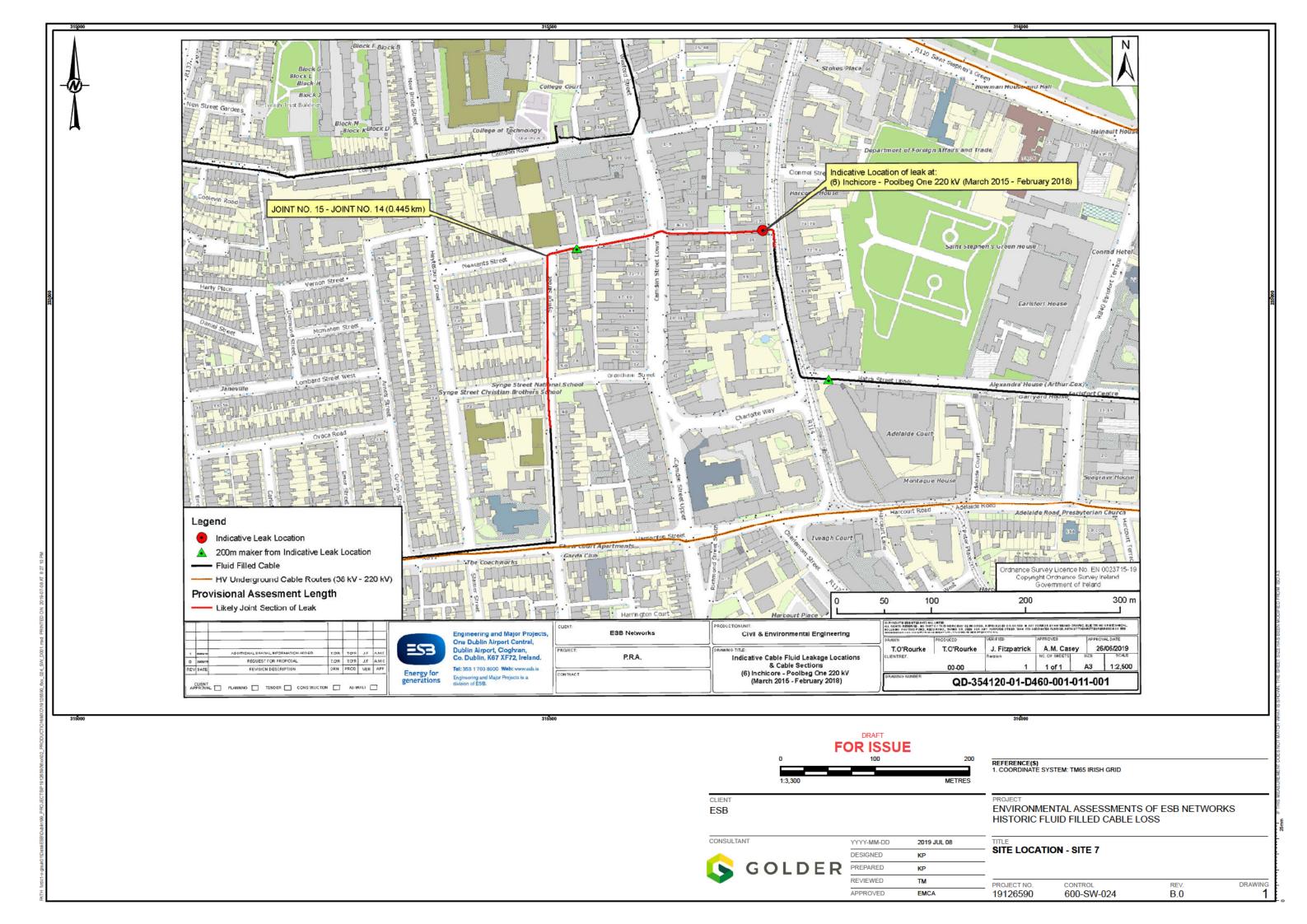
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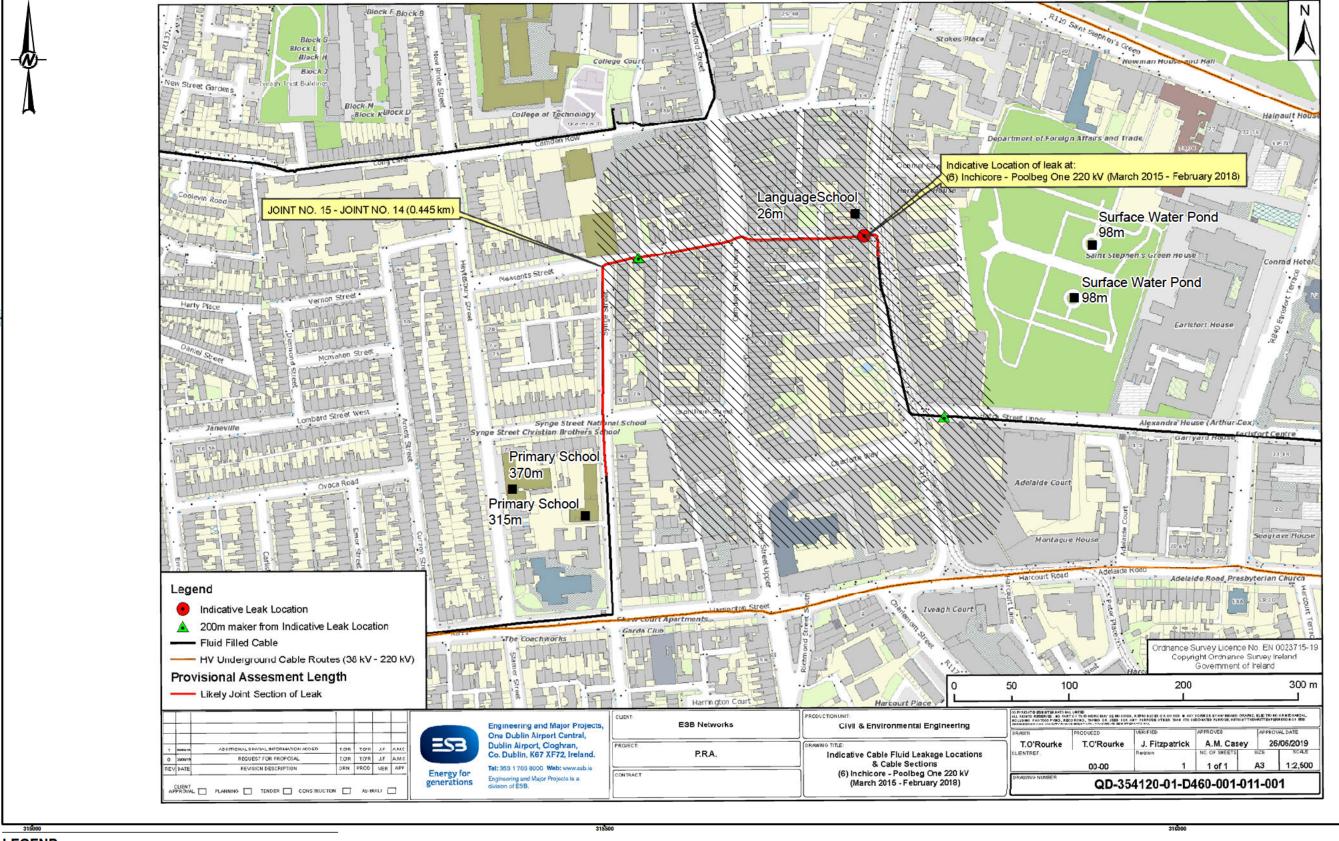
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