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1. Field Work Technical Note

This Technical Note presents the activities held by NRC staff, between May 23 and May 26, 2017, at Tata Steel Minerals Canada (TSMC) DSO3 site as part of the contractual agreement regarding «Amendment - Detection of toxicity and characterization of geochemistry/mineralogy and physical/chemical properties of sediments at Sedimentation Ponds 1 and 2 of DSO3 effluent».

1.1 Project Objectives

Considering that the goal of the work is to identify sources of toxicity that generate the water toxicity at the DSO3 effluent point, the objectives of the proposed activities of this amendment are:

- Verify if sediments collected in Sedimentation Ponds 1 and 2 are toxic;
- Verify if sediments accumulated at the foot of the discharge culvert of the DSO3 effluent point are toxic;
- Verify if Total Suspended Solids (TSS) at the discharge culvert of Sedimentation Pond 2 (DSO3 effluent point) are toxic;
- Characterize the geochemistry, mineralogy, physical properties, inorganics-organics and toxicity of the three (3) sediments and one (1) TSS samples collected;
- Verify the quality of three (3) water samples collected in Sedimentation Ponds 1 and 2 and at DSO3 effluent point (Sedimentation Pond 2 discharge culvert) by evaluating the total content for specific metals and anions, PAH, DDT and conventional parameters.

The results of these additional characterization measurements and analyses will provide essential information required for developing the DSO3 Sedimentation Ponds Management Plan.

2. Approach and Methodology

Initially, the approach was to collect sediments before snowmelt, through the ice cover of the Sedimentation Ponds. However, due to the snowmelt conditions this year that have caused flooding of the land, the sediments were sampled nearly two weeks after the snowmelt. The method to collect sediments was adapted and the sample quantity was changed.

The sediments at Sedimentation Pond 1 (SP1), Sedimentation Pond 2 (SP2) and Silt Trap were collected using a hand-auger at the time when Sedimentation Ponds were free of ice, by walking in the water using fishing thigh boot. To sample the water TSS at the culverts discharge of the Sedimentation Pond 1, a filter bag with 10 µm pores was installed. A 5-gallon bucket of turbid surface water was collected at the culverts discharge of the Sedimentation Pond 2 (DSO3 effluent). Lastly, one sample from Timmins 2 Waste Rock Pile was grabbed to be compared to the collected sediment samples and the TSS (Appendix 1).

The sediment samples and water sample were shipped by Air Inuit airline to AGAT Laboratory in Montréal, Thursday May 25 2017 in afternoon.

All the sampling activities on site were carried out by Didier Barré, NRC, with the support of Pallav Sinha and Jordan Gallant of TSMC.

2.1 Sampling Activities

Before the collection of samples, a survey of the site was realized to identify and localize the proposed sampling points and their access. Eight sampling points were identified, which included: five (5) sediment sampling points, one (1) Waste Rock Pile sampling point, one (1) TSS sampling point and one (1) surface water sampling point (Appendix 1).

The five (5) sediment samples and the Waste Rock Pile sample were collected on May 24, 2017. Each sample, weighing between 0.5 and 3 kg, was placed separately in a Whirl-Pak plastic type bag.

TSS sample was collected using a Filter bag with 10 μ m pores, installed directly at the discharge point of Sedimentation Pond 1 culvert, during 17 hours, from May 24 PM to May 25 AM.

The water sample of the DSO3 effluent water was collected May 25 2017 AM at the culverts discharge point of the DSO3 effluent.

2.2 Testing and Analytical Program

The tests, analytical measurements and assays to be performed on the liquid and solid samples are done in part by NRC, in Ottawa and by AGAT Laboratory, in Montreal. The conventional parameters, for a analyses of inorganics and organics, and the Microtox bioassays are realized by AGAT Laboratory. NRC Ottawa performs, on the sediment and TSS samples, all characterization measurements related to: XRF (X-ray fluorescence spectrometry), XRD (X-ray diffraction), SEM-EDX (scanning electron mincroscopy-energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy), CHNS analyses (total contents of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulfur), and Laser Scattering Particle Size Distribution. The list of parameters to be analyzed and tested is presented in Appendix 2.

