



REMEDIATION OF ARSENIC IMPACTED SOILS WITH FERROUS SULFATE

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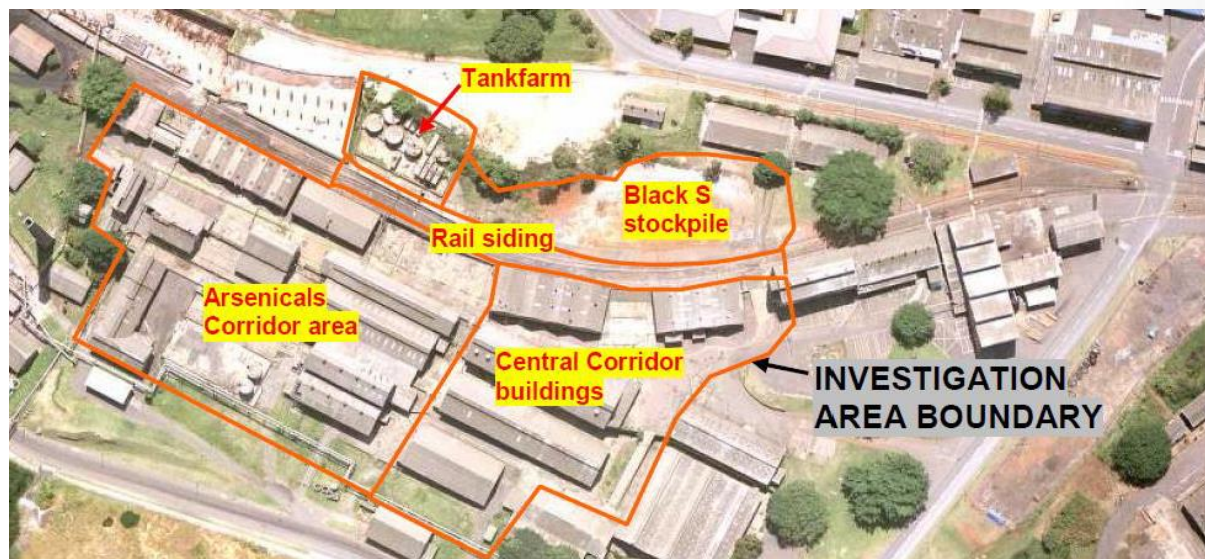
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- Chemicals Insecticides and Dip Area (CID Area)
- 2.4ha – middle of an industrial complex ~250ha
- Operational from c.1927 to 1998
- Arsenic based (and other) pesticides manufactured and stored



CID Plant

NOTES:

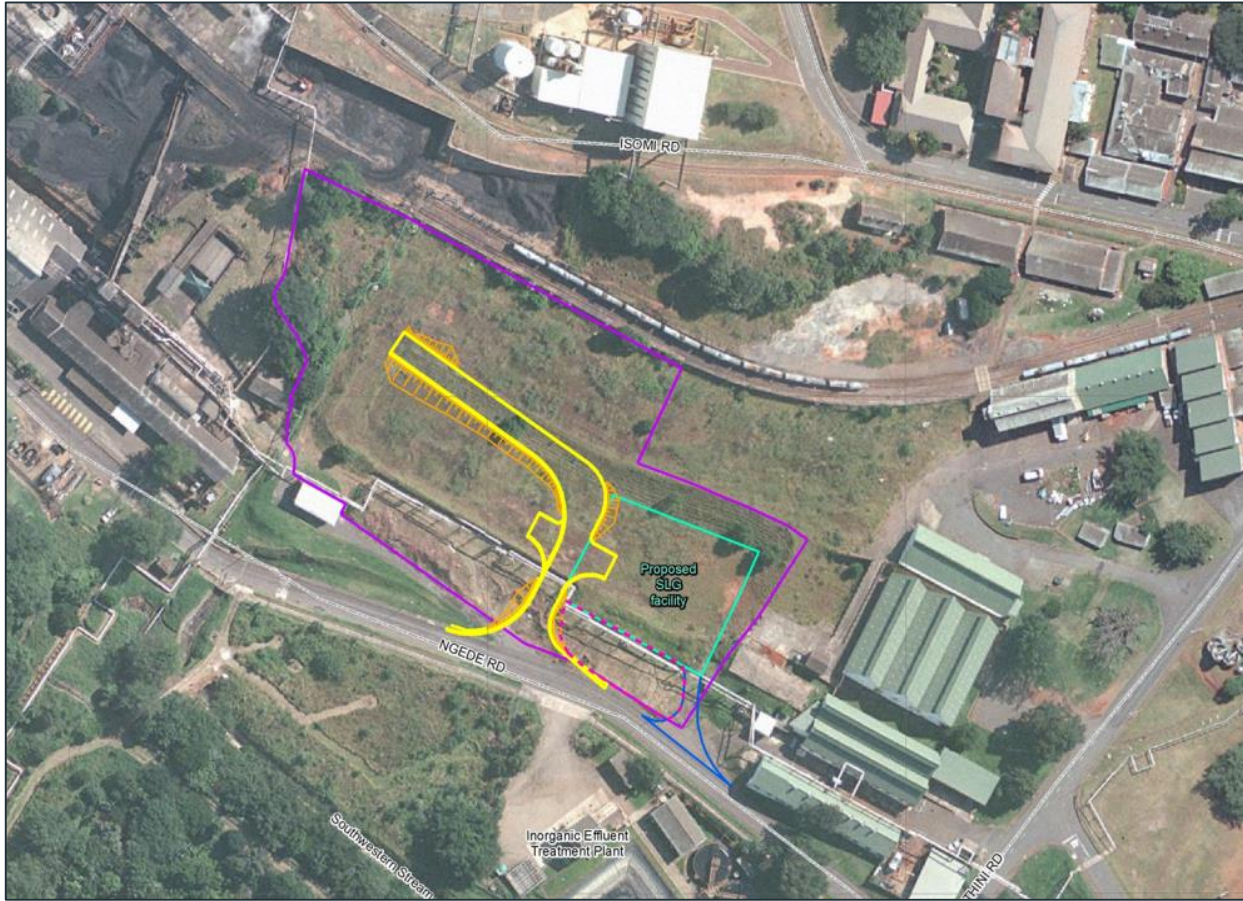
- Calcium arsenate one products
- As-trioxide imported in barrels
- However, As released in various forms