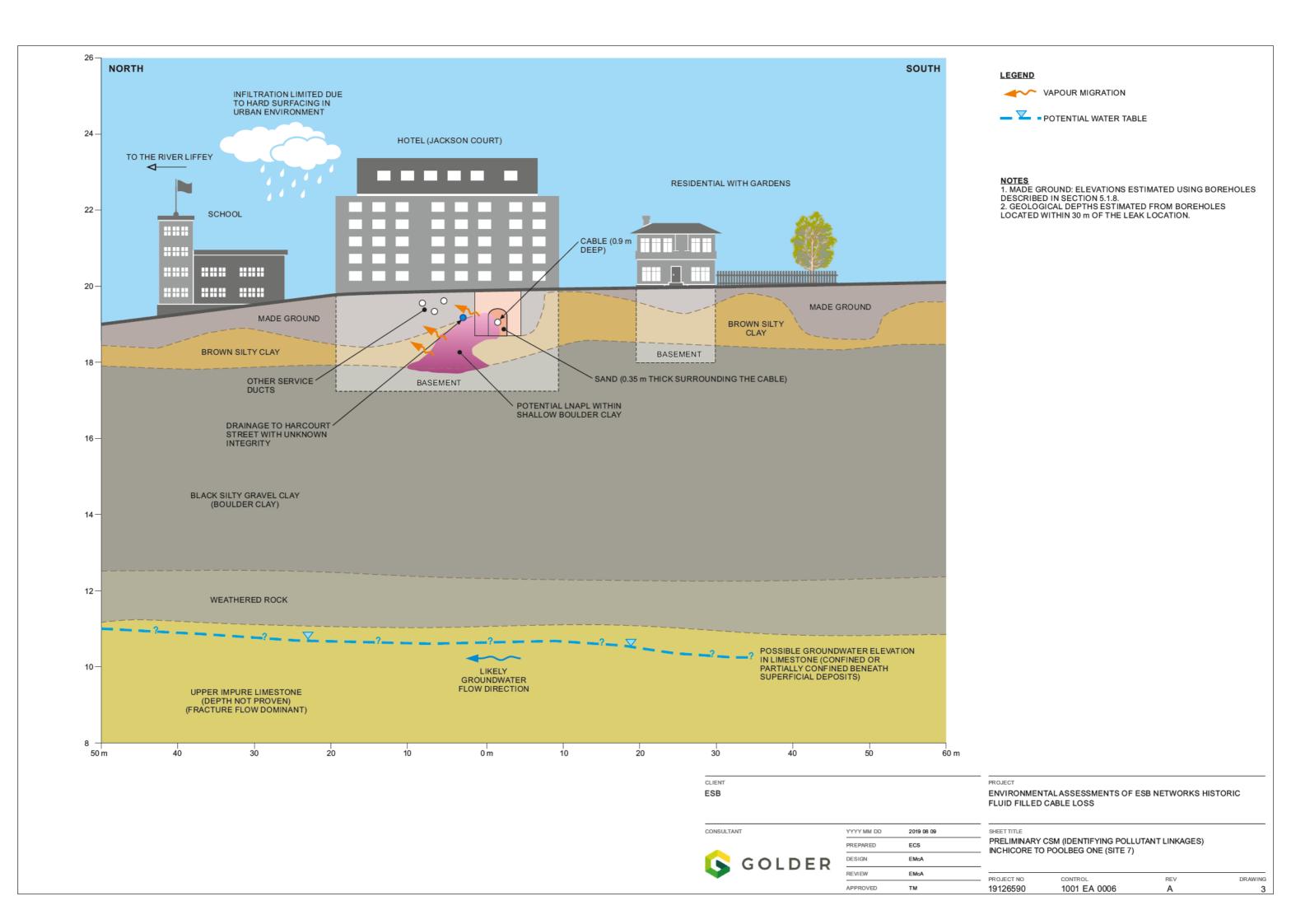
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✓ General Mixed Use Urban Environment Including Residential House with Garden

