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1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been commissioned by Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd (TGO) to complete a Noise Monitoring Assessment (NMA) for Tomingley Gold Mine ('the mine'), Tomingley, NSW.

The NMA involved quantifying the noise contribution of the mine by direct attended measurements to determine mining noise emissions so that effective management and controls can be implemented where required. The monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the TGO Noise Management Plan and in general accordance with Conditions L4.2 to L4.7 of the EPL at six representative receiver locations. It is noted that this assessment has been completed as part of an internal noise management initiative and does not form part of the annual noise monitoring program to address conditions of the Environmental Protection License (EPL).

The assessment has been conducted in accordance with the following documents:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017;
- Environment Protection Licence EPL 20169 (EPL); and
- Australian Standard AS 1055:2018 Acoustics Description and measurement of environmental noise - General Procedures.

A glossary of terms, definitions and abbreviations used in this report is provided in Appendix A.



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2 Environmental Protection License Noise Limits

Historic assessments for the mine categorise receivers into Noise Assessment Groups (NAGs). The NAGs were derived based on ambient noise data that controlled receiver RBLs.

 Table 1 reproduces the operational and sleep disturbance noise limits for assessed receivers referenced

 from the EPL that have been adopted for this NMA and are consistent with historic EPL monitoring

 locations.

ible 1 Noise Limits, dE	BA					
Noise Assessment	Receivers	Day	Evening	Night		
Group	Receivers	LAeq(15min)	LAeq(15min)	LAeq(15min)	LA1(1min)	
NAG A -	R6, R4	36	36	36	45	
NAG A	R5	37	37	37	45	
NAG B	R2	36	36	36	45	
NAG C -	R3	49	40	40	45	
NAG C –	R29	48	40	40	45	
NAG D	R23	43	39	39	46	

Note: Refer to figure in Appendix 4 of Project Approval 09-0155 for noise locations. However, these criteria do not apply if the Proponent has an agreement with the relevant owner(s) of these residences / land to generate higher noise levels, and the Proponent has advised the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and EPA in writing of the terms of this agreement.



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3 Methodology

3.1 Locality

TGO is located to the south of the village of Tomingley, NSW. Receivers in the locality surrounding the mine are primarily rural/residential and for consistency the naming conventions for each receiver have been retained from historic noise assessments. The monitoring locations with respect to the mine are presented in the locality plan shown in **Figure 1**.

3.2 Assessment Methodology

The attended noise survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Australian Standard AS 1055:2018, "Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise" and the EPL. Measurements were carried out using Svantek Type 1, 971 noise analyser from Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019. The acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS IEC 61672.1-2004-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5dBA.

Both evening and night measurements were of 15 minutes duration. Where possible, throughout each survey the operator quantified the contribution of each significant noise source. Extraneous noise sources were excluded from the analysis to calculate the LAeq(15min) mine noise contribution for comparison against the relevant EPL limit.

Prevailing meteorological conditions for the monitoring period were sourced from TGO's meteorological station and analysed in accordance with Appendix E4 of the NPI to determine the stability category present at the time of each measured sample. This was undertaken to determine applicability of results in accordance with Condition L4.3 of the EPL. Results obtained during non-prevailing meteorological conditions (ie F Class Stability in conjunction with a 2m/s drainage or G Class Stability) are considered not applicable against the EPL criteria.







FIGURE 1 - LOCALITY PLAN AND ASSESSMENT LOCATIONS TOMINGLEY GOLD MINE EPL NOISE MONITORING REF: MAC160270

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4 Results

The monitoring and assessment results are presented in individual tables for each assessment location.

4.1 Assessment Results - Location R2

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R2 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 summarised in **Table 2** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

D /	T : (1)	Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	. 1		
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dBA	
13/02/19	21:43	57	38	35	36	WD: SE WS: 1.6m/s Stab Class: D	Wind 35-39 TGO crushing plant 32-34	
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (Contribution			33	
13/02/19	22:00	54	31	27	36	WD: SE WS: 1.5m/s Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 29-35 Wind 32-39	
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			32	
14/02/19	21:20	50	34	30	36	WD: SE WS: 1.7m/s Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 30-32 Wind 32-38 Dog 32-37 Insects 30-33	
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			31	
14/02/19	22:00	55	29	26	36	WD: ESE WS: 1.6m/s Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 27-30 Insects 24-27	
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			29	
15/02/19	21:15	81	56	39	36	WD: ENE WS: 1.5m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 39-40 Wind 39-42 Traffic 48-79	
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			TGO Inaudible	
15/02/19	22:00	80	50	39	36	WD: ENE WS: 2m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 40-77 Dogs 39-41 Wind 39-45 Insects 39-42	
	T(GO Site LA	ea(15min) (Contribution			TGO Inaudible	