Demolition Interventions 2006- 2008

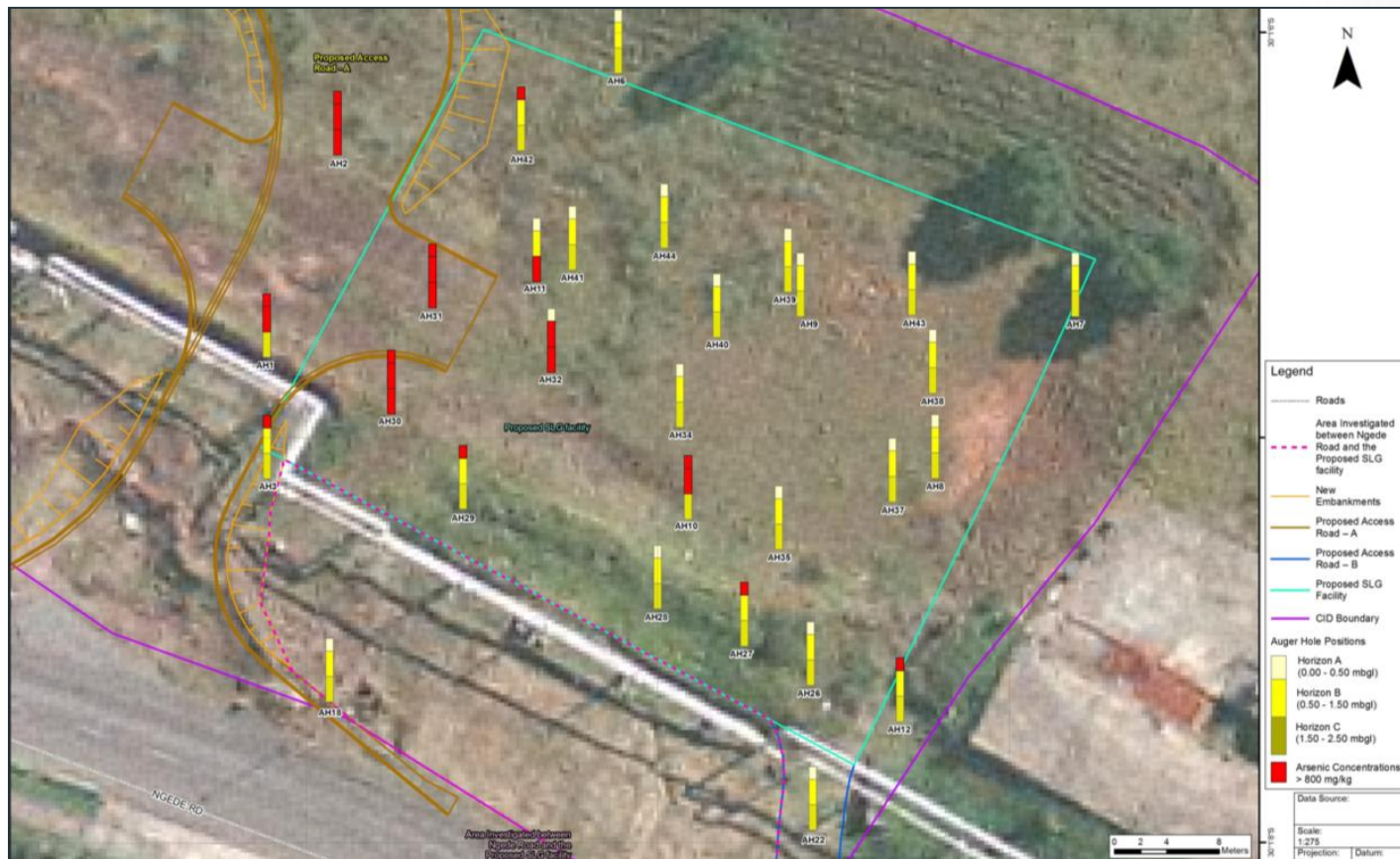
- Buildings demolished
- As hot spots removed
- Soils treated with 5% ash and 5% Lime; BP
- Area profiled, compacted to reduce infiltration
- 2 Platforms created
- Released to Landlord





Baseline / Site Assessment - 2015

- 20 m grid sampling over development footprint
 - Sampling at 3 depths;
 - Analyses over 150 determinands
- Significant residual impact : As
- Follow-up infill sampling around hotspots
- Separate ESA - greater manufacturing area



- Hotspot removal based on portable XRF analyzer results
- Excavation and stockpiling of arsenic impacted soils (625 m³)
- Remediation of the remainder of the development footprint and the stockpiles would follow suit



- The site is located approximately 1km inland
- It is underlain by about 30m of clayey Berea Red Sands - high iron content - assisted with natural attenuation
- Fractured tillite occur beneath the sands
- As releases over time exceeded natural attenuation capacity beneath – impacted groundwater (15mbgl)
- Groundwater impacts are localized beneath the site, rapidly decrease in concentration down gradient
- Main Risk drivers: surface water resource (stormwater channel); groundwater resource (potential use unlikely); direct exposure

- **RTVs**' protective of **surface and groundwater resources** as per the Framework for the Management of Contaminated Land, is calculated as follows:

$$RTV = DAF \times K_d \times C_w$$

- **Dilution Attenuation Factor (DAF)** and **Partition Coefficient (Kd)** - not applicable (20; 29L/kg)
- **Site specific values** had to be determined: **DAF and Kd**
- **Site specific remediation target values (SRTV):**
 - Pre and Post development (reduced infiltration 0,002m/y)
- **Not useful** – too much arsenic