Nota Bene - To be consistent with former data provided by TSMC, the analytical methods applied for the chemical analysis to be performed by AGAT Laboratory will follow the environmental methods prescribed by the CEAEQ of the Province of Quebec.

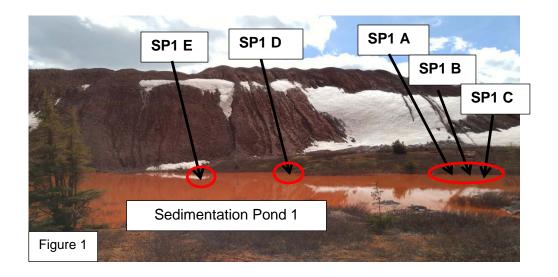
2.3 Sample Description and Localization

A brief description of each sample is provided hereafter.

The samples collected during the field work are: SP1 A, SP1 B, SP1 C, SP1 D, SP1 E, Waste Rock Pile T2, TSS CHANNEL, CHANNEL, WATER TSS and SP2. Their approximate localization is shown on a Sketch in Appendix 1.

<u>Site Sedimentation Pond 1:</u> The terrain was submerged under 1.5 meters of water, creating a wide flooding area along the East side and difficulties to access to the bottom of the pond. All

samples were collected along the West side of Sedimentation Pond 1, because the access to the bottom of the pond was easier there (Figure 1).

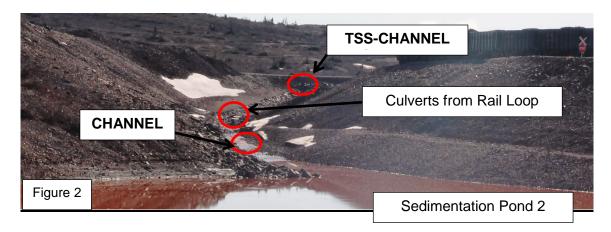


Samples SP1 A, SP1 B, SP1 C were mixed together to form a composite sample named **SP1 A,B,C**. In general, the material of the three samples is composed of sandy silt and gravel with a trace of clay. The material is loose with few moss and roots. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the sediment is Weak Red (10R 4/2) to Very Dusky Red (10R 2.5/2), associated to iron oxides.

Sample **SP1 D** is composed of sandy gravel with silt and traces of clay. The sample is relatively dense with traces of moss and roots. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the sediment is Dark Red (10R 3/6), associated to iron oxides.

Sample **SP1 E** is composed of clayed silt. The sample is relatively dense and homogeneous. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the sediment is Dark Red (10R 3/6), associated to iron oxides.

<u>Site Channel Section</u>: The Channel Section is located between the sedimentation basins 1 and 2. Downstream of the Sedimentation Pond 1 discharge culverts, at approximately one-third of the channel length, are located two culverts that drain water from the Rail Loop to Sedimentation Pond 2. The CHANNEL sediment sample was grabbed from the bottom of the channel, at nearly 20 meters downstream of the two culverts (Figure 2).



Sample **CHANNEL** is composed of sand with trace of silt. The sample is relatively dense and homogeneous. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the sediment is Dusky Red (10R 3/3), associated to iron oxides (Figure 3).



Sample TSS-CHANNEL is composed of the TSS (silt with a trace of clay), collected during 17 hours by a Filter bag with 10 µm pores, at the discharge of Sedimentation Pond 1 culverts. The water has a continuous flow (approx. 1m/5sec.) and a Dark Red (10R 3/6), associated to iron oxides. The water was highly turbid and reddish. The flow of the water was steady during all the period of the 23 to the 26 of May 2017. Please note that two Filters bags (50µm and 25µm) were tested to verify the capacity of each one to collect the TSS. The test concluded that

because of the size of the TSS particles, only the $10\mu m$ Filter bag had the capacity to retain TSS (Figure 4).



<u>Site Sedimentation Pond 2</u>: No sediment sample was collected in Sedimentation Pond 2 because it was not accessible due to the depth of the water present (Figure 5).



