

## **Test Report for Environmental Monitoring**

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Measurement Details: Air sampling and swab sampling for 2-Chlorobenzalmalonoitrile (CS), Alpha-

Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Hydrogen Cyanide

(HCN) and Nickel in surface dust.

Water sampling for 2-Chlorobenzalmalonoitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN),

Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Cyanide and Nickel.

Address of Venue : The Jockey Club Postgraduate Hall 1

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#### 1. Introduction and Project Description

CMA Testing was appointed to conduct on-site sampling, laboratory testing, in The Jockey Club Postgraduate Hall 1.

The on-site air samplings were conducted on 12 Dec 2019 to 16 Dec 2019. Nine (9) PTFE filters follow by Tenex absorption tubes for sampling of 2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Nine (9) Tenex absorption tubes for sampling of Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Nine (9) Glass fiber filters for sampling of Capsaicin and Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Nine (9) soda lime absorption tubes for sampling of Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN), Nine (9) micro-cellulose membrane filters for collecting Nickel surface dust, and Nine (9) swab samples with plain sterile wooden applicator cotton tipped were collected on-site for laboratory analysis which was performed between 12 Dec 2019 and 18 Dec 2019.

The on-site water samplings were conducted on 12 Dec 2019 to 16 Dec 2019. Three (3) batch of water samples collected with 12 x 1L in glass bottle and 6 x 1L in plastic bottle of the water sample for analysis of 2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin and Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Cyanide and Nickel. The samples were delivered for laboratory analysis and performed between 12 Dec 2019 and 18 Dec 2019.

## 2. On-site Sampling and Test Methods

On-site Air Sampling Items	Methods
2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS)	Chemical residue in air was collected using personal sampling pump connected to PTFE filter follow by Tenex absorption tube. The equipment was placed at the specified location at a height of around 1.1 metre according to the NIOSH P&CAM method 304 for 90 mins continuously.
Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN)	CN in air was collected using personal sampling pump connected to Tenex absorption tube. The equipment was placed at the specified location at a height of around 1.1 metre according to the NIOSH P&CAM method 291 for 60 mins continuously.
Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC)	OC in air was collected using personal sampling pump connected to Glass fibre filter. The equipment was placed at the specified location at a height of around 1.1 metre according to the NIOSH method 5041 for 60 mins continuously.
Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN)	HCN in air was collected using personal sampling pump connected to soda lime absorption tube. The equipment was placed at the specified location at a height of around 1.1 metre according to the NIOSH method 36010 for 240 mins continuously.
Nickel Surface Dust	Nickel dust in the specify surface was collected by wiping on a filter paper (wipe technique) or sucking into a micro-cellulose membrane filter connected to personal sampling pump (micro-vacuum technique) on a template 10 cm x 10 cm area, according to the NIOSH 7300.

On-site Swab Sampling Items	Methods
2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN), and Nickel Surface Dust	Swab samples were collected on-site with plain sterile wooden applicator cotton tipped for laboratory analysis, according to "Evaluation Guidelines for Surface Sampling Methods" of OSHA.

On-site Water Sampling Items	Methods
2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Cyanide, and Nickel	Water samples were collected on-site with glass and plastic bottles. Samples were refrigerated during delivery for laboratory analysis.

Test Items of Air & Swab Samples	Methods
2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS)	The filter and absorption tubes were extracted by solvent and measured its chemical concentration using HPLC and GC/MS technique.
Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN)	The absorption tubes were extracted by solvent and measured its chemical concentration using GC/FID technique.
Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC)	The filters were extracted by solvent and measured its chemical concentration using HPLC technique.
Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN)	The absorption tubes were extracted by buffer solution and measured its chemical concentration using UV-visible spectrometer.
Nickel Surface Dust	The collected filters were digested by acid solution and measured its nickel concentration using ICP-OES.

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Test Items of Water Samples	Methods
2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS)	In house method TG-ENV-WW-122
Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN)	In house method TG-ENV-WW-123
Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC)	In house method TG-ENV-WW-124
Cyanide	APHA 23ed 4500-CN <sup>-</sup> E
Nickel	USEPA method 200.8

## 3. Environmental Monitoring Result

### **Air Sampling**

		Date of IAQ Monitoring	2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) $(\mathrm{mg/m}^3)$	Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN) (mg/m³)	Capsaicin (mg/m³)	${\rm Dihydrocapsaicin} \\ {\rm (mg/m^3)}$	Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN) (mg/m³)	Nickel Surface Dust (mg/m³)
	OSHA*		0.4	0.3			11.05	1
Pt. 1	Room B220	12 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 2	Room C227	12 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 3	Room A309	12 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 4	Room C516	13 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 5	Room B520	13 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 6	Room A505	13 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 7	Room A809	16 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 8	Room B820	16 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05
Pt. 9	Room C806	16 Dec 2019	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.2	< 0.05

Note: < denotes less than

 ${\rm mg/m^3}$  denotes milligram per cubic metre

All results are reported as 2-hour average.

