

ACOUSTIC REPORT

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**New York University
4 to 6 Bedford Square
London**

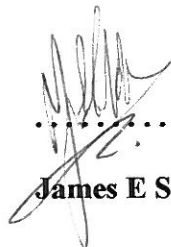
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FORWARD

As part of the refurbishment of the premises new air conditioning equipment is to be located on the roof of the premises. An acoustic survey and report is therefore required to establish compliance or otherwise with the planning requirements of the local council for this area.

Conabeare Acoustics Limited has been commissioned to undertake an Environmental Sound Survey at the roof level of the premises. The results of the survey will establish the Background Sound Level to enable checks to be made on the mechanical services plant in order that they comply with planning requirements.

SUMMARY

The lowest measured Background Sound Levels $L_{A90.15MIN}$ were as follows:

$L_{A90.15MIN}$	49.4dB(A) between 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours (Day Time)
$L_{A90.15MIN}$	48.3dB(A) between 19:00 hours to 00:00 hours (Evening)
$L_{A90.15MIN}$	46.3dB(A) between 00:00 hours to 07:00 hours (Night Time)

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1. Author

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2. Client

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3. Introduction

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An Environmental Sound Survey has been carried out to establish the existing Background Sound Levels. The results of the Environmental Sound Survey are used as a datum so that acoustic calculations can be undertaken to determine the likely impact of the plant on the nearest sound sensitive locations.

4. Noise Principles

The Environmental Sound Survey has been carried out in accordance with the principles of BS7445-1 (2003) to establish the existing Background Sound Levels. The Background Sound Level measured is in terms of A-weighted sound pressure level L_{A90} with a time interval of 15 minutes.

5. The Site

The property is located at 4 to 6 Bedford Square, an area of mixed commercial and residential properties. The new mechanical services plant is to be located on the roof, with two options as to its proposed location. The general ambient noise level is expected to consist primarily of local traffic noise traveling along Bedford Square.

6. Measurement Methodology

A SVAN 949 (Precision) Environmental Sound Level Analyser, fitted with an Electret Microphone, was set up on the roof of number 4 Bedford Square, with the microphone positioned as illustrated on the attached location plan.

The survey was carried out from 08:59 hours on Tuesday 14th September 2010, up until 09:29 hours on Wednesday 15th September 2010.

The Analyser was programmed to produce the following indices:

$L_{Aeq,15min}$, $L_{A90,15min}$, $L_{A10,15min}$

Attached for your reference is a Glossary of these terms.

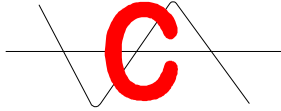
The analyser was checked for calibration before the survey commenced and at the end of survey with a CEL 284/2 Class 1 calibrator with no measurable deviation.

The weather was generally dry and warm, with partly cloudy skies.

Having reviewed the results of our survey, it is our opinion that the weather experienced over the survey period has not had any detrimental effect on the lowest recorded readings and therefore on our recommendations.

7. Planning Noise Requirements

The Planning noise requirement of this area usually states, that any proposed plant should be at least 10dBA below the Background Sound level (L_{A90}) measured at 1 metre from the nearest effected residential property. Allowance should also be made for any tonal noise emanating from the proposed units.



8. Assessment

The objective of any specification limiting sound should be to ensure that sound emissions from the proposed plant should not materially add to the existing ambient noise climate when measured 1m from the nearest effected property window.

The level at which the target should be set is normally specified by the planning authority in their planning consent conditions.

In the absence of any such specification, we would recommend setting a limit on the proposed plant sound level as follows, with the proviso that any sound produced by this plant must be quite free of any audibly evident, tonality or similar characteristics.

