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AT SHA CHAU - September 2010

1.1 BACKGROUND

Since 1992, the East of Sha Chau area has been the site of a series of dredged contaminated mud pits (CMPs) designed to provide confined marine disposal capacity for contaminated mud arising from the HKSAR's dredging and reclamation projects. CMP IVc is presently in operation for backfilling by contaminated mud and is anticipated to reach its capacity in 2011. A series of four newly constructed seabed pits at the East of Sha Chau area, CMP Va-d, will be provided for the disposal of contaminated mud after CMP IVc is full. Dredging operations are now taking place to construct CMP Vb. The environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the CMPs at the East of Sha Chau area presently covers disposal operations at CMP IVc and dredging operations at CMP Vb.

1.2 REPORTING PERIOD

This *Monthly Progress Report* covers the monitoring period of September 2010.

1.3 DETAILS OF SAMPLING AND LABORATORY TESTING ACTIVITIES

No field sampling activities were scheduled in this monthly period for CMP IVc. For CMP V, sampling for *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* was conducted on 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 and 29 September 2010. A summary of field activities are presented in *Annex A*.

1.4 DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING SAMPLING AND / OR ANALYSIS

No outstanding sampling and laboratory analysis remained from September 2010.

1.5 BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE MONITORING RESULTS

Results of *Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations* for September 2010 are presented for CMP V. Detailed results will be discussed in the relevant *Quarterly Reports*.

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V – September 2010

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging Operations of CMP V was conducted on 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 and 29 September 2010. On each survey day, sampling was conducted during both mid-ebb and mid-flood tides at two Reference (Upstream) stations upstream and five Impact (Downstream) stations downstream of the dredging operations at CMP V. Monitoring was also conducted at the Ma Wan station. At each station, *in-situ* measurements of water quality parameters as well as water samples were taken from three depths in the water column (ie surface: 1 m below sea surface, mid-depth and bottom: 1 m above the seabed).

Monitoring results are presented in *Table B1 of Annex B*. Generally, levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) complied with the Action and Limit Levels set in the *Baseline Monitoring Report* ⁽¹⁾. However, very occasional exceedances of Action Levels are recorded for Turbidity and TSS (*Table B1 of Annex B*). Student's t-tests were then employed to investigate any significant differences in levels of Turbidity and/or TSS between Reference (US1 and US2) and Impacts stations where exceedance(s) of Action Level(s) was/were reported ($p\text{-value} = 0.05$). Results of the statistical analysis show that except for the exceedances recorded at DS1 during the mid-flood monitoring on 27 September 2010, levels of Turbidity and TSS did not show any significant differences between Reference (US1 and US2) and Impact stations. It is thus considered that these exceedances are more likely to be caused by natural background fluctuation in water quality rather than indicating any adverse impacts from the dredging operations of CMP V. It should be noted that the Impact station where exceedances were recorded on 27 September 2010 (ie DS1) is located at the boundary of the works area and the absence of exceedance at other downstream stations (DS2 to DS5) indicates that the sediment plume did not extend beyond the works area. Therefore, it is also considered that the recorded exceedances do not indicate any adverse water quality impacts caused by the dredging works of CMP V.

(1) ERM (2009) Baseline Monitoring Report. Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at Sha Chau (2009-2013) – Investigation. Agreement No. CE 4/2009(EP). Submitted to EPD in September 2009.

1.6 *ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH*

Impact Water Quality Monitoring during Dredging will be undertaken for CMP V in the next monitoring month for three times per week. No monitoring will be conducted for the disposal operations of CMP IV in October 2010.

The sampling schedule is presented in *Annex A*.

1.7 *STUDY PROGRAMME*

A summary of the Study programme is presented in *Annex C*.