<u>Site DSO3 effluent and Silt Trap:</u> The samples associated are SP2 and WATER TSS, collected at the outflow of the discharge of the culverts of the Sedimentation Pond 2 corresponding to the DSO3 effluent and in the Silt Trap (Figure 6).

Sample **SP2** is composed of clay with silt and trace of sand accumulated in the Silt Trap. The sample is dense, compact and homogeneous. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the sediment is Dusky Red (10R 3/4), associated to iron oxides. More than a foot of

sediments is accumulating in the Silt Trap. A portion of sediment is mobilized by the water toward Timmins 1.

Sample **WATER TSS** is a highly turbid water sample characterized by fine particles (clay and silt with colloids; <10µm). The reddish colour of the water is similar to the colour of the water in Sedimentation Ponds 1 and 2.



<u>Site Timmins 2 Waste Rock Pile:</u> One sample was taken from Timmins 2 Waste Rock pile in order to identify the components of the material to compare to the results to the sediment samples. The sample was collected on a small accumulation of granular waste rock located at mid-slope on the East side of the Waste Rock Pile (Figure 7).



Sample **Waste Rock Pile T2** is composed of silty sand with angular gravel, loose but relatively dense. According to the Munsell Soil Colour Chart, the colour of the material is Dark Reddish Brown (2.5 YR 3/4), associated to iron oxides.

2.4 Sample Transportation and Chain of custody

From DSO3 site to AGAT Laboratory in Montréal, the sediment and filter bag samples were placed in a cooler with ice bags to preserve the temperature at 4 ° Celsius.

For the transportation of the surface water sample from DSO3 effluent to Ottawa NRC, a plastic bag was filled with the water sample, and then it was placed in a 5 gallons plastic container to protect it. No preservative agent was added.

The sediment samples and water sample were shipped by Air Inuit airline to AGAT Laboratory in Montréal, Thursday May 25 2017PM. The samples arrived at the AGAT laboratory Friday May 25 2017 at noon. The 5 gallons water sample was shipped the same day to Ottawa NRC by Purolator. The 5 gallons bucket arrived in Ottawa around May 29 2017.

Appendices

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	S	Sample		Analytical pr	ogram																					
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		24-05-2017	SP1 C																							
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3	Composite SP1 E	24-05-2017	SP1 E	-	-	completed	-	-	completed	٧	completed															
4	CHANNEL	24-05-2017	Sed. Pond 2 CHANNEL	completed	completed	completed	completed	completed	completed	√*	-															
5	TSS-CHANNEL	25-05-2017	Sed. Pond 1 Discharge	completed	-	-	-	-	٧	٧	completed															
6	SP2	25-05-2017	Sed. Pond 2 Discharge	completed	completed	completed	completed	completed	completed	√*	-															
7	WASTE ROCK PILE - T2	25-05-2017	Timmins 2 Waste rock pile	-	-	-	-	-	completed	√*	completed															
8	WATER-TSS	25-05-2017	Sed. Pond 2 Discharge	-	-	-	-	-	٧	√*	completed															

Sediment Sampling Protocol

Unique sample: A Sediment unique sample is composed of one sample taken between 0 and 20 cm of the bottom of a Sedimentation Pond.

Composite sample: A Sediment composite sample is composed of 3 sub-samples taken at the same depth, between 0 and 20 cm of the bottom of a Sedimentation Pond.

Description: The description of each sample will considers: color, structure and fabric, homogeneity, grain size description, boundary, hardness and organic matter, etc.)