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{$^*$ Occupational Safety and Health Administration of United States Department of Labor.}\\$ 

## **Swab Sampling**

		Date of IAQ Monitoring	2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) $(\mu g / 100 cm^2)$	Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN) (μg / 100cm²)	Capsaicin (μg / 100cm²)	Dihydrocapsaicin (µg / 100cm²)	Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN) (µg / 100cm²)	Nickel Surface Dust (µg / 100cm²)
Pt. 1	Room B220	12 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 2	Room C227	12 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 3	Room A309	12 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 4	Room C516	13 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 5	Room B520	13 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 6	Room A505	13 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 7	Room A809	16 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 8	Room B820	16 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5
Pt. 9	Room C806	16 Dec 2019	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5

Note: < denotes less than

 $\mu g/100 cm^2$  denotes microgram per 100 square centimetres

Swab samplings were conducted at locations nearby windows in the premises.

### **Water Sampling**

		Date of Water Sampling	2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS) $\left(\mu g  /  L\right)$	Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN) $(\mu g  /  L)$	Capsaicin and Dihydrocapsaicin (mg / L)	Cyanide (mg / L)	Nickel (µg / L)
	WHO					0.07^	70*
Pt. 1	2/F Pantry	12 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1
Pt. 2	2/F Shower Room	12 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1
Pt. 3	5/F Pantry	13 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1
Pt. 4	5/F Shower Room	13 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1
Pt. 5	8/F Pantry	16 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1
Pt. 6	8/F Shower Room	16 Dec 2019	< 1	< 1	< 0.2	< 0.02	< 1

 $Note \quad : \quad < denotes \ less \ than$ 

mg/L denotes milligram per litre  $\mu g/L$  denotes microgram per litre

 $<sup>^{\</sup>wedge}$  World Health Organization – Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality,  $3^{rd}$  edition

<sup>\*</sup> World Health Organization – Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality, 4<sup>th</sup> edition

#### 4. Conclusion

The results of on-site air sampling, swab sampling and water sampling showed the concentration levels of tested pollutants (Air & Swab Samples: 2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN), and Nickel Surface Dust; Water Samples: 2-Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), Alpha-Chloroacetophenone (CN), Capsaicin & Dihydrocapsaicin (OC), Cyanide, and Nickel) were below reporting limit and hence they were not detectable in the air, sampled surfaces and water sources.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Report \*\*\*\*\*

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**Appendix I - Photo of Sampling Points** 



Point 1 (Air Sampling)



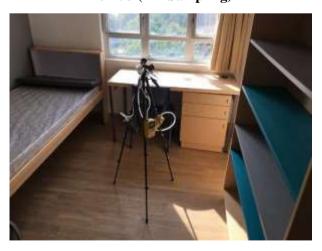
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Point 3 (Air Sampling)



**Point 4 (Air Sampling)** 



Point 5 (Air Sampling)



Point 6 (Air Sampling)



Point 7 (Air Sampling)



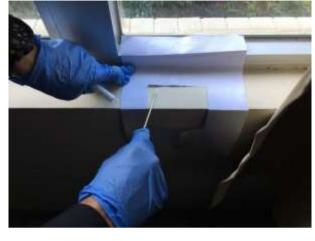
**Point 8 (Air Sampling)** 



Point 9 (Air Sampling)



Point 1 (Swab Sampling)



Point 2 (Swab Sampling)



Point 3 (Swab Sampling)



Point 4 (Swab Sampling)



Point 5 (Swab Sampling)



Point 6 (Swab Sampling)



Point 7 (Swab Sampling)



Point 9 (Swab Sampling)



Point 8 (Swab Sampling)



Point 1 (Water Sampling)



Point 3 (Water Sampling)



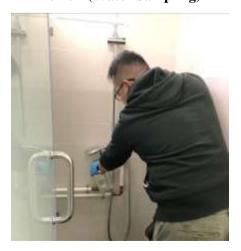
**Point 5 (Water Sampling)** 



Point 2 (Water Sampling)



Point 4 (Water Sampling)



Point 6 (Water Sampling)