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## OVERVIEW OF FECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA

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#### Introduction

- Sewerage Service in Malaysia was privatized in 1994.
- The concession was given to Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) for a period of 28 years. Before privatisation, sewerage services were the responsibilities of local and city councils.
- IWK operates and maintains all public STPs and sewer networks within the service area covering the whole country except 3 states.
- To date, IWK is operating and maintaining 9,446 nos. of STP and 16,000 km of sewers with a total connected PE is 19.9 million.
- Water and Sewerage Industry Act (WSIA) came into force in 2008 to regulate water and sewerage services sector.

## Governance Structure of Sewerage Services









Regulator of Sewerage Services

Policy & Control of National Sewerage Agenda



• 100% Equity

- Govt. Support Loan & Subsidy
- IndahWater
- 1. Sewerage Services
- 2. Operator in 88 Local Authority Areas.
- 3. Sewerage Services Billing & Collection.
- 4. Undertakes
  Refurbishment/
  Upgrading Projects
  Funded by Govt.

Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment



Regulator of Effluent Standards

#### **Sewerage Treatment Progression**





### Desludging Service For Individual Septic Tanks, Pour Flush And Private Plants

- Indah Water Konsortium provides desludging services to septic tank customers or private plants or individual owners of sewage treatment systems.
- Approx. 1.22 million septic tanks (IST) within Indah Water Konsortium operational areas serving more than 6 million population.
- Approx. 826,388 nos. of pour flush, a basic sanitation system introduced back in 1960's, serves about 4.1 population nationwide, majority in rural areas.
- Septic tank owners are required to desludge their tanks once in every three years failing which, untreated sewage and sludge solids will be released into rivers causing environmental problems.



#### **Type of Desludging Services**

- Scheduled Desludging Services received by customers through scheduling done by IWK, once in every three years.
- Demand Desludging Services received by customers upon request, 2 months before the due date for next cycle of desludging.
- Repeat Desludging Services received by customers upon request within the period of 34 months from the last desludging date.
- Responsive IST or Pour Flush Desludging Services requested by IST users outside IWK's concession area or pour flush users.

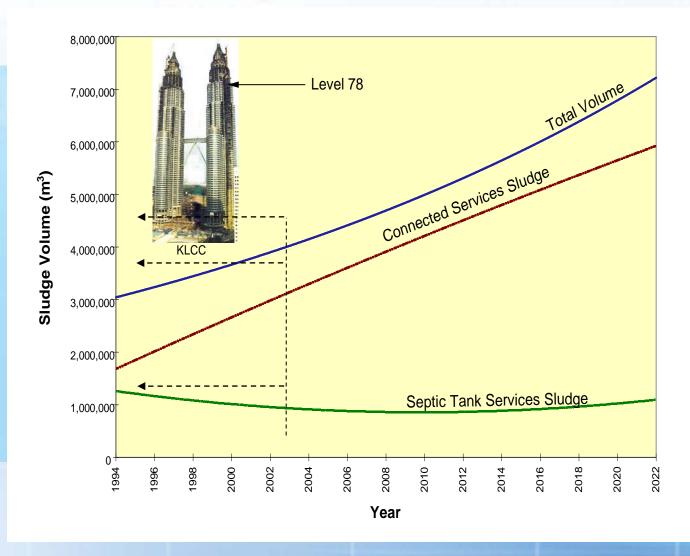


#### Fecal Sludge

## Definition "Fecal sludge is the by-product of almost every method of treatment of wastewater"



#### **Extent of Sludge Management Problems**



Estimated Sludge Quantities in Malaysia

#### **Fecal Sludge Sources**

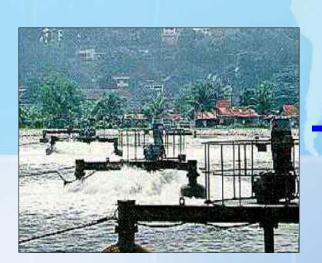


Individual Septic Tanks (IST) / Communal Septic Tanks (CST)





Aerated Lagoon (AL) / Oxidation Pond (OP)



