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**Dust Monitoring using the
Bergerhoff Method**

**Site: Primary Care Centre,
Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7**

Monitoring Period: 6th August to 4th September 2015

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Prepared for: L & M Keating Ltd.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Independent Testing Services Limited were instructed by L & M Keating Ltd to carry out dust monitoring at their site at Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.

The purpose of monitoring was to determine the average monthly dust deposition at two locations on the site boundary using the Bergerhoff Method.

This report presents the results of the dust monitoring for the period from 6th August 2015 to 4th September 2015.

2 SITE DETAILS

The site at Grangegorman is currently undergoing redevelopment, including the refurbishment of existing buildings and the construction of new buildings. Of particular relevance to the generation of air-borne dust is the heaping of soils into a number of piles for future use or disposal.

3 PRINCIPLE OF THE BERGERHOFF METHOD

The Bergerhoff Method is described in the standards BS1747 Part 1: *Methods for the measurement of air pollution. Deposit gauges*, and VDI 4320 Part 2 *Measurement of atmospheric depositions - Determination of the dust deposition according to the Bergerhoff method* (the latter published by the German Engineering Institute).

With reference to BS6069 Part 2, dust is characterised as encompassing solid Particulate Matter (PM) with a particle size of between 1 and 75 microns (1 - 75 μm). Dust can become suspended in the atmosphere from many sources, both natural (pollen/spores, sea salt, soil volcanic ash, fires, etc.) and anthropogenic (construction/demolition, minerals extraction, agriculture, industry, transport, leisure activities, etc.). Construction activities are likely to generate some dust emissions, depending on the dust mitigation measures adhered to on the particular site.

Dust deposition typically occurs in close proximity to the source, and potential dust impacts may occur within 500 meters of the dust generating activity as dust particles fall out of suspension in the air. Larger particles deposit closer to the generating source and deposition rates will decrease with distance from the source.

Health effects are associated with fine particles smaller than 10 µm in size (PM₁₀). “Nuisance dust” (when deposited to ground, buildings, or other materials) is generally associated with the coarse fraction particulates, greater than 20 µm in size.

The Bergerhoff Method uses dust deposition gauges to measure the total particulate matter that is deposited into a collecting vessel by its own weight, or by the assistance of rainfall.

The total amount of dust deposited in the collection vessel during the monitoring period is determined by laboratory analysis, *i.e.* the weight of the total insoluble residue on evaporation. The average monthly deposition is expressed as the weight of dust that has been collected per unit area per day.

4 METHODOLOGY

The dust deposition was sampled at 2 no. monitoring stations within the Grangegorman site, using Bergerhoff Dust Deposition Gauges which were installed at locations specified by L & M Keating Ltd.

The location references for the dust monitoring stations are as follows:

- Monitoring Station 1: Left side of gate looking out onto Grangegorman Upper.
- Monitoring Station 2: Right side of gate looking out onto Grangegorman Upper.

The period of monitoring was from 6th August 2015 to 4th September 2015, *i.e.* 29 days.

The collected samples were laboratory analysed by BHP Laboratories, using gravimetric weight analysis, to determine the amount of dust deposition.

5 RESULTS OF DUST MONITORING

The laboratory analysis certificate is included in the Appendix of this Report.

The results of the dust monitoring at the Grangegorman site can be summarised as follows:

Monitoring Station 1

Monitoring period:	6 th August 2015 to 4 th September 2015
Number of days:	29
Collecting surface area:	4.78 x 10 ⁻³ m ²
Total dust deposition:	9.5 mg
Average Dust Deposition:	68.5 mg/m²/day

Monitoring Station 2

Monitoring period:	6 th August 2015 to 4 th September 2015
Number of days:	29
Collecting surface area:	$6.22 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$
Total dust deposition:	19.8 mg
Average Dust Deposition:	109.8 mg/m²/day

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TEST	Client Reference	Units	Results	Standard Reference
Residue Dust Deposition	Monitoring Station 1 06/08/15 to 04/09/15	mg mg/m ² /day	9.5 68.5	VDI-4320 Part 2 VDI-4320 Part 2
Residue Dust Deposition	Monitoring Station 2 06/08/15 to 04/09/15	mg mg/m ² /day	19.8 109.8	VDI-4320 Part 2 VDI-4320 Part 2

Additional Information: All Sample locations are inside the EPA Limit of 350 mg/m²/day.
*Monitoring period provided by Independent Testing Services Ltd

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