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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.

Table 1 Noise Limits,	dBA					
Noise Assessment	Receivers	Day		Night		
Group	Receivers	LAeq(15min)	LAeq(15min)	LAeq(15min)	LA1(1min)	
NAG A	R4, R5, R6	35	35	35	45	
NAG B	R2	36	35	35	45	
NAG C	R3, R29	45	35	35	45	
NAG D	R23	43	38	36	45	

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 a Svantek Type 1, 971 noise analyser between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021. The acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS/NZS IEC 61672.1-2019-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 in 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 D1 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 the October 2021 survey are summarised in **Table 2** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Data	T:	Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	Mata and a m <sup>1</sup>		
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL, dBA	
12/10/2021	21:45 (Evening)	62	42	37	35	WD: NE WS: 1.4m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 35-62 Insects <35 Wind in trees 35-46 TGO Inaudible	
	TO	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<27	
12/10/2021	22:05 (Night)	51	41	36	35	WD: NE WS: 1.6m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 35-51 Insects <33 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<26	
13/10/2021	21:45 (Evening)	63	39	32	35	WD: E WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Insects 29-31 Traffic 29-63 TGO Processing <29	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<29	
13/10/2021	22:07 (Night)	40	34	31	35	WD: E WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Insects 28-31 Traffic 28-40 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<21	
14/10/2021	21:44 (Evening)	61	39	27	35	WD: W WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: F	Birds 26-44 Insects 26-29 Traffic 26-61 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<20	
14/10/2021	22:00 (Night)	68	43	26	35	WD: W WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 24-28 Traffic 24-68 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) (	Contribution			<20	



#### 4.2 Assessment Results - Location R3/R29

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R3/R29 for the October 2021 survey 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.

		Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	1		
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL, dBA	
	04.40					WD: NE	Traffic 41-82	
12/10/2021	21:12 (Europiane)	82	65	41	35	WS: 1.6m/s	Wind in trees 40-44	
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<31	
	00.45					WD: NE	Traffic 42-85	
12/10/2021	22:45	85	65	45	35	WS: 1.6m/s	Wind in trees 41-48	
	(Night)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<35	
13/10/2021	21:11 (Evening)					WD: E	T (" 00.04	
		84	68 4	45	35	WS: 0.1m/s	Traffic 36-84	
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<35	
	00.45			64 37		WD: E	T#:- 00.00	
13/10/2021	22:45	86	64		35	WS: 0.1m/s	Traffic 33-86	
	(Night)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<27	
	04.05					WD: W	Traffic 36-84	
14/10/2021	21:05	84	62	39	35	WS: 0.1m/s	Insects <38	
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Processing <35	
	TO	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<35	
							Traffic 35-84	
14/10/0001	22:39	0.4	05	20	05	WD: W	Insects <35	
14/10/2021	(Night)	84	65	38	35	WS: 0.6m/s	Wind in trees 35-42	
						Stab Class: F	TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	ea(15min) C	ontribution			<28	



#### 4.3 Assessment Results - Location R4

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R4 for the October 2021 survey 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.

	T: (1 )	Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	<b>1</b>		
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	_ Limit	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL, dBA	
12/10/2021	20:26 (Evening)	61	43	34	35	WD: NE WS: 2m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 33-61 TGO Inaudible	
	T	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<24	
12/10/2021	23:31 (Night)	72	50	43	35	WD: N WS: 2.2m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 40-60 Operator 40-72 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<33	
13/10/2021	20:29 (Evening)	56	31	27	35	WD: E WS: 0.2m/s Stab Class: D	Insects 25-27 Traffic 25-28 Wind in trees <25 Birds 25-56 TGO Inaudible	
	T	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<20	
13/10/2021	23:32 (Night)	55	39	36	35	WD: E WS: 0.6m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 34-55 Insects 34-36 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<26	
14/10/2021	20:20 (Evening)	53	36	30	35	WD: W WS: 0.2m/s Stab Class: E	Insects 26-28 Traffic 26-53 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<20	
14/10/2021	23:24 (Night)	52	37	33	35	WD: W WS: 1.6m/s Stab Class: F	Wind in trees 30-52 TGO Inaudible	
	T(	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contribution			<23	



#### 4.4 Assessment Results - Location R5

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R5 for the October 2021 survey 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.