Annex A

Sampling Schedule

			2009					2010												
Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry	Code	Frequency	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Active-Pit	NCA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*
	NCB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*
Pit-Edge	CPA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*
	CPB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*
Near-Pit	CNA 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*
	CNB 1-8	3 times per year	*					*			*				*					*

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Near-field Stations	RNA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	RNB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
Mid-field Stations	RMA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	RMB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
Capped Pit Stations	RCA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	RCB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
Far-Field Stations	RFA 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	RFB 1-9	2 times per year	*					*							*					*

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Near-Field Stations	TCA	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	TCB	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
Reference Stations	TRA	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	TRB	2 times per year	3					3							3					3

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Near-Pit Stations	INA	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	INB	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
Reference North	TNA	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	TNB	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
Reference South	TSA	2 times per year	*					*							*					*
	TSB	2 times per year	*					*							*					*

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Near Pit Stations	INA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5
	INB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5
Reference North	TNA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5
	TNB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5
Reference South	TSA 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5
	TSB 1-5	4 times per year	5	5				5	5						5	5				5

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Capping																					
Ebb Tide																					
Impact Station Downcurrent	IPE1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	IPE2	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	IPE3	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	IPE4	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INE1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFE1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFE2	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFE3	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFE4	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFE5	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
Flood Tide																					
Impact Station Downcurrent	INF1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	INF2	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	Intermediate Station Downcurrent	IPF1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3				3	
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFF1	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFF2	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	
	RFF3	4 times per year	3	3				3	3					3	3					3	

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Routine Water Quality Monitoring																					
Ebb Tide																					
Impact Station Downcurrent	IPE1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPE2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPE3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPE4	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPE5	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	INE1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INE2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INE3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INE4	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INE5	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFE1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFE2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFE3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFE4	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFE5	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
Flood Tide																					
Impact Station Downcurrent	INF1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INF2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	INF3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
Intermediate Station Downcurrent	IPF1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPF2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	IPF3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
Reference Station Upcurrent	RFF1	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFF2	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	
	RFF3	2 times per year	*					*							*					*	

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Plume Stations	WCP1	6 times per year	2	2				2	2					2	2					2
	WCP2	6 times per year	2	2				2	2					2	2					2

			J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Capped Contaminated Mud Pits	CPA 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	CPB 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	CPC 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
Reference Stations	RBA 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	RBB 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3
	RBC 1-3	2 times per year	3					3							3					3

* = Number of replicates depends on field catch or parameters



Sampling completed

Annex A2 - East of Sha Chau Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule for CMP V (July 2009 - December 2010)

		2009						2010											
Baseline Water Quality Monitoring		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Near Field	ESC-WNAA	*	*																
	ESC-WNAB	*	*																
	ESC-WNAC	*	*																
	ESC-WNAD	*	*																
	ESC-WNBA	*	*																
	ESC-WNBB	*	*																
	ESC-WNBC	*	*																
ESC-WNBD	*	*																	
Mid Field	ESC-WMB	*	*																
	ESC-WMA	*	*																
Far Field	ESC-WFA	*	*																
	ESC-WFB	*	*																
	MW1	*	*																
Reference Stations	NM1	*	*																
	NM2	*	*																
	NM3	*	*																
	NM5	*	*																
	NM6	*	*																

Water Column Profiling		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Plume Stations	Upstream			2	2	2	2	2	2											
	Downstream			2	2	2	2	2	2											

Water Quality Impact Monitoring for Dredging		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Downcurrent Impact Stations	1			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	2			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	3			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	4			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	5			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Upcurrent Stations	1			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	2			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	MW1			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

 Sampling completed
 Sampling to be completed

Annex B

Monitoring Results

Table B1 *Summary Table of DO, Turbidity and TSS Levels recorded in September 2010*