The lowest measured Background Sound Levels $L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$ were as follows:

$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	49.4dB(A) between 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours (Day Time)
$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	48.3dB(A) between 19:00 hours to 00:00 hours (Evening)
$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	46.3dB(A) between 00:00 hours to 07:00 hours (Night Time)

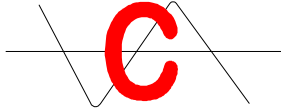
The current design policy of council planners is that noise produced by mechanical plant should be at least 10dB(A) below the background sound level at the nearest sound sensitive window. The combined sound level of all new plant when measured at the closest residential window should therefore not exceed:

$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	39dB(A) between 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours (Day Time)
$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	38dB(A) between 19:00 hours to 00:00 hours (Evening)
$L_{A90.15\text{MIN}}$	36dB(A) between 00:00 hours to 07:00 hours (Night Time)

The above limits should be achieved with all plant operating normally, any plant exhibiting characteristics which are tonal or intermittent in nature should be designed to criteria 5dB(A) more stringent than those levels shown above. Allowances should also be made for the additional effect of multiple noise sources. From the frequency analysis the plant does not exhibit any distinct tonal characteristics and so the additional 5dB(A) penalty is not required.

For the purposes of this report we have assumed the proposed plant may have the opportunity to operate 24hours a day. We would therefore recommend that the proposed equipment is designed to achieve a level of 36dB(A) at the nearest residential window.

NB. If the plant only operates 07:00 to 19:00hours then the target changes to 39dB(A)



From the information provided to us, and following our survey, we have established the nearest sound sensitive locations as follows:

On the roof of number 6 Bedford Square is the proposed location of the plant. The nearest sound sensitive residential windows to the proposed plant location would be those on the top floor of number 7 Bedford Square – a roof light adjacent to the boundary wall. This roof light is estimated to be at a distance of 15m away from the plant and this location is referenced as Assessment Location A.

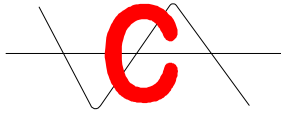
For Assessment Location A, we have illustrated on the following calculation sheet that at 1 metre from the façade the Specific Sound Level would be 36dB(A). This figure matches the proposed 24hour design target of 36dB(A) and should therefore meet the planning requirements of the local authority.

As previously mentioned, if the plant only operates 07:00 to 19:00hours then the design target would be 39dB(A). Should this be the case then the Specific Sound Level of 36dB(A) would clearly be 3dB(A) below this design target.

In our opinion the above would generally be acceptable to the local authority for this area, but all design targets should as a matter of course should be verified with the local Environmental Health or Planning Departments.

9. Sound Level Measurements

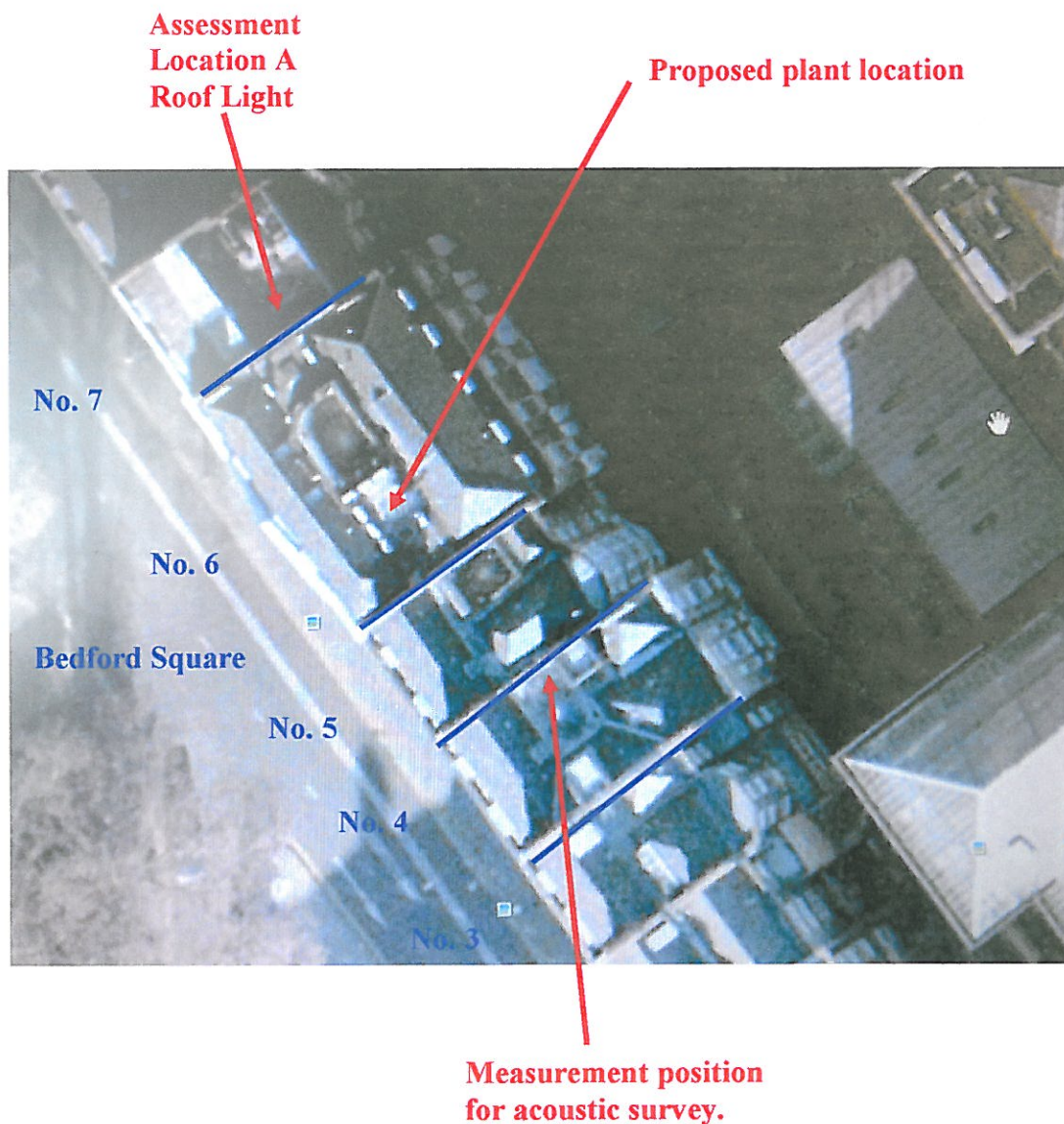
The statistical readings obtained during the survey are attached to this report and are presented in both graphical and tabular form.



