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# Engineering Report

D & R White

**On-Site Wastewater Disposal** 

at

Lot 10 DP 2219 Ruakaka Bay Queen Charlotte Sound

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 D & R White are constructing a proposed residential dwelling on their property situated at Lot 10, DP 2219, Ruakaka Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound. It is understood that the dwelling will comprise three buildings: the living tent, the sleeping tent, and the outhouse.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present the results of site investigations carried out in relation to onsite wastewater treatment and disposal. The site investigation was carried out on 9 August 2006.

#### 2. Description

- 2.1 The legal description of the property is Lot 10 DP 2219 and the land area is 0.14 ha. The site is located in the northern end of Ruakaka Bay.
- 2.2 It is understood that in addition to the living tent the main area may be used as temporary bedrooms for up to four people.

#### 3. Site Evaluation

- 3.1 The proposed land application area is positioned to the north and east of the proposed buildings at the site, as indicated on the attached site plan presented in Appendix A of this report.
- 3.2 The proposed land application area is on a linear planar landform located on valley side slopes that lead into Ruakaka Bay. The slopes relating to the land application area are generally southwest facing and range between approximately 5° to 15°. The depth to the water table is expected to be over 1.5m.
- 3.3 The edge of the foreshore is located approximately 20m to the southwest of the proposed land application area. A stream is also located approximately 20m to the west of the proposed land application area, as shown on the site plan. An assessment of effects on the environment is included in Section 4 of this report.
- 3.4 The proposed application area is covered in medium-sparse regenerating native bush with generally thin bracken and undergrowth.
- 3.5 Three test pits were dug at the site in the proposed effluent disposal area and their locations are shown on the site plan. Based on the soil assessment carried out, an average drainage category of 3 has been adopted. The representative soil properties are:

	Horizon		Description							
(m) or Layer and boundary	Genesis	Colour	Field Texture	% + 2mm Fragments	Compactness	Consistency	Structure	Moisture condition	Drainage Category	
0.25	A	Topsoil	Dark brown	Sandy loam	None	Loose	Soft	Moderate	Moist	2
0.6	В	Colluvial	Pale brown	Loam	10%	Medium dense	Stiff	Moderate	Moist	3



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- 3.6 In accordance with Plan Change 7 Rule 27.2.4.5.5 an assessment of the best practical option has determined that secondary treatment and drip irrigation wastewater disposal is the most practical option for this property, when soil drainage characteristics and proximity to the foreshore and stream are taken into account.
- 3.7 A secondary treatment system involves aerobic biological processing and settling or filtering of effluent received from a primary unit. As the dwelling is understood to be used intermittently, an Innoflow AdvanTex treatment system coupled with a drip irrigation system is recommended.

A secondary treatment system such as the system proposed will normally produce average effluent quality equal to or better than:

BOD after 5 days (average) < 15 g/m<sup>3</sup> Suspended solids (average) < 15 g/m<sup>3</sup>



An Innoflow AdvanTex system specification is attached (Appendix C).

- 3.8 The completed dwelling proposed for the site will have a living tent, a sleeping tent, and an outhouse. For design purposes it has been assumed that the living tent may potentially occupy four people. Additional accommodation for up to 6 people is planned as the next stage of development and therefore to allow for this a permanent occupancy of 10 people (as per MDC Guidelines for new on-site wastewater management systems) has been used to calculate the design flow of 1800 litres/day. A design allowance of 180 litres/person/day has been used with this allowance being in accordance with Appendix 4.2D of AS/NZS 1547:2000. The dwelling will utilise a rainwater supply water source augmented by the existing stream. A minimum wastewater storage capacity of 4,500 litres is required. The length of drip line required is 471m (refer wastewater design sheets Appendix B).
- 3.9 The irrigation system design requires 1.6 litre/hr emitters with lines laid at 1.0m spacing and at 100mm below ground level. As per Council guidelines, irrigation lines should be set back a minimum distance of 2m from the property boundaries. The installation of the irrigation system is to be in accordance with the product installer guide supplied by the manufacturer.
- 3.10 Prior to the proposed system becoming operational the system designer must inspect and certify that the system has been installed according to the design. This certification must then be forwarded to Council.