4.2 Assessment Results - Location R3

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R3/R29 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 are summarised in **Table 3** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Date	Time (hrs)	Descrip	tor (dBA re	20 µPa)	EPL Limit	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dB
Dute		LAmax	LAeq	LA90		weteerology	
						WD: SSE	Wind 43-46
13/02/19	21:01	90	67	36	40	WS: 1.5m/s	Traffic 59-88
						Stab Class: D	TGO Hum 34-36
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		34
						WD: SSE	Wind 42-49
13/02/19	22:43	90	68	36	40	WS: 1m/s	Traffic 44-87
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 33-3
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		34
						WD: SSE	Traffic 50-78
14/00/10	20.24	07	64	27	40	WS: 2.3m/s	Insects 34-37
14/02/19	20:34	87	64	37			Wind 36-39
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 31-3
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		32
						WD: ESE	Traffic 50-84
14/02/19	22:45	88	69	33	40	WS: 1.3m/s	
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 34-36
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		35
						WD: ESE	Insects 41-44
15/02/19	20:34	83	64	42	40	WS: 0.5m/s	
						Stab Class: D	Traffic 50-81
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		TGO Inaudible
						WD: ENE	Insects 40-44
15/02/19	22:41	88	65	41	40	WS: 3m/s	Traffic 50-85
						Stab Class: E	Wind 47-53
		TGO Site	e LAeq(15mi	n) Contribu	tion		TGO Inaudible



4.3 Assessment Results - Location R4

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R4 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 are summarised in **Table 4** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Date	Time	Descrip	tor (dBA re	20 µPa)	EPL	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dB/	
Duto	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology		
						WD: SE	Wind 35-40	
13/02/19	20:08	78	48	34	36	WD: 02 WS: 1.5m/s	Insects 33-34	
13/02/19	20.00	70	48	54	50	Stab Class: D	Birds 38-74	
						SIAD CIASS. D	Traffic 35-37	
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible	
						WD: SSW	Traffic 33-39	
13/02/19	23:35	53	32	24	36	WS: 0.5m/s	Insects 24-26	
						Stab Class: D	1136613 24-20	
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible	
						WD: S	Birds 25-33	
14/02/19	19:42	73	41	24	36	WS: Calm	Traffic 28-32	
						Stab Class: D	Insects 26-28	
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible	
						WD: ESE		
14/02/19	23:36	60	35	29	36	WS: 1.3m/s	Insects 31-36	
						Stab Class: D		
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible	
						WD: ESE	Birds 38-43	
15/02/19	19:42	58	40	39	36	WS: 0.3m/s	Insects 41-44	
						Stab Class: D	11156015 41-44	
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible	
						WD: E	Insects 40-43	
15/02/19	23:31	55	46	41	36	WS: 4.2m/s	Wind 42-53	
						Stab Class: D	VVIIIQ 42-03	



4.4 Assessment Results - Location R5

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R5 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 are summarised in **Table 5** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Date	Time	Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dBA
Dale	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	weleorology	Description and SFL, dBF
						WD: SE	Traffic 48-78
13/02/19	19:40	80	59	40	37	WS: 2m/s	Wind 32-48
						Stab Class: D	Birds 38-43
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mi	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: SSW	Wind 26-28
13/02/19	23:59	82	61	25	37	WS: 0.3m/s	Traffic 45-80
						Stab Class: E	Insects 27-29
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mi	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
14/02/19	19:18	83	61	29	37	WD: S WS: Calm Stab Class: D	Traffic 35-80 Birds 27-38
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mi	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: ESE	Traffic 35-84
14/02/19	00:00	85	64	33	37	WS: 1.5m/s	Insects 32-36
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 32-34
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mi	n) Contributi	on		33
						WD: ESE	Traffic 50-80
15/02/19	19:20	82	61	27	37	WS: Calm	Livestock 28-30
						Stab Class: E	Birds 32-34
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mi	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: E	Traffic 50-83
15/02/19	00:00	89	63	47	37	WS: 4m/s	Wind 41-48
						Stab Class: D	Birds 39-41



4.5 Assessment Results - Location R6

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R6 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 are summarised in **Table 6** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Date	Time	Descrip	tor (dBA re	20 µPa)	EPL	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dBA
Date	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	weteorology	
						WD: SE	Wind 35-43
13/02/19	20:38	69	44	35	36	WS: 1.5m/s	Traffic 48-65
						Stab Class: D	Livestock 34-36
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mir	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: S	
13/02/19	23:07	60	44	40	36	WS: 1.5m/s	Wind 37-42
						Stab Class: D	Birds 36-38
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mir	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: SSE	Wind 34-38
14/02/19	20:09	69	39	30	36	WS: 2.5m/s	Insects 32-34
						Stab Class: D	Birds 33-37
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mir	ı) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: ESE	Incosto 00.00
14/02/19	23:09	85	48	28	36	WS: 1.5m/s	Insects 29-32
						Stab Class: F	Birds 30-36
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mir) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: ESE	Birds 39-45
15/02/19	20:09	61	40	39	36	WS: 0.5m/s	Traffic 39-41
						Stab Class: D	Insects 38-41
		TGO Site	LAeq(15mir	n) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
						WD: E	Insects 41-43
15/02/19	23:05	64	44	41	36	WS: 4m/s	Wind 42-49
						Stab Class: D	Birds 42-48