Receptors 500 - 1000 m from Leak Location

Direction from Leak Location	Receptor Description	
NE	Trinity College	
NE	College	
NE	Lake	
NE	University School	
S	Grand Canal	
NW	Grammar School	
NW	Primary School	
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FOR ISSUE REFERENCE(S) 1. COORDINATE SYSTEM: TM65 IRISH GRID METRES CLIENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF ESB NETWORKS **ESB** HISTORIC FLUID FILLED CABLE LOSS 2019 JUL 09 YYYY-MM-DD PRELIMINARY SOURCE - PATHWAYS - RECEPTORS DESIGNED IDENTIFIED GOLDER PREPARED DRAWING 2 19126590 600-SW-031 B.0



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APPENDIX A

Relevant Photographs Recorded During the Site Walkover



7-01 – Manhole covers present at indicative leak location, at arch to Camden Place.



7-02 – Staining noted on footpath surface at indicative leak location. Consistent with surrounding staining, likely resulting from activities associated with the adjacent nightclub.



7-03 – Paving under Camden Place in good visible condition.

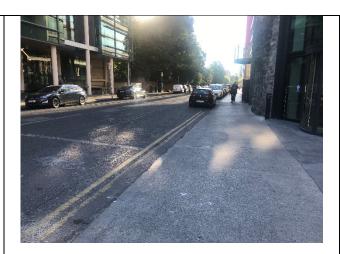


7-04 – Camden Road surfacing is a mixture of concrete and asphalt. The concrete surface was noted to be damaged in several areas and HGV movements were noted on Camden Place.