	<b>T</b> : (1 )	Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	1		
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL, dBA	
12/10/2021	19:59 (Evening)	81	63	46	35	WD: NE WS: 2m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 45-81 Wind in trees 45-56 Offsite Drilling 45-47 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contributior	1		<30	
12/10/2021	23:58 (Night)	80	52	47	35	WD: N WS: 2.6m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 47-60 Traffic 47-80 Offsite Drilling 46-48 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contributior	1		<30	
13/10/2021	20:06 (Evening)	80	62	44	35	WD: E WS: 0.2m/s Stab Class: E	Offsite Drilling 42-44 Traffic 42-80 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contributior	1		<30	
13/10/2021	23:53 (Night)	80	60	46	35	WD: E WS: 1m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 46-80 Wind in trees 45-48 Offsite Drilling 44-46 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contributior	1		<30	
14/10/2021	19:59 (Evening)	80	60	41	35	WD: W WS: 0.1m/s Stab Class: D	Traffic 39-80 Insects 39-42 Offsite Drilling 39-40 TGO Inaudible	
	TC	GO Site LA	.eq(15min) C	Contributior	1		<30	
14/10/2021	23:45 (Night)	82	60	35	35	WD: W WS: 0.8m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 32-42 Traffic 32-82 Offsite Drilling 32-34 Birds 32-44 TGO Inaudible	
	T(	GO Site I A	.eq(15min) C	Contribution	1		<30	



#### 4.5 Assessment Results - Location R6

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R6 for the October 2021 survey 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 (hrs)		Descript	or (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	<b>N</b> 1	
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Limit	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL, dBA
	00.50			36		WD: NE	Traffic 33-42
12/10/2021	20:50	55	39		35	WS: 1.6m/s	Wind in trees 33-55
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Processing <33
	TO	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<33
23:06 12/10/2021 (Nigh	00.00					WD: N	Traffic <44
		60	51	46	35	WS: 2m/s	Wind in trees 44-60
	(Night)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible
	TO	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<30
20:: 13/10/2021 (Ever	00.50					WD: E	Insects 30-32
		51	34	32	35	WS: 0.1m/s	Livestock 30-51
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Processing 30-32
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			31
				44 41		WD: E	Traffic 40-49
12/10/2021	23:07	50	4.4		25		Wind in trees 40-53
13/10/2021	(Night)	53	44		35	WS: 0.4m/s	Insects <40
						Stab Class: E	TGO Inaudible
	TG	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<30
	20.42					WD: W	Insects 30-34
14/10/2021	20:43	55	33	31	35	WS: 0.2m/s	Traffic 30-55
	(Evening)					Stab Class: F	TGO Inaudible
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	ontribution			<30
	23:00					WD: W	Wind in trees 37-57
14/10/2021		57 45 40	40	35	WS: 1m/s	TGO Inaudible	
	(Night)				Stab Class: D		



#### 4.6 Assessment Results - Location R23

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R23 for the October 2021 survey 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.

5.		Descrip	tor (dBA re	e 20 µPa)	EPL	<b></b> . 1	
Date	Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	_ Limit	Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA
	01.00		50	44		WD: NE	Traffic 41-60
12/10/2021	21:29	60			38	WS: 1.4m/s	Wind in trees 41-46
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30
	00.07					WD: NE	Wind in trees 42-54
12/10/2021	22:27	63	46	43	36	WS: 1.6m/s	Traffic 42-63
	(Night)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30
13/10/2021	01.00					WD: E	Traffic 36-65
	21:28	65	65 47 36	36	38	WS: 0.1m/s	Insects 35-37
	(Evening)					Stab Class: D	TGO Inaudible
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30
	22.20	22:28 55 46				WD: E	Traffic 35-55
13/10/2021	22.20 (Night)		38	36	WS: 0.2m/s	Insects 35-37	
	(Night)					Stab Class: E	TGO Inaudible
	TC	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30
	21:23					WD: W	Traffic 35-63
14/10/2021		63	47	35	38	WS: 0.1m/s	Insects 35-37
	(Evening)					Stab Class: F	TGO Inaudible
	T	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30
	22:20					WD: W	Traffic 31-59
14/10/2021	-	59	59 45 33	33	36	WS: 0.1m/s	Insects 35-36
	(Night)					Stab Class: F	TGO Inaudible
	T(	GO Site LA	eq(15min) C	Contribution			<30



#### 5 Discussion

#### 5.1 Discussion of Results - Location R2

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO processing was audible on one occasion at location R2. The estimated mining contribution was measured between at <29dBA. TGO emissions remained below the relevant noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min). Extraneous sources such as traffic, birds, insects and wind in trees were audible during the survey periods.

#### 5.2 Discussion of Results - Location R3/R29

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO processing was audible on one occasion at location R3/29. The estimated mining contribution was measured at <35dBA. TGO emissions remained below the relevant noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min). Extraneous sources such as traffic, wind in trees and insects were audible during the survey periods.

#### 5.3 Discussion of Results - Location R4

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO remained inaudible during all six measurements at location R4, therefore the relevant noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied. Extraneous sources such as traffic, wind in trees, birds, operator noise and insects were audible during the measurements.