4.6 Assessment Results - Location R23

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R23 for Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 are summarised in **Table 7** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Date	Time	Descript	tor (dBA re	20 µPa)	EPL	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL, dB.
Date	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	meteeretegy	
						WD: SE	Traffic 40-53
13/02/19	21:20	60	41	33	39	WS: 1.5m/s	Wind 39-42
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 33-3
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		34
						WD: ESE	Traffic 39-46
13/02/19	22:23	58	45	36	39	WS: 0.7m/s	Dog 38-40
						Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 31-3
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		32
14/02/19	20:53	65	45	37	39	WD: SE WS: 1.6m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 42-50 Wind 36-39 Dog 40-42 TGO crushing plant 33-3
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		34
14/02/19	22:23	59	41	32	39	WD: ESE WS: 1.3m/s Stab Class: D	TGO crushing plant 31-3 Traffic 38-44
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		34
15/02/19	20:53	55	44	41	39	WD: ENE WS: 0.6m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 40-42 Birds 41-43 Traffic 42-51
		TGO Site	LAeq(15min) Contributi	on		TGO Inaudible
15/02/19	22:22	64	48	45	39	WD: ENE WS: 2.2m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 45-58 Insects 44-47 Wind 45-48
		TGO Site					TGO Inaudible



5 Discussion

5.1 Discussion of Results - Location R2

Monitoring between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 identified that TGO was audible at location R2 during four of six measurements, with mining contributions measured at 29dBA and 33dBA during the evening periods between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019 and the night period between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019. Therefore, the relevant noise limit of 36dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied during this monitoring period. Extraneous sources such as dog bark, traffic, insects and wind were audible during the survey periods.

5.2 Discussion of Results - Location R3/R29

Monitoring between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 identified that TGO was audible at location R3/R29 during four of six measurements. Mining contributions were measured at 32dBA and 34dBA during the evening periods between 13 February 2019 to 14 February 2019 and the night period between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019, which satisfied the noise limit of 40dB LAeq(15min). Insects, traffic and wind were audible during the measurements at R3/R29.

5.3 Discussion of Results - Location R4

Monitoring between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 identified that TGO was not audible at location R4 during six measurements, therefore the relevant noise limit of 36dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied during the February 2019 period. Distant traffic, insects, birds and wind were audible during the measurements at R4.

5.4 Discussion of Results - Location R5

TGO mine noise was audible during one of six attended noise measurements at R5 for the February 2019 period. TGO emissions were measured at 33dBA therefore, relevant noise limits of 37dB LAeq(15min) were satisfied. Highway traffic was the dominant source at this receiver with the other non-mining sources including livestock, birds, insects and wind.



5.5 Discussion of Results - Location R6

TGO mine noise was not audible during the six measurements throughout the February 2019 monitoring period at R6, therefore satisfying the relevant EPL noise limit of 36dB LAeq(15min). Non-mining sources included insects, birds, wind, traffic and livestock during the attended surveys.

5.6 Discussion of Results - Location R23

Monitoring between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019 identified that TGO was audible at location R23 during four of six measurements, with mining contributions measured at 32dBA and 35dBA during the monitoring period between Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019. Therefore, the relevant EPL criteria of 39dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied during this monitoring period. Audible sources included dog bark, traffic, insects, birds and wind.



6 Comparison of Attended and Unattended Monitoring Results

To address Condition 6 of Schedule 3 of the Project Approval, a program to calibrate and validate the real-time noise monitoring results with the attended monitoring results has been completed.

The validation compares monthly attended monitoring results against the closest assessed unattended monitoring location. Currently, TGO has an unattended real-time monitoring terminal installed at the Brooklands property (nearest to R23). **Figure 1** identifies the location of the monitor with respect to the attended monitoring locations. It is noted that the Brooklands unattended monitor is situated 600m west of the attended noise monitoring location R23, therefore, background (LA90) noise levels are significantly lower due to offset distance to highway traffic.

A comparison of mine noise contributions between attended and unattended noise monitoring demonstrates a general consistency between attended and unattended results. It was noted that highway traffic noise influenced measured noise levels for this assessment. Furthermore, for February 2019, results remained below the relevant criteria for both attended and unattended locations.

 Table 8 provides a summary comparison of results between the attended and unattended noise surveys for R23.



