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# **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Regional Executive Director

**DENR-MIMAROPA** Region

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The OIC-Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

: The Chief, Legal Division

FROM

The OIC-PENR Officer

:

**SUBJECT** 

TURN-OVER OF CHEVRON PHILIPPINES, INCORPORATED'S

SITE AND FACILITIES LOCATED IN BRGY. BALOGO, STA.

CRUZ, MARINDUQUE

This refers to the area occupied by Chevron Philippines, Inc. which is inside the expired OLPLA No. 002 of Marcopper Mining Corporation located in Brgy. Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque.

It can be recalled that the area covered by the said expired OLPLA No. 002 was taken over by DENR-PENRO, Marinduque on June 24, 2022, except the area occupied by the then Caltex Philippines, now Chevron Philippines, Inc. Hence, a Notice to Vacate dated July 21, 2022 was issued by this Office to that effect. A response letters dated August 26, 2022 and October 11, 2022, respectively, was received from Mr. Edgar Castillo, Director and Manager of Chevron Philippines, Inc. signifying their intent to turn-over the area they occupied together with its facilities on an "as-is-where-is" basis.

Relative thereto, providing you herewith a copy of letter dated October 11, 2022 from Mr. Edgar Castillo of Chevron, Philippines, Inc. together with the summary report dated September 2, 2022 on the result of environmental investigation conducted by AECOM Philippine Consultants Corporation on Chevron Marinduque Bulk Depot in Brgy. Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, for comment and instruction, if any. In our letter to Mr. Castillo dated September 02, 2022, we required Chevron Philippines, Inc. to submit demolition or decommissioning plan and to undertake clean-up activities before they vacate and turn-over the area. Considering that the company has a counter proposal and offer, we want to seek guidance from the higher authority, for possible resolution of the issue at hand. We would like also to recommend for a technical conference regarding this matter to invite EMB and other concerned Divisions of our Regional Office, specifically Legal Division, Enforcement Division and Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division.

For your information and instruction.

IMELDA M. DIAZ





October 11, 2022

Imelda M. Diaz OIC-PENR Officer DENR Marinduque

Re: Turnover of Chevron Philippines, Inc.'s site and property located at Barangay Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, Philippines.

Dear Madam,

In conformity with our letter to this Honorable Office dated 26 August 2022, we write to inform you that, subject to the attached findings of our consultant, AECOM Philippines Consultants Corporation (AECOM), Chevron Philippines Inc. is ready to vacate the premises it occupies at Barangay Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, Philippines and to turn-over its property and facilities located therein to this Honorable Office on an as-is-where-is basis.

We will carry out the turnover and pull out our security personnel guarding the premises at a date and time most convenient to this Honorable Office. In line with the foregoing, AECOM will liaise with this Honorable Office to coordinate turn-over activities.

Thank you and we hope to maintain and strengthen our fruitful partnership towards nation building and the betterment of the lives of the Filipino people.

Very truly yours,

CHEVRON PHILIPPINES INC.

Edgar R. Castillo

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Subject: Factual summary report on the results of the environmental investigations conducted at Chevron Marinduque Bulk Depot situated at Barangay Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, Philippines

Taguig City, Philippines 1634

Dear Bryan,

AECOM Philippines Consultants Corporation (AECOM) is pleased to submit this factual summary report to Chevron Environmental Management and Real Esta Company (Chevron) for the environmental investigations conducted at Chevron Marinduque Bulk Depot (the "Site") located at Barangay Balogo, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, Philippines (see **Figure 1** and **2**). This is intended to summarize the findings from the following activities.

- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted by URS Philippines Inc. (URS) in December 2001;
- Phase I and II ESA conducted by AECOM in January 2009 and February to March 2010;
- Offsite Groundwater Extraction Wells Sampling conducted by AECOM in May 2010;
- Groundwater Monitoring Event conducted by AECOM in November 2011; and,
- Buried Sludge Delineation conducted by AECOM in November 2012.

### I. Background and Phase I ESA Information

The Site, with an approximate area of 9,000 square meters, formerly operated as a bulk petroleum storage terminal. During the most recent assessment in November 2012, all structures except for product lines, pumps, and hoses, were still onsite (see **Figure 3**).

Seven aboveground storage tanks (AST 1 to AST 7) are situated at the Site's tank farm. The tank truck loading rack is situated west of the tank farm. The table below shows the details of the ASTs onsite.

