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PATH LOSS AND RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR NEW ALETTA WINDFARM LAYOUT INCLUDING EMISSION CONTROL PLAN FOR THE AW125 TH100A WTG

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1. INTRODUCTION

An area, 20km east of Copperton in the Northern Cape Province, has been identified for the Aletta Windfarm Facility (Aletta) development by BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd (BioTherm). This is the second update of the initial site layout. The initial site layout had 125 turbines with a 20.9dB cumulative effect. As part of the mitigation strategy, it was reduced to 80 turbines ((19dB cumulative effect) and the new layout has 60 turbines (17.8dB cumulative effect). There has also been a slight change in location to obtain better total path loss values. With the initial layout the nearest turbine was located 20km from the nearest SKA Station, this has now been increased to 25km with the layout update.

The SKA is a stakeholder listed in the Interested and Affected parties of the EIA phase of the proposed project. In order to determine whether the planned windfarm development could have any influence on the SKA, BioTherm requested a risk evaluation of the planned development to SKA activities.

The frequency band of concern for SKA mid-band is 200MHz to 20GHz.This assessment does not consider any potential telecommunication services or networks that are to be established as part of the operational plan.

This risk assessment would enable one to estimate the maximum permissible radiated emissions from the equipment installed within the Aletta and will be compared to known radiated emission data from the Acciona WTG.

2. SCOPE

This assessment and Electromagnetic Control Plan with its associated procedures addresses mitigation actions required to reduce the radiated emissions of the AW 125 TH 100A wind turbine generator (WTG) to levels acceptable for installation within the declared Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area. The AW 125 TH 100A is the model within the AW 3000 platform that will be evaluated for this project. This Plan will be updated based on additional measurement results and design information as it becomes available.

2.1 INTENT

With reference to the letter from the South African SKA Project Office dated 14th April 2016 [3], the intent of this plan is to ensure that this facility poses a low risk of detrimental impact on the SKA by describing specific mitigation measurements to be implemented in order to achieve 40 dB of attenuation, as agreed with SKA South Africa. This plan provides general Electromagnetic Compatibility guidelines as well as specific guidelines to assist and maintain electromagnetic compatibility between the windfarm and Square Kilometer Array (SKA) facility.

This plan refers to the radiated emissions of the AW3000/125 TH100 50Hz wind turbine and it concerns itself with the goal of eliminating causes of electromagnetic interference (EMI), which can adversely affect the performance of the SKA Radio telescope.

3. REFERENCES

3.1 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

3.2 GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIAL

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- c. Electromagnetic Compatibility Principles and Applications, Second Edition, David A. Weston, Marcel Dekker Inc, 2000

4. TESTING AND QUALIFICATION

It is not intended that EMC/EMI testing will be done for every subsystem, only for subsystems that require mitigation to reduce the radiated emissions It is rather anticipated that most EMC/EMI tests will be performed on integrated system level. Where possible, units such as shielded cabinets will be tested before installation on site. The final system test will be done on site.

In order to evaluate the impact of the completed windfarm on the ambient emissions, reference measurements are to be done before construction and after construction. A separate test plan will be developed for that.

4.1 EMC INTEREST GROUP

For this project, it will be appropriate to assemble an EMC Interest group. The EMC Interest Group normally has a wide management structure. The Developer Project Manager will chair the group with at least the following as group members:

- Developers (Wind Farm owners)
- SKA Representative
- EMC Consultant
- Technology Manufacturer (Acciona Windpower)

The function of the group is to review EMC related issues and to ensure that the EMC performance is not jeopardised by any changes to production units.

4.2 PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING AND RESOLVING EMI PROBLEMS

In the event of an EMI problem being identified, the following methodology will be followed:

- a. Is the emission repeatable and consistent?
- b. Can EMI source(s), coupling path(s) and victim(s) be identified?
- c. What are possible corrective actions?
- d. Which of the proposed EMI fixes are most desirable in terms of safety, reliability, effectiveness, cost and simplicity?
- e. What effect will the proposed fixes have on the program schedule and other functional disciplines?

