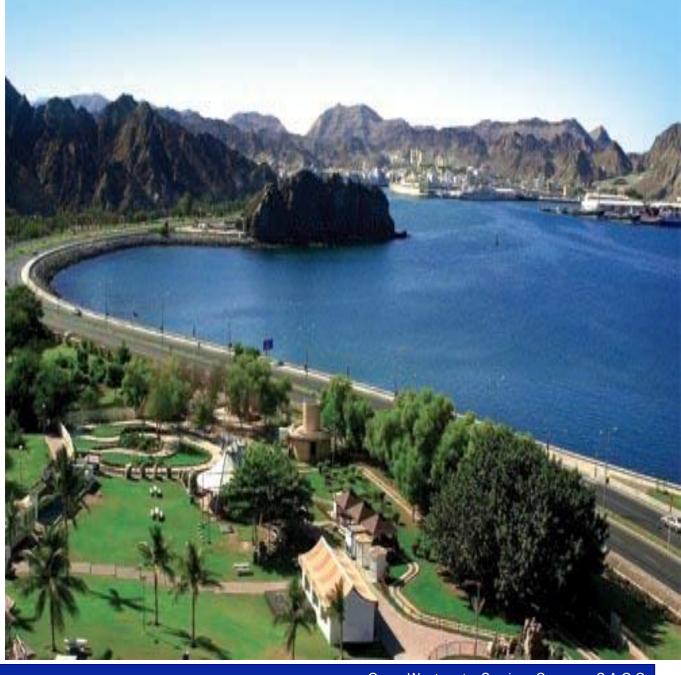
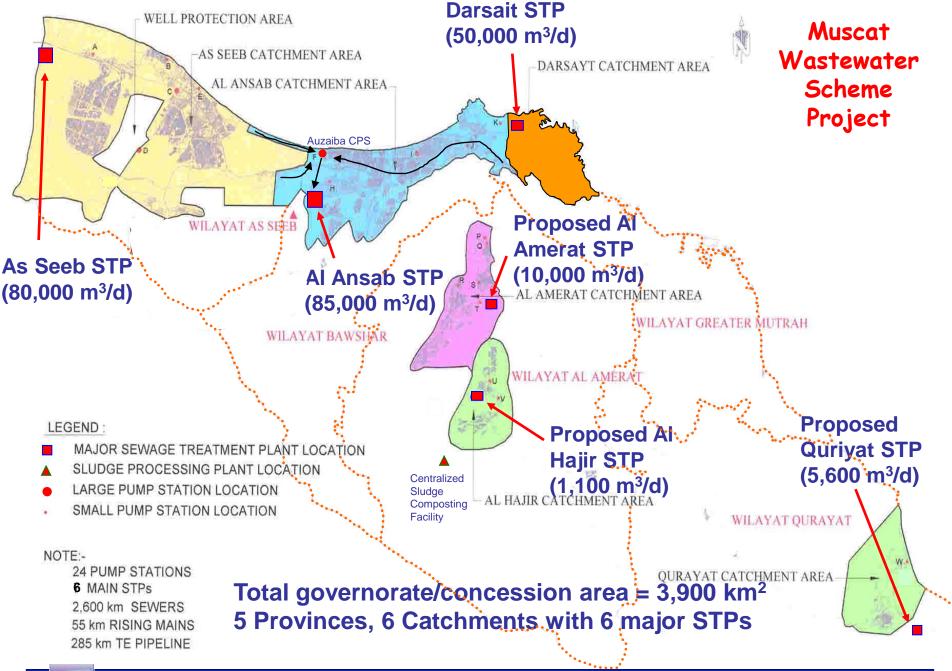
Al Ansab MBR Sewage Treatment Plant - Step Towards Greener Muscat

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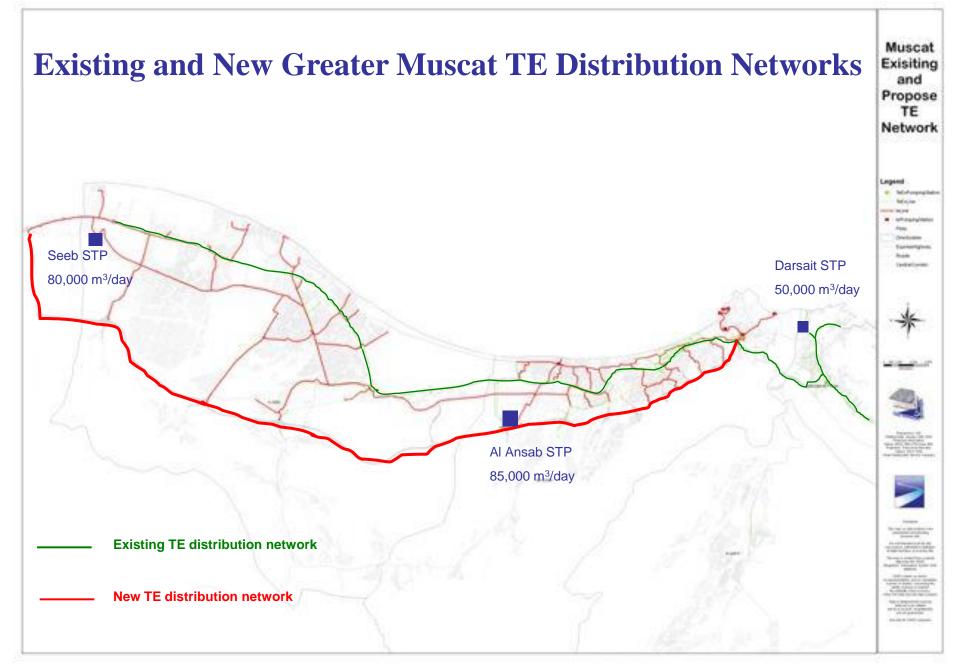
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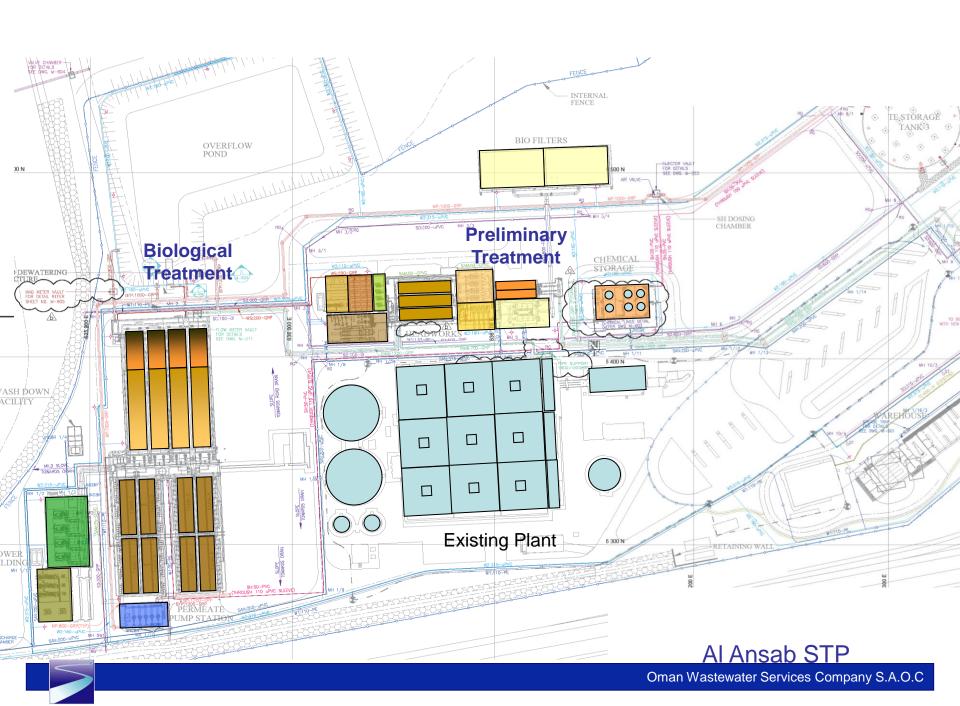