Assessment	Time		Descriptor 3A re 20 µl		Criteria	Mine Noise	Meteorology ¹	Description and SPL,	
Туре	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	-	Contribution		dBA	
				We	ednesday 13	February 2019			
Attended	21:20	60	41	33	39	34	WD: SE WS: 1.5m/s	Traffic 40-53 Wind 39-42 TGO crushing plant 33-35	
Unattended	21:26	58	39	33	39	TGO Inaudible	Stab Class: D	Wind 39-42	
Attended	22:23	58	45	36	39	32	WD: ESE WS: 0.7m/s	Traffic 39-46 Dog barking 38-40 TGO crushing plant 31-33	
Unattended	22:26	48	40	36	39	TGO Inaudible	Stab Class: D	Traffic 39-46	
				T	hursday 14 F	ebruary 2019			
Attended	20:53	65	45	37	39	34	WD: SE WS: 1.6m/s	Traffic 42-50 Dog 40-42 Wind 36-39 TGO crushing plant 33-36	
Unattended	20:56	51	38	34	39	TGO Inaudible	- Stab Class: D	Insects 33-36 Traffic 42-50	
Attended	22:23	59	41	32	39	34	WD: ESE - WS: 1.3m/s	TGO crushing plant 31-36 Traffic 38-44	
Unattended	22:26	51	38	34	39	TGO Inaudible	Stab Class: D	Traffic 38-44	
					Friday 15 Fe	bruary 2019			
Attended	20:53	55	44	41	39	TGO Inaudible	WD: ENE WS: 0.6m/s	Traffic 42-51 Insects 40-42 Birds 41-42.5	
Unattended	20:56	56	41	34	39	TGO Inaudible	Stab Class: E	Traffic 42-51	
Attended	22:22	64	48	45	39	TGO Inaudible	WD: ENE WS: 2.2m/s	Traffic 45-58 Insects 44-47 Wind 45-48	
Unattended	22:26	57	42	34	39	TGO Inaudible	Stab Class: D	Traffic 45-58	

Table 8 Comparison of Attended and Unattended Results - R23



7 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has completed a Noise Monitoring Assessment on behalf of Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO). The assessment was completed to provide monthly monitoring data so that TGO can actively quantify and manage site noise emissions.

Attended monitoring conducted from Wednesday 13 February 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019, identified that TGO mine noise was audible at times at varying locations, although did not exceed relevant limits during the February 2019 assessment period.



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Appendix A - Glossary of Terms



Several technical terms have been used in this report and are explained in Table A1.

Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being
	twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background level
	for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured
	L90 statistical noise levels.
Ambient Noise	The noise associated with a given environment. Typically a composite of sounds from many
	sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the human
	ear to noise.
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing noise,
	the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate the
	frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z)	Decibels Linear or decibels Z-weighted.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second
	equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A noise level which is exceeded 10 % of the time. It is approximately equivalent to the average
	of maximum noise levels.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90 % of the time.
LAeq	The summation of noise over a selected period of time. It is the energy average noise from a
	source, and is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period.
LAmax	The maximum root mean squared (rms) sound pressure level received at the microphone
	during a measuring interval.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing
	each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the
	intrusiveness criteria for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the ABL's.
Sound power level (SWL)	This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a
	fundamental location of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment. Or a
	measure of the energy emitted from a source as sound and is given by :
	= 10.log10 (W/Wo)
	Where : W is the sound power in watts and Wo is the sound reference power at 10-12 watts.

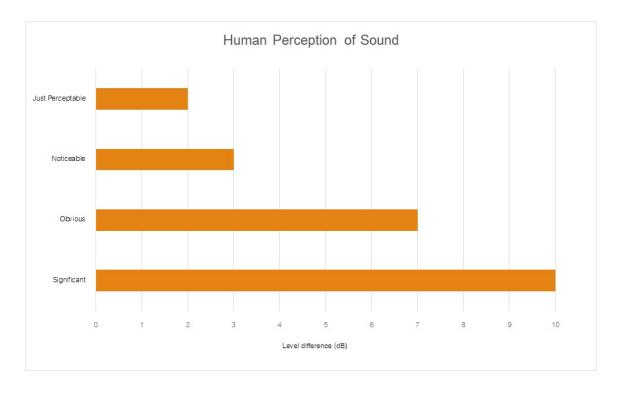


 Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

Source	Typical Sound Level
Threshold of pain	140
Jet engine	130
Hydraulic hammer	120
Chainsaw	110
Industrial workshop	100
Lawn-mower (operator position)	90
Heavy traffic (footpath)	80
Elevated speech	70
Typical conversation	60
Ambient suburban environment	40
Ambient rural environment	30
Bedroom (night with windows closed)	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Table A2 Common Noise Sources and Their Typical Sound Pressure Levels (SPL), dBA

Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound





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