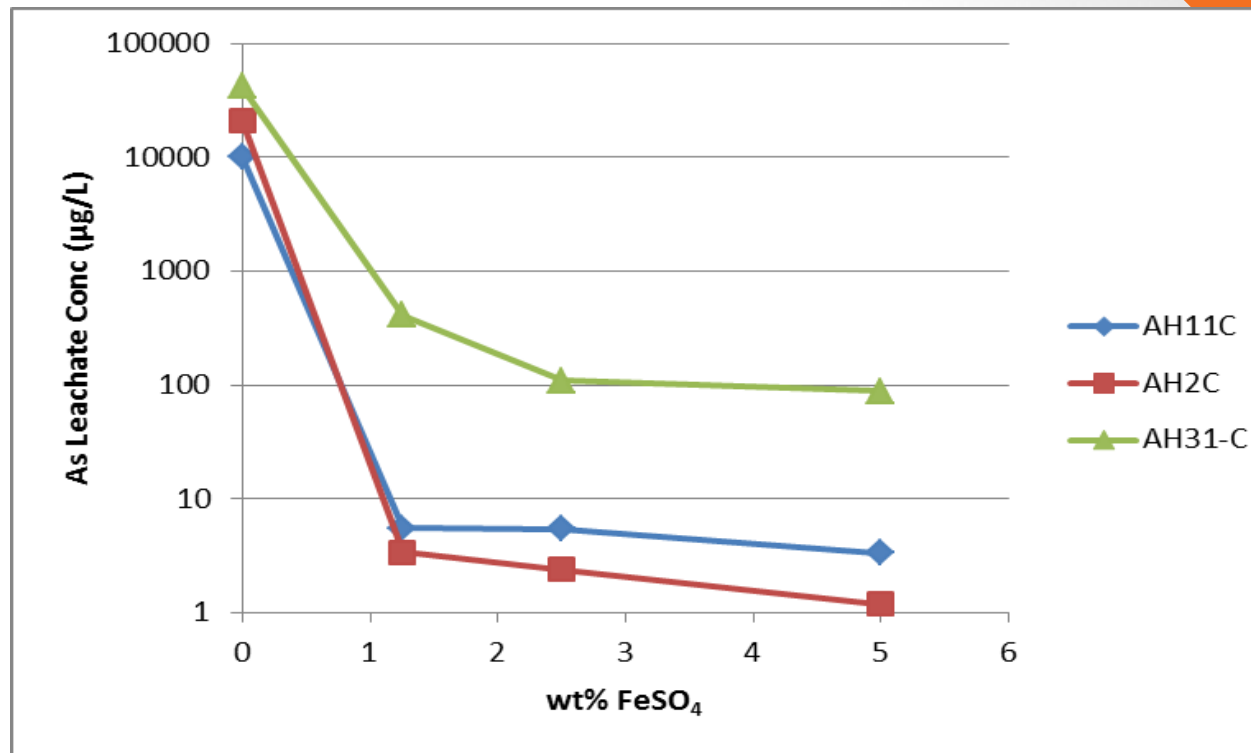
- Remediation strategy proposed : **stabilisation of the impacted soil with ferrous sulphate** (successful laboratory trial results)
- Remediation objective: dictated by the **As leachate concentration** and not the total As concentration
- RTV recalculated to represent **maximum allowable field leachate concentration**

