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Great Island Generating Station, Campile, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

**Environmental Noise Report** 

Noise Survey 2019

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#### 1. Executive Summary

SSE Generation Ireland Ltd. is required as part of licence P0606-03; Conditions 4 and 6 to carry out a noise survey of the installation on an annual basis. AXIS environmental services were commissioned to complete the survey after proposal acknowledgment and acceptance by SSE Great Island personnel. Noise monitoring was undertaken on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019.

The purpose of the survey was to monitor daytime and night-time noise at two predetermined locations and assess the sites compliance against Schedule B.4 limits. The two monitoring locations represent the nearest residential areas in the immediate surrounding area of the installation.

The survey was carried out in strict accordance with the standard ISO 1996 Parts 1 – 3, Acoustics – description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise. Reference was also made to the EPA guidelines NG4 "Guidance Note for Noise: Licence Applications, Surveys and Assessments in Relation to Scheduled Activities" January 2016.

This installation is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, however occasionally the facility comes off line during which time it is shut down. All operations at SSE Great Island were running as normal throughout the survey. At NSL1, the predominant sources of noise included road traffic movements on local roads as well as on the distant N25. Other noise sources included faint operational noise from the SSE site as well as birds chirping, dogs barking and a light breeze causing vegetation to rustle. At NSL 2, the main noise sources included local vehicle activity, noise from residential activity, birds chirping, and at light operational noise could be heard from the SSE site. There were other sources of noise at each individual location which are summarised in the report.

NSL 1 and NSL 2 which are both off site and located on opposites side of the River Suir. Under the aforementioned EPA guidelines noise sensitive locations have to be within the limits set out in the installations EPA licence, the limits are as follows: Daytime 55dB  $L_{Aeq}$  [30minutes] and Night-time 45dB  $L_{Aeq}$  [30 minutes].

All monitoring points were determined to comply in full with licence requirements. There was no tonal or impulsive noise observed at either location for the duration of the assessment.

#### 2. Introduction

As part of compliance monitoring at SSE Generation Ireland (Great Island), an annual noise survey is to be carried out at noise sensitive receptors near the vicinity of the plant. The Agency and SSE Generation Ireland have agreed on two noise sensitive monitoring points to be assessed.

The IE Licence outlines SSE's requirements under Conditions 4 and 6, which have been documented as follows:

#### 2.1 Condition 4:

4.5: Noise from the installation shall not give rise to sound pressure levels (Leq, T) measured at noise sensitive locations within the vicinity of the installation which exceed the limit value(s).

#### 2.2 Condition 6:

6.15: The licensee shall carry out a noise survey of the site operations annually. 'The survey programme shall be undertaken in accordance with the methodology specified in the 'Environmental Noise Survey Guidance Document' as published by the Agency.

#### 2.3 Schedule B: Emissions Limits

#### Table 1: B.4 Noise Emissions

Daytime dB(A)L <sub>Aeq</sub> (30minutes)	Night-time dB(A)L <sub>Aeq</sub> (30minutes)
55 <sup>Note1</sup>	45 <sup>Note 1</sup>

**Note 1:** There shall be no clearly audible tonal component or impulsive component in the noise emission from the activity at any noise-sensitive location.

#### Table 2: Schedule D4.1: Noise Monitoring

Location	Measurement	Frequency
NSL 1	3*30 minute Day & 2*30 minutes Night survey to include 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> octave measurements	Annually
NSL 2	3*30 minute Day & 2*30 minutes Night survey to include 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> octave measurements	Annually

## 3. Methods

Monitoring was carried out in strict accordance with ISO 1996 Parts 1 – 3, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise. Reference was also made to the EPA guidelines NG4 "Guidance Note for Noise: Licence Applications, Surveys and Assessments in Relation to Scheduled Activities" January 2016.

