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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION

The Gloucester Gas Project, operated by AGL Energy Limited (AGL), is a coal seam gas (CSG) project located near Gloucester, NSW, approximately 100km north of Newcastle. The project is currently in the exploration stage to assess the gas reserves in the Gloucester Basin. The Waukivory Pilot Project was the exploration activity being conducted at the time of this assessment which included the construction and operation of four gas wells, flaring units, water and gas gathering lines and associated ancillary equipment. The Waukivory Pilot Project forms part of the proposed Gloucester Gas Project which is located within Petroleum Exploration licence (PEL) 285.

AGL has completed monitoring of fugitive methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) concentrations in the vicinity of the proposed Gloucester Gas Project to assess background methane concentrations in the Gloucester Valley and quantify any potential impacts from its exploration activities. As such methane monitoring has been conducted prior to, during and post construction, well fracture stimulation and ongoing operation of the Waukivory Pilot Project.

This report provides a summary of the methane monitoring undertaken by AGL in the Gloucester Valley from 29/07/2013 to 19/05/2015.

### OBJECTIVES

The objective of this monitoring program is to determine the typical background levels of methane in the Gloucester Valley and identify any land-use activities that generate methane. Additional methane monitoring was undertaken to assess fugitive emissions from the Waukivory Pilot Project.

The monitoring program has been designed to measure CH<sub>4</sub> over a predetermined route inside and outside PEL 285 for the Gloucester Gas Project. In addition, the route included surveys of ambient CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations in the vicinity of the four Waukivory Pilot Project wells.

The baseline study comprises the four weeks of data collected in August 2013 as well as data collected in January 2014 to represent summer and winter conditions.

Additional monitoring was undertaken during the fracture stimulation program and flaring associated with the Waukivory Pilot Project. This monitoring was completed in October/November 2014 and May 2015 respectively. The outcome of this study is to be used as baseline data as well as indicative operational CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations (during fracture stimulation and flaring activities).

### RESULTS

The average CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations measured in the study area are the same as the global average background concentrations described in **WMO (2014)**. The average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration over the entire baseline monitoring period was found to be 1.8 parts per million (ppm). This value is typical of regional areas which generally have slightly lower CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations than urban areas.

During the entire sampling campaign 1 second CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations ranged from a minimum of 1.5ppm occurring during fracture stimulation activities (Run 14), to a maximum of 3.9ppm occurring at Showground during Run 5 of baseline monitoring. The highest average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration over a total run was 2.1ppm. This concentration is 0.3 ppm above the global average background concentration, a value that is typical of concentrations experienced in urban areas (between 1.8ppm and 3.0ppm, **Lowry et al., 2001**). This average was recorded during Run 15 which took place during the morning of 19 May 2015. Isotopic ratio values of methane ( $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$ ) recorded for all routes of this run indicate that there was a significantly negative  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$ . These negative isotopic fingerprints show that the elevated average concentration during the run was likely caused by a biological source of CH<sub>4</sub> contributing to the concentrations at this time. All routes during this run were above the global average background

methane concentration of 1.8 ppm, thus elevated values were not confined to any particular route and appeared to occur for the whole Gloucester Valley. Concentrations returned to levels that were measured during baseline monitoring, as evidenced by the data obtained during the afternoon sampling on the same day.

The averages for morning and afternoon datasets were both 1.8ppm which indicates that inversion conditions (known to increase concentrations of air quality indicators) were not significant in the Gloucester area during the mobile sampling. This is likely due to the timing of the mobile monitoring. Inversion conditions typically affect atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations during the hours of 22:00 to 04:00. Inversion effects are evidenced at these times in the data from the stationary monitoring site (**Appendix C**).

The two sampling routes with the highest CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations over the entire sampling period were Route 17 (1.92ppm average) and Route 18 (1.86ppm average). These routes are located on Showground and South of Showground at Gloucester (inside the basin) respectively. Route 17 is located in the immediate vicinity of a sewage treatment plant which is a known source of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions. Route 18 is located in the Gloucester residential area. Concentrations of CH<sub>4</sub> are typically slightly higher in such areas (**Lowry et al, 2001; Montiel et al, 2011**).