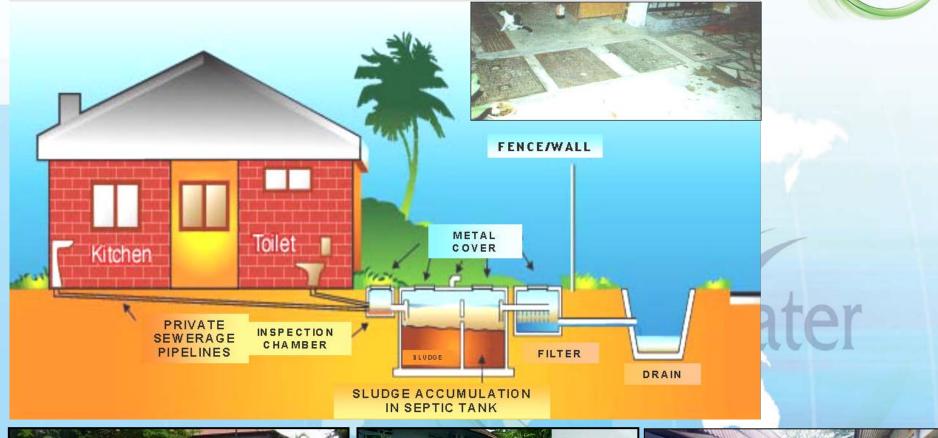
SLUDGE

**Activated Sludge STPs** 



#### **IST Desludging**











#### **Pond Desludging**





**Pumping of Sludge to Treatment Facility** 



Dried Sludge to be Disposed Off to an approved site



**Dried Sludge after Dewatering** 



View of Pond after completion of Desludging Exercise

### Technological Evolution of Fecal Sludge Treatment in ndah Water Malaysia





#### **Sludge Dewatering Techniques**

Land Application

Trenching System

**Evaporation** 

- Sludge Drying Beds
- Sludge Lagoons

Semi Mechanical

AVC System

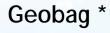
Mechanical

- Belt Press
- Filter Press
- Centrifuge



#### **Fecal Sludge Treatment / Processing**

**Trenching** 



Sludge Lagoon









**NON-MECHANISED** 

rater

**Drying Bed** 





Note \*: Utilisation of Geo-bag method is presently under trial basis at certain areas.



#### **Fecal Sludge Treatment / Processing**

#### **Centralised Sludge Treatment Facility**

#### **Belt Press**









**MECHANISED** 

#### Centrifuge Decanter



#### **Filter Press**



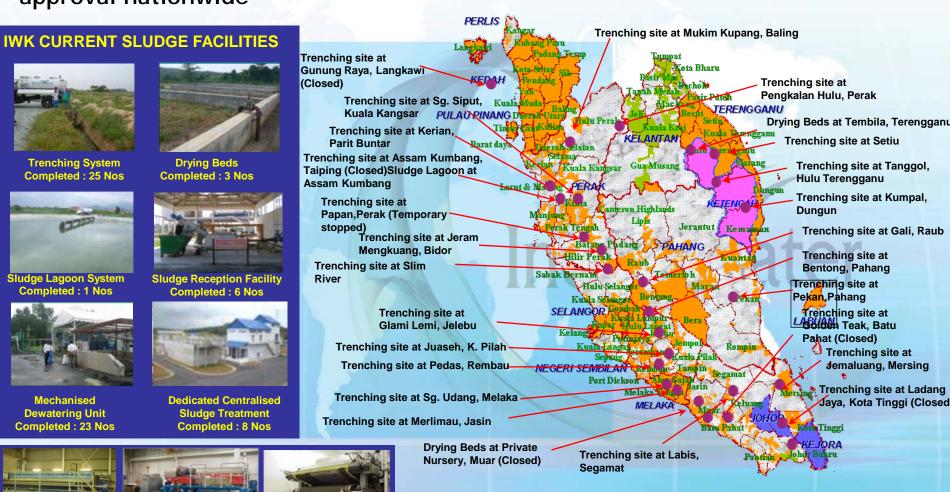
#### **Centralised Sludge Treatment Facilities**

**Filter Press** 

83 units

Belt Press 58 units

Dedicated sludge treatment facilities with Department of Environment approval nationwide