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7-05 - Road surfacing in good condition on Harcourt Street.



7-06 - Road surfacing in good condition on Hatch Street Upper. Staining noted on surface, typical of minor losses from parked cars.



7-07 – Some surface repairs evident on Harcourt Street Upper.



7-08 – Staining noted along section of interest (approx. 25 m west of indicative leak location, on Camden Place); however, appears consistent with bins stored locally.

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7-09 – Numerous sections cut from concrete on Camden Place. Indicative of repairs or access to subsurface utilities.



7-10 - Numerous sections cut from concrete on Camden Place. Indicative of repairs or access to subsurface utilities.



7-11 – Road surfacing in good condition on Pleasants Street. Some sections of previous works evident, indicative of repairs or access to subsurface infrastructures.



7-12 – Staining noted on road surface of Pleasants Street, typical of a parked vehicle.

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7-13 – Numerous telecommunications conduits noted along the section of interest (Pleasants Street).



7-14 – Numerous water connections perpendicularly crossing the section of interest on Pleasants Street. Repaired sections lead to water meter covers.

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APPENDIX B

MSDS for T 3788 (LAB)



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
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Milton Keynes, MK9 1NJ

United Kingdom

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2: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Composition:</u> 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 regulated		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.

<u>Ingestion:</u> Ingestion of small amounts may cause nausea and vomiting.

<u>Inhalation:</u> 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

<u>Inhalation:</u> Remove from further exposure. If respiratory irritation,

dizziness, nausea, or unconsciousness occurs, seek

immediate medical assistance and call a doctor. If breathing

has stopped, administer artificial respiration.

Skin contact: Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected skin with

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

medical attention immediately.

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

irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

<u>Ingestion:</u> Wash out mouth with water and obtain medical attention. DO

NOT INDUCE VOMITING.

5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<u>Suitable extinguishing media:</u> Carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, foam or water spray.

<u>Unsuitable extinguishing media:</u> 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.

<u>Special protective equipment:</u> 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

Handling: 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.

<u>Eye Protection:</u> 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.

Skin Protection: 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⁻³ 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⁻¹ 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

Basis for assessment: 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

<u>Basis for assessment:</u> 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.

Bioaccumulative potential: 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.

Packaging: 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

Classification/Symbol: 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 (7th 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.

We believe, in good faith and to the best of our knowledge that the preceding information is accurate. However, we give no guarantee or warranty in this respect. The information provided herein may not be adequate for all individuals and/or all situations. The purchaser/user of the product remains responsible for storing, using or dealing with the product safely and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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APPENDIX C

CIRIA C522 Risk Analysis Definitions



6.3 RISK EVALUATION

The purpose of risk evaluation is to decide whether or not risks are acceptable and to determine the need for remedial action. The acceptability of identified risks may depend on who is considering the risks (see Chapter 7). Ultimately, the decision on acceptability of a risk is a balance of the technical reasoning, practicality, perception and cost-benefit.

This stage involves:

- collation and review of the risk-based information for the site
- addressing uncertainty and its effect on judgements regarding risk estimates
- identification of those risks that are considered unacceptable.

6.3.1 Collating and reviewing risk-based information

At this stage it is useful to summarise all the risk-based information for the site and relate the receptors to the relevant contaminants. In effect, this involves a re-examination of the conceptual model in light of new information. For large sites it may be that the site is subdivided into several zones for clarity and ease of assessment.

6.3.2 Addressing uncertainty

Uncertainty should be considered in terms of:

- whether enough data exists to estimate the risks with an acceptable level of confidence
- identification of assumptions and safety factors used in the assessment.

The assumptions and safety factors incorporated into a risk estimation should be examined, and if uncertainty is considered unacceptable then the risk estimation stage is repeated (ie the collection of more site investigation data, see Section 5.3). The cost and benefit of additional risk estimation needs to be balanced against the need for certainty. For some sites, uncertainty may be acceptable, and the costs of additional risk estimation deemed unnecessary. However, further site investigation data and risk assessment may be necessary to achieve a cost-effective remediation strategy.