The noise emission limits as outlined in P0606-03 are as follows:

Daytime Noise Criterion, dB L<sub>Aeq,T</sub> (07:00 to 19:00hrs): 55dB
 Night-time Noise Criterion, dB L<sub>Aeq,T</sub> (23:00 to 07:00hrs): 45dB

The measurements were taken using Cirrus Optimus Green noise meters, details in table 3 below. At each monitoring location the noise meter was placed on a tripod at 1.5m above ground level and >3.5m away from any sound reflecting surfaces. Additionally, the meter was positioned in the direction of the facility. The noise meters used during the assessment were calibrated before and after the monitoring periods.

Table 3: Equipment Details

	Meter No 2
Manufacturer	Cirrus Optimus Green
Model	CR:171B
Serial Number	G061082
Firmware	V2.4.1569 (1529)
Calibrator	CR:511E Acoustic Calibrator
Microphone	MK:224 209359D
Preamplifier	MV:200F 1206F
Windshield Type	UA:237 90mm Foam Windshield
Noise Meter	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018 - 2019
Certificate Number	264733
Microphone	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 - 2019
Certificate Number	123050
Calibrator	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018 – 2019
Certificate Number	258722

#### 4. Monitoring Locations

#### 4.1 NSL 1 Daytime Survey

Noise monitoring point 1 was located North/ North-Westerly of the SSE Facility, alongside the route used as the main entrance to the site. The predominant noise source at this location came from intermittent traffic passing on the road nearby. Distant traffic noise could also be heard coming from the N25. There was very faint operational noise emanating from SSE Great Island. Other sources of noise included birds chirping, dogs barking, a light breeze causing vegetation to rustle and a power tool being operated intermittently some distance north of the location.

#### 4.1.1 NSL 1 Night-Time Survey

The only continuous noise sources audible during the night noise survey included a light breeze that caused nearby vegetation to rustle as well as a faint humming emanating from SSE Great Island. No vehicles were observed passing during the survey.

#### 4.2 NSL 2 Daytime Survey

This monitoring location was situated south of the SSE Great Island site, at the opposite side of the River Suir. The SSE facility at Great Island emitted very faint operational noise during the daytime monitoring period. Birds were also heard chirping and there was a light breeze blowing throughout the survey.

Other sources of noise heard included some traffic passing through the village, dogs barking and various residential activities such as people chatting and walking within range of the noise monitor.

#### 4.2.1 NSL 2 Night-Time Survey

During the night time noise survey, very faint operational noise was audible emanating from SSE Great Island. A light breeze was observed throughout, causing nearby vegetation to rustle.

Other sources of noise included periodic passing traffic and some people walking within range of the monitor.

# 5. Summary of Daytime Noise Measurements

Noise Monitoring Location:  NSL 1(Noise Sensitive Location)  24-09-2019						
Period:			ured Noise Levels re. 2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> Pa)		Comments	
Periou.	Tillle	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>AFMAX</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>		
	16:21	48	71	40	The predominant noise source at this location came from intermittent traffic passing on the	
Daytime:	16:51	52	80	40	road nearby. Distant traffic noise could also be heard. There was	
	17:21	54	81	39	very faint operational noise coming from SSE Great Island.  Other sources of noise included	
Arithmetic Average (	(dB):	52	77	42	birds chirping, dogs barking, a light breeze causing vegetation to	
Daytime Criterion, d	B L <sub>Ar,T</sub> :	55	-	-	rustle and a power tool being operated some distance away.	
Evening:	-	-	-	-	This site is not required to monitor noise emissions during the	
Arithmetic Average (dB):		-	-	1	evening period. The site is not defined as a new or revised	
Evening Criterion, dB L <sub>Ar,T:</sub>		-	-	1	licence.	
Night Times	01:21	34	57	29	The only continuous noise sources audible during the night noise	
Night Time:	01:51	32	51	29	survey included a light breeze that caused nearby vegetation to rustle	
Arithmetic Average (	(dB):	33	54	28	as well as a faint humming emanating from SSE Great Island.	
Night time Criterion,	dB L <sub>Ar,T:</sub>	45	-	1	No vehicles passed during the survey.	
		Wea	ther Condit	ions:		
	Day	time:	Ever	ning:	Night Time:	
Temperature (°C)	:	15	-		10	
Wind Speed (m/s)	2	!-3	-		1-2	
Wind Direction:	W		-		S	
Precipitation (mm): 0		-		0		
		Tonal	Noise Asses	sment		
Daytime:	Run 1: None		Run 2: None		Run 3: None	
Evening:	-		-		-	
Night Time:			Run 2: None		- the short we like the state of	
<b>Compliance Status</b> – this site would be considered a noise sensitive location therefore limits outlined in the licence would apply. The site complies with both day and night time criteria.						