Tank ID	Volume (Barrels)	Previous Content	Year Constructed	Construction
AST 1	5,100	Automotive Diesel Oil – B2	1965	Steel
AST 2	5,100	Diesel	1965	Steel
AST 3	40,000	Bunker Fuel Oil	1965	Steel

AST 4	1,900	Kerosene	1965	Steel
AST 5	1,900	Kerosene	1965	Steel
AST 6	3,600	Unleaded Gasoline	1965	Steel
AST 7	22,000	Unleaded Gasoline	1965	Steel

Three oil-water separators (OWS) are situated onsite - a two-chambered one located within the TTLR, and two three-chambered ones located within the tank farm and at the northeastern corner of the Site. The OWS situated at the northeastern corner was observed to be condemned during the most recent assessment in November 2012.

A Marcopper Mining Corporation warehouse is situated south while their two acid tanks and acid pit are situated east of the Site.

Balogo Bay is situated approximately 150 m east of the Site.

# History

The Site was reportedly utilized as rice fields prior to 1965 and was converted into a bulk petroleum storage terminal sometime between 1965 and 1969. The Site was initially operated by Exxon-Mobil from 1969 to 1973. Chevron assumed operations of the Site in 1973. The Site reportedly entered into a hospitality agreement with Petron for the use of Chevron's equipment and facilities in 2009. The Site ceased operations on 11 February 2010.

### **Groundwater Extraction Wells**

Groundwater Extraction Well DW01 is situated at the north-northwestern portion of the Site. Four groundwater extraction wells (DW02 to DW05) were identified within the north to northwestern vicinity of the Site.

# II. Phase I and II ESA (December 2001, URS)

URS conducted a Phase I and II ESA at the Site in December 2001 wherein five soil bores (SB01 to SB05) were advanced at the Site to depths ranging from 2.0 to 8.0 meters (m) below ground surface (bgs). The soil bores were not converted to groundwater monitoring wells hence no groundwater samples were collected and analyzed during this investigation.

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) C6-C9, TPH C10-C14, and TPH C15-C28 were detected in the soil sample collected from SB02 at 10 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), 293 mg/kg, and 1,270 mg/kg, respectively. Chemicals of potential concern (COPC) were not detected in any of the other soil samples analyzed. The URS assessment also reported anecdotal evidence on the potential presence of buried sludge materials in several locations within the tank farm area.

### III. Phase I and II ESA (January 2009 and February to March 2010, AECOM)

AECOM conducted a Phase I and II ESA wherein three soil bores (SB06 to SB08) were advanced, all to a terminal depth of 10.0 m bgs and were subsequently converted into permanent groundwater monitoring wells (MW01 to MW03). MW01 and MW03 are situated onsite, to the west and to the north-northwest of the Site's tank farm, respectively. MW02 is situated offsite, to the north-northeast of

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the Site. The soil profile observed beneath the Site is Silt to Silty Clay to Clay at 0.10 to 4.0 m bgs and Clay to Bedrock from 4.0 to 10.0 m bgs.

A total of six primary soil samples (two from each soil bore) were submitted to the laboratory for analysis of TPH in the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>36</sub> ranges and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX). All COPC were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits in all soil samples analyzed.

Groundwater samples were collected from MW01 to MW03 as well as from the onsite groundwater extraction well DW01 and were submitted to the laboratory for analysis of TPH, BTEX, and methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE). MTBE was detected in MW02 at 308 micrograms per liter (µg/L) while all other COPC were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits.

Measured static water levels (SWLs) in MW01 to MW03 were 6.525 m below top of well casing (bToC), 5.150 m bToC, and 6.943 m bToC, respectively. Groundwater flow direction was assessed to be to the north-northwest.

# IV. Groundwater Extraction Wells Sampling (May 2010, AECOM)

Offsite groundwater extraction wells DW02 to DW05 are situated within residential units at the north to northwest of the Site. Four primary groundwater samples were collected from DW02 to DW05 and were submitted to the laboratory for analysis of TPH, BTEX, and MTBE. All COPC were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits in all groundwater samples analyzed.

# V. Groundwater Monitoring Event (November 2011, AECOM)

Three primary groundwater samples were collected from previously installed monitoring wells MW01 to MW03 and were submitted to the laboratory for analysis of TPH, BTEX, and MTBE.

TPH  $C_{15}$ - $C_{28}$  was detected in MW01 at 292  $\mu$ g/L. MTBE was detected in MW03 at 20.4  $\mu$ g/L. All other COPC were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits in all groundwater samples analyzed.