10. Glossary of Terms

L_{A90}	The sound pressure level in dB(A) which is exceeded for 90% of the time and is taken to be the effective lowest background sound level for the period by such methods of sound rating as that recommended in British Standard 4142. It will also be used as a basis for selecting limiting sound levels from new plant by Local Planning Authorities when setting Planning Consent Conditions.
L_{eq}	The “equivalent continuous sound level” for the measuring period, defined as the level in dB(A) which, if held constant over the measuring period, would produce the same amount of sound energy as does the actual varying ambient sound level. It is a measure of the amount of sound energy affecting the site from sources other than new plant or operations.
L_{A10}	The sound level exceeded for 10% of the time over the sample period. Originally used as a measure of subjective reaction to traffic noise in particular, it can also be taken as an indication of the practical maximum sound level that the building envelope will have to protect against.
dB(A)	Describes measured on a sound level meter incorporating a frequency weighting (A weighting) which differentiates between sounds of different frequency (pitch) in a similar way to the human ear. Measurements in dB(A) broadly agree with people’s assessment of loudness. A change of 3dB(A) is the minimum perceptible under normal conditions, and a change of 10dB(A) corresponds roughly to halving or doubling the loudness of a sound.

11. Location Plan



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CONABEARE ACOUSTICS LTD CALCULATION SHEET - One

CLIENT: Callisia	PROJECT: 6 Bedford Square, London								
	DATE: 6th July 2011								
Roof Top Plant Location	Conabeare Acoustics ref: CS7055								
Assumed to be 24hour operation	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								
Description	63	125	250	500	1K	2K	4K	8K	dB(A)
LOCATION 'A' ASSESSMENT									
Daikin REYQ16P8 Lp @ 1m	67	64	63	60	59	54	46	43	63
Three additional identical units	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Combined Total	73	70	69	66	65	60	52	49	69
Surface Reflections One	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Screening via building delta = 0.44	-9	-10	-12	-14	-17	-19	-20	-20	
Additional Distance 1to15m to nearest window	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	
Façade Correction	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Lp @1m from receivers façade without acoustic treatment	46	42	39	34	30	23	14	11	36
Acoustic treatment None	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Resultant Lp @1m from receivers façade with acoustic treatment	46	42	39	34	30	23	14	11	36

Design Target = 36

Notes

Calculations are to the nearest top floor residential windows of the adjacent property (no. 7)