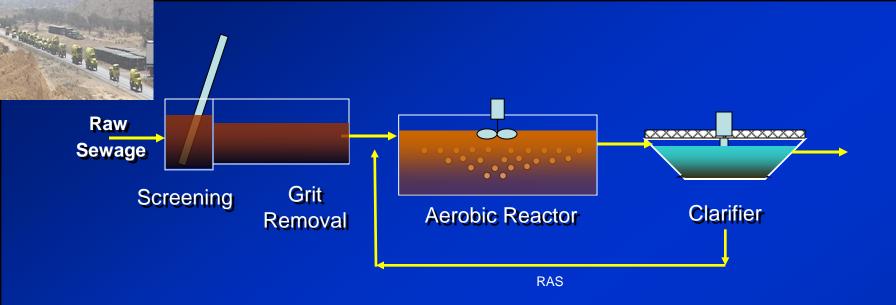




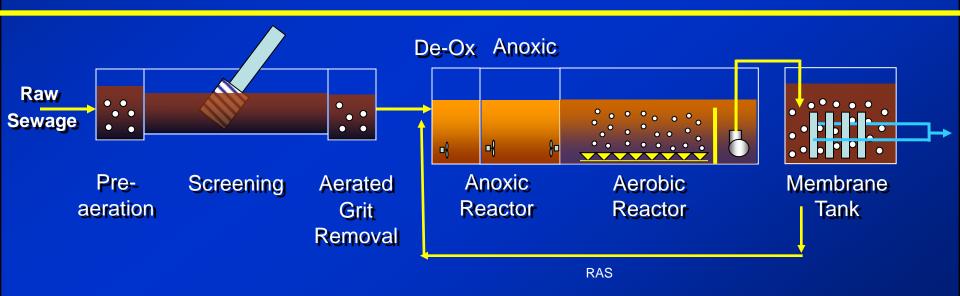






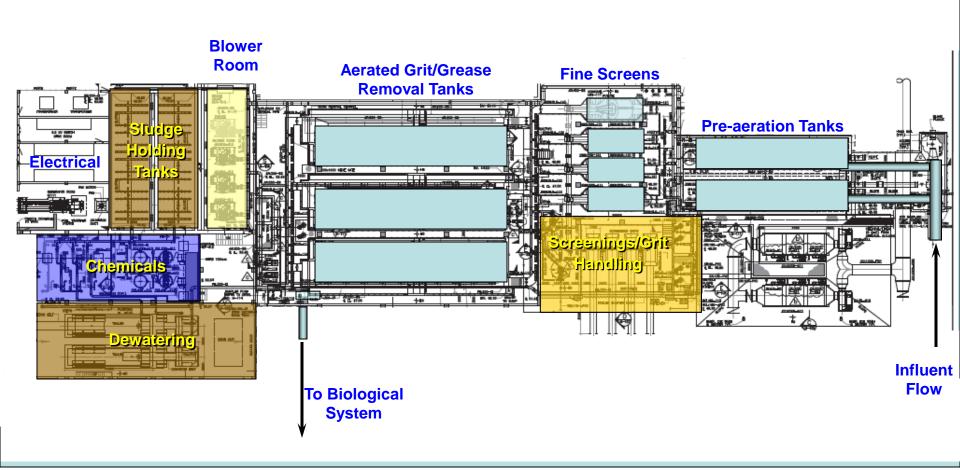


Existing Plant (design capacity = 12,000 m³/day), tankered sewage

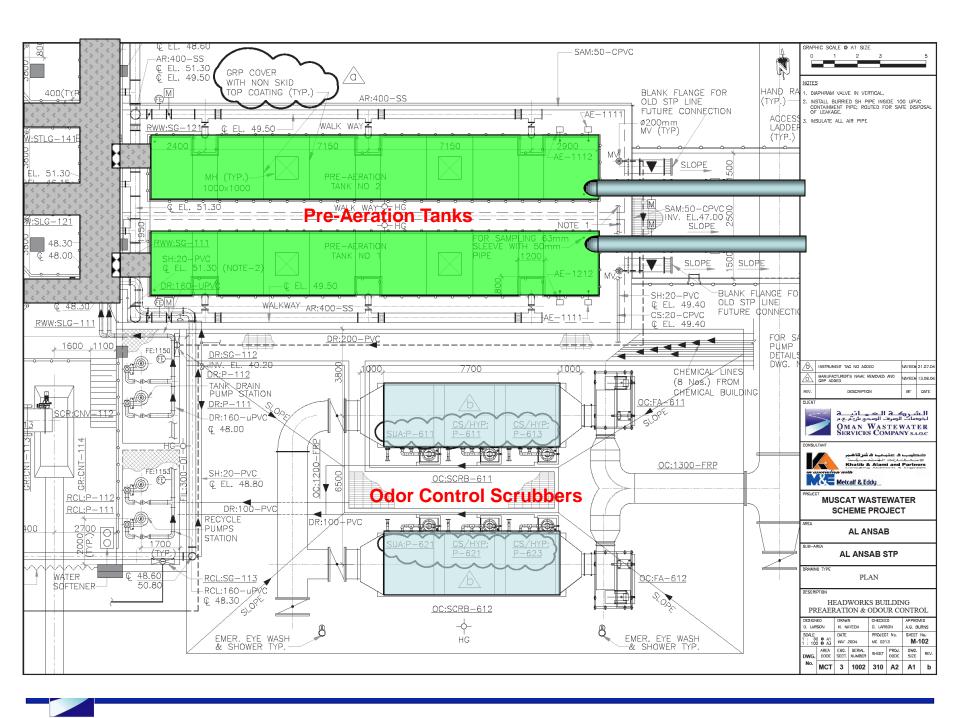


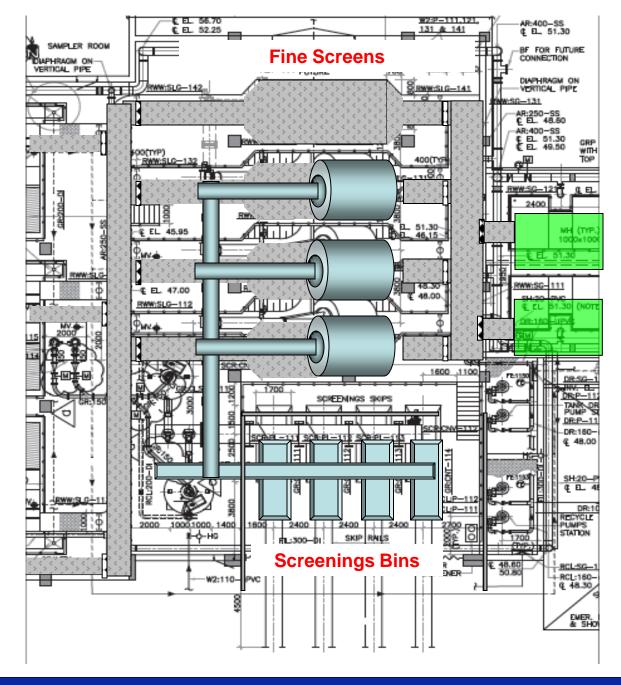
New Plant (First Phase = 55,000 m³/day), network sewage

New Plant: Head Work (Preliminary Treatment)