As with all other routes, Waukivory Road experienced an average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration of 2.4ppm (slightly above background) on the morning of 19 May 2015 that was not typical of the previous sampling runs. The average concentration however was within the concentrations typically experienced in urban areas. The averaged  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  value for this route and run was -57‰. Literature indicates that a  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  value lower (more negative) than -55 is indicative of a biological contribution of CH<sub>4</sub> as opposed to thermogenic (i.e. CSG related) CH<sub>4</sub>. This biological isotopic source signature supports the visual observations of saturated (methanogenesis conducive) soils over most of the Gloucester Valley, as well as the herds of cattle present on Waukivory Road on this day.

## CONCLUSION

The average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration measured over the period during which the baseline monitoring occurred was 1.8ppm. This is equivalent to the global background average (**WMO, 2013**).

Following review of the locations of the highest CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and the corresponding isotopic signature, the sources of the highest CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were identified as dairy/livestock, landfill, open cut coal mine, sewage treatment plant and biological activity.

The baseline assessment CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values have been compared with the post-activity monitoring results (obtained during fracture stimulation and after flaring had commenced). It is concluded that there was no significant difference in the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations observed during the baseline assessment compared with values measured during hydraulic fracturing. During one monitoring run which was performed after flaring had begun (Run 15), elevated CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were measured. Whilst the concentrations measured during this run are considered somewhat elevated for the Gloucester region, they are not abnormal and are in line with typical concentrations in urban areas. Run 15 was the first of the two runs that were performed on the same day, after flaring had commenced. The highly negative  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values for this run are typical of a biological CH<sub>4</sub> source likely caused by saturated soils and livestock. The final run (Run 16) shows that CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were reduced to levels that were not significantly different to baseline concentrations.

## GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
<b>AGL</b>	AGL Energy Limited
<b>Anthropogenic</b>	Anthropogenic is a term used to describe activities that are human induced (e.g. farming and landfills, CSG activities)
<b>Biogenic</b>	Biogenic is a term used to describe substances that are generated through life processes (i.e. produced by living organisms or biological processes)
<b>Box and whisker plot</b>	Box and whisker plots are a way of graphically presenting numerical data statistically. The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.
<b>Gloucester Gas Project</b>	The Gloucester Gas Project is located approximately 100 kilometres north of Newcastle. The Gloucester Gas Project is owned and operated by AGL.
<b>Coal seam gas (CSG)</b>	CSG contains CH <sub>4</sub> that naturally occurs in coal seams below the surface of the earth. CSG typically comprises >90% CH <sub>4</sub> with the remaining gas being other hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide and nitrogen.
<b>Fugitive methane emissions</b>	Fugitive emissions refer to the release of unintended or irregular gas releases from a non-discrete source (that are not captured or controlled through an emission point such as an exhaust stack or vent). Emissions from livestock and wetlands are considered fugitive emissions as they are not captured first, while emissions from a compressor engine exhaust stack is considered a point source, as the emission is planned and controlled. In relation to AGL's Gloucester Gas Project fugitive methane emissions are commonly considered those that are due to leaks and pressure relief valves (essentially a designed leak).
<b>Histogram</b>	A histogram is a way of graphically presenting the frequency distribution of a dataset. The dataset is divided into bins, where the frequency of occurrence of values that fall within each bin is shown. A histogram can also display the relative frequency providing information on the percentage of occurrence.
<b>Inversion</b>	During the cooler months where on clear nights, night time drainage flows pool in valleys with the warmer air above trapping the air below. It is not until the mid-morning that an inversion is broken down by the influence of the heat of the morning sun that allows mixing of the stable layer with layers aloft, as experienced during daylight hours.
<b>Isotopic ratio (<math>\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4</math>)</b>	$\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$ is the ratio of the stable isotopes of carbon ( $^{13}\text{C};^{12}\text{C}$ ) within the CH <sub>4</sub> gas sampled. Typically, anthropogenic or thermogenic methane sources have a higher proportion of $^{13}\text{C}$ than biogenic sources.
<b>Isotopic signature</b>	The isotopic signature can be used to analyse $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$ measurement and distinguish between different sources of CH <sub>4</sub> in the atmosphere. For example, there is a known preferential uptake of $^{12}\text{C}$ over $^{13}\text{C}$ by plants and microbial activity, which means that biogenic CH <sub>4</sub> is generally 'lighter' (more negative) than thermogenic CH <sub>4</sub> (i.e. that created via the thermal breakdown of heavier hydrocarbons under high temperature/pressure conditions).
<b>Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)</b>	CH <sub>4</sub> is a naturally occurring gas that is present in the atmosphere at trace concentrations. The global average methane concentration is 1.8 parts per million (ppm) (WMO, 2014). Methane can also be anthropogenically released through activities such as landfill, agricultural practices (i.e. livestock) and CSG projects. In urban areas, CH <sub>4</sub> concentrations are found to be slightly higher, with observations commonly ranging between 1.8ppm and 3.0ppm (Lowry et al., 2001)