4.3 CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In the case of solving an EMI impact on the SKA project, a balanced approach will be required in the following general order of precedence:

- a. Personnel safety
- b. Functionality
- c. Reliability
- d. Simplicity
- e. Cost/Schedule
- f. Maintainability

5. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

5.1 BASIC INFORMATION

Figure 1: High level block diagram

5.2 TURBINE STRUCTURE & LAYOUT

The turbine configuration evaluated as part of this control plan consists of a base, a 100m concrete tower and a nacelle on top as shown in [Figure 2.](#page-9-0) For the South African projects, the transformer will be installed inside the tower inside the tower base..

Figure 2: Turbine components

5.3 TURBINE BASE

The following components are installed in the base:

- power controller cabinet
- switch cabinet
- ground converter cabinet
- power converter intercooler
- auxiliary transformer (12kV)
- power transformer (34kVA)

The base component layout is shown in [Figure 3.](#page-10-0)

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Figure 3: Base component layout

5.4 NACELLE

The nacelle is manufactured from fiber glass panels and is transparent to radio frequency signals.

The following components are installed in the nacelle

- gearbox
- generator
- ring gear
- control electronics

The gearbox and generator are connected with the drive shaft. Additional earth reference cables (bonding straps) also connect them together.

The entire nacelle rotates on a ring gear which is positioned at the top of the turbine pedestal. Communications within the nacelle between different sub-systems will be via a shielded cable and close ducting trays..

The nacelle component layout is shown in [Figure 4](#page-11-0)

Figure 4: Nacelle layout

Fig 4b: cable tray distribution in the nacelle

5.5 TOWER

The Ground Converter is connected to the Nacelle by nine power cables (rotor cables) and one control cable (generator encoder). There is also a safety system cable connection to the bottom controller.

- Power cables: Three cables per phase, each cable is 1x 300mm² Aluminum conductor, 400A max current at 690V. The external diameter 32mm max.
- Control cables: Connected from the bottom controller to the generator encoder, $4x2x0.5mm²$ shielded cable. The external diameter 12mm max.
- Safety system cable: Connected from the ground controller to Top with a14x0.5mm² shielded copper conductor. The external diameter is 14mm max.
- Earth cables: From the nacelle to the base is a $95mm^2$ aluminum earth conductor that also serves as the lightning down conductor. Keystones (tower sections) are equipotentially connected to this earth cable by 25mm² aluminum conductors. . In addition, the metallic ladder acts as an earth conductor. It is connected at every tower section to the cable trays and at the nacelle level and at the ground level connected to the foundation strips.
- At the base, all the earth cables are connected to the foundation strips, using four $95mm²$ aluminium cables.

Figure 5: Tower earth cable and connections

5.6 SITE WIDE COMMUNICATIONS

The communication among the wind turbines, the met masts and windturbines and the substation will always be through an Ethernet optical fiber network as described in INP125-A.

6. EMC REQUIREMENTS

The current requirement is a 30dB reduction in radiated emissions to ensure the cumulative emission level of a wind farm is within the requirements of SKA. This requirement is based on measurements on the Acciona AW 125 TH100A WTG at the Gouda facility in South Africa and Barosoain windfarm, Navarra, Spain. Very similar design will be used for the Copperton/ Garob facilities

7. POTENTIAL NOISE SOURCES

7.1 NACELLE

The top controller cabinet consists of two sections: Power Section as shown in [Figure 6](#page-13-0) and Control section as shown in [Figure 7.](#page-14-0)

Figure 6: Power section of the top controller cabinet

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Figure 7: Control section of the top controller cabinet

Sensors and motors in the nacelle are connected to the Top Controller Cabinet. All the contactors, plc's etc. are housed inside the Top Controller Cabinet.

Although the components that generate the interference are located inside the cabinet, it would be the interconnecting cables between the cabinet and the equipment that would form the radiating element.

7.1.1 LIGHTING

Fluorescent lights are a known broadband emission source and all lights in the at least the tower (due to the height) and in the nacelle should be LED or incandescent types.

Due to the arcing nature of strobe lights, aircraft warning light for Garob and Copperton windfarms will be LED type. The synchronization among these obstruction light will be done through GPS.

7.1.2 WIND SPEED SENSOR

The FT702LT/D50-v22-FF sensor uses a RS-485 communication link of 15m. The cable is a 3 pair twisted screened cable. The sensor complies to CISPR 22 Class B for radiated emissions.

7.2 TOWER

The tower does not have any equipment installed; however the cabling between the nacelle and base running inside the tower is considered a radiating source. Mitigation techniques will be applied. Refer to Paragraph [12.](#page-57-3)

7.3 BASE

7.3.1 Ground controller cabinet

The ground controller cabinet [\(Figure 8\)](#page-15-0) differs from the nacelle mounted top cabinet in it being a topbottom configuration rather than a side-by-side configuration.