Measured SWLs in MW01 to MW03 were 4.890 m bToC, 6.060 m bToC, and 4.460 m bToC, respectively. Groundwater flow direction was assessed to be to the north-northwest.

# VI. Buried Sludge Delineation (November 2012, AECOM)

Sludge materials were reportedly buried within the Site's tank farm. In order to verify their presence, delineate the extent if present and assess if they are classified as hazardous waste, a buried sludge delineation activity was conducted.

Forty three soil bores (SS01 to SS42a) were advanced within the suspected sludge burial locations to a maximum depth of 2.5 m bgs. Soil samples for analysis were collected where visual and odor observations were noted. Thirteen primary soil samples were collected and submitted to the laboratory for analysis of metals using toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP), ignitability, corrosivity, and reactivity. The results are summarized as follows.

- Antimony was detected in six samples ranging from 0.00081 mg/L in SS01-2.7 to 0.0021 mg/L in SS41-1.0.
- Arsenic was detected in SS13-1.5 at 0.0060 mg/L.
- Barium was detected in all samples ranging from 0.034 mg/L in SS10-1.5 to 0.300 mg/L in SS42a-1.5.
- Cadmium was detected in five samples ranging from 0.00044 mg/L in SS23-1.5 to 0.0065 mg/L in SS09-2.0.

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- Chromium was detected in eight samples ranging from 0.00036 mg/L in SS42a-1.5 to 0.0120 mg/L in SS19-1.5.
- Copper was detected in nine samples ranging from 0.0017 mg/L in SS20-2.0 to 0.0470 mg/L in SS19-1.5.
- Lead was detected in nine samples ranging from 0.00046 mg/L in SS26a-2.5 to 0.0068 mg/L in SS23-1.5.
- Mercury was detected in five samples ranging from 0.00069 mg/L in SS41-1.0 to 0.0007 mg/L in SS38-2.0.
- Zinc was detected in twelve samples ranging from 0.016 mg/L in SS13-1.5 to 6.4 mg/L in SS09-2.0.
- TCLP Beryllium, Selenium, and Thallium were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits in any of the soil samples analyzed.

### Others:

- Moisture content ranged from 16% in SS41-1.0 to 27% in SS19-1.5.
- pH of the samples ranged from 7.84 in SS23-1.5 to 11.4 in SS41-1.0.
- Reactive sulfide was detected in three samples ranging from 28 mg/kg in SS42a-1.5 to 200 mg/kg in SS20-2.0.
- The flashpoint of all samples were above 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

The samples collected were also subjected for analysis of TPH C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>36</sub>, BTEX and total metals. The results are as follows:

- TPH C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>9</sub> was detected in six samples ranging from 17.8 mg/kg in SS01-2.7 to 259 mg/kg in SS42a-1.5.
- TPH C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> was detected in seven samples ranging from 37.6 mg/kg in SS15-2.0 to 11,300 mg/kg in SS41-1.0.
- TPH C<sub>15</sub>-C<sub>28</sub> was detected in ten samples ranging from 47.7 mg/kg in SS01-2.7 to 1,660,000 mg/kg in SS09-2.0.
- TPH C<sub>29</sub>-C<sub>36</sub> was detected in four samples ranging from 295 mg/kg in SS15-2.0 to 39,500 mg/kg in SS09-2.0.
- Benzene was detected in SS23-1.5 at 0.0830 mg/kg.
- Toluene was detected in SS23-1.5 and SS20-2.0 at 0.273 mg/kg and 0.344 mg/kg, respectively.
- Ethylbenzene was detected in SS23-1.5 and SS42a-1.5 at 0.227 mg/kg and 2.11 mg/kg, respectively.
- Total Xylenes was detected in four samples ranging from 0.834 mg/kg in SS20-2.0 to 1.79 mg/kg in SS42a-1.5.

At the time of the assessment, the analytical results were compared to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order (DAO) 2004-36 Hazardous Waste Management Procedural Manual specifically the criteria for TCLP metals, corrosivity, ignitability and flammability. No exceedances to the adopted criteria were noted and the samples were assessed to be non-hazardous.

At the time of writing of this factual summary report, the results were also compared to the Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes, DAO 2013-22. Similarly, no exceedances to the adopted criteria were noted and the samples are still assessed to be non-hazardous.

### Summary

A Phase I and II ESA was conducted onsite in 2001, 2009 and 2010. The soil profile observed beneath the Site is Silt to Silty Clay to Clay at 0.10 to 4.0 m bgs and Clay to Bedrock from 4.0 to 10.0 m bgs. All COPC were not detected above the laboratory's reporting limits in all soil samples analyzed.