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	Average DO Levels (mg/L)		Average Turbidity Level (NTU)	Average TSS Level (mg/L)
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth		
2010/09/07	ME	DS1	3.79	4.49	20.52	26.00
		DS2	3.86	4.47	16.38	22.33
		DS3	3.53	4.48	18.40	21.83
		DS4	3.98	4.56	13.25	16.17
		DS5	4.07	4.83	10.49	14.33
		MW1	3.29	3.86	4.37	6.83
		US1	3.68	4.61	18.70	21.17
	MF	US2	3.62	4.58	11.88	14.33
		DS1	4.10	4.75	15.03	20.00
		DS2	4.19	4.96	12.06	16.17
		DS3	4.04	4.85	13.33	19.50
		DS4	4.21	4.65	10.34	19.33
		DS5	3.80	4.64	15.78	15.17
		MW1	3.18	3.56	11.88	17.67
		US1	4.05	4.66	15.22	19.50
		US2	4.00	4.46	17.60	22.17
		2010/09/09	ME	DS1	3.96	4.41
DS2	4.10			4.67	11.46	14.33
DS3	3.82			4.43	31.38*	54.17*
DS4	4.08			4.61	13.26	21.17
DS5	4.12			4.64	15.53	15.50
MW1	3.65			4.02	5.64	8.50
US1	3.72			4.56	17.92	19.67
MF	US2		3.67	4.44	14.73	19.33
	DS1		3.61	4.32	28.36*	36.33
	DS2		3.84	4.44	25.31	41.50*
	DS3		3.52	4.56	18.89	30.33
	DS4		3.66	4.62	11.90	19.00
	DS5		3.74	4.79	13.70	19.00
	MW1		3.43	3.52	13.62	19.67
	US1		3.64	4.41	21.32	25.83
	US2		3.69	4.34	18.79	23.67
	2010/09/11		ME	DS1	4.18	4.26
DS2		4.06		4.29	12.18	16.17
DS3		3.92		4.10	31.25*	38.33*
DS4		4.15		4.12	15.02	20.67
DS5		4.21		4.19	18.07	33.83
MW1		3.69		3.90	4.69	5.17
US1		4.07		4.25	11.16	11.50
MF		US2	3.95	4.39	9.51	9.50
		DS1	3.62	3.93	25.86	38.67*
		DS2	4.00	4.05	9.54	12.00
		DS3	3.81	4.05	8.19	10.50
		DS4	3.71	4.05	7.77	10.17
		DS5	3.79	4.60	5.92	6.50
		MW1	3.32	3.54	12.76	16.83
		US1	3.71	4.05	30.45	38.00
		US2	3.64	4.03	30.70	31.83
		2010/09/13	ME	DS1	4.31	4.74
DS2	4.31			4.64	8.93	13.50
DS3	3.89			4.67	8.94	10.83
DS4	4.21			4.89	6.58	8.33
DS5	4.15			4.90	6.18	7.33

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	Average DO Levels (mg/L)		Average Turbidity Level (NTU)	Average TSS Level (mg/L)		
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth				
2010/09/13	ME	MW1	3.65	4.54	2.93	5.67		
		US1	4.42	4.90	6.47	8.00		
		US2	4.57	4.97	5.76	7.17		
	MF	DS1	4.23	4.60	11.29	13.17		
		DS2	4.43	4.52	11.31	15.00		
		DS3	4.39	4.66	6.63	9.17		
		DS4	4.61	5.10	5.24	7.00		
		DS5	4.35	4.85	10.04	11.00		
		MW1	3.31	4.07	7.39	9.33		
		US1	4.12	4.68	7.92	13.33		
2010/09/15	ME	US2	4.29	4.85	6.43	8.67		
		DS1	3.77	4.11	5.73	6.33		
		DS2	3.85	4.23	5.40	6.00		
		DS3	3.99	4.36	8.70	12.00		
		DS4	4.04	4.37	6.15	7.83		
		DS5	4.00	4.36	4.12	7.67		
		MW1	3.42	4.77	1.88	3.67		
		US1	3.87	4.38	5.83	6.50		
		US2	3.68	3.99	9.04	11.00		
		MF	DS1	4.10	4.72	3.91	6.83	
DS2	3.91		4.53	5.13	7.67			
DS3	3.67		4.50	5.33	6.83			
DS4	3.79		4.49	5.96	5.67			
DS5	3.99		4.90	5.57	6.67			
MW1	3.00		4.26	3.54	4.50			
US1	4.41		4.79	4.32	6.00			
US2	4.48		4.97	3.26	4.67			
2010/09/17	ME		DS1	4.24	5.04	5.54	7.67	
			DS2	4.44	5.19	4.53	6.33	
		DS3	3.06	5.12	5.43	7.00		
		DS4	3.79	5.26	6.07	8.33		
		DS5	4.30	5.75	4.00	6.67		
		MW1	3.79	6.27	1.64	7.00		
		US1	4.10	5.05	3.74	6.67		
		US2	4.25	5.08	3.81	7.17		
		MF	DS1	4.85	6.93	4.89	7.00	
			DS2	4.94	7.32	4.58	6.83	
DS3	4.56		6.92	4.82	7.17			
DS4	4.73		6.90	4.48	7.67			
DS5	4.14		6.13	5.83	9.33			
MW1	2.45		5.13	3.66	7.00			
US1	4.57		6.77	54.20	79.67			
US2	5.36		7.04	4.41	8.50			
2010/09/20	ME		DS1	4.23	7.13	4.91	7.67	
			DS2	3.55	6.12	8.22	12.50	
		DS3	3.72	5.87	7.76	9.83		
		DS4	6.17	6.97	3.50	5.50		
		DS5	7.01	7.24	3.20	5.33		
		MW1	2.72	5.12	3.57	6.17		
		US1	4.00	7.06	3.44	5.83		
		US2	3.28	6.77	5.52	8.50		
		2010/09/22	MF	DS1	4.24	5.33	14.13	23.00
				DS2	4.51	5.20	8.29	10.83
DS3	4.51			5.13	8.59	10.50		
DS4	4.35			4.96	6.89	9.00		
DS5	4.27			5.10	9.38	10.00		

