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# AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT FOR OZONIZER JIMCO MODEL OZ 500

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#### 1.0 SUBJECT

Air Quality Assessment for Ozonizer JIMCO Model OZ 500 was conducted by Environmental Services of Analytical Laboratories (S) Pte Ltd on 04 April 2003 for Genmech Engineering (S) Pte Ltd located at No. 21, Toh Guan Road East, #07-14, Toh Guan Centre, Singapore 608609.

#### 2.0 OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this study was to evaluate and assess the efficiency of the product namely Ozonizer JIMCO Model OZ 500.

The working principal of the product, Ozonizer JIMCO Model OZ 500 is by means of generating low level ozone that is below acceptable human ozone exposure limit of 0.05 ppm (8 hours), where the air is induced across a UV-C lamp which disinfects bacteria, yeasts and moulds, viruses, neutralise airborne odours and other organics compounds (please refer to Appendix A for product details).

#### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 **Test Location**

The "trial test" for all the air contaminants throughout the entire course of this study was carried out at Genmech Engineering (S) Pte Ltd conference room size of approx. 15 ft (length) x 12 ft (width) x 10 ft (height).

The conference room floor area is approx. 180 ft<sup>2</sup> (16.72m<sup>2</sup>) whilst the room volume is approx. 1,800 ft<sup>3</sup> (50.97m<sup>3</sup>).

#### 3.2 **Test Methodology**

### a) Total Bacterial Count (TBC) and Total Fungal Count (TFC)

A portable microbiological air sampler SAS Super 100 was used to collect indoor air particulates for microbial activity. Plate Count Agar for Total Bacterial Count was used as a sample medium for 2-minutes sampling period and was then incubated for 48 hours at 37°C prior to microbial counts. Rose Bengal Agar was used for Total Fungal Count and was then incubated for 5 days at 25°C prior to fungi counts.

#### b) **Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**

Ozone was measured using a portable Crowcon's Triple Plus Ozone Analyser for 30 second interval over the 1 hour sampling duration.

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# 4.0 TEST RESULTS

All the respective test results obtained are tabulated below and reflect our findings on 04 April 2003.

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# 4.1 Total Bacterial Count (TBC) and Total Fungal Count (TFC)

| Cumulative Time (mins) | TBC<br>(CFU/m³) | TFC<br>(CFU/m³) | SIAQG<br>(CFU/m³)    |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 0                      | 280             | 60              |                      |
| 15                     | 900             | 1190            | TDC: 500             |
| 30                     | 370             | 630             | TBC: 500<br>TFC: 500 |
| 45                     | 310             | 320             | 110.500              |
| 60                     | 230             | 220             |                      |

Remarks: Both Bacteria and Fungi were introduced into the indoor environment with common airborne bacteria and fungi cultures media for the first 5 minutes of test duration.

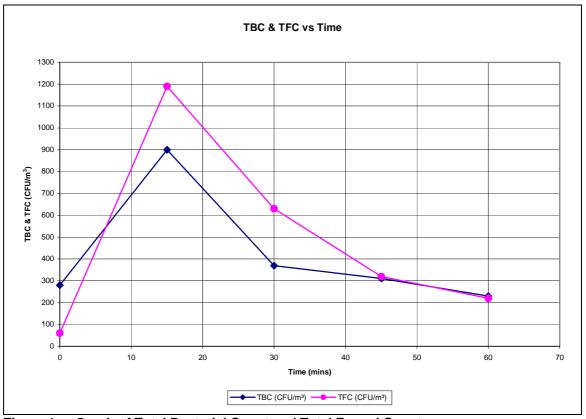


Figure 1: Graph of Total Bacterial Count and Total Fungal Count versus Cumulative Time

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# 4.2 Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

| Cumulative Time (mins) | Ozone<br>(ppm) | SIAQG<br>(ppm) |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0                      | <0.01          |                |
| 15                     | <0.01          |                |
| 30                     | <0.01          | 0.05           |
| 45                     | <0.01          |                |
| 60                     | <0.01          |                |

Remarks: Ozone concentrations remained relatively constant at low level ozone In the conference room throughout the entire test duration (for reference purpose only).

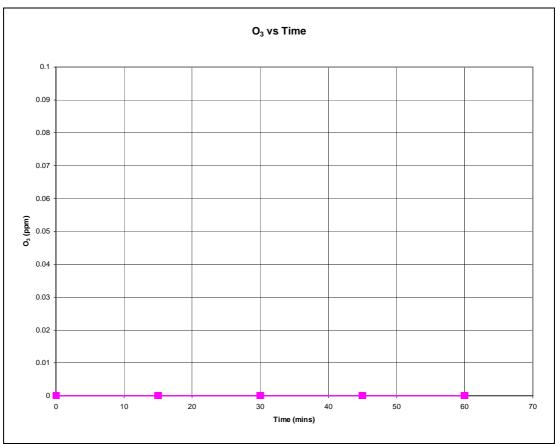


Figure 2: Graph of Ozone Concentration versus Cumulative Time

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# In general, the results obtained for Ozone levels were within the Ministry of the Environment (ENV)'s "Guidelines for Good IAQ in Office Premises" and ASHRAE's

Environment (ENV)'s "Guidelines for Good IAQ in Office Premises" and ASHRAE's IAQ Guidelines as well as other established international organisations such as OSHA, NIOSH and ACGIH.

In conclusion, the overall Air Quality Assessment of Total Bacterial Counts, Total Fungal Counts and Ozone Levels showed that the Ozonizer JIMCO Model OZ 500 can be considered as "acceptable" and "efficient" by means of generating low level ozone that is below acceptable human ozone exposure limit of 0.05 ppm (8 hours), which disinfects bacteria, yeasts and moulds, viruses, neutralise airborne odours and other organics compounds based on the findings of the "trial test" in this study.

It should be noted that this study is based upon limited information gathered during the execution of this project and reflects our findings at the date/time and location monitored.

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#### 6.0 ABBREVIATIONS GUIDE

AIHA American Industrial Hygiene Association, US

ACGIH American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, US

ASHRAE American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning

Engineers, US

CFU Colony Forming Units

CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon Dioxide
CO Carbon Monoxide

ENV Ministry of the Environment, Singapore

HCHO Formaldehyde

IAQ Indoor Air Quality

MOM Ministry of Manpower, Singapore

mg/m<sup>3</sup> milligram per cubic metre

NPAAQS National Primary Ambient Air Quality Standards

NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety, US

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US

 $O_3$  Ozone

PELTS Permissible Exposure Levels of Toxic Substances

ppm Parts per million
RH Relative Humidity

RSP Respirable Suspended Particulates

SIAQG Singapore Indoor Air Quality Guidelines

STEL Short-Term Exposure Level

T Temperature

TVOC Total Volatile Organic Compounds

USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency, US

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# **APPENDIX A - PRODUCT DETAILS**

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