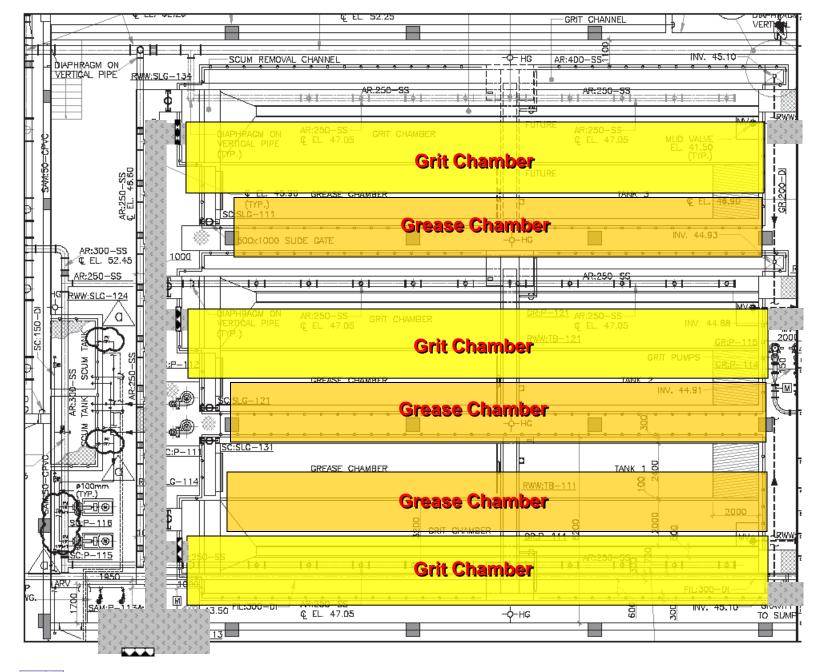




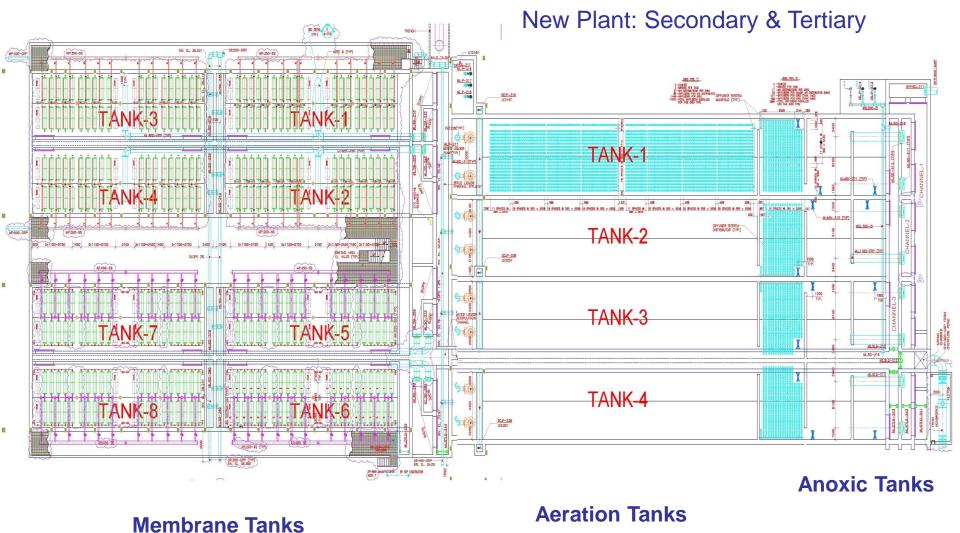






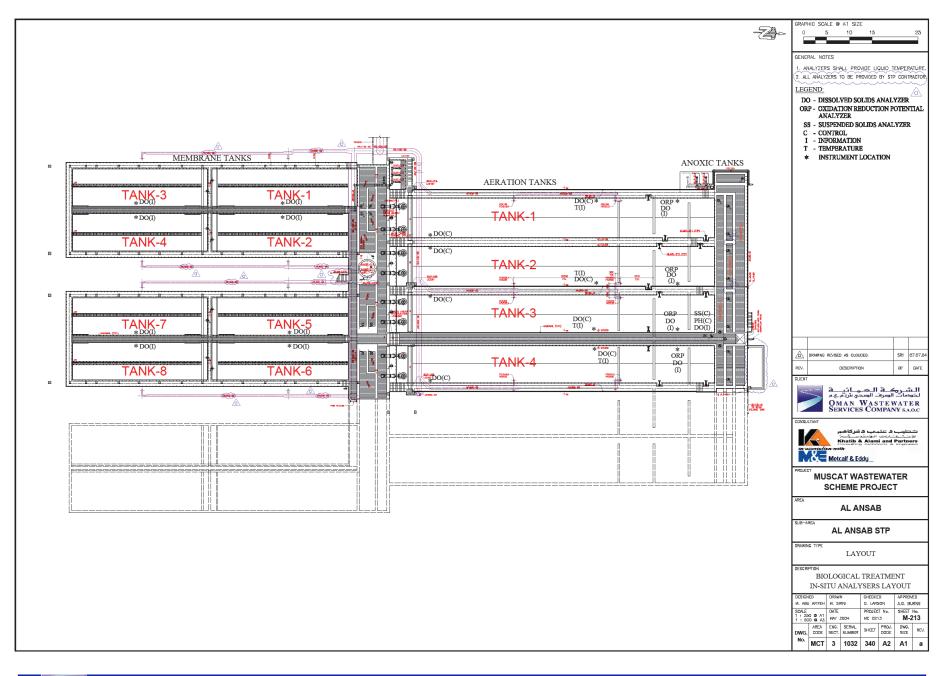




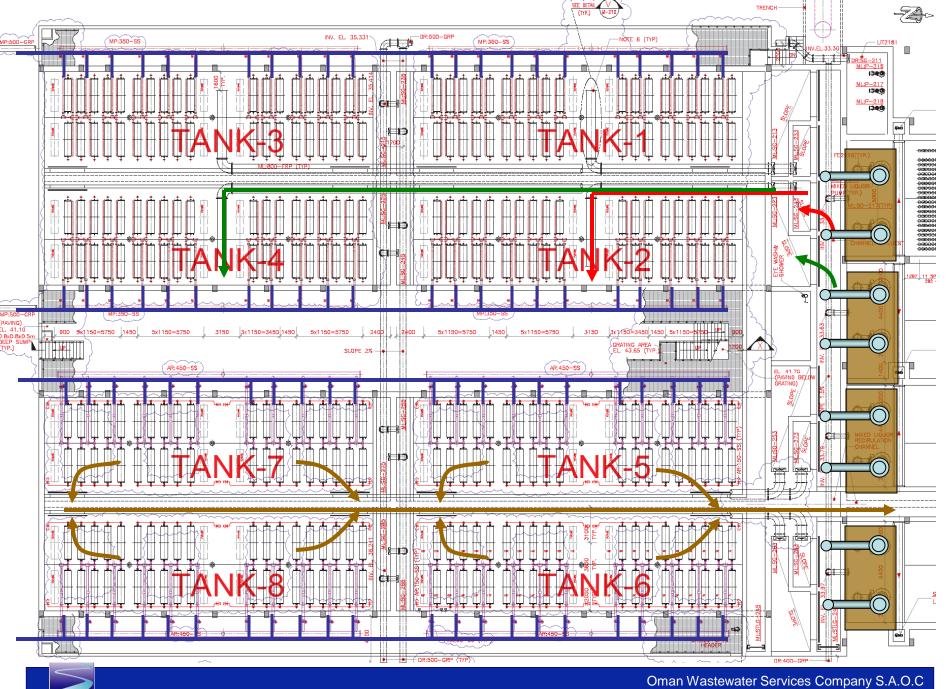


Total footprint of treatment tanks is $150m \times 50m = 7,500 \text{ m}^2$

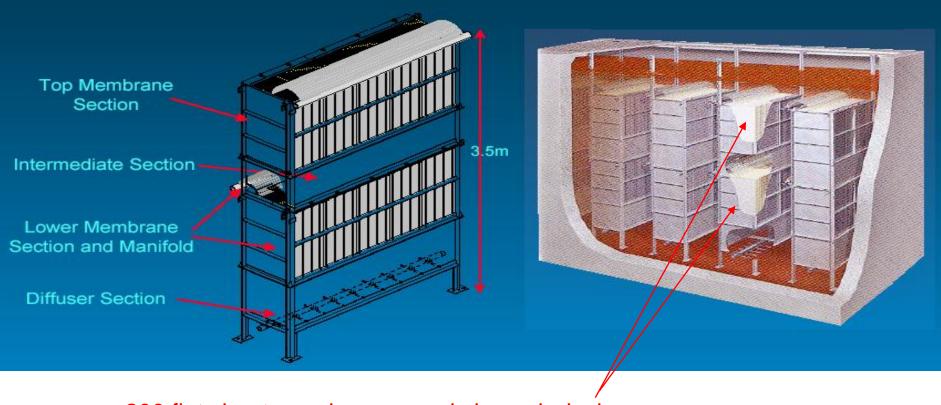








Double Deck Membrane Unit



200 flat sheet membrane panels in each deck

38 Double Deck Membrane Unit in each Membrane Tank

8 Membranes Tanks x 38 Double Deck Membrane Unit = 304 DDMU

304 DDMU X 400 Panels = 121,600 Flat Sheet Membrane Panels





Design Criteria

Units

m³/d

m³/d

m³/d

NTU

MBR Influent

Design Values

18,222

55,246

76,821

Parameter

Minimum Flow rate

Average Flow rate

Max daily Flow rate

Turbidity

Membrane type	Kubota EK400, chlorinated polyethylene material and 0.4 μm pore size									
Flux rate	0.9 m³/m².day (900 L/m².day)									
BOD	mg/l	312	5	10	15	Zero				
TSS	mg/l	228	5	10	15	Zero				
Total N as N	mg/l	50	8	9	21.3	-				
NH ₃ as N	mg/l	30	1	1	5	-				
Organic N as N	mg/l	19	0	0	5	-				
NO ₃ as N	mg/l	1	7	8	11.3	11.3				
Total P as P	mg/l	10	-	-	30	-				
рН	-	6 – 8	-	-	6 - 9	-				
Effluent Temp (min)	° C	25	-	-	-	-				
Effluent Temp (max)	° C	36	-	-	-	-				
Fats, Oils & Grease	mg/l	< 50	-	-	0.5	-				
Total alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/l	249	150	-	-	-				
Faecal Coliforms	MPN/100 ml	-	< 2.2	2.2	200	Zero				
Viable Helminth Ova	Number /L	-	<1	<1	<1	Zero				