$$C_{\text{leachate}} = \text{DAF} \times C_w$$

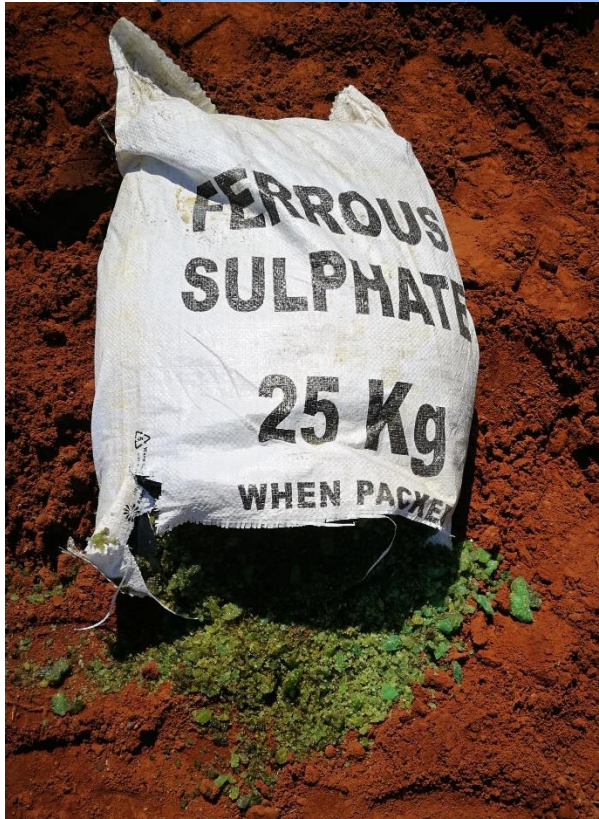
Development of site specific impact to groundwater soil remediation standards using the synthetic precipitation leachate procedure, Vers 3.0 November 2013. New Jersey Dept. Environmental Protection

- Differences wrt Synthetic Precipitation Leachate Procedure (SPLP) and field leachate generation a conservative approach - leachate criterion (Cl) **reduced by half (50%)**
 - $\text{SPLP} = 0.5 \times C_{\text{leachate}}$
- **Pre-development and post development scenarios**

- 5 x 5 m x 1.5 m deep field trial
- Treated @ 2.5 wt.% ferrous sulfate
- Resampled after 1, 2 and 5 weeks
- 90 and 99% reduction in leachate As



- Trails confirmed: ferrous sulfate effective in significantly reducing arsenic leachability



Objective

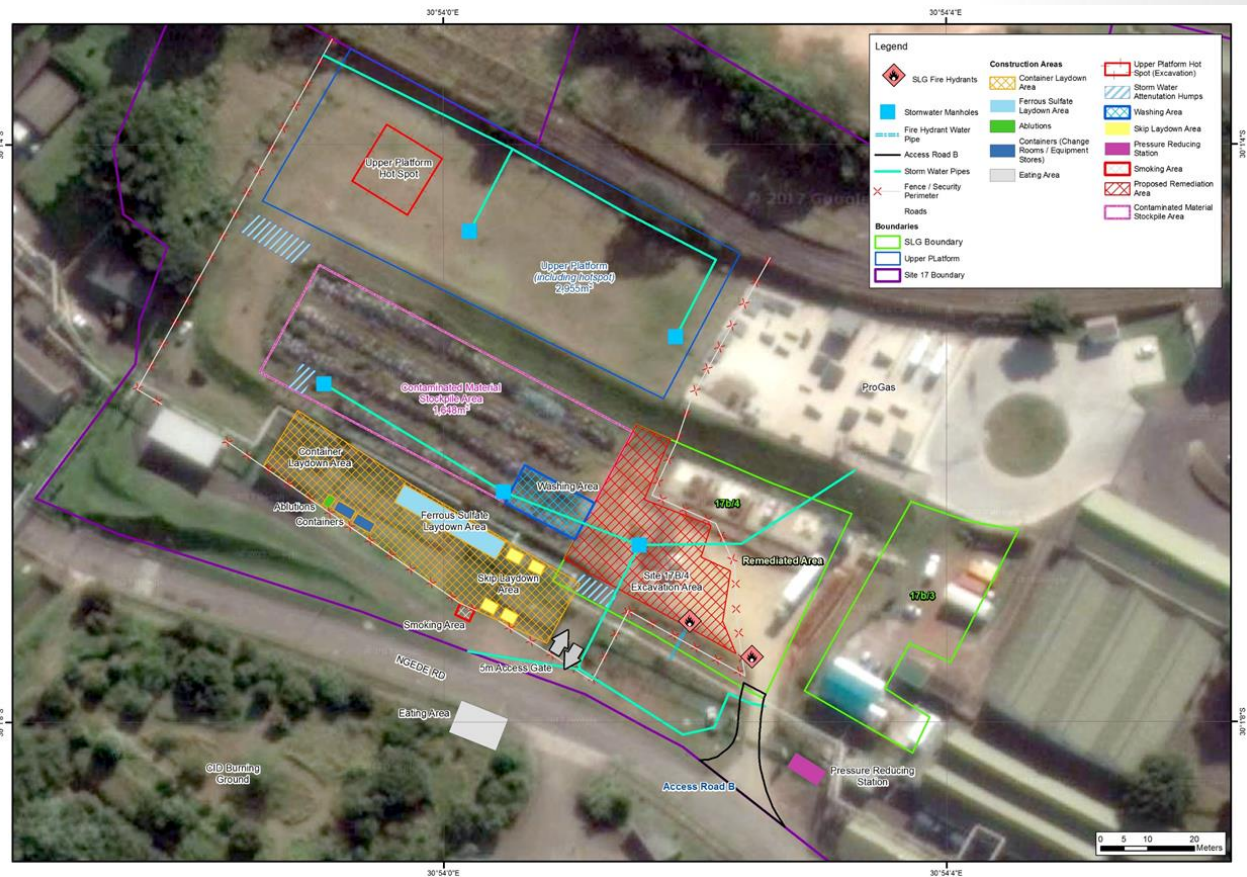
- Reduce arsenic leachability from soils
- Prevent soil migration and direct exposure
- Maximum Permissible Leachable As Concentration:
 - Uncapped Areas : < 2.25 mg/L
 - Capped Areas : < 22.5 mg/L