Noise Monitoring Location:  NSL 2 (Noise Sensitive Location)  24-09-2019						
Period:	Time		Measured Noise Levels (dB re. 2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> Pa)		Comments	
Periou:	Time	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	LAFMAX	L <sub>A90</sub>		
	10:50	44	72	37	The SSE facility at Great Island emitted very faint operational	
Daytime:	11:20	44	68	36	noise during the daytime survey. Birds were also heard chirping and there was a light breeze blowing	
	11:50	40	69	36	throughout the survey. Other sources of noise heard included	
Arithmetic Average (	(dB):	43	70	42	passing traffic, dogs barking and various residential activities such	
Daytime Criterion, d	B L <sub>Ar,T:</sub>	55	-	-	as people chatting and walking nearby.	
Evening:	-	-	-	-	This site is not required to monitor noise emissions during the	
Arithmetic Average (	(dB):	-	-	-	evening period. The site is not defined as a new or revised	
Evening Criterion, dl	3 L <sub>Ar,T:</sub>	-	-	-	licence.	
Night Time:	23:17	40	66	37	Very faint operational noise was audible emanating from SSE Great	
ingine rimer	23:47	38	57	37	Island. A light breeze was observed throughout, causing	
Arithmetic Average (dB):		39	66	36	nearby vegetation to rustle. Other sources of noise included periodic	
Night time Criterion, dB L <sub>Ar,T:</sub>		45	-	-	passing traffic and some people walking within range of the monitor.	
		Wea	ther Condit	ions:		
	Day	time:	Ever	ning:	Night Time:	
Temperature (°C)	1	15	-		10	
Wind Speed (m/s)	2	-3	-		1-2	
Wind Direction:	,	W	-		W	
Precipitation (mm):	Precipitation (mm): 0		-		0	
		Tonal	Noise Asses	sment		
Daytime:	Run 1: None		Run 2: None		Run 3: None	
Evening:	-		-		-	
Night Time:	Run 1: None		Run 2: None		-	
<b>Compliance Status</b> – this site would be considered a noise sensitive location therefore limits outlined in the licence would apply– the site complies with both day and night time criteria.						

#### 6. Conclusions

Both noise sensitive locations were monitored for broadband and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Octave frequency as part of this annual environmental noise survey at SSE Generation Ireland (Great Island).

Each monitoring point (NSL 1 & NSL 2) was monitored for three 30 minute periods during the day and two 30 minute periods for the night time survey. Both noise monitoring points are noise sensitive locations and must therefore comply with limits outlined in the License P0606-03. The findings of the survey would indicate that the noise sensitive locations were not significantly affected or impacted by sources of noise at SSE Great Island Power Station.

There was no tonal or impulsive noise determined at either monitoring location during the day or night periods; therefore, there are no requirements to apply penalties to the broadband measurement.

## **Appendix I: Graphical Display of Raw Data**

#### **Tonal Noise:**

The appropriate level differences vary with frequency. They should be greater than or equal to the following values in both adjacent one third octave bands:

15dB in low frequency one third octave bands (25Hz to 125Hz);
 8dB in middle frequency bands (160Hz to 400Hz), and;
 5dB in high frequency bands (500Hz to 10,000Hz)

This is the definition outlined by the EPA in the guidance note issued in 2016: NG4.