Figure 8: Bottom control cabinet

As with the top controller, interference generated inside the controller cabinet will be radiated by the interconnecting cables. Test results currently show no additional attenuation is required. Refer to Paragraph [12.](#page-57-3)

7.3.2 Ground converter

Figure 9: Ground converter cabinet

The ground converter is the most likely main interfering source as high dV/dT and dI/dT signals are generated.

7.3.3 Other Base Equipment

Other base installed equipment such as the auxiliary transformer, switching cabinets etc is seen as low risk equipment as they are in a static switched position.

Regarding the elevator, there isn't a PLC. The contactors and switches are installed inside the elevator control cabinet at the ground level..

8. DESIGN FEATURES

The emphasis is not on redesigning a special turbine configuration, but rather to improve and control the installation. Items identified as EMC emitters and therefore being a risk for the SKA will be analysed independently and mitigation measures will be applied.

Figure 10: Port definition

[Figure 10](#page-17-0) shows how ports can be defined for leaking electromagnetic interference based on a six port scenario. Mitigation measures for the critical components will be evaluated on the general six port model.

8.1 ELECTRICAL DESIGN

The approach to EMC during installation will be to control radiated emissions by reducing noise source levels where practical and to reduce propagation efficiency. It is however not envisaged that there will be control over low level circuit design as the components used are commercial off the shelf units.

Rotor currents are sinusoidal. The frequency of the fundamental is variable and depends on the turbine rotation speed. For 50Hz turbines, the revolution range will be between 700rpm to 1200rpm (rated speed can be 1100rpm or 1200rpm, depending on the turbine type)

At 700rpm, the rotor current amplitude is low and fundamental frequency is about 15Hz.

At 1000rpm (synchronism), rotor current amplitude is near to zero and fundamental frequency is also zero.

At 1100rpm/1200rpm rotor currents are close to maximum levels and fundamental frequency is 5Hz to 10Hz.

The rotor currents will have harmonic content at the rotor side converter with a fundamental frequency, of 2kHz for the GHAC0039 model and 2.75kHz for PT0085 model.

8.1.1 Nacelle equipment

- All analog signals (sensors, emergency and DC power), CAN bus and digital signals are routed via shielded looms and shielded cables.
- 50Hz sinewave signals are routed via unshielded cables.
- Soft start is implemented for Yaw motors
- All the contactors have a snubber circuit for switching transients. The hydraulic pump motor is the biggest in the nacelle

8.1.2 Base equipment

• The Controller and Converter are fitted with filters.

8.2 WIRING DESIGN

As the site wiring is most likely responsible for emitting interference signals careful consideration should be given to the types of wire and installation methodology.

8.2.1 Nacelle cable groups

The cable grouping of the nacelle is shown below in [Figure 11.](#page-18-0)

Figure 11: Nacelle cable grouping

8.2.2 Tower Cable grouping

The cables between the base and nacelle are grouped as shown in [Figure 12.](#page-19-0)

Figure 12: Tower cable grouping

8.2.3 Base cable grouping

The cables in the base are as shown in [Figure 13.](#page-19-1)

Figure 13: Tower base cabling

8.2.4 General cable practices

- a. All internal screens should be terminated at both the source end and load end to minimize antenna effects.
- b. Internal screens should be terminated to the external cable bundle screen by means of a knitted wire and clamp configuration or any similar technique that will ensure a maximum contact resistance of 25mΩ.
- c. Pigtail connections shall not be allowed.
- d. All external screens shall be terminated 360° with regard to connector back shells.
- e. Cable groupings should be in a grounded cable tray cables should be routed low down in the tray, preferably in the corners. The height to width ratio of the trays should be at least 2:1 (ie. higher rather than wider). Special care must be taken to ensure that earthing and terminations are appropriately done..
- f. When conductors of more than one category are routed through a single connector, the conductors shall be separated and routed by category as soon as possible after exiting the connector.
- g. Wires of different categories will be segregated to maximum extent possible within the constraints imposed upon packaging and interface cable design.

8.3 ELECTRICAL GROUNDING

Equipotential bonding of the nacelle equipment and hub is achieved by means of the nacelle main frame, hub, low speed shaft bearings and also through the gearbox case .Dedicated bonding conductors are used to bond the various components to the nacelle main frame.