No allowance has been made for any noise/vibration transfer through floor/structure

Vibration isolation will be required for the new plant

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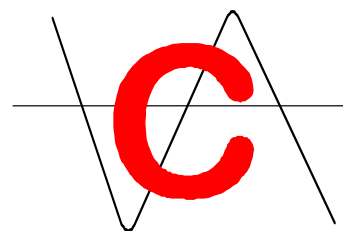
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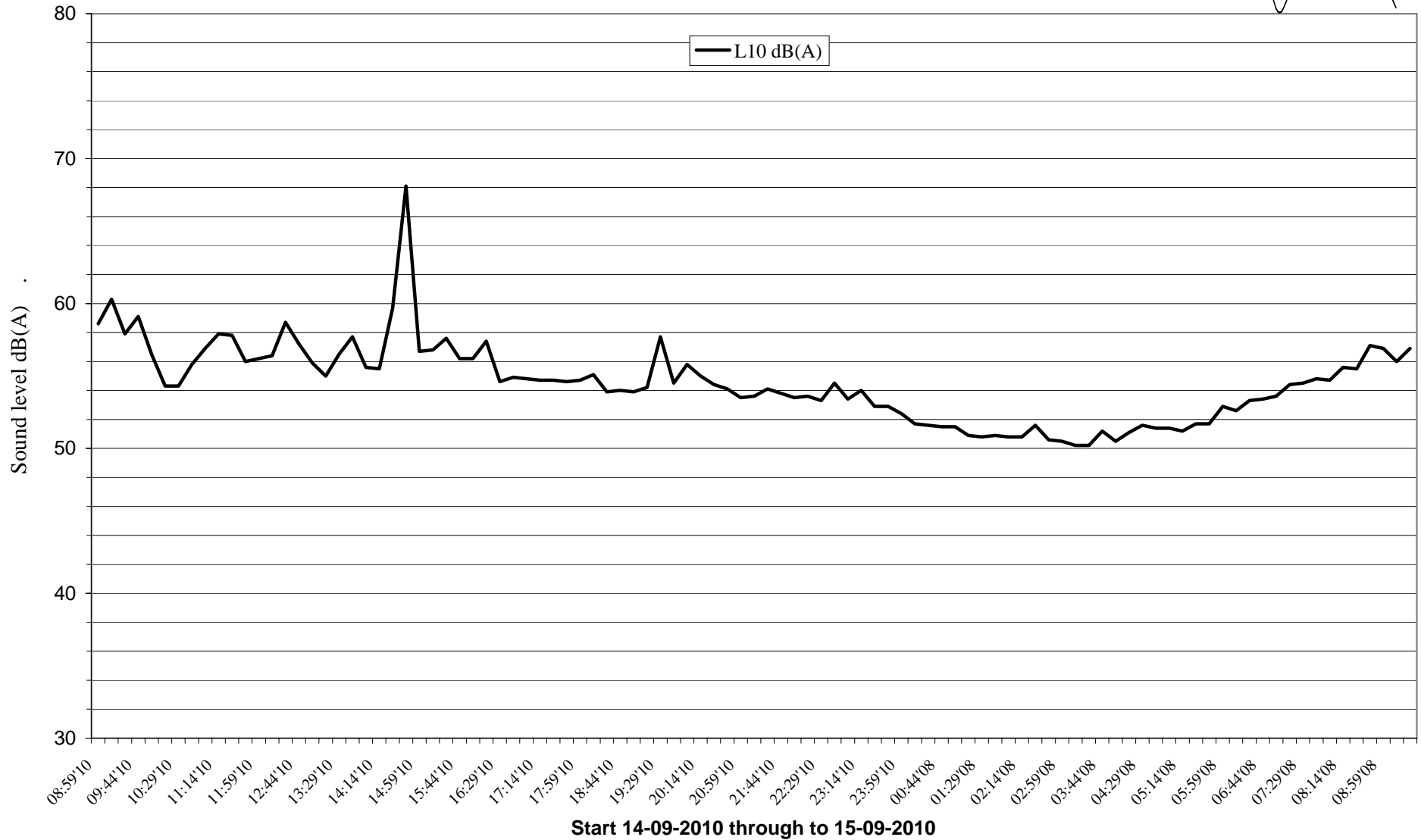
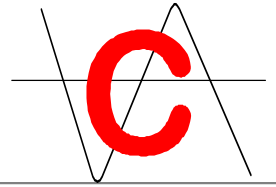