Name SSE Great isalnd NSL1 Daytime

Time 24/09/2019 16:21:23 Person Place Project

Duration 01:30:00 David Coffey. SSE Great island

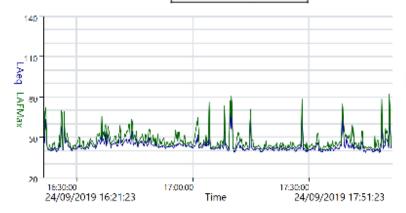
Instrument G061082, CR:171B

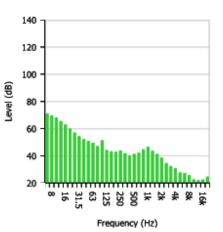
#### Calibration

Before 24/09/2019 16:20 Offset 0.47 dB After 24/09/2019 23:16 Offset 0.38 dB

Basic Values			
LAeq	52.3 dB	LA	
LAE	89.6 dB	LA	
LAFMax	81.9 dB	LA	
		LA	
		Ι	

Statistical Levels (Ln)			
LAF1	62.7 dB		
LAF5	49.0 dB		
LAF10	46.5 dB		
LAF50	42.1 dB		
LAF90	39.7 dB		
LAF95	39.2 dB		
LAF99	38.5 dB		





Start Time	End Time	Duration	Leq (LAeq)	L90 (LAeq)	Max (LAFMax)
24/09/2019 16:21:23	24/09/2019 16:51:23	00:30:00	48.3	40.4	71.5
24/09/2019 16:51:23	24/09/2019 17:21:23	00:30:00	52.6	40.0	80.3
24/09/2019 17:21:23	24/09/2019 17:51:23	00:30:00	54.2	39.3	81.8



Name SSE Great island Night time NSL 1

Time 25/09/2019 01:21:50 Person Place Project

Duration 01:00:00 David Coffey. SSE Great island

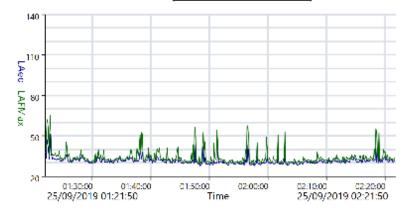
Instrument G061082, CR:171B

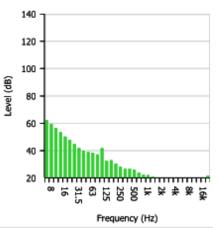
#### Calibration

Before 24/09/2019 23:16 Offset 0.38 dB After 25/09/2019 10:50 Offset 0.46 dB

Basic Values		
33.0 dB		
68.6 dB		
64.6 dB		

Statistical Levels (Ln)			
LAF1	37.6 dB		
LAF5	33.7 dB		
LAF10	32.8 dB		
LAF50	30.6 dB		
LAF90	28.8 dB		
LAF95	28.4 dB		
LAF99	27.8 dB		





Start Time	End Time	Duration	Leq (LAeq)	Max (LAFMax)	L90 (LAeq)
25/09/2019 01:21:50	25/09/2019 01:51:50	00:30:00	34.2	64.6	29.3
25/09/2019 01:51:50	25/09/2019 02:21:50	00:30:00	31.5	57.4	28.6



Name SSE Great island Daytime NSL 2

Time 25/09/2019 10:50:46 Person Place Project

**Duration** 01:30:00 David Coffey. SSE Great island

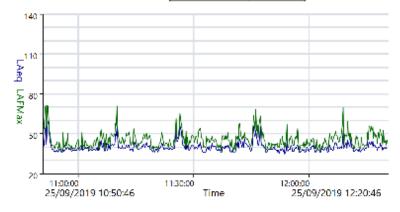
Instrument G061082, CR:171B

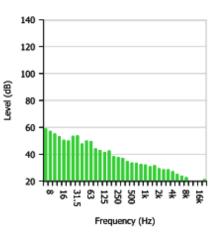
### Calibration

Before 25/09/2019 10:50 Offset 0.46 dB After 25/09/2019 12:33 Offset 0.56 dB

Basic Values			
43.1 dB			
80.4 dB			
71.3 dB			

Statistical Levels (Ln)			
LAF1	54.1 dB		
LAF5	46.2 dB		
LAF10	43.3 dB		
LAF50	38.1 dB		
LAF90	35.9 dB		
LAF95	35.3 dB		
LAF99	34.4 dB		