Three permanent groundwater monitoring wells (MW01 to MW03) were installed at the Site and within the immediate vicinity of the Site. In the two sampling events conducted, TPH  $C_{15}$ - $C_{28}$  was detected in MW01 and MTBE was detected in MW02 and MW03. The rest of the analyzed COPC were below laboratory reporting limits. COPC were not detected in any of the onsite (DW01) and offsite (DW02 to DW05) wells.

During the buried sludge delineation, the detected TCLP for heavy metals along with corrosivity, ignitability and flammability of the samples did not exceed the criteria set forth in DAO 2004-36 and DAO 2013-22. As such, the samples are assessed to be non-hazardous waste.

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Figure 1	Site Location Map
Figure 2	Site Vicinity Map
Figure 3	Site Features Plan
Figure 4	Historical Groundwater Analytical Results and Hydrogeological Information
Figure 5	Offsite Groundwater Extraction Well Analytical Results
Figure 6	Buried Sludge Delineation Soil Analytical Results

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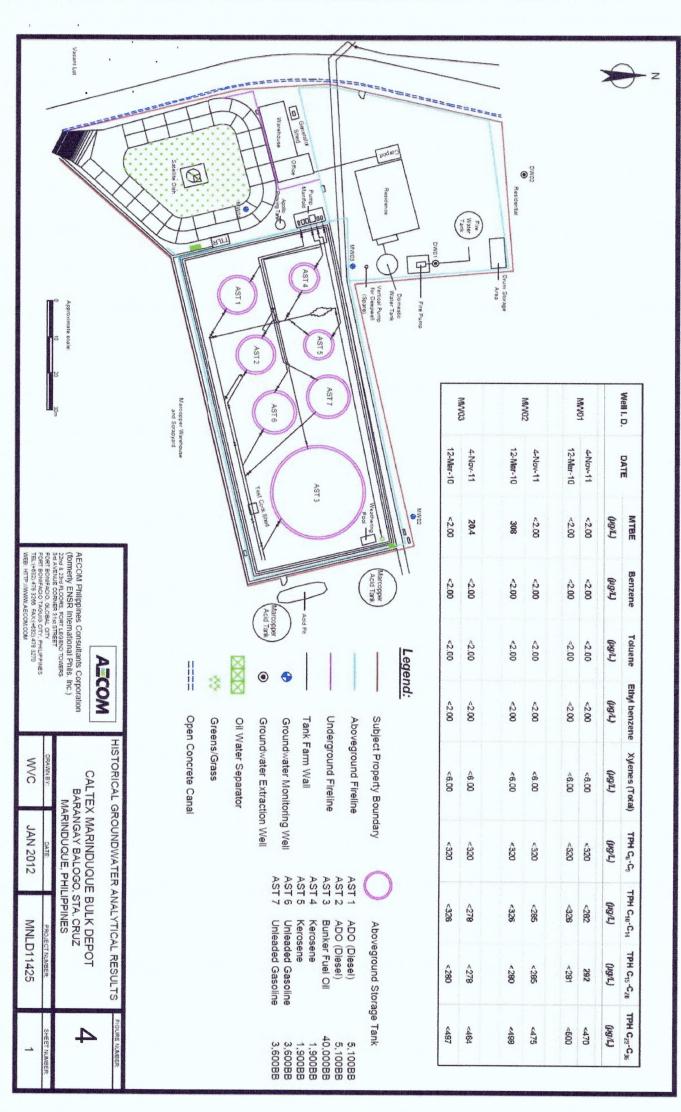
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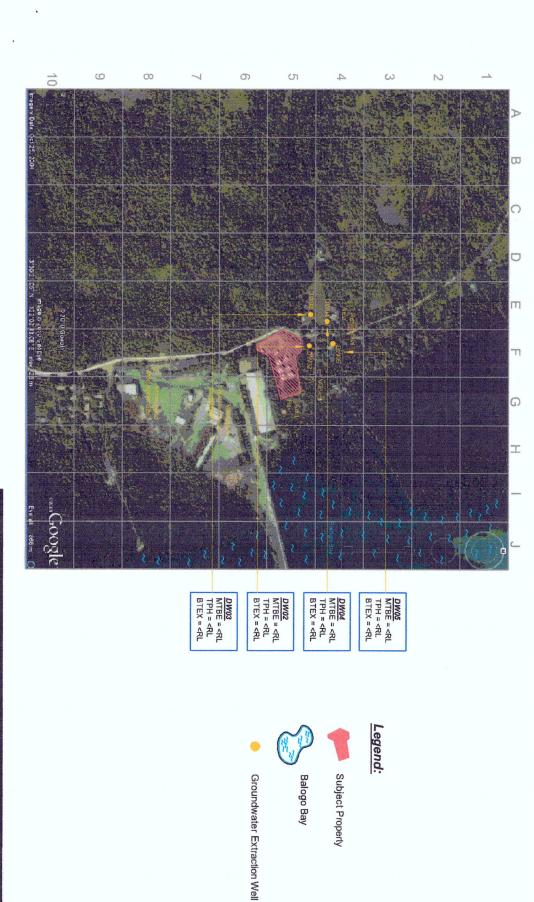
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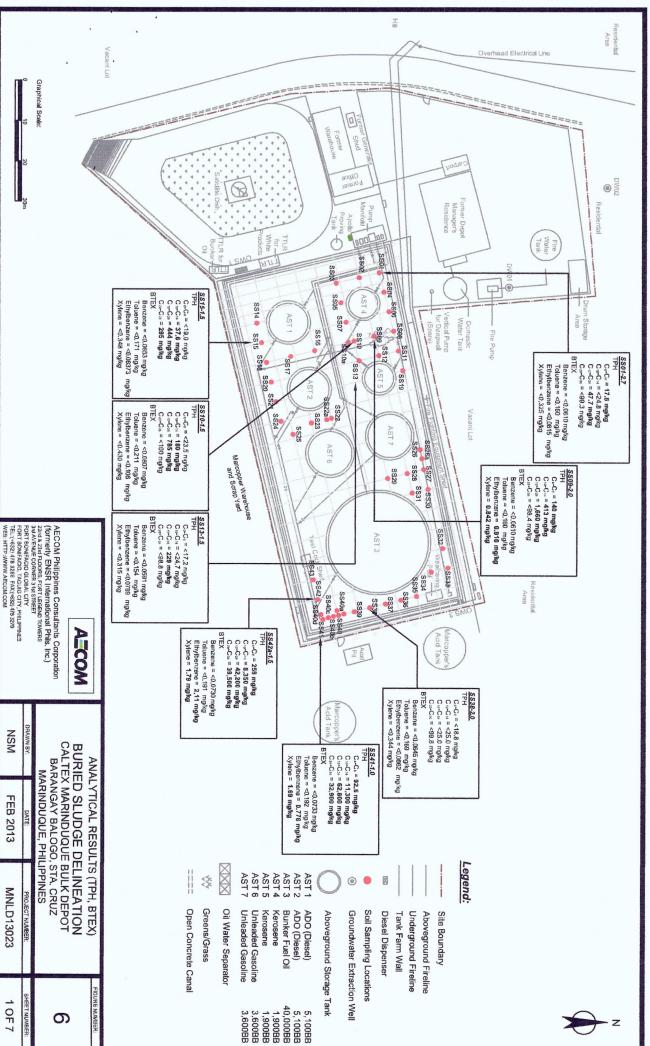
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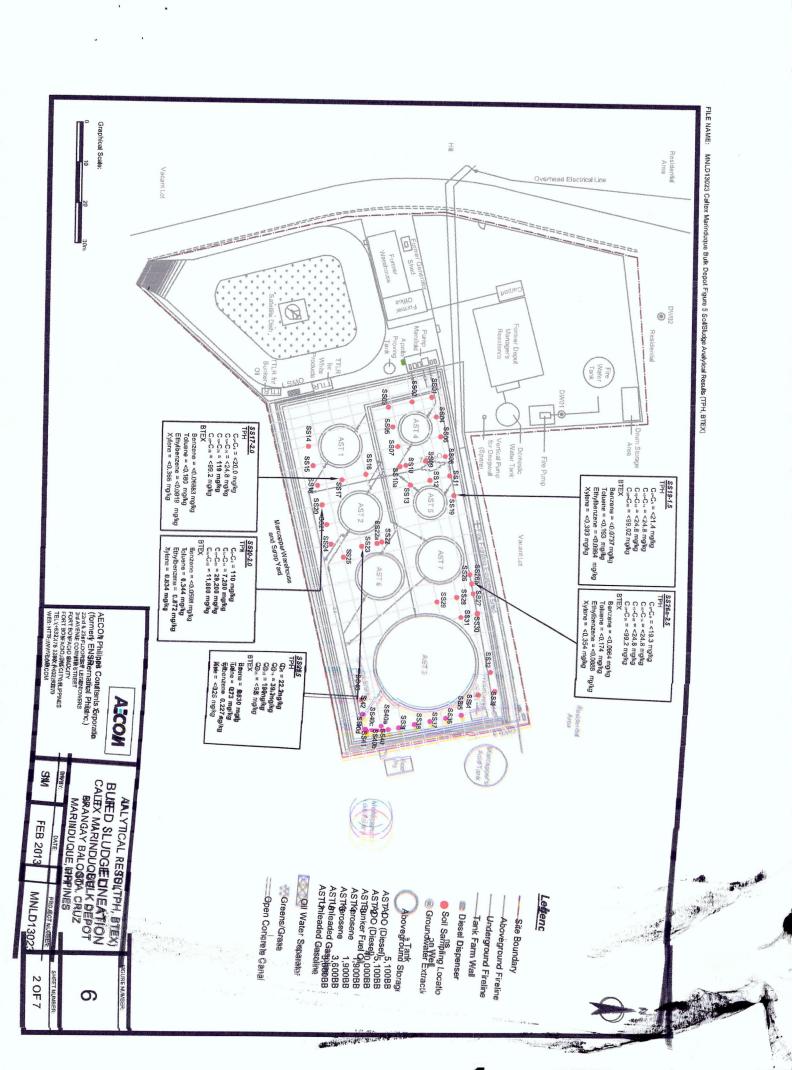
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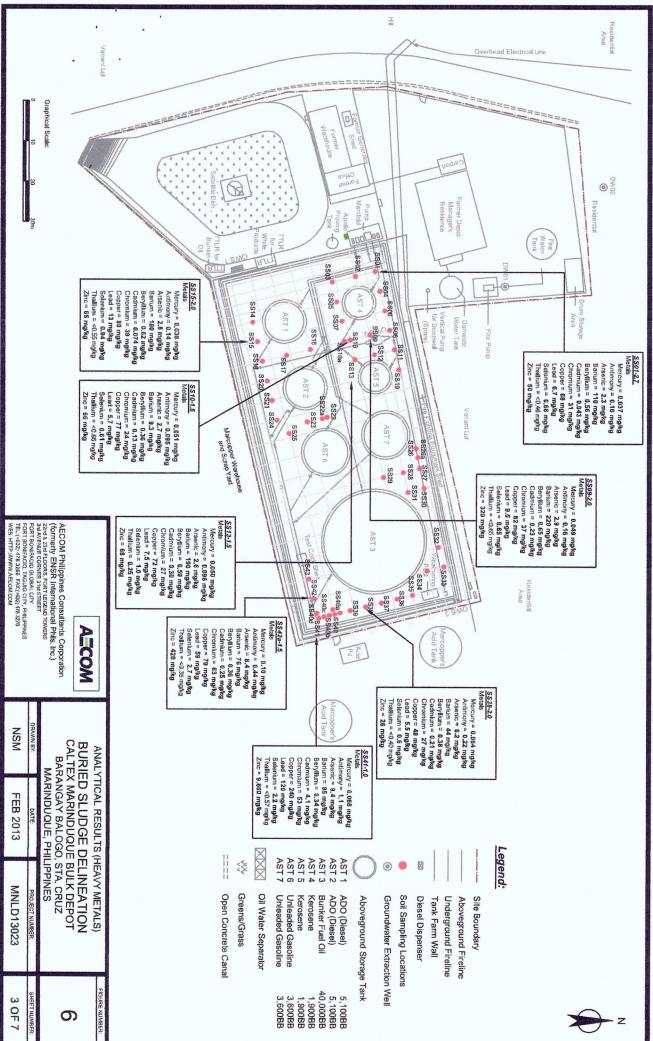
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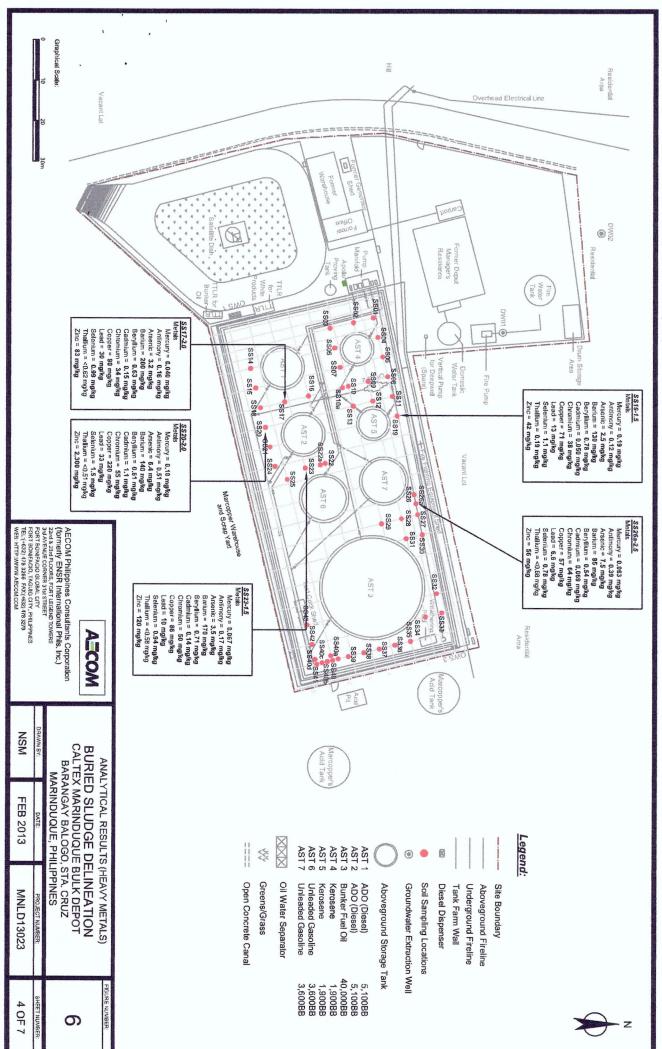