Term	Definition
<b>Parts per million (ppm)</b>	A measure of very dilute concentrations of substances. Just as per cent means out of a hundred, so parts per million or ppm means out of a million.
<b>Picard analyser</b>	<p>The Picarro G-2201-i Cavity Ring Down Spectrometer (CRDS) uses a near-Infra Red laser to measure sample gas passed through an optical measurement cavity. The instrument has an effective path length of up to 20 km inside the cavity, which results in high precision, and low-volume cavity to ensure better temperature stability, faster gas exchange, lower noise and higher sensitivity. The stability of the system means that minimal calibration is required (<b>Picarro, 2012</b>).</p> <p>The G2201-i is based on Picarro's CRDS technology, but also measures isotopic carbon ratios. Origins of methane (i.e. biogenic and thermogenic) have a characteristic ratio of <sup>13</sup>C to <sup>12</sup>C. The Picarro G2201-i makes precise <sup>13</sup>C/<sup>12</sup>C ratio measurements that can potentially be used to distinguish between methane from different sources. This capability can be useful in measuring CH<sub>4</sub> in the vicinity of coal seam gas operations. This is since the isotopic carbon ratio of CH<sub>4</sub> generated from cattle, for example, will typically have a different signature from that of fugitive coal seam gas.</p> <p>It should be noted that there are limitations associated with the use of the Picarro equipment and the determination of δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> values. The higher the concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> observed (i.e. the stronger the signal), the more effective the use of δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> as a metric of CH<sub>4</sub> source. Therefore, at low, well mixed CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations (such as those observed during the study period) interpretation of the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> results are considered indicative.</p>
<b>Thermogenic</b>	Thermogenic is a term used to describe hydrocarbons (i.e. methane) created via the thermal breakdown of heavier hydrocarbons under high temperature/pressure conditions. Such conditions occur where hydrocarbons are buried deep below the surface of the earth (i.e. due to the breakdown of fossil fuels), and may be taken as meaning 'associated with CSG' in the context of this report.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

The Gloucester Gas Project, operated by AGL Energy Limited (AGL), is a coal seam gas (CSG) project located approximately 100km north of Newcastle. The project is currently in the exploration stage with four operating wells commonly known as the Waukivory Pilot Project. AGL gained project approval in February 2013 for Stage 1 which comprises up to 110 gas wells and associated infrastructure, a central processing facility, a gas fired electricity generating facility, a gas transmission pipeline and a delivery station at Hexham. The commencement of Stage 1 will be dependent on the exploration stage and assessment of the gas resource.

This technical report provides the results and analysis of a field monitoring campaign measuring the concentration and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  of fugitive  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions in the Gloucester area completed by Pacific Environment on behalf of AGL.

The study is considered to represent an indicative screening analysis of the baseline conditions as well as an initial analysis of any potential impacts in ambient  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations in the vicinity of the Gloucester Gas Project.

## 1.2 Objectives

AGL commissioned Pacific Environment to monitor atmospheric methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) concentrations in the vicinity of the existing Gloucester Gas Project. The objective of the monitoring program is to determine the background  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations in the Gloucester area and whether fugitive  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions from AGL's CSG operations are currently influencing ambient  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations at locations within and near the Gloucester Gas Project. The monitoring program has been designed to measure  $\text{CH}_4$  at sites within the Gloucester Gas Project and wider Gloucester Basin area.

# 2 SCOPE OF WORKS

## 2.1 Guideline documents for methane monitoring

There is currently no standard method for  $\text{CH}_4$  monitoring, or the analysis of the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  in NSW or Australia. "Queensland's Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Well Head Emissions Detection and Reporting" (DEEDI, 2011) and the "National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System Measurement" (DIICCSRTE, 2013) are identified as containing guidance on CSG/ $\text{CH}_4$  monitoring, however these have limited application to the current study design.

The assessment has therefore been guided by good air quality monitoring practice including the Australian Standard (AS) 2922-1987 "Guide for the siting of sampling units" (AS, 1987), and its updated standard AS 3580.1.1:2007 "Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air" (AS, 2007). The specific sampling methodologies employed are detailed in **Section 5**.