6.3.3 Identification of unacceptable risks

The following methodology has been developed from an in-house procedure used by Enviros Aspinwall (not published), submitted during the course of this research. This methodology was in turn developed from the "Guide to Risk Assessment and Risk Management for Environmental Protection" (DoE, 1995) and *Draft Statutory Guidance on Contaminated Land* (DoE, 1996). The method presented is an updated and modified version of the Enviros Aspinwall procedure and represents one possible methodology for presenting and evaluation the results of risk estimation.

This method for risk evaluation is a qualitative method of interpreting the output from the risk estimation stage of the assessment. It involves the classification of the:

- magnitude of the potential consequence (severity) of risk occurring (Table 6.3)
- magnitude of the **probability** (likelihood) of the risk occurring (Table 6.4).

Table 6.3 Classification of consequence

Classification	Definition	Examples
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 (note: Water Resources Act contains no scope for considering significance of pollution) of sensitive water resource. Catastrophic damage to buildings/property. A short-term risk to a particular ecosystem, or organism forming part of such ecosystem (note: the definitions of ecological systems within the Draft Circular on Contaminated Land, DETR, 2000).	High concentrations of cyanide on the surface of an informal recreation area. Major spillage of contaminants from site into controlled water. Explosion, causing building collapse (can also equate to a short-term human health risk if buildings are occupied.
Medium	Chronic damage to Human Health ("significant harm" as defined in DETR, 2000). Pollution of sensitive water resources (note: Water Resources Act contains no scope for considering significance of pollution). A significant change in a particular ecosystem, or organism forming part of such ecosystem. (note: the definitions of ecological systems within Draft Circular on Contaminated Land, DETR, 2000).	Concentrations of a contaminant from site exceed the generic, or site-specific assessment criteria. Leaching of contaminants from a site to a major or minor aquifer. Death of a species within a designated nature reserve.
Mild	Pollution of non-sensitive water resources. Significant damage to crops, buildings, structures and services ("significant harm" as defined in the <i>Draft Circular on Contaminated Land</i> , DETR, 2000). Damage to sensitive buildings/structures/services or the environment.	Pollution of non-classified groundwater. Damage to building rendering it unsafe to occupy (eg foundation damage resulting in instability).
Minor	Harm, although not necessarily significant harm, which may result in a financial loss, or expenditure to resolve. Non-permanent health effects to human health (easily prevented by means such as personal protective clothing etc.). Easily repairable effects of damage to buildings, structures and services.	The presence of contaminants at such concentrations that protective equipment is required during site works. The loss of plants in a landscaping scheme. Discoloration of concrete.

Table 6.4 Classification of probability

Classification	Definition
High likelihood	There is a pollution linkage and an event that either 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	There is a pollution linkage and all the elements are present and in the right place, which means that it is probable that an event will occur.
	Circumstances are such that an event is not inevitable, but possible in the short term and likely over the long term.
Low likelihood	There is a pollution linkage and circumstances are possible under which an event could occur.
	However, it is by no means certain that even over a longer period such event would take place, and is less likely in the shorter term.
Unlikely	There is a pollution linkage but circumstances are such that it is improbable that an event would occur even in the very long term

These classifications are then compared to indicate the risk presented by each pollutant linkage. It is important that this classification is only applied where there is a possibility (which can range from high likelihood to unlikely) of a pollutant linkage existing.

This method can be applied with or without site investigation data and can be used to assess the results of either qualitative or quantitative assessment. It is recommended that the amount of data and basis of classifications are made clear when reporting such an assessment. It is often possible to undertake this risk evaluation following the Phase 1 stage of the risk assessment. If site investigation and further risk estimation are then undertaken the evaluation can be revised.

Once the consequence and probability have been classified, these can then be compared (see Table 6.5) to produce a risk category, ranging from "very high risk" to "very low risk". The actions corresponding with this classification is given in Table 6.6. A worked example is presented in Box 6.10.

Table 6.3 shows the classification of consequence. To classify the consequence it is important to bear in mind that the classification does not take into account the probability of the consequence being realised (this is considered in Table 6.4). Therefore, for a particular pollutant linkage it may be necessary to classify more than one consequence. For example, the risk from methane build-up in a building presents a risk of harm both to the building and to human health. Both would be classified as severe, but the probability, addressed in the next stage of this methodology, may vary (for example, the building may be unoccupied for most of the time, with only occasional visits – eg a pumping station).

