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Issues Associated with the Excavation and Transportation of Highly Contaminated Soil- Case Study

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Main Topics

- Introduction
- Scope of Works
- Overall Achievements
- **Engineered Landfill**
- **UXO-** unexploded ordinance
- □ Site Soil Characterization
- Excavation & Transportation activities
- Lesson Learned
- **Conclusion**

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What is Our Goal?

- Remediating/Removal of Oil Contaminated Soil from contaminated Areas
 - In line with UNCC Decision 258 on the following claims:
 - 5000450 (Tarcrete, Wellhead Pits, Revegetation)
 - 5000259 (Coastal Trench/Deposits)
 - 5000454 (oil lakes, oil-contaminated piles, oil trenches and oil spills)
- Original Directive received was to transfer contamination to 17 Landfills in North Kuwait and South East Kuwait.
 - This project was developed to Excavate and transport contaminated soil located over the natural aquifer and catchment areas and it was of high priority to be remediated to minimize/prevent contamination of the underground aquifer reserve.



Contamination sites and Landfills



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Contamination sites and Landfills



What do we have?

- Approximately 26 million m³ of contaminated soil, spanning a 114 km².
- Contaminated features within Sabriya (Umm Al-Aish area) oil fields:
 - Dry Oil Lakes 1,300,000 m³
 - Wet Oil Lakes 480,000 m³
 - Contaminated Piles 2,200,000 m³
 - Well Head Pits 70,000 m³
 - Coastal Trench & deposits 36,000 m³
 - Tarcrete 250,000 m³
- Total volume of 4,356,000 m³ as per latest estimates.



Scope of Work

What are the portions of the work?

- Engineered Landfill completed
- UXO
- Site Soil Characterization
- Excavation & Transportation
- Landfill soil filling and compaction

What control Measures?

- HSE & Management of risk
- QA/QC
- Weigh bridges & Bar code system
- Documentation



Equipment Mobilization - UXO

What Is UXO

- Battle Area Clearance
- Geophysical Survey
- Geophysical Data analysis
- Dig List
- UXO Clearance
- Clearance certificate





UXO detection





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Armored Equipment With Anti-explosive Wind Shields



Project systems

• UXO Geophysical Survey , Web GIS System





UXO Geophysical survey results



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Site Soil Characterization Works





Contamination Profile and TPH Level

AREA 1E- ZONE1 - TPH







Pre & Post Excavation Characterisation



Wet oil lake sample



Dry oil lake sample



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Excavation & Transportation Works

- Dig contaminated soil only
- Traffic Management Plan
- Establishing transportation roads
- Route optimization

 fence
- Transported soil monitoring
 - Weigh bridge
 - Bar code system
- Soil Mix for wet oil lake
- Offloading in Landfill and compaction to proper density and maximizing benefit





Summary of Trips & Volume A. Contaminated Soil Transported to Landfill Excavate, Load, Transport & Dispose (To Landfill)

Date	NUMBER OF TRIPS	COMPACTED VOLUME (Based on WEIGHBRIDGE READING	
	TOTAL TRIPS	TOTAL VOLUME (m ³)	
Dec 31, 2015	109	2,181.18	
Jan 31, 2016	499	11,199.91	
Feb 29, 2016	1,317	30,146.29	
Mar 31, 2016	3,858	83,259.21	
Apr 30, 2016	3,516	71,290.22	
May 31, 2016	4,201	83,806.74	
Jun 30, 2016	3,543	64,432.08	
Jul 31, 2016	2,789	46,857.18	
Aug 31, 2016	5,126	91,293.62	
Sep 30, 2016	4,308	79,249.60	
Oct 29, 2016	5,975	114,262.55	
Cumulative	35,241	677,978.58	



Compaction Levels

Density of Soil at source and what is assumption included in Weigh Bridge? example of calculations / assumptions at weighbridge.

- Please see below sample calculations and steps using Densities.
- Maximum Dry density has been taken from different soil sample/feature at the site.
- Compaction requirement is 90% of MDD.
- Compacted Volume Calculation is the weight of Soil transported(Taken from weigh bridge) divided by the Compaction requirement (90% of MDD).



Compaction Levels

S N	AREA	FROM	то	NO. OF TRIPS	NET WEIGHT (T)	AVE. MDD (KG/M3) (100%)	COMPACTED DENSITY (KG/M3) 90%	COMPACTED VOLUME (m³)
1	1E	Excavatio n Area	Landfill Area	13228	436,159	1.96	1,764	247,255
2	1E	Mixing Area	Landfill Area	2010	67,488	2.02	1,817	37,141
3	1E	Excavatio n Area	Landfill Area	17617	647,189	2.05	1,847	350,335
4	1E	Excavatio n Area	Mixing Area	1113	35,622	2.05	1,847	19,283
5	1E	Excavatio n Area	Mixing Area	286	9,475	1.95	1,755	5,399

Transportation Systems

- Bar Code System: Precise equipment
- Monitoring Procedure

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Certification of Completion Portion 1 (30%)



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Completion Portion 1 of E&T

HSE Studies	Pre -Excavation activities	UXO	Excavation & Transportation
FEIA	Topographic Survey	UXO Geophysical Survey	Excavate, load and transport
PHSER 3,4,5	10,000,000m²	4,000,000 m²	650,000m³
QRA	Ground-Truthing 10,000,000m ²	Total UXO Found and Destroyed: 41	
Traffic			
Management Plan	Site Soil	UXO Methodology	
	Characterization 650 Soil samples	for all features approved	



Manpower & Equipment

UXO Manpower		UXO Equipment	
UXO Key Positions	5	Towed Array	3
UXO Geo Techs	3	Push Cart	2
Medics	4	Large Loop Detectors	8
Deminers	58	Mine detectors	11
WSS	6	Schonstedtd	8
Total	76	Total	32
E & T Manpower		E & T Equipment	
Operators	22	Dump Trucks	50
Drivers	100	Loader	10
Engineers	15	Dozer	3
labors	50	Excavator	4
WSS	14	Grader	5
Others	20	Others	35
Total	221	Total	107



Lesson Learned

UXO Lessons Learned

 Armoured equipment better suited for clearance of contaminated soil piles over large area due to ease of mobility from one location to another, and reduced down time associated with tear down set up of conveyor systems.



- Pushing sludge by armoured equipment into trenches within grid to allow geo activities on harder surface proved to be acceptable & practical approach.
- Mixing Wet lake material with cleared contaminated soil from dry lakes or contaminated soil piles will provide a cleared platform to utilize towed arrays and carry out geophysical survey.





Lesson Learned

Site Soil Characterization Lessons Learned

- Optimize Site soil characterization sample numbers to give a reasonable number of data points.
- Based on 3-D profiling, establish a well defined excavation strategy
- Utilization of field test systems for post clean-up inspection to optimize excavation time





Lesson Learned

E&T Lessons Learned

- Identifying Overall access routes and optimize distance between excavation location and landfill at early stage.
- Diverse construction equipment to be mobilized suitable for different features and schedule duration should be supported by Equipment Histogram.
- Maintenance of access routes, and equipment should be considered in overall project duration.
- Restriction in working hours due to extreme temperature and other enfluences should be considered in planning stage.