< 0.5

MBR Effluent set

and expected values*

MBR supplier

Effluent values

guarantee*

Class A (agricultural

irrigation

permissible limits)

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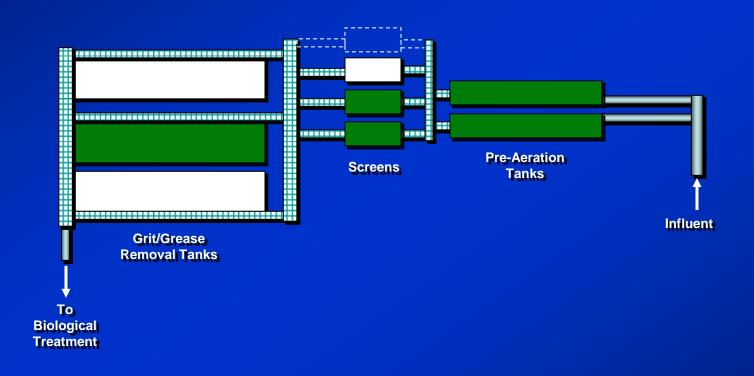
water standard

^{* 95%} of all effluent samples taken must comply and sampling may be as frequent as hourly



Commissioning: Headwork

2 Pre-aeration Tanks; 2 Screens; 1 Grit Removal Tank

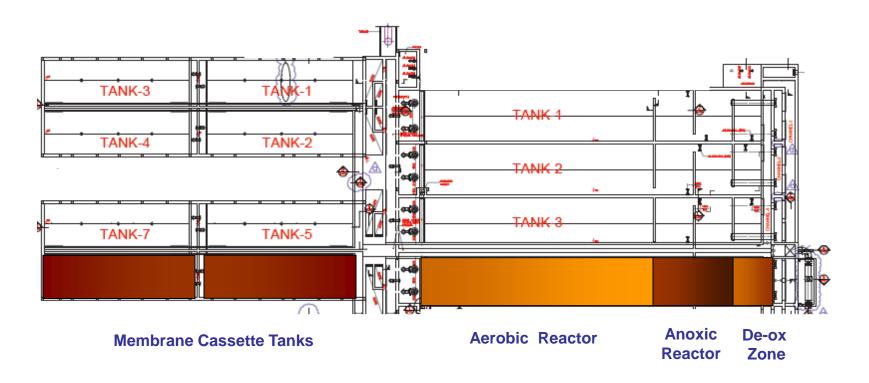


Flow = 10,000 m3/d

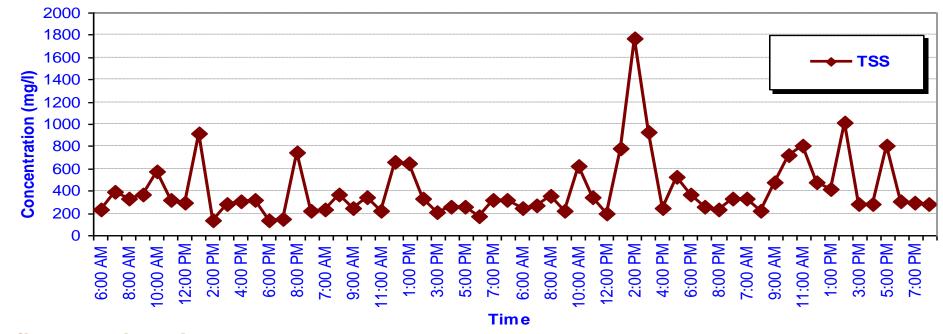


Commissioning: Secondary & Tertiary Treatment

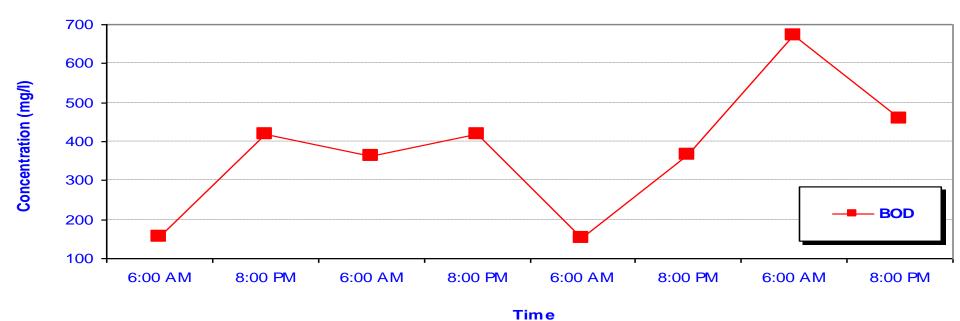
1 Anoxic Reactor; 1 Aerobic Reactor; 2 Membrane Tanks