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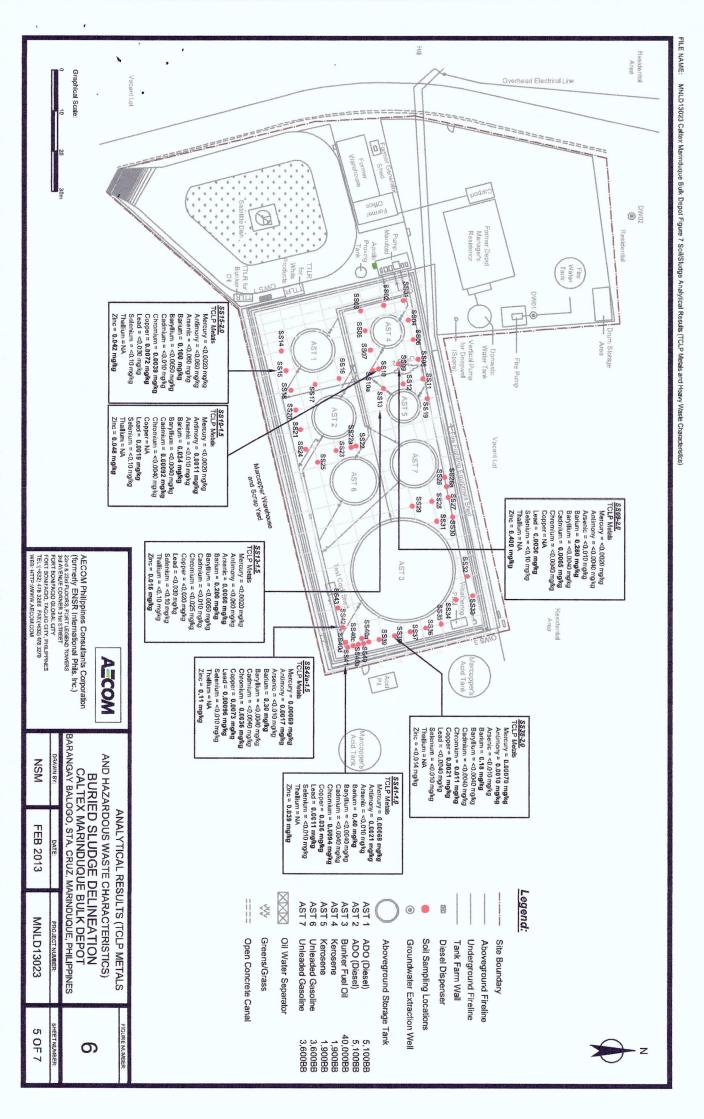