Start Time	End Time	Duration	Leq (LAeq)	Max (LAFMax)	L90 (LAeq)
25/09/2019 10:50:46	25/09/2019 11:20:46	00:30:00	44.1	71.3	36.5
25/09/2019 11:20:46	25/09/2019 11:50:46	00:30:00	44.0	68.2	35.9
25/09/2019 11:50:46	25/09/2019 12:20:46	00:30:00	40.0	69.4	35.7



Name SSE Great island Night time NSL 2

Time 24/09/2019 23:17:12 Person Place Project

Duration 01:00:00 David Coffey. SSE Great island

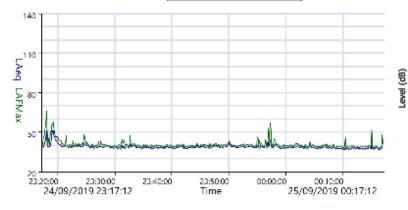
Instrument G061082, CR:171B

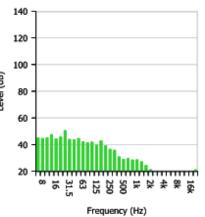
#### Calibration

Before 24/09/2019 23:16 Offset 0.38 dB After 25/09/2019 10:50 Offset 0.46 dB

Basic Values			
LAeq	39.2 dB		
LAE	74.8 dB		
LAFMax	66.0 dB		

Statistical Levels (Ln)			
LAF1	45.7 dB		
LAF5	40.3 dB		
LAF10	39.5 dB		
LAF50	38.2 dB		
LAF90	37.2 dB		
LAF95	36.9 dB		
LAF99	36.4 dB		





Start Time	End Time	Duration	Leq (LAeq)	L90 (LAeq)	Max (LAFMax)
24/09/2019 23:17:12	24/09/2019 23:47:12	00:30:00	39.9	37.6	66.0
24/09/2019 23:47:12	25/09/2019 00:17:12	00:30:00	38.4	37.1	56.9

# Appendix II: Site Map



#### **Appendix III: Glossary of Terms**

Note: Not all terms were used in the description of noise for this noise survey.

Ambient noise The totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time, usually composed

of sound from many sources, near and far.

Acoustic shadow An acoustic shadow is an area through which sound waves fail to propagate, due to

topographical obstructions or disruption of the waves via phenomena such as wind

currents.

**Background noise** The steady existing noise level present without contribution from any intermittent

sources. The A weighted sound pressure level of the residual noise at the assessment  $% \left( x\right) =\left( x\right) +\left( x\right$ 

position that is exceeded for 90 per cent of a given time interval, T (LAF90,T).

**Broadband** Sounds that contain energy distributed across a wide range of frequencies.

**Competent person** Individual possessing a combination of technical knowledge, experience and skills as

outlined in Section 2.0 and who can demonstrate both practical and theoretical

competence.

Criterion noise level The long term mean value of the noise level that must not be exceeded. This is

generally stipulated in the IPPC/Waste licence and it may be applied to a noise source,

a boundary of the activity or to an NSL in the vicinity of the site.

**dB** Decibel. The scale in which sound pressure level is expressed. It is defined as 20 times

the logarithm of the ratio between the RMS pressure of the sound field and the

reference pressure of 20 micro pascals (20 uPa).

**Facade level** The noise level at a location 1m from the facade of a building is described by the term

facade level, and is subject to a higher noise level than one in an open area (free-field

conditions) due to reflection effects.

Free field These are conditions in which the radiation from sound sources is unaffected by the

presence of any reflecting boundaries or the source itself. In practice, it is a field in which the effects of the boundaries are negligible over the frequency range of interest. In environmental noise, true free-field measurement conditions are seldom achieved and generally the microphone will be positioned at a height between 1.2 and 1.5 metres above ground level. To minimise the influence of reflections, measurements are generally made at least 3.5 metres from any reflecting surface other than the

ground.