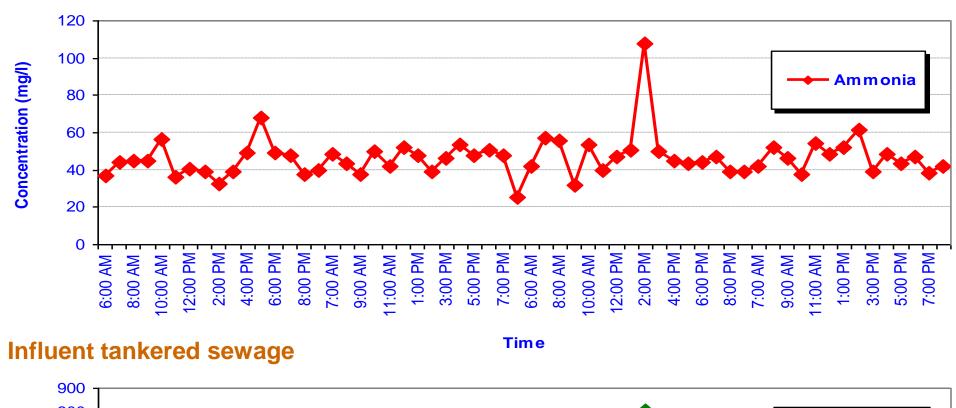


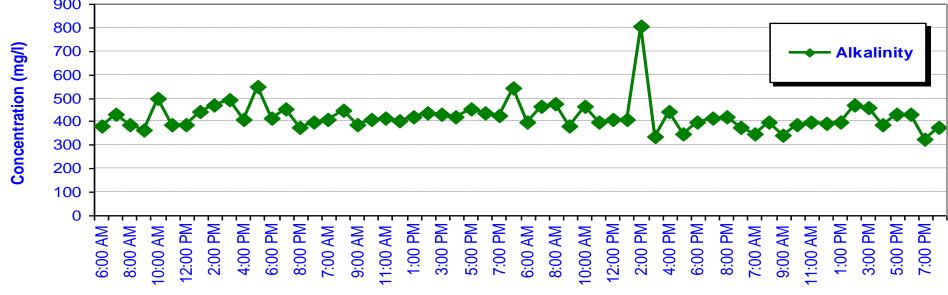




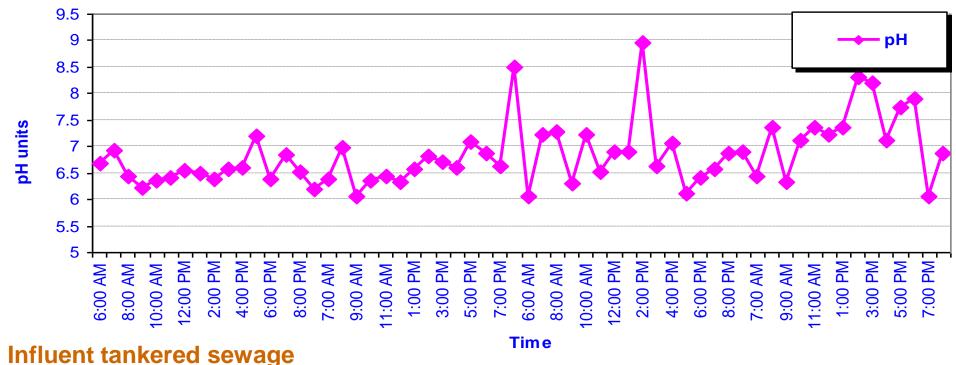
Influent tankered sewage

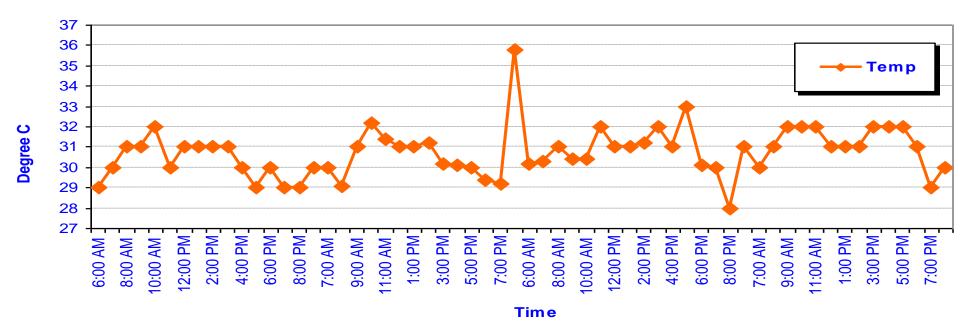


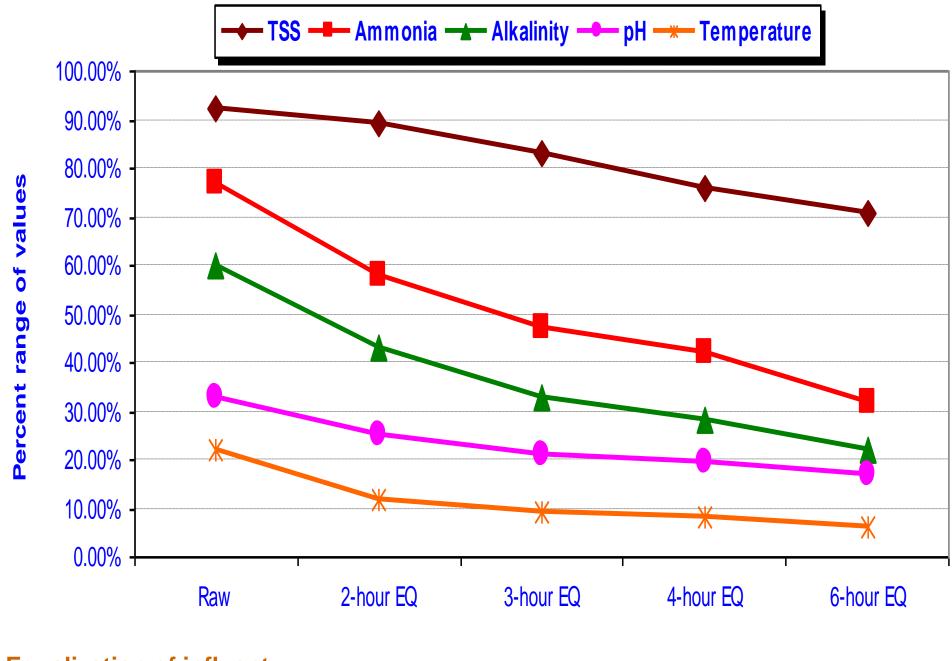




Time







Equalization of influent tankered sewage

Equalization (hours)

24-hour composite samples – influent tankered sewage

Parameter	26 – 27 April 2007 (7 am – 6 am)	27 – 28 April 2007 (7 am – 6 am)	28 - 29 April 2007 (7 am - 6 am)	29 – 30 April 2007 (7 am – 6 am)	Average	Design value	% over design value
BOD ₅	381	478	347	363	392.25	312	25.7%
TSS	428	288	375	285	344	228	50.8%
рН	6.45	6.91	7.00	6.76	6.78	6 – 8	-
Ammonia Nitrogen	51.63	50.22	46.24	49.11	49.3	30	64.3%
Alkalinity	290	295	295	320	300	249	-

Simple calculation show that loading is 37% more than the design load

10,000 m³/day of tankered sewage is equivalent to 13,700 m³/day of normal domestic sewage (i.e. design values)





Biological treatment as on 25th December 2007.