The nacelle is bonded to the base and the foundation earth system by a conductor of $95mm^2$ minimum.

A single line earth diagram with lightning protection zoning is shown in [Figure 14](#page-22-0) and the foundation equipotential diagram is shown in [Figure 15.](#page-23-0)

The grounding system is currently designed for lightning protection and safety. Radio frequency bonding properties are enhanced by creating parallel paths to lower the inductance. The ladder is an example of such a parallel path. Is not foreseen that more parallel connections between the nacelle and the base would be required.

8.4 BONDING

The purpose of electrical bonding is to provide structural homogeneity with respect to the flow of electrical currents, including high frequency currents for proper operation of filters, fault current paths and prevents or safely discharges static charges. Electrical bonding prevents the development of electrical potentials between shield terminations, connectors and metallic enclosures to prevent personnel shock.

8.4.1 Bonding Classes

Electrical bonds are classified according to the purpose of the bond. There may be more than one purpose for bonding a specific interface, and the bond shall meet the requirements of each applicable class. The applicable classes for this project are:

- a. Class H (Shock Hazard)
- b. Class R (Radio Frequency)
- c. Class L (Lightning)

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Table 1 Summary of Electrical Bonding Classes

The following design criteria will be followed:

- a. Bonding will be designed into the system. Specific attention will be directed to the interconnections between conductors and between structural members.
- b. Metal surfaces allocated for bonding, will be controlled for flatness surface finish and cleanliness.
- c. Insofar possible, bonds will be made between similar metals. When different metals are to be bonded, the materials will be selected for maximum galvanic compatibility.
- d. Protection of the bond from moisture and other corrosive elements will be recommended
- e. Bonds should be installed in accessible locations for inspections, tests and maintenance.

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Figure 14: Equipotential system and lightning protection zones

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Figure 15: Foundation earth equipotential diagram

9. CURRENT MECHANICAL DESIGN

9.1 ENCLOSURE MATERIALS

Table 2: Converter enclosure mechanical details

Table 3: Top enclosure mechanical detail

9.2 SHIELDING

The enclosures will perform a critical function with regard to shielding from EMI, both for radiation and susceptibility. The design goal for the different enclosure's shielding effectiveness for electric field radiation should be a minimum of 30dB from 30MHz to 3GHz. The shielding effectiveness of the enclosures should be maximized using the following principles.

- a. Mechanical discontinuities will be kept to a minimum.
- b. All necessary mechanical discontinuities will be electrically continuous using conductive gaskets. The gasket material should at least have an electric field attenuation of 30dB minimum between 30MHz and 10GHz.
- c. The wave-guide below cut-off (WGBCO) principle will be applied for all drain holes.
- d. The wave-guide below cut-off (WGBCO) principle will be applied for applicable apertures such as cooling vents etc where needed.
- e. Provisions will be made to control surface flatness to ensure constant and uniformly distributed contact pressure across metal-to-metal bonded joints.
- f. Unused apertures will be galvanically sealed appropriately.

10. EMC ANALYSIS

As a working system is available for measurements, actual values are to be used during further analyses rather than a theoretic analysis. Measurements were taken at the Barasoain windfarm (Spain) and Gouda Windfarm (South Africa).

10.1 SITE LOCATION

10.1.1 Area Map

Picture 1: Area map showing Aletta locations relative to SKA

Three WTG locations (WTG 1, WTG 25 and WTG 31) and four SKA installations were used for the evaluation.

10.1.2 Local Map

10.1.3 Distance Table

Table 4: New Aletta layout distance from SKA infrastructure

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10.1.4 Elevation Maps

Figure 16: WTG 1 to SKA ID 1895

Figure 17: WTG 31 to SKA ID 1890

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Figure 18: WTG 31 to SKA 004

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Figure 19: WTG 31 to SKA 2348

Figure 20: WTG 31 to the MeerKAT Core

10.2 PATH LOSS CALCULATIONS

The path loss was calculated using the parameters as specified in [Table 5: Path loss input data.](#page-33-0)

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Table 5: Path loss input data

Graph 1: WTG 1 (100m height) to SKA 004 Path Loss Calculation result

Graph 2: WTG 1 (2m) to SKA 004 Path Loss Calculation result

[Graph 1](#page-33-1) and [Graph 2](#page-33-2) shows worst case path loss calculations for the nacelle equipment emissions at 100m hub height and for base equipment at a 2m height. Although not the worst case, these values were used for the analysis as they are within 6dB of the WTG 1 to SKA ID 1895 values. SKA 004 is however a SKA 1 installation and SKA ID 1895 is a SKA 2 installation.