Achieved through:

- Chemical treatment, capping and stormwater control

Site Establishment

- Lay down areas, offices, stores, ablutions, skips, plant
- Fencing
- Air & PM Monitoring
- Storm Water Controls
- Communication with surrounding land users



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- At least 8 dead, 9 missing
- Vehicles submerged
- Southern KZN hit hard

Bernadette Woluter

VIOLENT storms – and the strong wind, rain and hail they brought with them – left a trail of devastation in Durban and parts of the province yesterday.

At least eight people were killed and nine people are believed to be missing.

The southern regions were among the worst affected.

Robert McKenzie from KZN EMS said a 12-year-old boy died after he was swept away in a stream in Izingolweni, inland from Port Shepstone, and confirmed he was aware of at least four deaths.

Police Search and Rescue units were at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital in uMhlati where two people were killed when a wall collapsed.

Police were also in Old Main Road in Isipingo where one person died after the vehicle he was in became flooded.

In the Durban CBD, the SAPS attended the scene where a toilet wall collapsed, leaving one person dead.

Several private ambulance services raced to Rotterdam Road, in the Bayhead area, where a former police officer was crushed to death when a container fell on his car.

Business Crime's Gerrith Jonsson

STORM HAVOC IN KZN



The N2 highway near the old Durban airport was flooded yesterday morning and flooded vehicles were stuck for hours.

A container ship blew to the wreckage in the harbour. It later washed ashore the night after it was hit by waves.







Confirmatory Sampling Plan



Stockpiles

Remediation Target Levels (SRK Report 498676/3, January 2017)			
Criteria	Leachable Arsenic (µg/L)		
Remediation Target Level for Unpaved Areas	2 250		-
Remediation Target Levels for Paved Areas	22 500		-
Results of Analyses			
Sample Number	Sample Date	Leachable Arsenic (µg/L)	pH
CS1+CS2	03/11/2017	<2.5	5.57
CS3+CS4	03/11/2017	2.6	7.24
CS5+CS6	03/11/2017	<2.5	6.92
CS7+CS8	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.99
CS9+CS14	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.70
CS10+CS11+CS12+CS13	03/11/2017	<2.5	7.34
CS15+CS16	03/11/2017	<2.5	3.88
CS17+CS18	03/11/2017	<2.5	7.46
CS19+CS24	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.76
CS20+CS21+CS22+CS23	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.89
CS25+CS26+CS27	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.80
CS28+CS29	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.39
CS30+CS31+CS32	03/11/2017	<2.5	4.40
CS33+CS34	03/11/2017	<2.5	3.54
CS35+CS36	06/11/2017	8.5	7.01