Installation of piping work in membrane Tank 7





Installation of piping work in membrane Tank 8





Air & Permeate Header Piping outside membrane Tanks 5





Installation of Air Headers above biological aeration tanks





Installation of Air Centrifugal Blowers





Operation Center (Handed over) as on 27th January 2008.



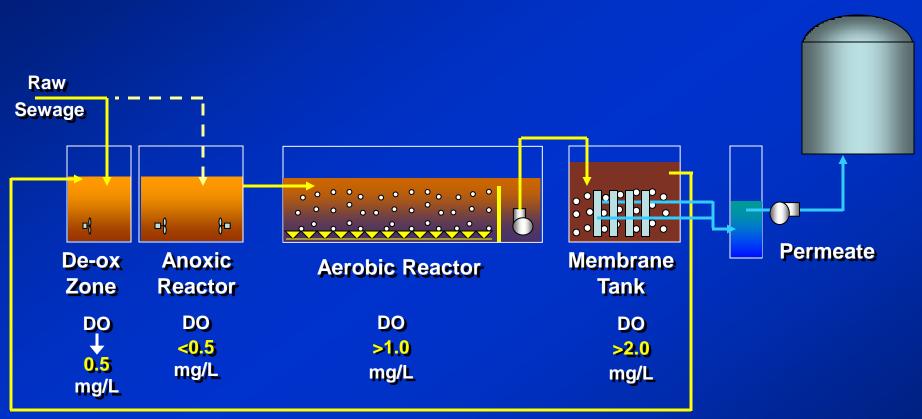
Conclusion

- 1. Muscat is planning for full reuse of the treated wastewater (irrigation, industry, crops production, aquifer recharge)
- 2. Al Ansab STP is the largest MBR wastewater treatment plant in the world up to date with a first phase capacity of 55,000 m³/day and second phase capacity of 85,000 m³/day.
- 3. The plant is the biggest wastewater treatment plant in Muscat and will provide Muscat with third of its requirement for landscape and beautification irrigation up to 2025.
- 4. The plant is tailored made to install Reverse Osmosis (RO) after the microfiltration membranes. This will help in producing drinking water quality whenever it is required.

Recommendation to the Conference

- 1. Complete reuse of the treated wastewater in the GCC region.
- 2. Wastewater companies should adopt membranes technologies for the treatment (Micro & Ultra filtration) as they are the best technologies for water recycling.

