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Our Ref: SHLNG-TS-ENV-C-597

Your Ref: EPR/XP3538LD

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Dear Mrs Dunn,

Operator: South Hook LNG Terminal Company LTD.
EPR Environmental Permit Number EPR/ XP3538LD
Condition 4.2.2(a) – Report on Review and Assessment of the Permit Monitoring Results - 2020

Please find enclosed a report on the review and assessment of the permit monitoring results for the South Hook LNG Terminal permitted installation over the previous year 2020, as required by the above permit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries, or I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments:

- Report on the review and assessment of the permit monitoring results over the year 2020.

cc. Mr Zoltan Hazos, Technical Services Manager.

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Signed.....B J Evans..... *Date*.....*20 January 2021*.....
Dr Shane Evans, Senior Environmental Engineer.

(Authorised to sign as representative of Operator).

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

South Hook LNG Terminal Company LTD operates in accordance with an EPR environmental permit, (Permit Number EPR/XP3538LD), under The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016, as amended.

Condition 4.2.2(a) of the EPR Permit requires the operator annually, to provide 'a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data'.

This report presents the review of the results of the permit monitoring and assessments carried out in 2020, in compliance with the above permit condition.

2.0 INTERPRETATIVE REVIEW OF THE RESULTS FOR 2020

A review is presented below of the permit monitoring and assessment for releases to air and water in 2020, as permitted in Schedule 3 of the South Hook LNG Terminal Company LTD. EPR environmental permit to operate, Permit Number EPR/XP3538LD. Interpretation of the results was carried out in accordance with the relevant permit conditions, including the emission limit values (ELVs).

2.1 W1 Site drainage (Surface and Groundwater)

The emissions performance of the permitted site drainage discharge (emissions point reference W1) for 2020 is presented below:

2.1.1 pH

pH was monitored daily throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The pH data throughout 2020 were within the permitted ELVs, i.e. all results were found to be >6 and <9 pH units. The daily minimum and maximum pH recorded in 2020 were 7.0 and 8.2 pH units respectively, with an annual mean of 7.6. The main contributor to the site drainage (surface and groundwater) flow is rainfall related, so pH levels are not related to the permitted process.

2.1.2 Turbidity

No ELVs are specified for turbidity, in the EPR environmental permit. The average turbidity for 2020 was 2.3 nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs), whilst the maximum was 38 NTUs. Elevated turbidity is often associated with high rainfall (run-off) events, as expected.

2.1.3 Oil and Grease

A non-numeric condition (of no visible oil & grease) is specified in the EPR environmental permit (Permit Number EPR/XP3538LD) issued on 14 October 2015. All visual assessments recorded "none visible" in 2020, in compliance with the permit.

2.1.4 Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

No ELVs are specified for TOC, in the EPR environmental permit. The maximum TOC result measured during 2020 was 4.5 mg/l; with an annual average of 2.0 mg/l. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit.

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2.1.5 List 2 metals (copper, zinc, and iron only)

No ELVs are specified for List 2 metals (copper, zinc, and iron only), in the EPR environmental permit. List 2 metals were monitored monthly throughout 2020 and reported in compliance with the permit.

2.2 W2 (Process effluents)

The emissions performance of the permitted process effluents discharge (emissions point reference W2) for 2020 is presented below:

2.2.1 Flow Rate

Flow of the process effluents discharge (W2) was monitored continuously throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The ELVs for effluent flow volume and rate are <3500 m3/day and <164 m3/hour respectively. The maximum daily volume discharged and flow rate during 2020 were 1226 m3/day and 95 m3/hour respectively. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit. The effluent flow volume and rate were positively and directly correlated to production (of natural gas send out), as expected.

2.2.2 pH

pH of the process effluents discharge (W2) was monitored continuously throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. There were 5 minor short-lived transient 'spike' events which resulted in the pH being slightly <6 for c. 5.5 % of the time (i.e. for a total of 1.32 hours) on gas day 22 February 2020 (please refer to Schedule 5 - Notifications via emails to NRW sent Mon 24/02/2020 18:45 (Part A) and Wed 26/02/2020 11:21 (Part B), which demonstrated that the minor short-lived episodes of slightly reduced pH were incapable of causing significant pollution. Removing these outliers, the pH data throughout 2020 were within the permitted ELVs, i.e. all results were found to be >6 and <9 pH units. The daily minimum and maximum pH recorded in 2020 were 6.28 (with outlier 4.60 on 22 February 2020 removed) and 8.97 pH units respectively, with an annual daily average of 7.43 pH units.