**Hertz (Hz)** The unit of sound frequency in cycles per second.

**Impulsive** A noise that is of short duration (typically less than one second), the sound pressure

level of which is significantly higher than the background.

**LAeq,T** This is the equivalent continuous sound level. It is a type of average and is used to

describe a fluctuating noise in terms of a single noise level over the sample period (T). The closer the LAeq value is to either the LAF10 or LAF90 value indicates the relative impact of the intermittent sources and their contribution. The relative spread between the values determines the impact of intermittent sources, such as

traffic, on the background.

**LAFN** The A-weighted noise level exceeded for N% of the sampling internal. Measured

using the "Fast" time weighting.

**LAr,T** The Rated Noise Level, equal to the LAeq during a specified time interval (T), plus

specified adjustments for tonal character and/or impulsiveness of the sound.

**LAF10** Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the top 10 percentile of the sampling

interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. It is

used to determine the intermittent high noise level features of locally generated noise and usually gives an indicator of the level of road traffic. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.

LAF90 Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the lower 90 percentile of the sampling

interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. It will therefore exclude the intermittent features of traffic and is used to describe a

background level. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.

**LAFmax** The maximum **RMS** A-weighted sound pressure level occurring within a specified time

period. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.

**LAFmin** The minimum **RMS** A-weighted sound pressure level occurring within a specified time

period. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.

**Lden** Is the 24 hour noise rating level determined by the averaging of the Lday with the

Levening plus a 5 dB penalty and the Lnight plus a 10 dB penalty.

Low background noise An area of low background noise is one where the existing background noise levels

measured during an environmental noise survey are as follows:

o Average Daytime Background Noise Level ≤40dB LAF90, and; o Average Evening Background Noise Level ≤35dB LAF90, and;

o Average Night-time Background Noise Level ≤30dB LAF90.

**Low frequency noise** LFN - noise which is dominated by frequency components towards the lower end of

the frequency spectrum; see Appendix VI for a more detailed discussion.

**LpA (dB)** An 'A-weighted decibel' K a measure of the overall level of soundacross the audible

frequency range (20Hz - 20kHz) with A-frequency weighting (i.e. 'A-weighting') to compensate for the varying sensitivity of the human ear to sound at different

frequencies.

**Noise** Any sound, that has the potential to cause disturbance, discomfort or psychological

stress to a person exposed to it, or any sound that could cause actual physiological harm to a person exposed to it, or physical damage to any structure exposed to it, is

known as noise.

Noise sensitive location NSL – any dwelling house, hotel or hostel, health building, educational

establishment, place of worship or entertainment, or any other facility or other area of high amenity which for its proper enjoyment requires the absence of noise at

nuisance levels.

Octave band A frequency interval, the upper limit of which is twice that of the lower limit. For

example, the 1,000Hz octave band contains acoustical energy between 707Hz and 1,414Hz. The centre frequencies used for the designation of octave bands are defined

in ISO and ANSI standards.

**Rating level** See LAr,T.

**RMS** The RMS (Root Mean Square) value of a set of numbers is the square root of the

average of their squares.

**SEL (LAX or LAE)** Sound exposure level – a measure of the A-weighted sound energy used to describe

noise events such as the passing of a train or aircraft; it is the A-weighted sound pressure level if occurring over a period of 1 second, would contain the same amount

of A-weighted sound energy as the event.

**Sound pressure level** Sound pressure refers to the fluctuations in air pressure caused by the passage of a

sound wave. It may be expressed in terms of sound pressure level at a point.

**Specific noise level** A component of the ambient noise which can be specifically identified by acoustical

means and may be associated with a specific source. In BS 4142, there is a more precise definition as follows: 'the equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level at the assessment position produced by the specific noise source over a given

reference time interval (LAeq, T) $^{\prime}$ .

**Time weighting** One of the averaging times (Fast, Slow or Impulse) used for the measurement of RMS

sound pressure level in sound level meters.

**Tonal** Sounds which cover a range of only a few Hz which contains a clearly audible tone,

i.e. distinguishable, discrete or continuous noise (whine, hiss, screech, or hum etc.)

are referred to as being 'tonal'.