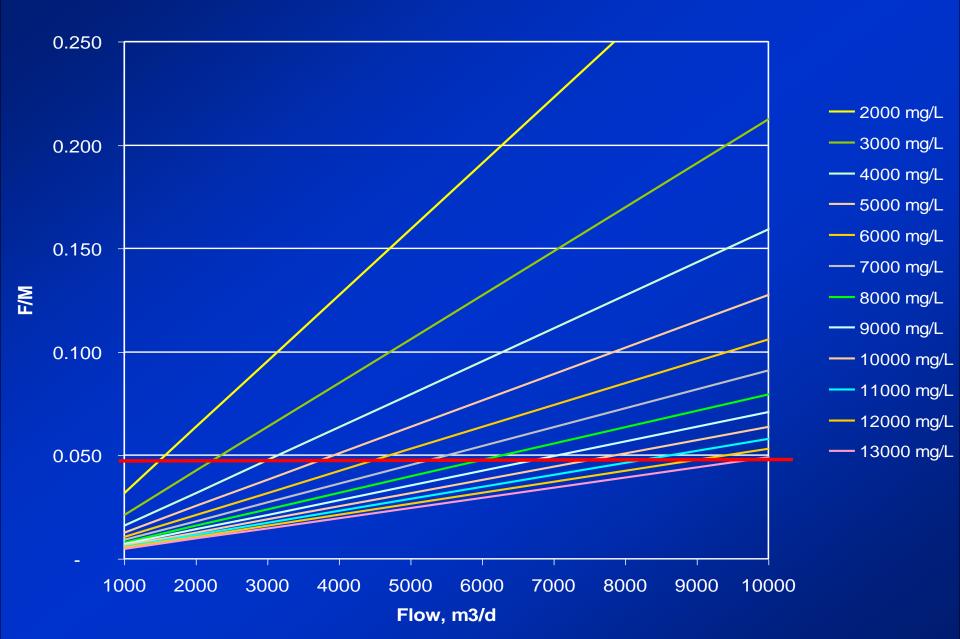




Recirculation Flow

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Partial Operation 1/1/2



Biological Treatment

Aerobic Reactors

- Nitrification: NH₄⁺ +O₂ Aerobes NO₂⁻ + NO₃⁻ +H₂O
- Anoxic Reactors

- Denitrification:
$$NO_3^- + O^= \longrightarrow N_2^+ + H_2O$$

Anaerobic Reactors



Figure 11. Equalized Influent Temperature March 26 - 29, 2006

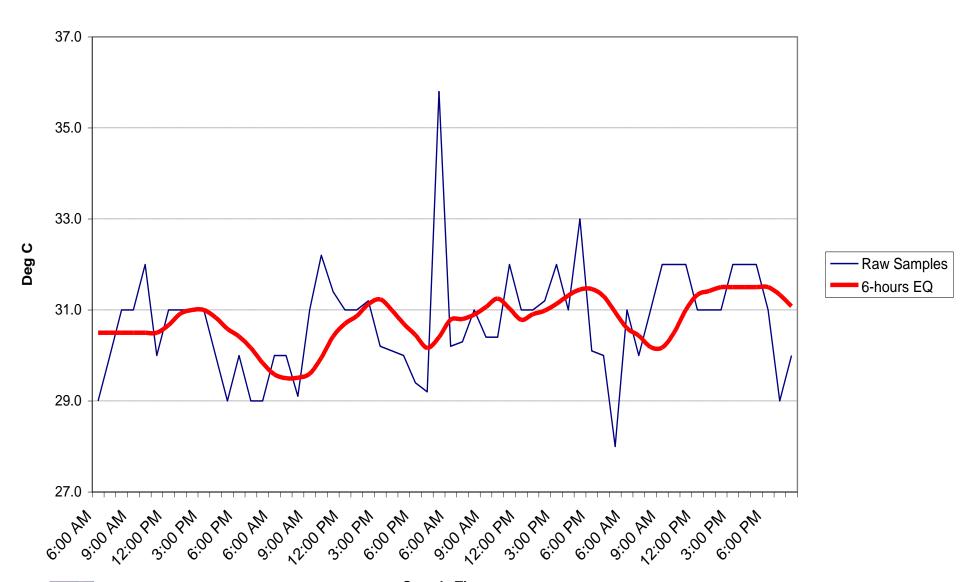




Figure 10. Equalized Influent Alkalinity
March 26 - 29, 2006

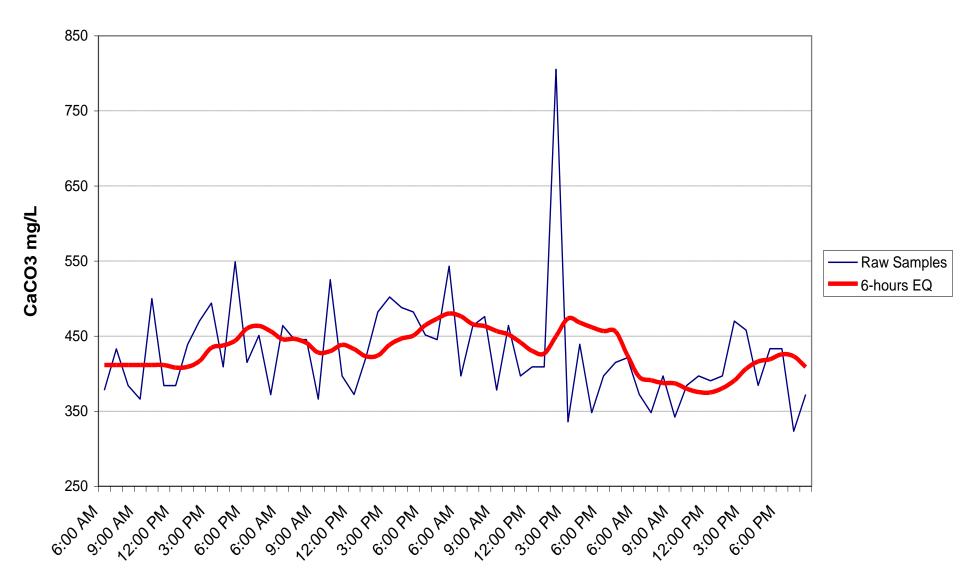




Figure 9. Equalized Influent TSS March 26 - 29, 2006

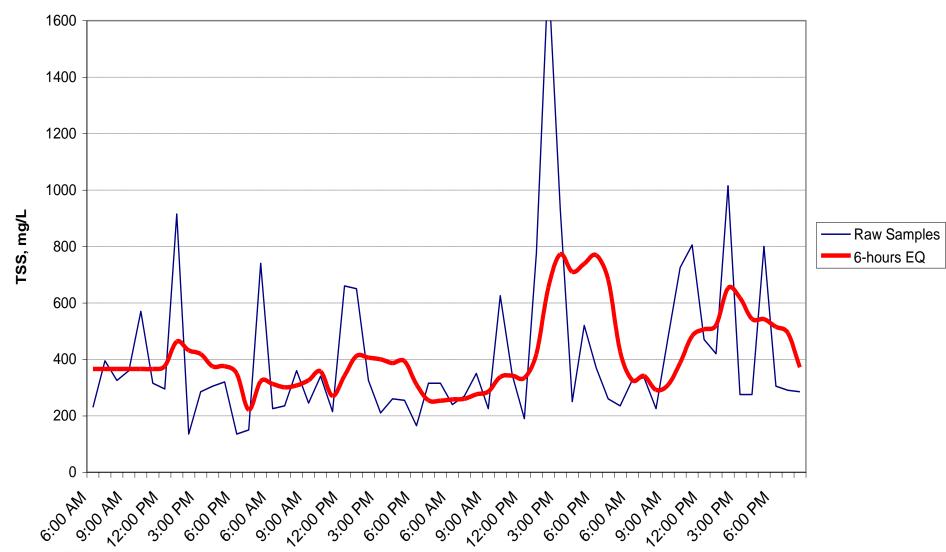




Figure 8. Equalized Influent pH March 26 - 29, 2006

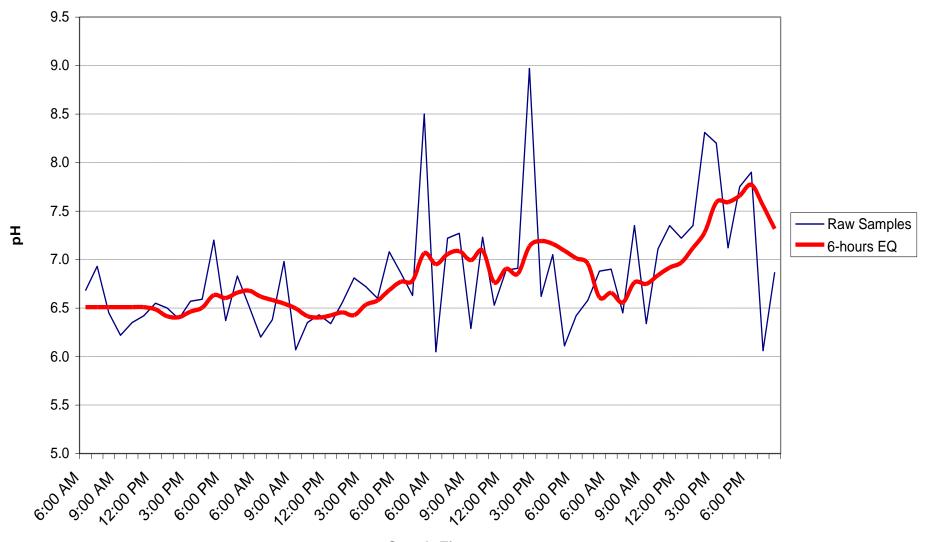




Figure 7. Equalized Influent Ammonia March 26 - 29, 2006