SPLAT! (Signal Propagation, Loss And Terrain) analysis was used to calculate the ITM path loss values. SPLAT! Is based on the Longley –Rice Irregular Terrain Model and Irregular Terrain With Obstruction Model. The digital elevation model resolution data used was 3-arc –seconds.

The ITU 1546-4 was calculated with Monte Carlo based ITU 1546-4 path loss software to obtain a minimum and maximum path loss values.

A factor of 10 log_{10} N where N = the number of turbines to account for cumulative emissions is normally account for.

10.3 SIGNAL LIST

Following are the WTG Signal lists. Not all signals are considered critical and not all signals will therefore be analyzed or measured.

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10.3.1 Base to Nacelle

RESTRICTED

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Table 6: Base to Nacelle signal list

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10.3.2 Base Signals

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Table 7: Base signals

10.3.3 Nacelle Signals

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Table 8: Nacelle signals

11. EMISSION ANALYSIS

Test were done in Gouda windfarm (South Africa) from the 18th to 20th August 2015 and again on the 4th and 5th of March 2016 and from the 16th-19th of May 2016 in Barasoain windfarm (Spain)

11.1 RADIATED EMISSIONS

The CISPR 22 Class B limit line adjusted to the requirement at 1m will be 50dBµV/m below 230MHz and 57dBµV/m above 230MHz.

11.1.1 Converter Cabinet

Picture 3: PT0085 Converter cabinet measurements

The converter cabinet can be divided into three major blocks, Grid Cell, Converter Cell and Machine Cell.

Graph 3: PT0085 Converter with ambient algorithm (Horizontal)

The following algorithm was used to represent the horizontally polarized radiated emissions from the PT0085 converter as shown in [Graph 3.](#page-46-0) The vertically polarized radiated emissions are shown in [Graph](#page-47-0) [4.](#page-47-0)

If radiated emissions machine side > radiated emissions grid, then plot machine; else plot grid. If (radiated emissions – ambient) < 3dB then plot 0; else plot radiated emissions.

There is a 30dB to 40dB increase in the ambient emissions when the converter is switched on. Although the conducted emissions indicated little emissions above 200MHz, the radiated emission results indicates emissions at frequencies into the GHz range.

Graph 4: PT0085 Converter with ambient algorithm (Vertical)

11.1.2 Top Controller (Measurement distance = 1m)

The top control cabinet can be divided in two segments, ie. the power side and the control side. Comparing the results in Report (NIE) 49577REM.001 for the power and control side it is shown that the control side emissions were worst case. (Graphs 29 to 34 of Report (NIE) 49577REM.001).

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Graph 5: Top Controller (Horizontal @ 1m)

Graph 6: Top controller (Vertical @1m)

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11.1.3 Bottom Controller (Measurement distance = 1m)

Picture 5: Bottom Controller

The Bottom Control Cabinet is an upright configuration and not side by side as the Top Control Cabinet configuration.

Graph 7: Bottom Controller (Horizontal @1m)

Graph 8: Bottom Controller (Vertical @ 1m)

11.2 CONDUCTED EMISSIONS

Critical cables were measured in an installation to characterize the emissions and to determine the likelihood of the cable acting as a radiator.

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As a rule of thumb, a common mode current value of 14dBµA can potentially cause radiated emissions in excess of 37dBµV/m (CISPR Class B radiated emission limit at 10m distance). This will only be valid for cables in free space and when the cable has resonant properties at a given frequency.

Figure 21: Conducted emission test locations

11.2.1 Converter

The converter was previously identified as a significant risk due to the following:

- i. High dV and dI values
ii. Cable connection from
- ii. Cable connection from converter in the base to the rotor in the nacelle
iii. Unshielded cable used between the converter (base) and rotor (nacelle
- Unshielded cable used between the converter (base) and rotor (nacelle)

Graph 9: Rotor cable measured in the base between converter in the base and rotor in nacelle

Graph 10: Rotor cable measured in the nacelle between converter in the base and rotor in nacelle

From [Graph 9](#page-52-0) and [Graph 10,](#page-52-1) it is evident that the converter to rotor cable emissions is below 15dBµA in the higher frequency range.