## 2.2 Initial sampling

The first phase of the project involved the identification of potential sources of  $\text{CH}_4$  which could influence  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations in the Gloucester region.  $\text{CH}_4$  samples of these potential sources were obtained using an isolation flux hood (see **Section 4.4**). This allowed for identification of the isotopic ratios of  $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  of each source. The isotopic ratio (or "isotopic signature"; referred to as  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$ ) was then used as a fingerprint to identify the sources of  $\text{CH}_4$  in the area during mobile monitoring (see **Section 4.2**).

## 2.3 Mobile methane monitoring

Mobile methane monitoring was conducted over the following timeframes:

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- Baseline mobile CH<sub>4</sub> monitoring -conducted from 29/07/2013 to 22/01/2014 (ten runs in total)
  - Mid-fracture stimulation mobile CH<sub>4</sub> monitoring- conducted from 20/10/2014 to 08/11/2014 (four runs in total)
  - Mid-flaring stimulation mobile CH<sub>4</sub> monitoring- conducted on 19/05/2015 (two runs in total)
  - A stationary monitor was installed adjacent to AGL's weather station (see **Figure 5-1** for location) for a 10-day period (30/07/2013-09/08/2013) to characterise the diurnal CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and assess any impacts on CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations caused by atmospheric inversion (see **Section 4.3**).

In total, 16 runs were performed during both the morning and afternoon over a total sampling campaign distance of 3,200 km. For analysis purposes the monitoring route was split into a subset of 18 routes. Further details are provided in **Section 5.3**.

## 2.4 Analysis of results and reporting

To date, previous interim monitoring reports have been compiled which include the results of baseline and mid-fracture stimulation monitoring (i.e. results from monitoring performed between 29/07/2013 to 08/11/2014). This is the final report which includes an assessment of all monitoring performed to date, including prior, during and post fracture stimulation which ceased on 26/11/2014, and during flaring activities and general operation of the Waukivory Pilot Project.

The average, minimum and maximum CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values were determined for each route and for each run with results prepared into tables, box plots and concentration maps (see **Section 6, Appendix A and Appendix B**). The natural variability in baseline concentrations and  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values were assessed and compared to the mid-fracture stimulation and flaring results. Where concentrations exceeded 1.8ppm, the  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  was used as an indicator of the cause of these elevated concentrations.

## 3 AIR QUALITY CRITERIA

The composition of CSG typically constitutes high concentrations (>90%) of CH<sub>4</sub> (with the remaining gas being comprised of other hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen). There are no known health effects associated with ambient CH<sub>4</sub> and it is not defined as a hazardous air pollutant (**US EPA, 2014**). CH<sub>4</sub> only poses a health risk under extremely high concentrations in a confined environment. This is due to the ability of CH<sub>4</sub> to act as an asphyxiant, displacing oxygen in the blood. CH<sub>4</sub> is also highly explosive when mixed with oxygen at certain concentrations.

### 3.1 Health criteria

Currently, there are no NSW or international health criteria established for CH<sub>4</sub> that would be relevant to the ambient concentration increase that could be expected with CSG leakage or fugitive release.

Internationally, the (United States) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) references a maximum recommended safe CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for workers during an 8-hour period, referred to as a Threshold Limit Value (TLV), of 1,000ppm (**NIOSH, 2015**). Additionally, criteria are available related to explosivity, where a Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) value of 50,000ppm is referenced.

## 4 METHANE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

CH<sub>4</sub> is a naturally occurring compound which is found in low concentrations in ambient atmospheric air. The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) indicates that the global average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration has risen in recent years to 1.824<sup>a</sup>ppm (**WMO, 2014**). This background value of CH<sub>4</sub> is

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<sup>a</sup> For the purposes of this report this value has been rounded to 1.8ppm.

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highly variable depending upon type of area (urban or rural), and time of day due to atmospheric inversion processes (discussed in **Section 4.3**).

In rural areas, CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations can be higher than the background value due the potential influence of a number of sources known to release fugitive CH<sub>4</sub>. These include livestock, landfills, sewage treatment plants and coal mines. One recent study performed in a rural area of the upper Spanish plateau determined that hourly CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations ranged from 1.8 ppm to 3.9ppm with a mean of 1.9ppm (**Sánchez et al., 2014**)

Studies completed by **Lowry et al. (2001)** in London, where the greatest CH<sub>4</sub> contributors were reported to be associated with gas storage and distribution systems as well as sewage treatment, measured CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations as high as 6.1 ppm when investigating diurnal patterns of CH<sub>4</sub> and δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub>. This study observed hourly averages commonly ranging between 1.8ppm and 3.0ppm. Contributors to the diurnal fluctuations were not only influenced by the prevailing meteorological conditions (i.e. temperature inversions), but also periods when the general population tend to use gas appliances (i.e. cooking, hot water systems etc.).