#### 5.4 Discussion of Results - Location R5

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO was inaudible during all measurements at location R5. The estimated mining contribution remained below 35dBA, therefore the relevant noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied. Extraneous sources such as traffic, wind in trees, offsite drilling, insects and birds were audible during the measurements.



#### 5.5 Discussion of Results - Location R6

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO was audible during two measurements at location R6. The estimated mining contribution remained below 33dBA, therefore the relevant noise limit of 35dB LAeq(15min) was satisfied. Extraneous sources such as traffic, wind in trees, livestock and insects were audible during the measurements.

#### 5.6 Discussion of Results - Location R23

Monitoring between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO was inaudible during all measurements at location R23. The estimated mining contribution remained below 30dBA, therefore the relevant noise limit of 38dB LAeq(15min) for evening and 36dB LAeq(15min) for night was satisfied. Extraneous sources such as wind in trees, insects and traffic were audible during the measurements.



#### 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.

Historically, 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 wind, insects, birds, and highway traffic noise influenced measured noise levels for this assessment. Furthermore, for October 2021, 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.



		D	escriptor																																			
Assessment	Time	(dBA	A re 20 μΡa	a)	Criteria	Mine Noise	Meteorology <sup>1</sup>	Description and SPL,																														
Туре	(hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90		Contribution		dBA																														
				Tu	esday 12 O	ctober 2021																																
								Traffic 41-60																														
Attended	21:29	60	50	44	38	<30	WD: NE	Wind in trees 41-46																														
							WS: 1.4m/s	TGO Inaudible																														
Unattended	21:30	61	47	41	38	<31	Stab Class: D	Traffic																														
Unattended	21.00	01	47	41	50	<01		TGO Inaudible																														
								Wind in trees 42-54																														
Attended	22:27	63	46	43	36	<30	WD: NE	Traffic 42-63																														
							WS: 1.6m/s	TGO Inaudible																														
Upotters	00.00	F7	40	40	20	-00	Stab Class: D	Traffic																														
Unattended	22:30	57	43	40	36	<30		TGO Inaudible																														
				Wec	Inesday 13	October 2021																																
								Traffic 36-65																														
Attended	21:28	65	47	36	38	<30	WD: E	Insects 35-37																														
							WS: 0.1m/s	TGO Inaudible																														
Unattended	21:30	58	44	31	38	<21	Stab Class: D	Traffic																														
Unattended	21.00	50	44	51	50	~21		TGO Inaudible																														
								Traffic 35-55																														
Attended	22:28	55	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	38	38	38 36	<30	WD: E	Insects 35-37
							WD. E WS: 0.2m/s —	TGO Inaudible																														
							Stab Class: E	Traffic																														
Unattended	22:30	59	44	33	36	<23	Stad Class. E	Insects																														
								TGO Inaudible																														
				Th	ursday 14 C	October 2021																																
								Traffic 35-63																														
Attended	21:23	63	47	35	38	<30	WD: W	Insects 35-37																														
							WD. W WS: 0.1m/s —	TGO Inaudible																														
							Stab Class: F	Traffic																														
Unattended	21:30	61	46	28	38	<20	0(0) 0(000.1	Insects																														
								TGO Inaudible																														
								Traffic 31-59																														
Attended	22:20	59	45	33	36	<30		Insects 35-36																														
							WD: W WS: 0.1m/s —	TGO Inaudible																														
							Stab Class: F	Traffic																														
Unattended	22:15	58	42	27	36	<20	Jub (1033. 1	Insects																														
								TGO Inaudible																														



### 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 between Tuesday 12 October 2021 and Thursday 14 October 2021 identified that TGO mine noise was occasionally audible during the measurement period. A review of monitoring data and operator attended observations determined that TGO contributions did not exceed relevant limits during applicable meteorological conditions.



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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.

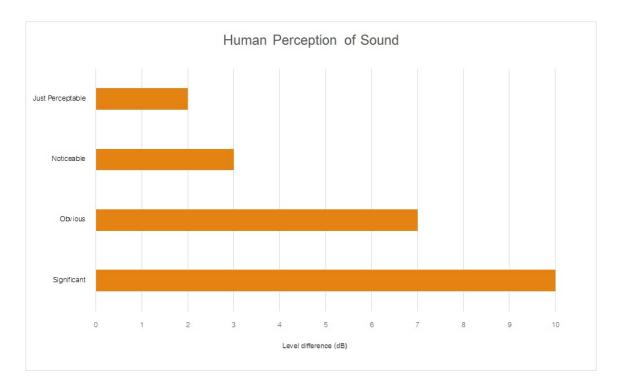


 Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

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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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