When comparing the two graphs, the effect of cable length (inductance) on the signal is clear.

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The spectrum envelope in [Graph 9](#page-52-0) is typical of a periodic signal. This was expected and is a function of the converter switching frequency of 2.75 kHz and cable properties. The amplitude decay is however more than 40dB/decade, indicating that the rise time of the signal is more than 6.3nS.

Graph 11: Converter cable between the converter and auxiliary transformer measured in base

[Graph 11](#page-53-0) shows emissions on the transformer side of the converter. This confirms that conducted emissions from the converter are relative low in frequency. Although high in amplitude, this cable is inside the base with added path loss due to proximity to the ground.

11.2.2 Stator

The stator cables run from the bottom control cabinet in the base to the stator in the nacelle. The emissions from stator cables in the nacelle [\(Graph 12\)](#page-54-0) are less than the rotor cables [\(Graph 10\)](#page-52-1). The stator cables are currently shielded.

Graph 12: Stator cable in nacelle between bottom control cabinet in base and stator in nacelle

Graph 13: Stator cable in base between bottom control cabinet in base and stator in nacelle

As the signal amplitudes are higher in the nacelle [\(Graph 12\)](#page-54-0) than in the base [\(Graph 13\)](#page-54-1), the conclusion would be that the source of the emissions is in the nacelle.

11.2.3 Encoder signal cable

The encoder signal cable runs between the generator and converter. It is a shielded cable and the common mode currents on the shield were measured.

Graph 14: Encoder cable in the nacelle

Graph 15: Encoder cable in the base

A significantly denser spectrum was measured in the base [\(Graph 15\)](#page-55-0) than in the nacelle [\(Graph 14\)](#page-55-1). It would therefore be fair to assume that the source is in the converter cabinet in the base.

11.2.4 CAN Bus (Nacelle)

The CAN bus is also a shielded cable and carries the different sensor data, such as the electro valves, pitch position sensor etc. in the nacelle.

Graph 16: CAN Bus in the nacelle

The profile of the emissions below 60MHz is similar to the shielded encoder cable [\(Graph 14\)](#page-55-1) in the nacelle. Site conditions limited the number of tests and investigations that could be done.

11.3 TOWER SHIELDING EFFECTIVENESS

The minimum shielding effectiveness of the tower was found to be 5.2dB at the door. The electrical contact between the door and door frame can be improved to increase this figure, but the 5.85dB of the concrete will still be the limiting factor.

Table 9: Shielding effectiveness – Vertical Polarization

Table 10: Shielding effectiveness – Horizontal Polarization

The shielding effectiveness values will be used as input to the Risk Matrix.

12. MITIGATION

Although site measurements were done, there is always the risk of interference signals (A) being masked by a higher amplitude interference signal (B). Signal A will then only become apparent once signal B has being mitigated.

As the wind turbine generator and control equipment is a matured design, mitigation will be limited to noninvasive techniques.

12.1 CONCLUSIONS

As mitigation techniques are source and coupling path specific, tests were be done on a current WTG to confirm the suspected noise sources.

The results indicated shielding required at frequencies in the FM Radio band as well as other controlled frequency bands, especially in the nacelle area.

Table 11: Bottom Equipment shielding requirement parameters

Table 12: Nacelle Equipment shielding requirement parameters

The only difference between [Table 11](#page-57-1) and [Table 12](#page-57-2) is the transmitter height. The Aletta WTG 1 was chosen as the transmitter site as at 46.52km from SKA 004 it is the closest to the SKA 1 infrastructure.

12.1.1 Converter Cabinet

The converter cabinet is in the base of tower. The 6dB to 10dB shielding provided by the concrete tower is currently not included in the results.

The shielding required is calculated based in the information in [Table 11.](#page-57-1)

Graph 17: Converter Cabinet Attenuation required

Test results obtained at the current installation including a 10dB safety margin [\(Graph 17\)](#page-58-0) shows no additional attenuation is required. Adding a 17.8dB requirement to accommodate cumulative effect highlighted a few frequencies that will require additional attenuation as shown in [Graph 18.](#page-59-0) Further analysis of the frequencies above the 0dB line in [Graph 17](#page-58-0) proved that they are ambient frequencies in the FM, TV and cell phone band The shielding effectiveness of the concrete tower [\(Table 9](#page-56-0) and [Table 10\)](#page-57-0) was not taken into account. No additional shielding of the bottom converter cabinet would therefore be required.