The primary removal mechanism of CH<sub>4</sub> from the atmosphere is through chemical reactions with the hydroxyl radical (OH) forming carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The OH reacts with a number of gases in the atmosphere and is commonly referred to as a chemical species that 'cleans' the atmosphere.

#### 4.1 Sources of methane

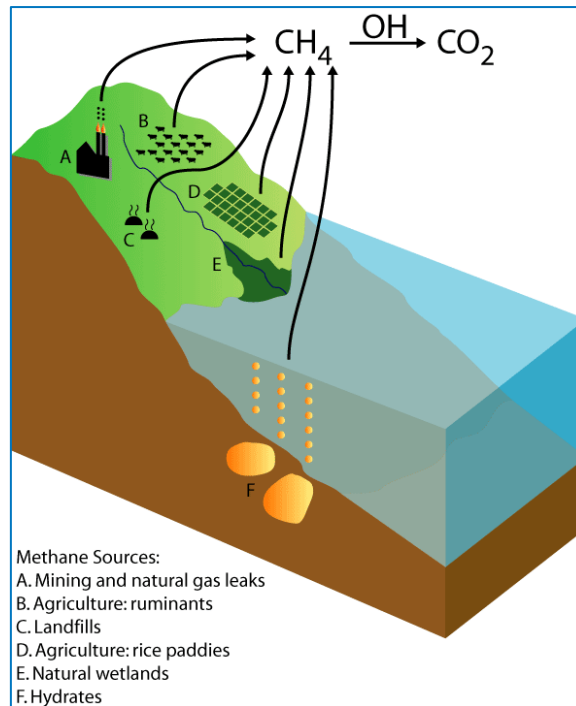
There are two major sources of CH<sub>4</sub> in the environment. These are biogenic (natural) sources and anthropogenic (human) sources.

CH<sub>4</sub> naturally occurs as a by-product of microbial respiration. This typically requires saturated environments where microbes called "methanogens" can thrive. Ideal environments include wetlands, bogs and stagnant waters. Another natural source of significance is CH<sub>4</sub> released by animals such as termites and wild animals.

Anthropogenic sources of CH<sub>4</sub> are caused by human activities such as landfills, sewage treatment plants, industrial emissions and coal seam gas extraction. Another large source of anthropogenic CH<sub>4</sub> is agricultural practices via ruminant digestion processes or rice paddies.

**Figure 4-1** depicts the main sources and sinks of CH<sub>4</sub> in the environment. Any of these sources may be expected to yield CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations of >10ppm, however with no implications for health.

There are no known health effects associated with CH<sub>4</sub> and it is not defined as a hazardous air pollutant (**US EPA, 2014**). Human health trigger level concentrations for CH<sub>4</sub> are governed by its potential for asphyxiation or explosivity.



(Source: NASA GISS, 2013)

Figure 4-1: Sources of methane in the environment

## 4.2 Methane isotopes and source signatures

CH<sub>4</sub> contains stable isotopes of hydrogen (H) and carbon (C). The ratio of stable C isotopes (<sup>13</sup>C:<sup>12</sup>C) in CH<sub>4</sub> provides information on the source of the CH<sub>4</sub> in a sample of gas. For example, biogenic sources of CH<sub>4</sub> typically contain more isotopically light CH<sub>4</sub> (i.e. a high proportion of the light isotope of carbon (<sup>12</sup>C)) than anthropogenic or thermal sources. This is caused by a microbial preference to consume lighter C isotopes due to the lower energy requirements compared to consuming <sup>13</sup>C. The reduced proportion of <sup>13</sup>C in a sample of biogenic CH<sub>4</sub> causes a more negative value compared to anthropogenic CH<sub>4</sub> sources.

The ratio of CH<sub>4</sub> in a sample is expressed as a “δ<sup>13</sup>C” value in parts per thousand/per mil (‰) notation. This value is obtained upon comparison to a calcium carbonate standard referred to as Pee Dee Belemnite (PDB).

