

# INFORMATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORTS

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#### **VICTORIA'S AUDIT SYSTEM**

An environmental audit system has operated in Victoria since 1989. The *Environment Protection Act* 1970 (the Act) provides for the appointment by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA Victoria) of environmental auditors and the conduct of independent, high quality and rigorous environmental audits.

An environmental audit is an assessment of the condition of the environment, or the nature and extent of harm (or risk of harm) posed by an industrial process or activity, waste, substance or noise. Environmental audit reports are prepared by EPA-appointed environmental auditors who are highly qualified and skilled individuals.

Under the Act, the function of an environmental auditor is to conduct environmental audits and prepare environmental audit reports. Where an environmental audit is conducted to determine the condition of a site or its suitability for certain uses, an environmental auditor may issue either a certificate or statement of environmental audit.

A certificate indicates that the auditor is of the opinion that the site is suitable for any beneficial use defined in the Act, whilst a statement indicates that there is some restriction on the use of the site.

Any individual or organisation may engage appointed environmental auditors, who generally operate within the environmental consulting sector, to undertake environmental audits. The EPA administers the environmental audit system and ensures its ongoing integrity by assessing auditor applications and ensuring audits are independent and conducted with regard to guidelines issued by EPA.

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# **AUDIT REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Table 1: Summary of audit information

Summary information required		53V	53X
EPA file reference no	49095-2	✓	✓
Auditor	Phillip Hitchcock	✓	✓
Auditor term of appointment	20 July 2008	✓	✓
Name of person requesting audit	Alan Mihaljevic	✓	✓
Relationship to premises/location	Owner of site	✓	✓
Date of request	20/09/2006	✓	✓
Date EPA notified of audit	20/09/2006	✓	✓
Completion date of the audit	23/10/2007	✓	✓
Reason for audit	Compliance with EAO	✓	✓
Current land use zoning	Residential Mixed Use		✓
EPA region	South West Region	✓	✓
Municipality	Ballarat		✓
Dominant - Lot on plan	Lot S2	✓	✓
Additional - Lot on plan(s)	None	✓	✓
Street -	Rear No. 37	✓	✓
Street Name	Orion	✓	✓
Street type (road, court, etc)	Street	✓	✓
Street suffic (North, South etc)	None	✓	✓
Suburb	Sebastopol	✓	✓
<ul> <li>Postcode</li> </ul>	3356	✓	✓
GIS coordinate of site centroid		✓	✓
Longitude/Northing (GDA94)	5 836 170N	✓	✓
Latitude/Easting (GDA94)	751 260E	✓	✓
Site area (hectares)	2.8370ha		✓
Members and categories of support team utilised	None	✓	✓

Outcome of the audit	Certificate	✓	✓
Further works or requirements	Nil	✓	<b>✓</b>
Nature and extent of continuing risk	Nil		<b>✓</b>
	✓ = Mandatory information required		

**Table 2: Physical site information** 

Summary information required		53V	53X
Site aquifer formation	Basalt		✓
Average depth to groundwater	9 – 10m		<b>✓</b>
Groundwater segment	Segment A2	✓	✓
Groundwater flow direction	South West		✓
Past use/site history	Vic Roads Depot and Plant Hire		<b>✓</b>
Surrounding land use	Residential	✓	✓
Proposed future use	Residential		✓

### CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

# ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1970 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

- I, Phillip William Hitchcock of Environ Australia Pty Ltd, a person appointed by the Environment Protection Authority ('the Authority') under the Environment Protection Act 1970 ('the Act') as an environmental auditor for the purposes of the Act, having:
  - 1) been requested by Mr Alan Mihaljevic of Mihaljevic Construction Pty Ltd to issue a certificate of environmental audit in relation to the Site located at rear No 37 Orion Street, Sebastopol, Lot S2 on PS604704V, Volume 11023, Folio 330, City of Ballarat owned by Mihaljevic Construction Pty Ltd.
  - 2) had regard to, among other things,
    - I. guidelines issued by the Authority for the purposes of Part IXD of the Act,
    - II. the beneficial uses that may be made of the site, and
    - III. relevant State environment protection policies/industrial waste management policies, namely
    - State Environment Protection Policy (Air Quality Management)
    - State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria)
    - State Environment Protection Policy (Groundwaters of Victoria)
    - State Environment Protection Policy (Prevention and Management of Contaminated Land)
    - Industrial Waste Management Policy (Prescribed Industrial Waste).

in making a total assessment of the nature and extent of any harm or detriment caused to, or the risk of any possible harm or detriment which may be caused to, any beneficial use made of the site by any industrial processes or activity, waste or substance (including any chemical substance), and

3) completed an environmental audit report in accordance with section 53X of the Act, a copy of which has been sent to the Authority and the relevant planning and responsible authority.

HEREBY CERTIFY that I am of the opinion that the condition of the site is neither detrimental nor potentially detrimental to any beneficial use of the site.

This Certificate forms part of environmental audit report (Environ Australia, Rear 37 Orion Street, Sebastopol, Victoria, Report No. 32-0054, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007). Further details regarding the condition of the site may be found in the environmental audit report.

DATED Signed

Php Hel

Tuesday October 23, 2007

Environmental Auditor (appointed pursuant to the Environment Protection Act 1970)