Graph 18: Converter Cabinet Attenuation required including cumulative effect

12.1.2 Bottom Control Cabinet

The calculated shielding required for the Bottom Control Cabinet was based on the data as shown in [Table 11.](#page-57-1) The 6dB to 10dB shielding provided by the concrete tower is currently not included in the results.

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Graph 19: Bottom Control Cabinet Attenuation required

Test results obtained at the current installation including a 10dB safety margin [\(Graph 19\)](#page-60-0) shows that no additional attenuation is required. Adding a 17.8dB requirement to accommodate cumulative effect [\(Graph 20\)](#page-61-0), highlighted the frequencies that will require additional attenuation of 12dB maximum excluding the FM radio frequencies. Further analysis of these signals proved that they are ambient signals from intentional transmitters. No additional shielding of the bottom control cabinet would therefore be required..

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12.1.3 Top Control Cabinet

The Top Control Cabinet is mounted in the nacelle. The calculated shielding required for the Top Control Cabinet was based on the data as shown in [Table 12.](#page-57-2)

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Graph 21: Top Control Cabinet Attenuation required

Graph 22: Top Control Cabinet mitigation required including cumulative effect

When taking cumulative effect into consideration, a significant amount of shielding is required. This is the combined effect of the cables entering and exiting the Top Control Cabinet and equipment mounted in the cabinet.

Further analysis of the highest peaks of [Graph 22](#page-62-0) revealed that they can be attributed to FM radio stations, TV and GSM intentional transmitters. However, not all signals that require attenuation could be attributed to intentional transmitters.

Given that the nacelle houses different equipment in a confined space and the difficulty in performing tests in the nacelle while the system is operational mitigation should include shielded cabinets, shielded cable trays and the use of absorptive cable sleeves.

Laboratory tests will be done to narrow down the source possibilities.

12.2 MITIGATION PRINCIPLES

The mitigation principles are shown in [Table 13.](#page-63-0)

Table 13: Mitigation Principles

12.3 REQUIRED MITIGATIONS MEASURES

12.3.1 SHIELDING OF BASE TO NACELLE CABLES

- Aluminium (fixed) and copper (flexible) rotor cables will be replaced by shielded cables
- Shields connected to earth.
- Termination on gland plate.

12.3.2 ABSORPTION OF COMMON MODE CURRENTS

- Absorption of common mode currents
- Ferrites will be installed in the cables going out from the Top controller cabinet and from the ground controller. The number and location to be defined in further updates of the control plan on completion of the controller cabinet tests.

12.3.3 NACELLE CABLE INSTALLATION

- Ethernet cable will be replaced by CAT7 cables.
- All cable trays will be metallic and of a closed type.
- The rest of the cables will be shielded and the shield will be correctly connected to earth.

12.3.4 TOP CONTROLLER ENCLOSURE

• The top controller cabinet will be redesigned. The current design does not have an EMI gasket and does not provide contact surfaces to retrofit with a conductive gasket. The emissions from the top controller cabinet will be mitigated as shown in the action plan of **Error! Reference source not found.**. The objective is to reduce the emissions from the current configuration with 40dB. The new shielded enclosure will be tested using the IEEE 299 as guideline

12.3.4.1 TOP CONTROLLER MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

Figure 22: Top Controller Mitigation Action Plan

[Figure 22](#page-64-0) summarizes the top controller mitigation action plan. The current top controller will be tested in an accredited EMC Test laboratory to confirm the extend of mitigation required. Mitigation measures will then be applied and the effectiveness will be confirmed in the laboratory.

12.4 LIGHTING

Fluorescent lights in the tower and nacelle will be replace by LED By implementing the suggested mitigation measures, the impact on the SKA project will be reduced. Where possible, the mitigation measures will be verified by means of laboratory tests.

To prevent an impact on the SKA Project, Biotherm Energy has reviewed the facility lay-out to increase the distance from the closest turbine to the closest SKA infrastructure from 20km to 25km. The number of turbines has also been reduced from the initial 125 turbines to 60 turbines.