The isotopic composition of common CH<sub>4</sub> sources has been characterised in a number of studies of the past several decades. **Table 4-1** provides a summary of the most common CH<sub>4</sub> sources and the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> for each source. These δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> values are consistent with those established in other studies discussed in Initial report on the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW (**CS&E, 2013**) where, broadly speaking, δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> values less (or more negative) than -55‰ are associated with biogenic CH<sub>4</sub> and δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> values above -55‰ are related to thermogenic sources of CH<sub>4</sub>. It is important to note that the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> characteristic of a source is more commonly observed as a range of measurements than a single discrete number.

**Table 4-1:  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  of background atmospheric air and common natural and anthropogenic methane sources**

Source	$\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$ (‰)
<b>Atmospheric</b>	
Ambient air	-47
<b>Natural sources</b>	
Wetlands (swamps)	-55±3
Wetlands (bogs and tundra)	-65±5
Oceans	-59
Mud volcanoes	-40
Termites	-57
Wild animals	-62
<b>Anthropogenic sources</b>	
Biomass burning (C4 vegetation)	-17±3
Biomass burning (C3 vegetation)	-26±3
Enteric fermentation (C4 vegetation)	-49±4
Enteric fermentation (C3 vegetation)	-70±4
Landfill	-53±2
Domestic sewage	-57±3
Rice paddies	-62±3
Coal extraction	-35±3
Gas extraction (North Sea)	-34±3
Gas extraction (Siberia)	-50±3
Gas extraction (QLD, Australia)	-54±1
Residential	-38

Source: Montiel *et al.* (2011), Dlugokencky *et al.* (2011), Tyler *et al.* (2007), Hamilton *et al.* (2003)

Scientists are able to ascertain the potential source of a fugitive  $\text{CH}_4$  emission by comparing the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  of a sample with known ranges of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  determined from a reference data set. The reference data set could either be from values published in scientific literature, as shown in **Table 4-1**, or known sources of  $\text{CH}_4$  in the area being studied (e.g. landfills, wetlands, and mining operations).

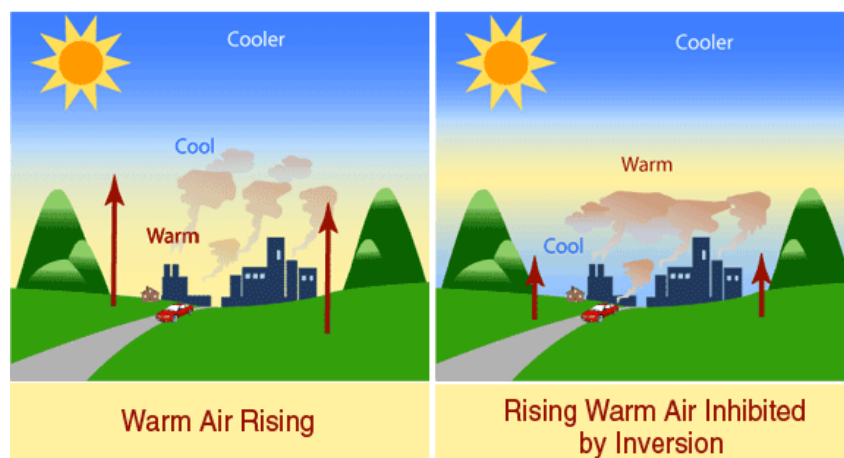
It should be noted that there are limitations associated with using of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  values to categorically identify a  $\text{CH}_4$  source, particularly when measuring under ambient conditions. This is because at ambient concentrations (i.e. the global average being 1.8 ppm (WMO, 2014), the air will by definition be comprised of a mixture of multiple sources as opposed to one main source. This means that there is significantly more variability (or 'noise') in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  values measured.

The higher the concentration of  $\text{CH}_4$  observed (i.e. the stronger the signal), the more effective the use of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  as a metric of  $\text{CH}_4$  source identification. Therefore, at low, well mixed  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations (such as those measured during the study period) interpretation of the  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  results should be considered indicative.

### 4.3 Inversion conditions

Inversion conditions can occur during the cooler months where on clear nights, night time drainage flows pool in valleys with the warmer air above trapping the air below. Inversion conditions are conducive to higher  $\text{CH}_4$  concentrations, as any  $\text{CH}_4$  is trapped within a shallow (often only 50 meters high) layer of air. It is usually not until the mid-morning that an inversion is broken down by the influence

of the heat of the morning sun that allows mixing of the stable layer with layers aloft, as experienced during daylight hours. This mixing allows any CH<sub>4</sub> to disperse and become less concentrated. **Figure 4-2** shows a graphical comparison of when the dispersion of emissions with and without an inversion.