Weigh: Each sample will weighed between 2 to 3 kg

Container: Sediment composite samples can be placed in plastic bags

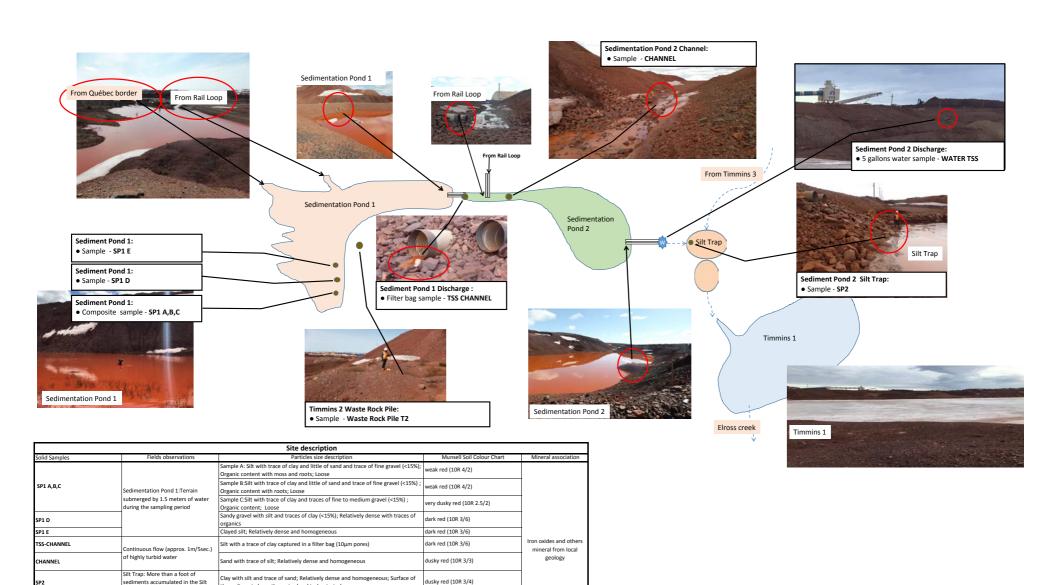
Preservation: In a cooler with ice-pack at 4° Celsius - NONE FROZEN, NO PRESERVATIVE AGENT

Identification: Sedimentation Pond 1 = SP1 ...; Sedimentation Pond 2 = SP2 ...

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	Total Carbon	4	-	-	-			
	Total Sulfur	4	-	-	-			
	pH, Conductivity	4	-	-	-			
	Moisture, Dryness	4	-	-	-			
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	Total Phosphorus	4	-	-	-	,		
	Total Ammonia	4	-	-	-			
	Nitrite-Nitrate	4	-	-	-			
	Chlorides, Fluorides, Sulfates	4	-	-	-			
	Total Cyanides	4	-	-	-			
Group 2	DDT	4	-	-	-			
Group 3	Microtox	4	-	-	-			
Group 4	Particles size analysis - sieving	4	-	-	-			
Group 5	CEC	4	-	-	-			
	XRF	5	1	1	1			
Group 6	XRD	5	1	1	1			
	CHNS	5	1	1	1	CNRC Ottawa		
Group 7	SEM-EDX	4*	1*	1*	1*	CINKC Ottawa		
Group 8	Particles size analysis - optical	5	1	1	1			

^{*} proposed quantity - to be confirmed

Appendix 2



dark reddish brown (2.5 YR 3/4)

the sediment above the water level is dessicated

Highly turbid water - Clay and silt with colloids; <10μm

Silty sand with traces of clay and angular gravel; Loose and relatively dense

WASTE ROCK PILE - T2

WATER TSS

Source of TSS

DSO3 effluent water sample of for

physical evaluation of TSS particles

Appendix 3

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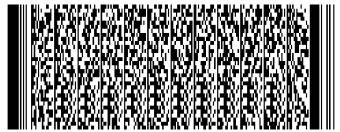
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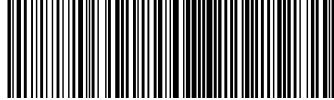


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ENTIRE AGREEMENT The terms and conditions contained in this bill of lading, including those incorporated herein by reference, constitute the entire agreement relating to the carriage of the shipment described in this bill of lading, and no agent, servant or representative of the carrier or consignor has the authority to alter, waive or otherwise modify any provision of this agreement. In tendering the shipment described herein for carriage, the consignor agrees to these terms and conditions on his own behalf and on behalf of the consignee and any other party claiming an interest in this shipment.

Fold the Bill of Lading on the dotted line and insert into the adhesive pouch. Attach a Bill of Lading to each package. Veuillez plier ce connaissement sur la ligne pointillée et l'insérer dans la pochette adhésive. Veuillez ioindre un connaissement à chaque colis