Sampling Date	Tidal Period	Station	Average DO Levels (mg/L)		Average Turbidity Level (NTU)	Average TSS Level (mg/L)
			Bottom	Surface and Mid Depth		
2010/09/22	MF	MW1	3.47	3.78	11.16	15.17
		US1	4.33	4.87	14.60	19.67
		US2	4.00	4.95	16.03	14.83
2010/09/24	ME	DS1	3.58	4.32	11.54	15.33
		DS2	3.73	4.65	9.58	14.50
		DS3	3.57	4.13	22.47	28.17
		DS4	3.68	4.34	9.86	14.33
		DS5	3.71	4.29	9.78	13.50
		MW1	3.47	3.81	4.13	5.50
		US1	3.48	4.51	16.52	17.00
	MF	US2	3.61	4.48	8.36	13.33
		DS1	3.50	4.18	12.40	12.67
		DS2	3.62	4.44	14.16	13.67
		DS3	3.75	4.47	5.76	7.50
		DS4	3.63	4.00	7.42	10.33
		DS5	3.63	4.07	5.81	8.00
		MW1	3.51	3.64	8.76	13.17
		US1	3.58	4.28	13.58	19.83
2010/09/27	ME	US2	3.52	4.17	28.23	29.33
		DS1	3.92	4.61	6.72	9.83
		DS2	3.86	4.32	9.24	10.67
		DS3	3.79	4.23	8.33	10.67
		DS4	3.89	4.37	6.56	9.00
		DS5	3.97	4.33	6.19	7.33
		MW1	4.01	4.18	3.88	3.83
	MF	US1	4.18	4.42	8.74	11.33
		US2	3.85	4.28	12.03	16.33
		DS1	3.80	3.83	27.71	39.33
		DS2	3.80	3.97	12.66	14.83
		DS3	3.80	3.97	9.66	10.00
		DS4	3.69	3.99	10.16	11.33
		DS5	3.61	3.94	9.43	11.33
		MW1	3.70	4.04	4.80	5.83
2010/09/29	ME	US1	3.81	4.08	9.28	13.83
		US2	3.92	4.18	8.12	10.83
		DS1	4.18	4.67	5.32	7.17
		DS2	5.06	5.69	6.76	8.00
		DS3	3.96	5.11	8.34	11.50
		DS4	4.31	5.31	5.34	6.50
		DS5	4.21	5.59	4.37	6.00
	MF	MW1	4.28	4.63	2.88	4.83
		US1	4.11	5.36	4.25	7.83
		US2	4.02	5.59	4.87	6.17
		DS1	3.98	4.63	10.11	18.33
		DS2	4.18	4.52	8.68	10.67
		DS3	4.42	4.55	5.57	8.00
		DS4	4.57	5.52	4.50	6.50
		DS5	4.14	4.56	5.32	6.00
2010/09/29	MF	MW1	3.90	4.22	5.14	8.17
		US1	4.04	5.07	5.97	5.83
		US2	4.20	5.00	5.77	6.17

Notes:

1. Cell shaded yellow indicates value exceeding the Action Level.
2. Cell shaded red indicates value exceeding the Limit Level.
3. Asterisk indicates no significant difference in values between the Reference (US1 and US2) and Impact stations where exceedance(s) is/are recorded.