(Source: Pollutionfree, 2014)

**Figure 4-2: Temperature inversion**

#### 4.4 Sources applicable to the current study

Prior to the commencement of the baseline CH<sub>4</sub> monitoring program, the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> for potential sources of CH<sub>4</sub> in the Gloucester area has been characterised. A summary of the findings of this study are provided in the following section.

Samples of AGL gas from two representative gas wells were collected and analysed. In addition, two sample sites at a nearby landfill and livestock were selected based on the assumption that these would also be significant contributors of CH<sub>4</sub> in the Gloucester air shed. A description of each gas sample source is as follows:

- Landfill (fresh) – fresh landfill that was placed within the past month;
- Landfill (capped 18 months) – landfill that has been placed within the past 6 – 12 months;
- Livestock (cow manure) – fresh cow manure

Photographs taken during the collection of the samples are shown in **Figure 4-3**.

The landfill and livestock related CH<sub>4</sub> samples were collected using an isolation flux hood, configured in similar method as employed for area source odour sampling (**NSW EPA 2006**).

The results of the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> analysis are presented in **Figure 4-4**. The average δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> across all samples ranged between -44‰ (landfill capped 18 months) and -51‰ (livestock). The samples collected from the landfill and AGL gas samples were in generally lower (more negative) than the sample for the livestock. This is in agreement with the preferential uptake of <sup>12</sup>C over <sup>13</sup>C by microbial activity discussed above, resulting in typically lighter CH<sub>4</sub>, with a lower δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub>, from biogenic sources.

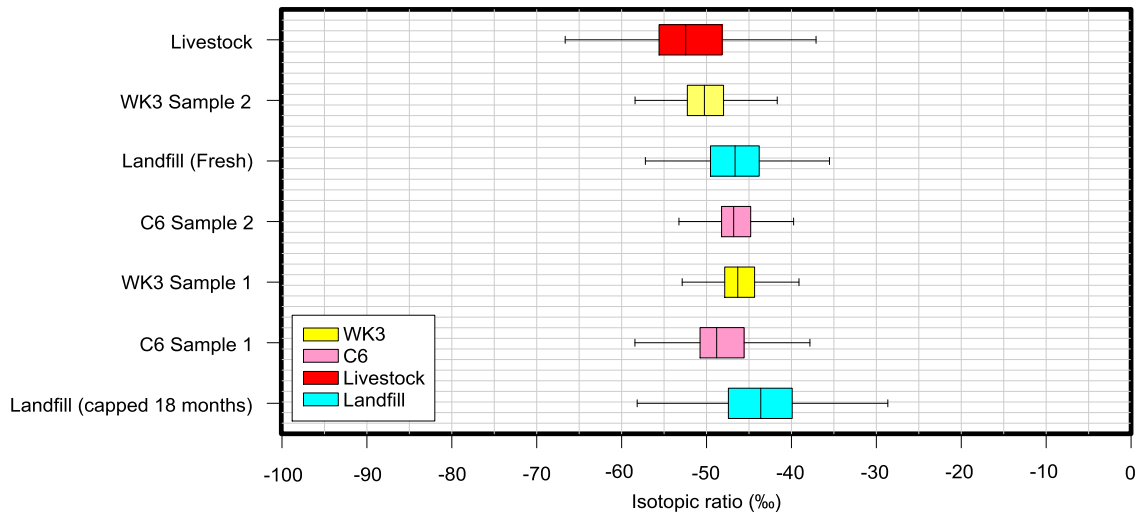
For the gas well samples, the range of the average δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> was between -50‰ and -44‰. This indicates that the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> of coal seam gas can vary across the gas well network. The δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> can also vary within each gas bag sampled as shown in the range of δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> measured from each gas bag (e.g. WK3 Samples 1 and 2).

**Figure 4-4** shows a histogram of the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> for all samples. The three sample groups show a unique 'fingerprint' of the δ<sup>13</sup>C-CH<sub>4</sub> values measured. This data can be used to compare with field samples to ascertain the source of the CH<sub>4</sub>.