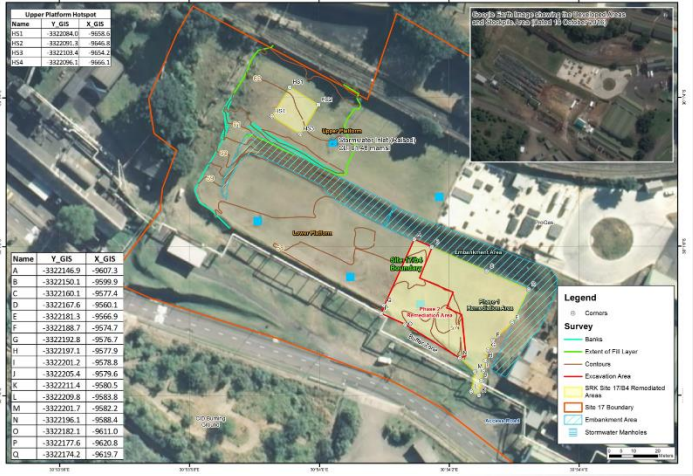
Upper Platform
Hotspot &

Development
Footprint

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Results of Analyses - Upper Platform Hotspot							
Confirmatory Sample Number	Subsample Localities	Sample Depth (m)	Sample Date	Leachable Arsenic (µg/L)		pH	
CH	CHA	0.0 to 0.5	1-Nov-17	<2.5		5.09	
	CHB	0.5 to 1.0	1-Nov-17	<2.5		4.62	
	CHC	1.0 to 1.5	1-Nov-17	<2.5		5.42	
Results of Analyses - Excavation Site 17b4							
Confirmatory Sample Number	Subsample Localities	Sample Depth (m)	Sample Date	Treatment Round 1		Treatment Round 2	
				Leachable Arsenic (µg/L)	pH	Leachable Arsenic (µg/L)	pH
CE1	CE1A to CE1H	0.0 to 0.5	13-Nov-17	12	6.49	-	-
		0.5 to 1.0		14.2	4.89	-	-
CE2	CE2A to CE2H	0.0 to 0.5	13-Nov-17	2 409	7.49	74.4	6.91
		0.5 to 1.0		8 726	7.63	216.7	7.28
CE3	CE3A to CE3H	0.0 to 0.5	13-Nov-17	23.2	6.49	-	-
		0.5 to 1.0		98.1	7	-	-
CE4	CE4A to CE4H	0.0 to 0.5	13-Nov-17	<2.5	5.97	-	-
		0.5 to 1.0		16.5	7.04	-	-
CE5 (Stockpile of material that did not fit back into the excavation)	CE5A to CE5I	NA	13-Nov-17	11	6.33	-	-

Note

Red highlighting – indicates reported leachable arsenic concentrations that exceeded the remediation target level for unpaved areas



- The **entire upper platform** has been released for **re-development**
- The tenant on the **lower platform completed** their development **and started operating** within **months**
- The **site** is once again **generating revenue**
- **Risks to human health & environment** have been **successfully mitigated**

- **Project:**
 - **Time frames** were **met** even with **development pressures**
 - Project **completed** well **within budget**
 - **No soil** was **sent to landfill**

- **Watch this space:**
 - **Phase 3 Remediation:** Remainder of the **Lower Platform**

- **Treatment with ferrous sulfate** : **simple and effective** way to remediate arsenic impacted sites and
- **Does not require** any inaccessible technologies or equipment

- **However:**
 - Arsenic remains **bound to the soil** in the form of **insoluble precipitates**
 - **Future site use**, and **long term management** of sites to be remediated in the manner should be considered **before** this treatment approach is adopted



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