The classification of *severe* relates to short-term (acute) risks only. The *medium* classification relates to chronic harm, which can be classed as "significant harm" (if the assessment is carried out for Part IIA purposes. The *mild* classification also relates to significant chronic harm but applies to less-sensitive receptors. The *minor* classification relates to harm which, while not considered "significant", may have a financial implication (eg phytotoxic effects of contaminants on development landscaping).

It is worth noting that, in theory, both a *severe* and *medium* classification can result in death. The differentiation between the two categories is that *severe* relates to a short-term risk whilst *medium* relates to a long-term risk. Therefore the classification of *severe* should indicate that urgent action is required (urgent action may also be required under the *medium* classification, but usually longer-term actions are sufficient).

The classification gives a guide as to the severity and consequence of identified risks when compared with other risk presented on the site. It is not possible to classify an identified risk as presenting "no-risk", rather "very low risk". This is important, as the acceptability of risk may depend on the viewpoint of the stakeholder concerned. It may be necessary to take action to deal with a risk even if classified as "very low", although these actions may not necessarily be required urgently.

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Table 6.5 Comparison of consequence against probability

		Consequence				
		Severe	Medium	Mild	Minor	
·÷	High likelihood	Very high risk	High risk	Moderate risk	Moderate/ low risk	
	Likely	∾High risk	Moderate risk	Moderate/ low risk	Low risk	
llity	Low likelihood	Moderate risk	Moderate/ low risk	Low risk	Very low risk	
Probability	Unlikely	Moderate/ low risk	Low risk	Very low risk	Very low risk	

Table 6.6 Description of the classified risks and likely action required

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Very high risk	There is a high probability that severe harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard, OR, there is evidence that severe harm to a designated receptor is currently happening.
	This risk, if realised, is likely to result in a substantial liability.
	Urgent investigation (if not undertaken already) and remediation are likely to be required.
High risk	Harm is likely to arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard.
	Realisation of the risk is likely to present a substantial liability.
	Urgent investigation (if not undertaken already) is required and remedial works may be necessary in the short term and are likely over the longer term
Moderate risk	It is possible that harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard. However, if is either relatively unlikely that any such harm would be severe, or if any harm were to occur it is more likely that the harm would be relatively mild
	Investigation (if not already undertaken) is normally required to clarify the risk and to determine the potential liability. Some remedial works may be required in the longer term
Low risk	It is possible that harm could arise to a designated receptor from an identified hazard, but it is likely that this harm, if realised, would at worst normally be mild.
Very low risk	There is a low possibility that harm could arise to a receptor.

In the event of such harm being realised it is not likely to be

severe.

Box 6.10 Example of risk evaluation

A site is used for car parking. The surface is mainly hardstanding, but the quality is not sufficient to prevent infiltration of rainwater. Site investigation has shown that, underlying the hardstanding, the made ground and groundwater (minor aquifer) beneath the made ground contain raised concentrations of toxic metals. The site investigation also encountered several areas of fly-tipped wastes with very high cyanide content (enough to present short-term risks to human health). One such area, bordered by housing, is used for informal recreation, mainly by children.

Therefore the contaminant-pathway-receptor relationship can be summarised as below.

Contaminant	Pathway	Receptor	Consequence of risk being realised	Probability of risk being realised	Risk classification	Risk management action taken
Fly-tipped material with high cyanide content	Direct contact	Humans, mainly children playing on site	Severe	High likelihood	Very high	Immediate removal of fly-tipped material to suitable landfill facility
Toxic metals, for example arsenic and cadmium	Leaching to groundwater (minor aquifer)	Minor aquifer, no local abstractions	Medium	High likelihood	High	Further groundwater monitoring, including perimeter and removal of hotspots of contamination.
Toxic metals, for example arsenic and cadmium	Direct contact	Site workers and visitors during remediation	Medium	Likely	Moderate	Site health and safety plan made allowance for contamination. Site workers were supplied with personal protective equipment and damping down of the site during dry periods was undertaken during remediation.
Toxic metals, for example arsenic and cadmium	Dust	Site workers Residential properties next door to site Site workers and visitors during remediation	Medium	Likely	Moderate	It was considered that damping down of site was sufficient to break this pollutant linkage. Dust monitoring was undertaken on site and at site boundaries to prove this.

Note

The pollutant linkage for residential properties was not assessed in detail, as the measures to address the risk to site workers from contaminated dust were considered sufficient to protect nearby residents.



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