#### **Trenching System**















#### **Sludge Drying Beds – Drying Process**

















#### Sludge Drying Beds – Filter Media

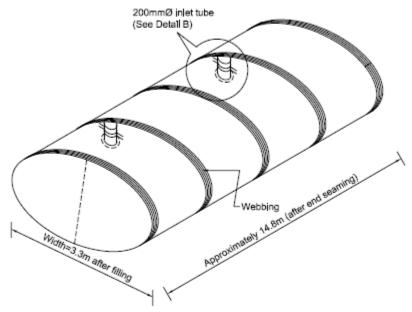




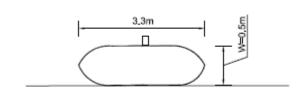


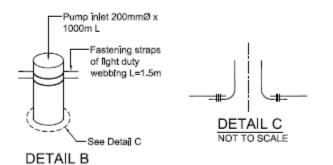


#### **Typical Geobag Features**









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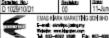
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- All dimensions are in meters unless otherwise states.
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<u>Protests</u>
Conceptual Design Proposal using Geodyke
System for Indah Water Treatment In Sg.
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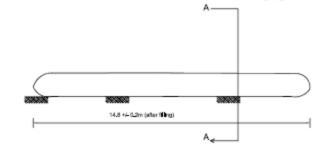
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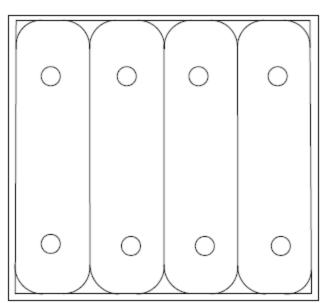


#### **Typical Geobag**



3.3m +/- 0.2m (after filling) SECTION A-A. NOT TO SCALE

GEODYKE IN ELEVATION VIEW NOT TO SCALE



DRY BED WITH DEWATERING TUBE - 4 NOS/BED. NOT TO SCALE

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Protect: Conceptual Design Proposal using Geodyke System for Indah Water Treatment Plant, Sg.

Typical Details of Geodyke.



EMAS KNARK MARKETING SCHOOL

#### **Geobag in Operation**









Day 14 at 8.30 am
Height = 0.5 meter
Condition = Half Dry



Day 8 at 8.30 am Height = 0.6 meter Condition = Wet



Day 9 at 8.30 am Height = 0.6 meter Condition = Wet

Day 7 at 6.00pm Height = 0.75 meter Condition = Wet<sup>3</sup>



#### Semi Mechanical AVC System



#### MDU Operation Sequence













#### **Centralized Sludge Treatment Facility**



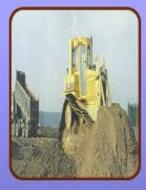


#### Fecal Sludge Management

Over the 16 years, fecal sludge handling and management in Malaysia has progressively improved to include sludge management strategies, acquiring dedicated and controlled sludge disposal sites and continuous research and development program for sludge reuse.



#### **Sludge Disposal/Reuse**



#### Sludge Disposal

- Landfill
- Incineration



#### Sludge Reuse

- Agriculture/Landscaping
- Compost/Co-compost
- Brick, Tiles
- Power Generation
- Reforestration



#### **Ultimate Sludge Disposal/Reuse Strategies**

Land application of sludge onto rubber plantation







Composting



**Land Reclamation** 

### Methods of Disposal/Reuse

- Soil Improvement
- Land Reclamation
- Composting
- Construction Material
- Fertilizer
- Landfill

Rehabilitation of exmining land.



Landfill



#### **Exploration of Green Technology**



**Sewage Treatment Plant** 

#### **Biosolids**



Calorific Value: < 3,500 kcal/kg N < 3%; P < 1%; K < 0.1% Organic Matter < 50%

- Proposed biosolids gasification to generate electricity
- 2. Biosolids composting to produce fertilizer
- 3. Biosolids enhancement to produce soil conditioner
- Biosolids application for rubber plantation

Fertilizer/Energy Value



Methane: 65 - 70% COD: < 25% N<sub>2</sub>: < 5%

Use of biogas for electricity generation at

- Jelutong STP, Penang
- Pantai STP, KL
- Bunus STP, KL

**Energy Value** 



#### **Challenges in Fecal Sludge Management**





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