- 3.11 The Marlborough District Council requires that the owner of any advanced wastewater treatment system enters into and retains a maintenance contract with the supplier of the system, or with a recognised maintenance contractor, for maintenance to be carried out at yearly intervals. Records of the maintenance should be forwarded to the Council as soon as practicable following the completion of the inspection or, in the case of remedial works being required, on completion of those remedial works.
- 3.12 Vehicle access to the system from the foreshore for maintenance will be available via the existing track to the proposed buildings.

#### 4. Assessment of Environmental Effects: Activity - Install Effluent Disposal Field Within 30 metres of a watercourse and the Marlborough Sounds Foreshore

#### 4.1 Effects

It is proposed to install a Innoflow AvanTex secondary treatment system and drip irrigation effluent disposal system, with the effluent disposal system being less than 30 metres from the foreshore and less than 30 metres from the stream to the west of the property.

A possible environmental effect resulting from this proposed activity is the contamination of the stream, and ultimately the Ruakaka Bay foreshore through the vertical movement of secondary-treated effluent, that is not treated or consumed in the soil.

The proposed irrigation system will be located amongst thin regenerating bush and scrub.

4.2 Mitigation Measures

#### Treatment

The treatment system proposed is an Innoflow AdvanTex secondary treatment system, which produces a high quality effluent (refer 3.7 above), and therefore has a minimum impact on the environment.

Established vegetation on the property will assist with the breakdown of the effluent entering the soil.

Coliform numbers, the indicators used to measure the various pathogens present in sewage effluent, are initially very low in the secondary-treated effluent. These will not be a concern for it is well established that bacterial, (and viral etc), numbers are reduced exponentially with passage of effluent, whether primary-treated or secondary-treated, through mid-range textured soils.

This is evidenced by Note 1 in Table 4.2B1 of NZS 1547:2000 where it is noted that a "path length of 0.3 - 0.4 metres would be sufficient to reduce (bacterial) numbers to insignificant levels in normal soils i.e. soils that are of a mid-range texture, not too sandy or too clayey, and not saturated all the time".

We are of the opinion that the soil on the property (refer 3.5 above) falls interthin mid range soil category.

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## 5. Recommendations

It is recommended that an Innolflow Advantex treatment system coupled with a drip irrigation system be installed to service the dwelling at the site. Installation is to be in accordance with requirements and recommendations of NZS1547:2000.

## 6. Limitations

This report is valid for two years from the date of issue and covers the design of a wastewater treatment and disposal system for D & R White at Lot 10 DP 2219, Ruakaka Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound. Any other areas are outside the scope of this report.

The reliance by other parties on the information or opinions in the report shall, without our prior review and agreement in writing, be at such parties' sole risk.

## 7. References

- 1. NZS 1547:2000 On-site Domestic Wastewater Management
- 2. Marlborough District Council Guidelines for new on-site wastewater management systems.

Report reviewed by: Report prepared by: Dan Dimmendaal, Chartered Engineer Drayitzki, Engineering Geologist D 20 December 2006



# Appendix A

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Location and Site Plan

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# Appendix B

Wastewater Design Sheets

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WASTEWATER	SYSTEM	DESIGN SHEET	

		Тои	AS/NZS 1547:2000
Client: D & R White			File No: W06-1761
Intended water Supply:			
<b>Public-Supply</b> Local experience with existing or		<del>(roof-collection)</del>	Bore/Well/Dam
Septic Tank or similar (Primary t	reatment):		Secondary treatment:
OK when installed properly	with a corr	ectly sized level	Produce high quality effluent suitable for irrigation.
drainage area and maintai	ined.		
Recommendation for this site:	Secondary (Innoflow S		n utilising irigation system effluent disposal
DRAINAGE CONTROLS:		-	
Need for surface water collector	/ cut-off drains?		
AVAILABILITY OR RESERVE / S	SETBACK ARE	AS	
Reserve area available for exten	sions, % of des	ign area:	100%
Setback distance? (between dev	elopment and o	fisposal system):	Min. as required by Resource Management Act
Ksat, (m/day):	ESTIMATED S	OIL CATEGORY:	Category 3 - Moderately well drained loam
Design			
RECOMMENDED D.I.R. (NOTE: Where DIR is 10mm	/week or less, l	28 ETA/ETS trenches to	mm/week Fig 4.5A7 NZS1547:2000 should be specified to enable the utilisation of such solls)
10 Permanent People At 180L/pe	erson/day:	<b>1800</b> L/day fi	rom Appendix 4.2D AS/NZS 1547:2000
DESIGN WEEKLY FLOW:	12600	L/week	
Septic tank size (min):	4500	(Table 4.3A1)	
Septic tank size (min): AREA REQUIRED:	4500 450.0	(Table 4.3A1) M²	
		m²	gation System Calculation sheet)