2.2.3 Nitrates

Nitrates in the process effluents discharge (W2) was monitored throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The annual daily maximum nitrates concentrations and loads recorded during 2020 were 14.0 mgN/l and 14.58 kgN/day, whilst the annual daily mean nitrates concentrations and loads were 7.3 mgN/l and 4.12 kgN/day respectively. Therefore, the emissions of nitrates from the installation during 2020 were compliant with the permitted ELVs, i.e. <50 mgN/l, and <100 kgN/day and <50 kgN/day annual mean. The emissions of nitrates load from the installation were positively and directly correlated to production (of natural gas send out), as expected. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit.

2.2.4 Oil and Grease

The results were as for W1, see section 2.1.3 above. All visual assessments in 2020 were "none visible" for oil and grease, in compliance with the permit.

2.2.5 Temperature

Temperature of the process effluents discharge (W2) was monitored continuously throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The maximum temperature recorded in 2020 was 17.73 °C on 22 January 2020. A weak seasonality may be evident in the data, with slightly warmer temperatures during the warmer summer months. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit.

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2.2.6 BOD

No ELVs are specified for BOD, in the EPR environmental permit. BOD was monitored monthly throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The maximum BOD recorded in 2020 was 27 mg/l, with an annual mean of 16.3 mg/l. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit.

2.1.7 Total Residual Oxidant (as total free Chlorine)

Total Residual Oxidant (as total free chlorine) was monitored monthly throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit. The ELV for total residual oxidant is <0.1 mg/l. All results for 2020 were measured at <0.02 mg/l (Limit of Detection), in compliance with the permit.

2.3 Emissions to air

2.3.1 Continuous Emission Monitoring (CEMS) NOx Emissions - SCVs A8 & A11

NOx emissions from SCVs A8 (1H) & A11 (2A) were required to be monitored continuously whilst the SCVs were online throughout 2020, in compliance with the permit.

To support safe operations at variable and low/ minimum send out rates and essential maintenance, the SCVs fitted with continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) for NOx have been unavailable, as follows:

- NOx CEMS analyser out of service: from 1 May 2020 to on or about 28 May September 2020 for SCV 1H.
- To allow essential maintenance: from 4 November 2020 to year-end 31 December 2020 for SCV 1H.
- To allow internal inspections and essential maintenance: from 1 January 2020 to 25 April 2020 for SCV 2A.
- To allow essential maintenance: from 17 September 2020 to on or about 3 December 2020 for SCV 2A.

The annual daily mean NOx concentration for 2020 was 51.52 mg/Nm^3 for SCV A8 and 53.39 mg/Nm^3 SCV A11. The emissions of NOx were not strongly correlated to production (of natural gas send out), as expected. Review of the data indicated compliance with the permit.

2.3.2 Discontinuous (quarterly) NOx and CO Emissions - SCVs A1-A8 and A11-A17

During 2020, the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) carried out quarterly discontinuous stack monitoring on behalf of the Company, in compliance with the permit. Results of the discontinuous stack monitoring 2020 were reported in compliance with the permit. The monitoring programmes that were implemented in 2020 are presented in Table 1 below:

Monitoring Period	Number of SCV's monitored
1st Quarter 9th – 11th March 2020	2 SCV's monitored
2nd Quarter 14th– 16th July 2020 (deferred because of Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic)	6 SCV's monitored
3rd Quarter 15th – 23rd September 2020	9 SCV's monitored
4th Quarter 19th – 22nd October 2020	4 SCV's monitored

Table 1 – Programmes of quarterly discontinuous stack monitoring undertaken by NPL during 2020

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Assessment of the results of the discontinuous monitoring campaigns that were undertaken during 2020 indicated compliance with the permit.

3.0 CONCLUSION

This report presents of the results of the permit monitoring and assessments carried out in 2020, in compliance with Condition 4.2.2(a) of the EPR environmental permit (Permit Number EPR/XP3538LD). Interpretation of the results was carried out in accordance with the relevant permit conditions, including the emission limit values (ELVs).

The emissions performance of the site drainage discharge (emissions point reference W1) for 2020 is presented in section 2.1, whilst the emissions performance of the process effluents discharge (emissions point reference W2) for 2020 is presented in section 2.2. The emissions performance of the emissions to air is presented in section 2.3.

The assessment indicated that during 2020 the Company monitored in compliance with the permit. In addition, review of the emissions data (with the 5 short-lived, transient outliers for pH of the process effluents discharge (W2) on 22 February 2020 removed) indicated compliance with the permit. The data supports the good environmental performance of the Company in 2020.

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