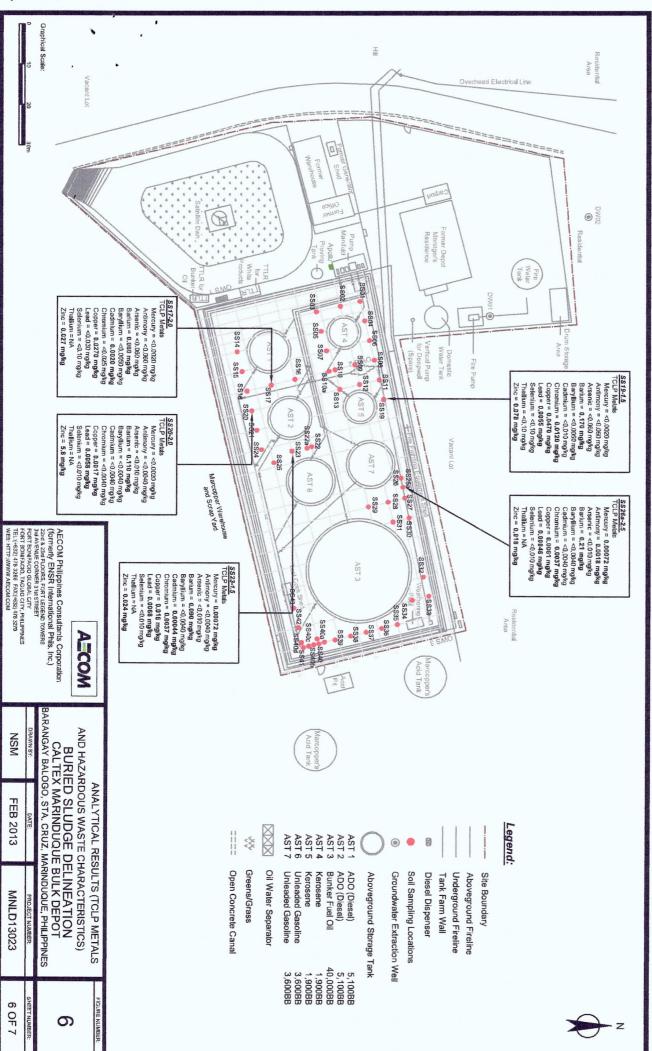


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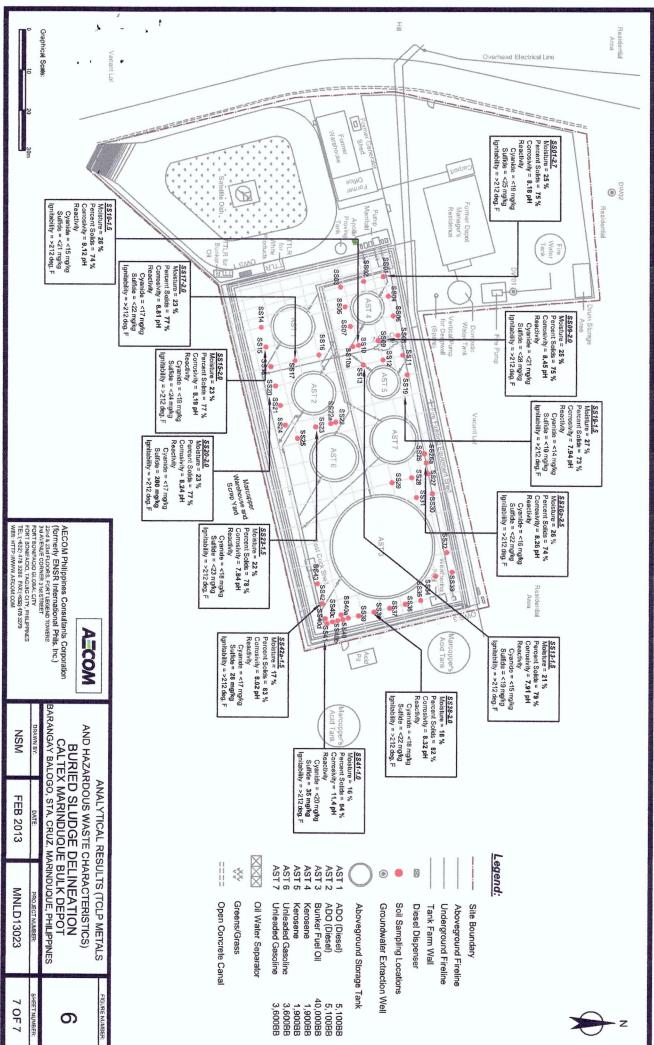


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