# METAL MANUFACTURING PROCESS EFFLUENT TREATMENT



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Solution	Hydraspin and Hydramix					



# **Synopsis**

The South African Mint approached AHT (African Horizon Technologies Pty Ltd) to propose a solution for their emulsified effluent, to comply with environmental discharge regulations. It was established that manufacturing process require the disposal of approximately 15m³ of the combination of tramp and emulsified oil every second month in 2021, from their manufacturing processes that results from milling machines, rolling mills and presses.

## **Experimental Work**

AHT undertook sampling, conducted a bench scale test using Hydramix CWT (Complex Water Treatment) system, based on visual observations (the milky sample on the left and the clear sample on the right) figure 1, it was evident that the test is effective in the effluent treatment prior analysis by the accredited laboratory for verification.



Figure 1: Comparison of sample before and after treatment.

#### Results

Hydramix CWT enhanced the break-down of emulsified oil and reduced various constituent concentrations on the effluent as per client's objective, the raw and treated samples on figure 2 was verified by Waterlab as per the results on table 1 below.



Figure 1; Raw and Treated samples of the bench

Laboratory results of water samples are summarized in table 1, showing the reduction in %, presented in mg/l and have been compared to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality Sanitation By-laws. The certificate issued by the laboratory is demonstrated by both figure 3 and 4 images below.

The use of both the Hydraspin and Hydramix technologies illustrated over 90% reduction of Suspended Solids, Volatile Suspended Solids, Sulphides, Anionic Surfactants, Arsenic, Copper, Iron, Manganese, Zinc and Oil Grease as per certificate issued by the laboratory. That demonstrates the lowest life cycle by eradicating disposal cost to landfill and ensuring that effluent is treated onsite to comply with the discharge legislation. Results difference indicated by appendix 1, appendices 2 and 3 illustrate lab results.



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Appendix 1; Table 1, Water quality analysis in mg/l.

Water Quality Analysis								
Site:	what the s							
Type:		illustration						
	Soluble Oil  Treated			madiation				
	Raw	Sample	%	Tshwane				
	Sample	1	Difference	By-Laws				
pH - @ 25 degC	6,9	8,3	-20	6.0 -10.0				
Electrical Conductivity [mS/m]	78,8	74,5	5	500				
Suspended Solids @ 105degC	673	4	99	2000				
Volatile Suspended Solids @								
550degC Non-Organic Suspended Solids	673	4	99	-				
@ 550degC	<1.0	<1.0	-	100				
Free Residual Chlorine as Cl2	<0.1	<0.1	-	100				
Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	248	204	18	-				
P-Alkalinity as CaCO3	<5	<5	-	-				
Hydroxide Alkalinity as CaCO3	<5	<5	-	2000				
Sulphate as SO4	<2	<2	-	1800				
Fluoride as F	0,2	0,2	0	5				
Total Cyanide as CN	<0.07	<0.07	-	20				
Sulphide as S2-	20	2	90	50				
COD	6905	732	89	5000				
Permanganate Value as O2	-	-	-	1400				
Formaldehyde	0,149	0,122	18	50				
Oil & Grease	324	8	98	500				
Anionic Surfactants as MBAS	264	10	96	500				
Sugar (Qualitative	-	-	-	1500				
Arsenic as As	0,014	0,001	93	*				
Boron as B	6,8	5,82	14	*				
Total Chromium as Cr	<0.025	< 0.025	-	**				
Cobalt as Co	0,749	0,502	33	**				
Copper as Cu	3,95	0,042	99	**				
Iron as Fe	33	1,47	96	**				
Manganese as Mn	1,01	0,097	90	**				
Mercury as Hg	0,001	0,002	-100	***				
Nickel as Ni	1,9	1,14	40	**				
Selenium as Se	0,001	<0.001	-	***				
Silver as Ag	<0.025	<0.025	-	**				
Titanium as Ti	<0.025	<0.025	-	**				
Tungsten as W	0,436	0,147	66	**				
Zinc as Zn	5,44	0,166	97	**				

\*Lab results are not indicative of what the system does, only the reduction from the bench test, as an illustration as per a client request.

<sup>\*</sup>Total Collection
Concentration < 20 mg/l.
\*\*Individual Concentration
<20mg/l; Total Collection
Concentration <50mg/l.
\*\*\*Individual
Concentration <mg/l;
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Appendix 2 Table 2 Lab results of the treated water.



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#### PRELIM CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSES

GENERAL WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

2021-09-27 Date received: Project number: 1000 Report number: 103966

Client name:

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Contact person:

Analyses in mg/t (Uniess specified oitherwise)		UOM %	Method ID	Maximum Allowable Limits (Tshwane	Sample Identification	
					Raw	Treated
Sample Number		1		By-Laws)	140185	140186
Date/Time 8ampled					N/A	N/A
pH - Value @ 25 °C	Α	7.7	WLAB065	6.0-10.0	6.9	8.3
Electrical Conductivity in m8/m @ 25°C	Α	7.0	WLAB002	500	78.8	74.5
Suspended Solids at 105°C	Α	8.6	WLAB004	2000	673	4.0
Volatile Suspended Solids at 550°C	N	_	WLAB028		673	4.0
Non-Organic Suspended Solids at 550°C	N	_	WLAB028	100	<1.0	<1.0
Free Residual Chlorine as Cl <sub>2</sub>	N	_	WLAB036	100	<0.1	<0.1
Total Alkalinity as CaCOs	A	10	WLAB007		248	204
P-Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>6</sub>	A	4.5	WLAB023		<5	<5
Hydroxide Alkalinity as CaCOs	A	_	WLAB023	2000	<5	<5
Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	Α	8.4	WLAB046	1800	<2	<2
Fluoride as F	N	_	WLAB014	5	0.2	0.2
Total Cyanide as CN	8	_	_	20	<0.07	<0.07
Sulphide as S <sup>2</sup> -	N	_	WLAB035	50	20	2.0
Chemical Oxygen Demand as O <sub>2</sub> (Total)	Α	5.6	WLAB018	5000	6905	732
Permanganate Value as O <sub>2</sub>	N	_	WLAB019	1400	Outstanding	Outstanding
Formaldehyde	8	_	_	50	0.149	0.122
Oil & Grease	N	_	WLAB034	500	324	8
Anionic Surfactants as MBAS	8	_	_	500	264	10
Sugar (Qualitative)	N	_	WLAB037	1500	Absent	Absent
Arsenic as As	Α	9.6	WLAB050		0.014	<0.001
Boron as B	A	9.7	WLAB015		6.80	5.82
Total Chromium as Cr	A	7.8	WLAB015		<0.025	<0.025
Cobalt as Co	A	7.9	WLAB015		0.749	0.502
Copper as Cu	A	7.7	WLAB015		3.95	0.042
Iron as Fe	Α	8.1	WLAB015		33	1.47
Manganese as Mn	Α	8.3	WLAB015		1.01	0.097
Mercury as Hg	Α.	16	WLAB047		0.001	0.002

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### Appendix 3:Table 3 Lab results of the treated water.



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