#### RECOMMENDATION :

Innoflow Secondary treatment with dripper line irrigation.

Min 4500 litre capacity treatment and irrigation lines to be a minimum total length of 471m using 1.6 l/hr emitters Lines to be laid at 1.0m spacing to follow contours (when possible), at 100mm below ground level. Installation of the irrigation system to be in accordance with the product Installer Guide. Detailed design of the irrigation system is to be responsibility of the installer.





Irrigation System Project Title: D & R File Ref: W06-1761	White	Date: Operator:	13.10.06
Daily influent (I/day Emitter type Emitter flow rate (I/I Emitter Spacing (m Dripline Spacing (m	h)	4 1800 Raam 17 1.6 1 1 5	
Field Size (m <sup>2</sup> ) Field length assum Number of lines Total Dripline Leng Total flow Rate Red	th (m)	450 21 22 471 754	
Pump Duty	Flow (l/h) Head (m)	754 12	

	Head-Loss Table	
Item	Head loss (m)	Comments
Emitter	5	Minimum pressure required
Lateral	0	Head loss insignificant
Submain	1	Using Netafim Raam 17 as a submain
Main	0.06	Using 25mm LDPE x main length
Water meter	0	For a 15mm Multijet Turbine Water Meter
Filter	3	For a Semi blocked filter
Tank Depth	2	
Elevation	0	
Sub Total	11.06	
Total	12	including 10%

#### NOTE:

This design is indicative only and detailed design is the responsibility of the installer.



# Appendix C

Innoflow System Specification





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# ADVANTEX® AX10 Recirculating Textile Packed Bed Reactor Process Details and Specifications

# **RECIRCULATING PACKED BED REACTORS**

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## **PROCESS OVERVIEW**

- 1. Raw wastewater from the complex flows by gravity to the septic tank. All effluent to be treated is fed to this tank.
- 2. Effluent from the septic tank feeds into a recirculation tank adjacent to the septic tank. This chamber is fitted with an Orenco screened pump vault and turbine pump.
- 3. From the recirculation tank, the effluent is dose loaded over an Advantex<sup>®</sup> recirculating textile packed bed reactor, with a minimum 4:1 recirculation flow.
- 4. The treated effluent is then gravity fed back to a splitter valve in the recirculation tank. Here, depending on flows, either the effluent is returned to the recirculation tank or split off to the treated effluent tank for disposal.
- 5. Effluent is pumped by a high quality stainless steel pump to the irrigation disposal field.

<u>NOTE</u>: This is a <u>generic</u> system specification for a domestic AdvanTex<sup>®</sup> created for a client in the absence of a site visit. This specification is therefore <u>not site specific</u>.





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# SPECIFICATION DATA SHEET

# 1) GENERAL

LOCATION	
WASTEWATER SOURCE	4 bedroom dwelling
WATER SUPPLY	Roof water collection
MAX DAILY FLOW	1,020 ltrs/day (As Specified from TP58)
TREATMENT OVERVIEW	Advantex® Recirculating Textile Packed Bed Reactor   Troated Effluent Tenk

## 2) TANKAGE

Tank Manufacturer	Innoflow Technologies Ltd.	
Tank Operating Volume	7,200 litres (nominal)	
No. of Compartments	Three	
Septic Chamber Operating Vol.	4,000 litres	
Detention @ Design Flow	Septic stage only – 4 days (approx)	
Construction	Precast Mortar	
External Dimensions	Oval 1.75 m wide x 3.50 m long x 1.94 m high (approx)	
Inlet Invert	1,600 mm (internal)	
Operating Level	1,400 mm (internal)	
Alarm Level	1,600 mm	
A ROTH LOVE	1,000 mm	