1/3 octave analysis Frequency analysis of sound such that the frequency spectrum issubdivided into bands

of one-third of an octave each.

# **Appendix IV: Calibration Certificates**



# **Certificate of Calibration**



### **Equipment Details**

Instrument Manufacturer Cirrus Research Plc

Instrument Type

CR:171B

Description

Sound Level Meter

Serial Number

G061082

#### **Calibration Procedure**

The instrument detailed above has been calibrated to the publish test and calibration data as detailed in the instrument hand book, using the techniques recommended in the latest revisions of the International Standards IEC 61672-1:2013, IEC 61672-1:2002, IEC 60651:1979, IEC 60804:2001, IEC 61260:1995, IEC 60942:2003, IEC 60942:1997, IEC 61252:1993, ANSI S1.4-1983, ANSI S1.11-1986 and ANSI S1.43-1997 where applicable.

Sound Level Meters: All Calibration procedures were carried out by substituting the microphone capsule with a suitable electrical signal, apart from the final acoustic calibration.

# Calibration Traceability

The equipment detailed above was calibrated against the calibration laboratory standards held by Cirrus Research plc. These are traceable to International Standards {A.0.6}. The standards are:

Microphone Type

**GRAS 40AP** 

Serial Number

173198

Calibration Ref.

0170

Calibrator Type

B&K 4231

Serial Number

2594796

Calibration Ref.

A1811

Calibrated by

Calibration Date

22 October 2018

Calibration Certificate Number

264733

This Calibration Certificate is valid for 12 months from the date above.

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Email: sales@cirrusresearch.co.uk

# Certificate of Calibration



# **Equipment Details**

Instrument Manufacturer Cirrus Research Plc

Instrument Type

CR:511E

Description

Acoustic Calibrator

Serial Number

41373

#### Calibration Procedure

The acoustic calibrator detailed above has been calibrated to the published data as described in the operating manual. The procedures and techniques used to follow the recommendations of the IEC standard Electroacoustics - Sound Calibrators IEC 60942:2003, IEC 60942:1997, BS EN 60942:1998 and BS EN 60942:2003 where applicable. The calibrator's main output is 94.00 dB (1 Pa) and this was set within the 0.01 dB resolution of the test system, i.e. one hundredth of a decibel. Numbers in {parenthesis} refer to the paragraph in IEC 60942.

#### Calibration Traceability

The calibrator above was calibrated against the calibration laboratory standards held by Cirrus Research plc. These are traceable to International Standards {A.0.6}. The standards are:

Microphone Type

**GRAS 40AP** 

Serial Number

173198

Calibration Ref.

0170

Calibrator Type

B&K 4231

Serial Number

2594796

Calibration Ref.

A1811

# **Calibration Climate Conditions**

The climatic test conditions were all maintained within the permitted limits of IEC 60942:1997.

Temperature

{B.3.2}

Permitted band 15°C to 25°C

Humidity

{B.3.2}

Permitted band 30% to 90% RH

Static Pressure

{B.3.2}

Permitted band 85 kPa to 105 kPa

Ambient Noise Level

{B.3.3.6}

Max permitted level 64 dB(Z)

#### Measurement Results

The figures below are the Calibration Laboratory test limits for this model calibrator and have a smaller tolerance than those permitted in IEC 60942.

94 dB Output

94.00 dB

Permitted band

93.95 to 94.05dB

104 dB Output

103.99 dB

Permitted band

103.80 to 104.30dB

Frequency

999 Hz

Permitted band

990 to 1010Hz

# Uncertainty

With an uncertainty coefficient of k=2, i.e. a 95% confidence level, the uncertainty of each measure is

94 dB Output

 $\pm 0.13 dB$ 

104 dB Output

 $\pm 0.14 dB$ 

Frequency

 $\pm 0.1 \text{ Hz}$ 

Level Stability

 $\pm 0.04 dB$ 

Calibrated by

Calibration Date

13 March 2019

Calibration Certificate Number

268931

This Calibration Certificate is valid for 12 months from the date above.

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