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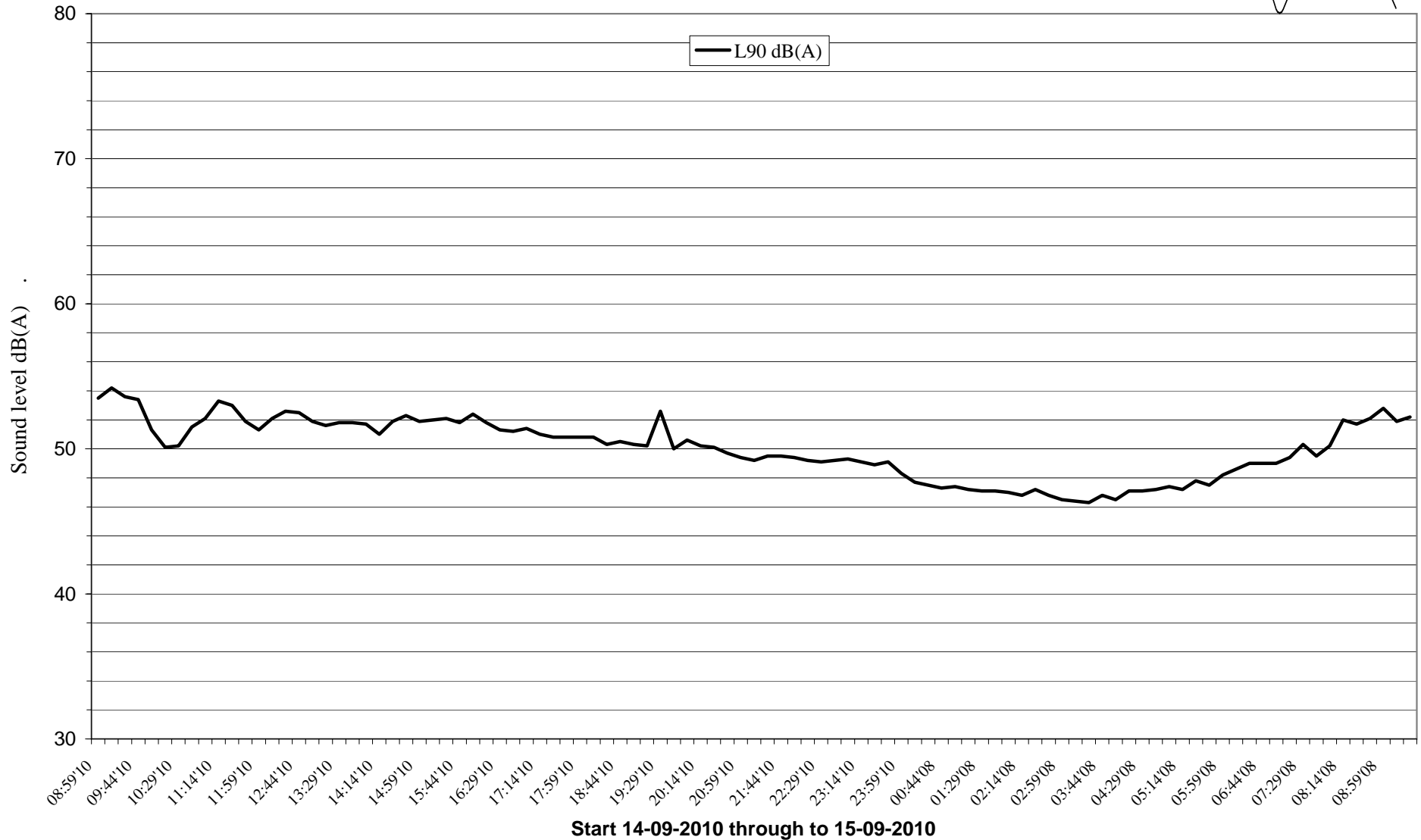
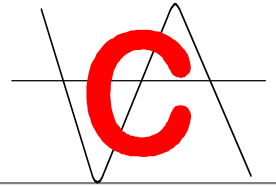
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