12.5 TESTS AT THE NEW SITE

To verify overall windfarm emissions, ambient measurements should be done at the new site before construction starts. Tests points should be carefully selected based on test equipment sensitivity with the objective to observe the increase in ambient emissions as construction progresses.

12.6 FINAL SITE TESTS

Final site tests will be done on completion of the project and results should be compared to results in Par [11](#page-46-1) to proof the effectiveness of the mitigation techniques applied to the turbine.

Although not anticipated, proper mitigation measures on identified emitters will be studied and implemented if final test shows emissions exceeding the SKA threshold.

13. APPENDIX A: EXAMPLE OF MITIGATION PRODUCTS

13.1 ENCLOSED METAL WIRING DUCT WITH DUCT COVER

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13.2 SHIELDED FLEXIBLE CONDUIT

Shielded conduit provides exceptional shielding effectiveness from electromagnetic and radio frequency interference (EMI/RFI). Use it to protect sensitive electronic circuits from outside noise in such applications as communications, radar and data transmission. But shielded conduit doesn't just keep interference out; it also keeps emissions in, which is vital to meeting European CE standards - an important issue for OEMs.

Shield-Flex shields sensitive equipment and circuits from EMI/RFI emissions; both ingress and egress. Connector assemblies include a grounding ferrule that contacts the connector body, producing a direct shieldto-drain (ground) simply by tightening the connector. It's flexibility and simple assembly means it takes less time to install. It uses off-the-shelf (OTS) connectors that are less expensive than high-end, mil spec shielded conduit that require costly custom fittings.

Markets For Shield-Flex:

Medical Military Industrial Government/Defense Gommercial Telecommunications Aerospace Public Transit Utilities

SHIELD-FLEX represents a line of three shielded conduits, SLA, EMS and EMCS. It is designed to protect sensitive electronic circuits from electromagnetic and radio frequency interference (EMI/RFI).

Shield-Flex, SLA, EMS, EMCS, HFSLA, HFEMS and HFEMCS are trademarks of Electri-Flex Company, registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This series of shielding conduits consists of three configurations: Type SLA, Type EMS, and Type EMCS.

conduit's internal metallic material with the With three levels of effectiveness to choose from, Shield-Flex can meet your needs.

• Good Shielding:

Type SLA is identical to standard UL listed liquidtight flexible steel conduit, but is augmented with a tinned copper shielding braid located over the inner steel core and under its protective PVC jacket. It has a working temperature range of -4°F to 140°F (-20°C to 60°C) and the shielding braid offers a minimum of 90% shielding coverage.

• Better Shielding:

Type EMS offers a better shielding effectiveness than Type SLA and has a working temperature range of -67°F to 221°F (-55°C to 105°C). Type EMS has an inner core made from a fully interlocked bronze strip and does not contain a braided shield. An alltemperature PVC jacket is extruded over the core, resulting in a sealed, waterproof raceway when assembled with liquidtight fittings.

• **BEST Shielding:**

Type EMCS is a hybrid of SLA and EMS because it utilizes the same bronze core and PVC jacket as EMS but gets further screening protection from a tinned copper braid as found in the SLA

product. Type EMCS offers the same working temperatures as EMS.

Halogen-Free (HF) Series: For a low-smoke, low-flame spread, zero-halogen version, ask for HFSLA, HFEMS, or HFEMCS. It's ideal for field installation in confined, public areas such as subways, tunnels, etc. The jacketing material virtually eliminates the release of acidic gases found in PVC products.

The graph below depicts a general comparative shielding effectiveness (attenuation in dBs) of all three types of SHIELD-FLEX conduit. The dotted line indicates a comparison to standard

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EMES

EMS

5LA

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13.3 CABLE SHIELDING

13.4 HIGH FREQUENCY FERRITE

(Wurth 742716 22)

STAR-GAP Snap Ferrite for RF applications

Characteristics

Applications Design Kits

· Worldwide first split case ferrite with "defined air-gap" (patented)

- » Especially helpful for EMI problems in frequency range of 100 MHz up to 2.5 GHz
- Data signals up to 100 MHz will not be effected
- · Best performance (impedance) especially with 2 windings
- Low magnetic saturation of the material in cases of high DC current applications which therefore gives a low reduction of impedance
- · Pre-fixing and cable protection system is time saving and makes it easier to assemble
- · Classification of the plastic case: UL94-V0
- Operating temperature: 25 °C to +105 °C