# **3) RECIRCULATION TANK**

Tank Manufacturer	Innoflow Technologies Ltd.					
Recirc Chamber Operating Vol.	2,000 litres					
Detention @ Design Flow	Recirc stage only ~ 2 days (approx)					
Recirculating Pump Model	PA1005 High Head Turbine Submersible Pump					
Screened Pump Vault Type	Orenco PVU57-24					
Materials of Construction	Moulded Plastic Vault with Polypropylene Screen					
Screen Area	2.1 m <sup>2</sup>					
Cleaning Frequency	Annually (or as per site tests)					
Pump Flow at TDH	2,700 ltrs/hr (refer pump curve)					
Pump Run Time @ Design Flow	1.50 hrs/day (90 mins/day)					
Daily Power Consumption	1.50 hours x 0.375 kW x \$0.14 ¢/kWhr = \$0.08 per day	(\$2.43 per month)				
Pump Discharge Size	25 mm BSP	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Control Panel Model	AXPTRO V4					
Electrical Panel Rating	IP56 – NEMA4X Suitable for outside use					
Electrical Controls and	Manual/Off/Auto Switch, Motor Contactors, Circuit Breakers, High and Low					
Protection	Level Audible and Visual Alarms, Timer Control of Pum	DECEIVER				
Recycle Ratio	4:1	HLOLIVLL				
Splitter Valve Size	50 mm	1 2 ELH 2007				
Access Manhole Type	630 mm Ø PVC Riser with Locking Fibreglass Lid	121202007				

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# 4) TREATED EFFLUENT TANK

Tank Manufacturer	Innoflow Technologies Ltd	
TET Chamber Operating Vol.	1,200 litres	
Detention @ Design Flow	TET stage only ~ 1 day (approx)	
High Level Alarm Indication	Audible and Visual	

## 5) RECIRCULATING PACKED BED REACTOR

1,240 mm x 900 mm x 900 mm (POD = I x w x h) approx	
Orenco Advantex® Recirculating Textile Packed Bed Reactor	
Ferro-cement container, Fibreglass reinforced access lids, patented Or textile media	
1	
1,100 litres per day	
<15 mg/ltr	
<15 mg/ltr	

## 6) **DISPOSAL FIELD**

Soil Category	6		
Disposal Type	Pressure Compensating Surface Laid Drip Irrigation		
Areal Loading Rate	3.0 mm (3.0 ltrs/m <sup>2</sup> )		
Area Required	340 m <sup>2</sup>		
Dripline Lateral Spacing	1 m		
Dripline Orifice Spacing	1 m		
Lineal Length Required	340 m		
Total Number of Drippers	340 m/1 m spacing = 340		
Number of Disposal Sectors	1		
Number of Drippers per Sector	340		
Flow Required to Pressurise each Sector	340 x 3.5 ltrs/hr per dripper = 1,190 ltrs/hr		
Longest Dripline Run	50 m		
Header Pipe Size	32 mm (greenline)		
Header Pipe Length	50 m		
Headloss Calculation			
Discharge Assembly	00.48 m		
Header Pipe	00.02 m		
Headloss Thru Longest Dripline	00.02 m		
Height from Effluent Tank to Top Disposal Lateral (Static Head)	10.00 m (based on a typical scenario)	RECEIV	
Activation Pressure for Dripline	05.00 m	1 7 EEU 200	
TDH	15.52 m	12 120 200	
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Pump Model	Tesla Diver75	USTRICT COUNC	
Pump Flow	1,190 ltrs/hr (restricted by emitters)		
Pump Flow at TDH (check)	3,600 ltrs/hr		
Pump Run Time @ Design Flow	0.86 hrs/day (52 mins/day)		
Daily Power Consumption	0.86 hours x 0.55 kW x \$0.14 ¢/kWhr = \$0.07 per day (\$1.98 per month)		
Pump Discharge Size	25 mm BSP		

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