Annex C

Study Programme

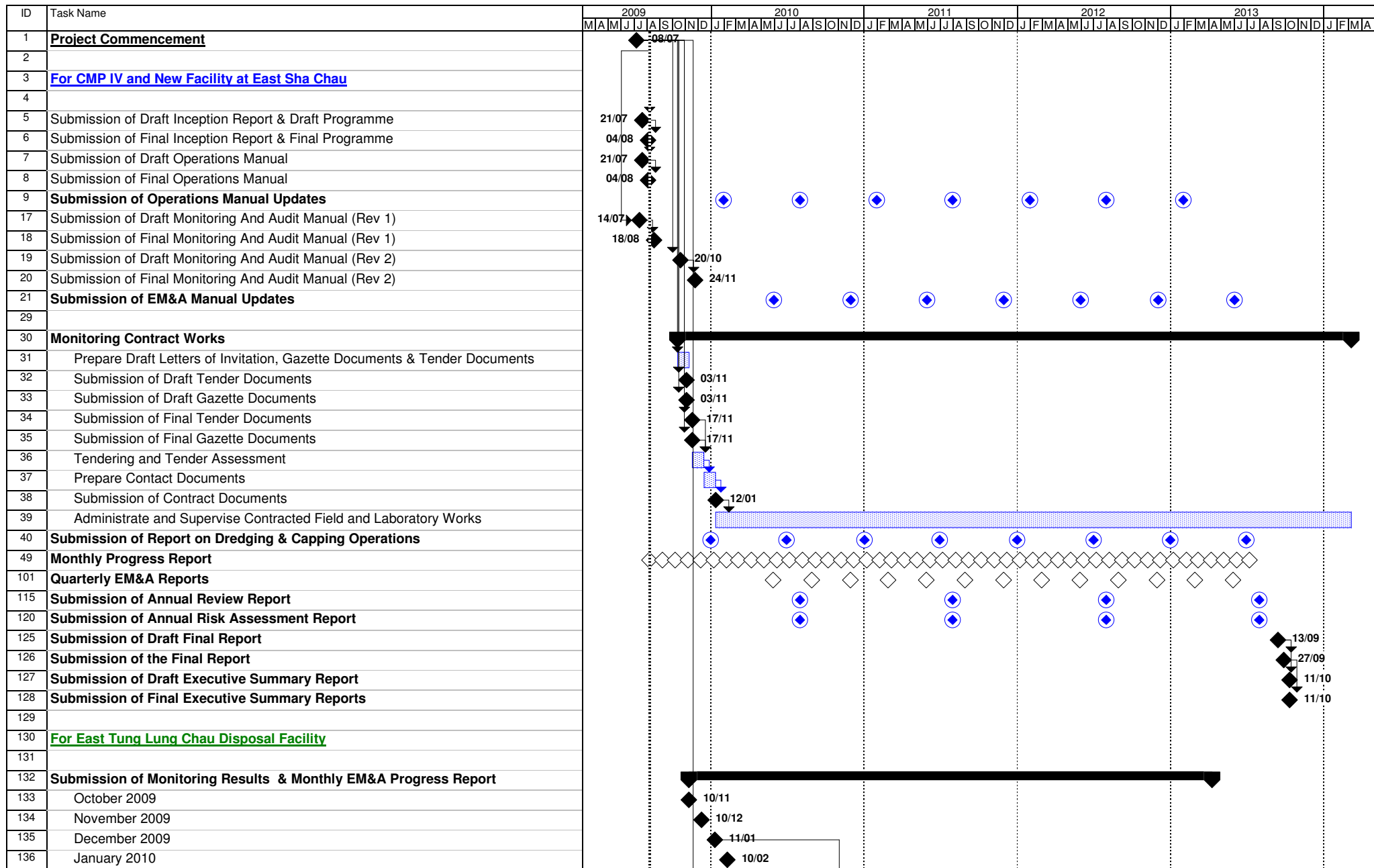


Figure 4.1 - Study Programme



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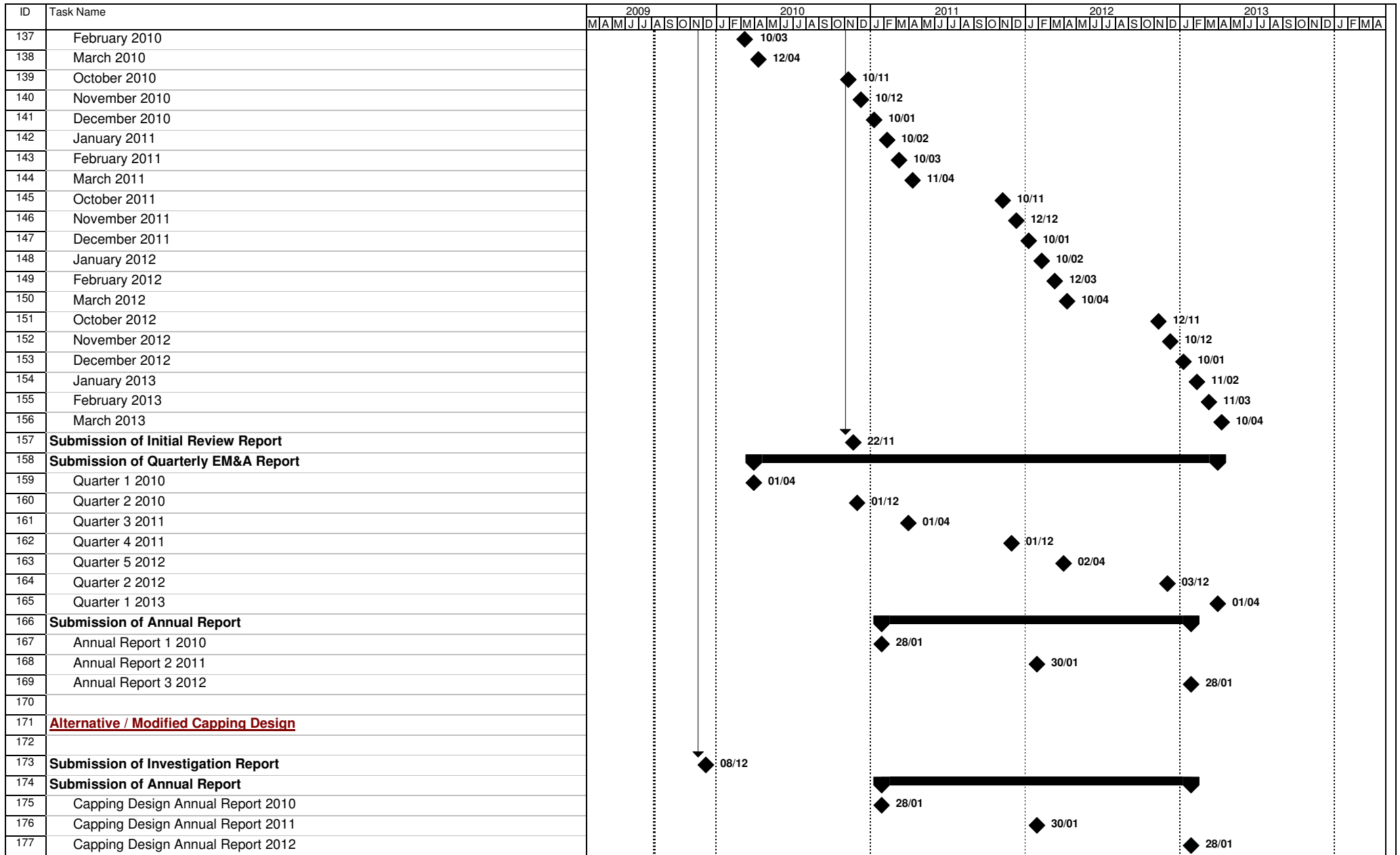


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