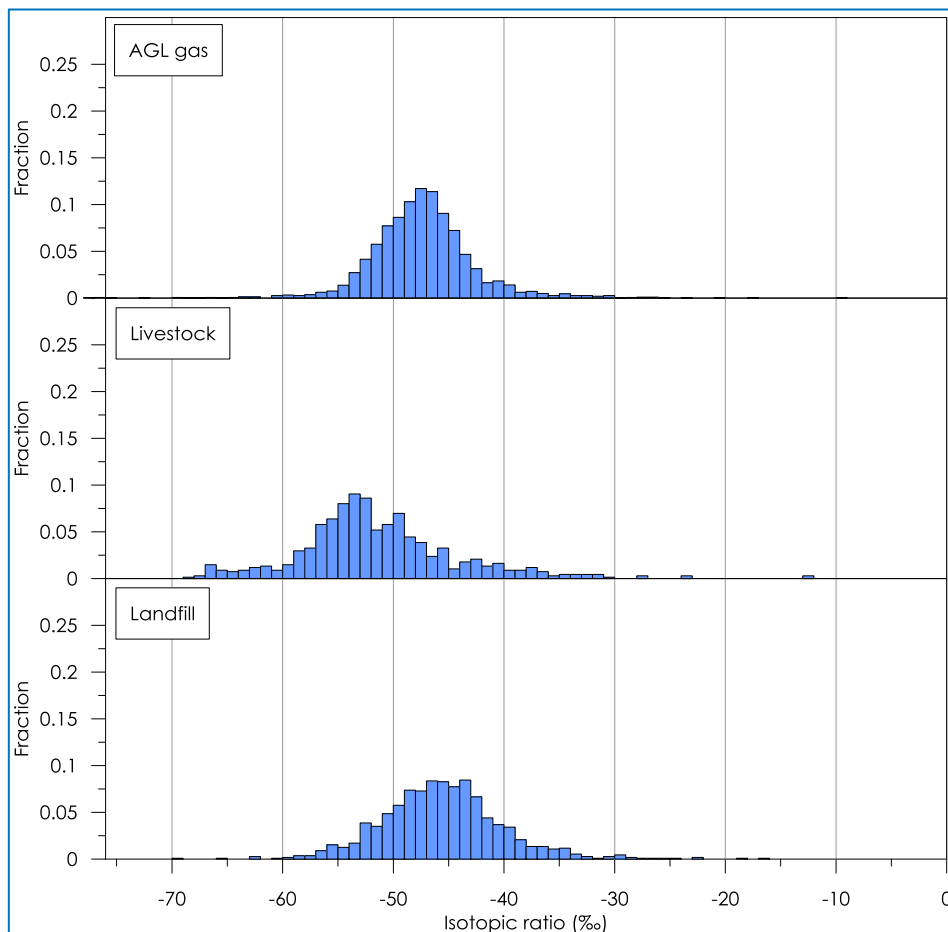
**Figure 4-3: Photographs during collection of reference samples**





**Figure 4-4** Box and whisker plot showing  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$

Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.



**Figure 4-5:** Histogram of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  of sample groups

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## 5 METHODOLOGY OF FIELD STUDY

### 5.1 Baseline Assessment

The field campaign has been designed to collect ambient CH<sub>4</sub> concentration data from across the Gloucester region. To gather a sufficient dataset for this baseline study, an initial four week campaign was completed in August 2013. Since then, four additional runs were completed in January 2014, October 2014, November 2014 and May 2015.

Mobile monitoring (i.e. surveying CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations using an instrument mounted within a vehicle) was completed over 202 km route. Further detail as to site selection is provided in **Section 5.3**. A stationary monitor was also installed as part of the August 2013 works to characterise the diurnal CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations.

To complete the baseline survey of the Gloucester area in August 2013 and January 2014, the monitoring was conducted over two weekdays with different days selected each week to remove the potential for systematic bias in the sampling. On each day the selected route was completed in either the morning or afternoon to account for potential diurnal variation in CH<sub>4</sub>.

### 5.2 Activity Monitoring

Additional monitoring campaigns of the Gloucester area were undertaken during fracture stimulation, and during flaring in late-2014 and mid-2015. AGL completed hydraulic fracturing of four pilot wells between mid-October and late-November 2014.

The May 2015 monitoring survey was completed while flaring was occurring from the four Waukivory pilot wells. During the post-fracture stimulation and mid-flaring monitoring runs, monitoring was conducted over one weekday. The selected route was completed in the morning and afternoon to account for potential diurnal variation in CH<sub>4</sub>.

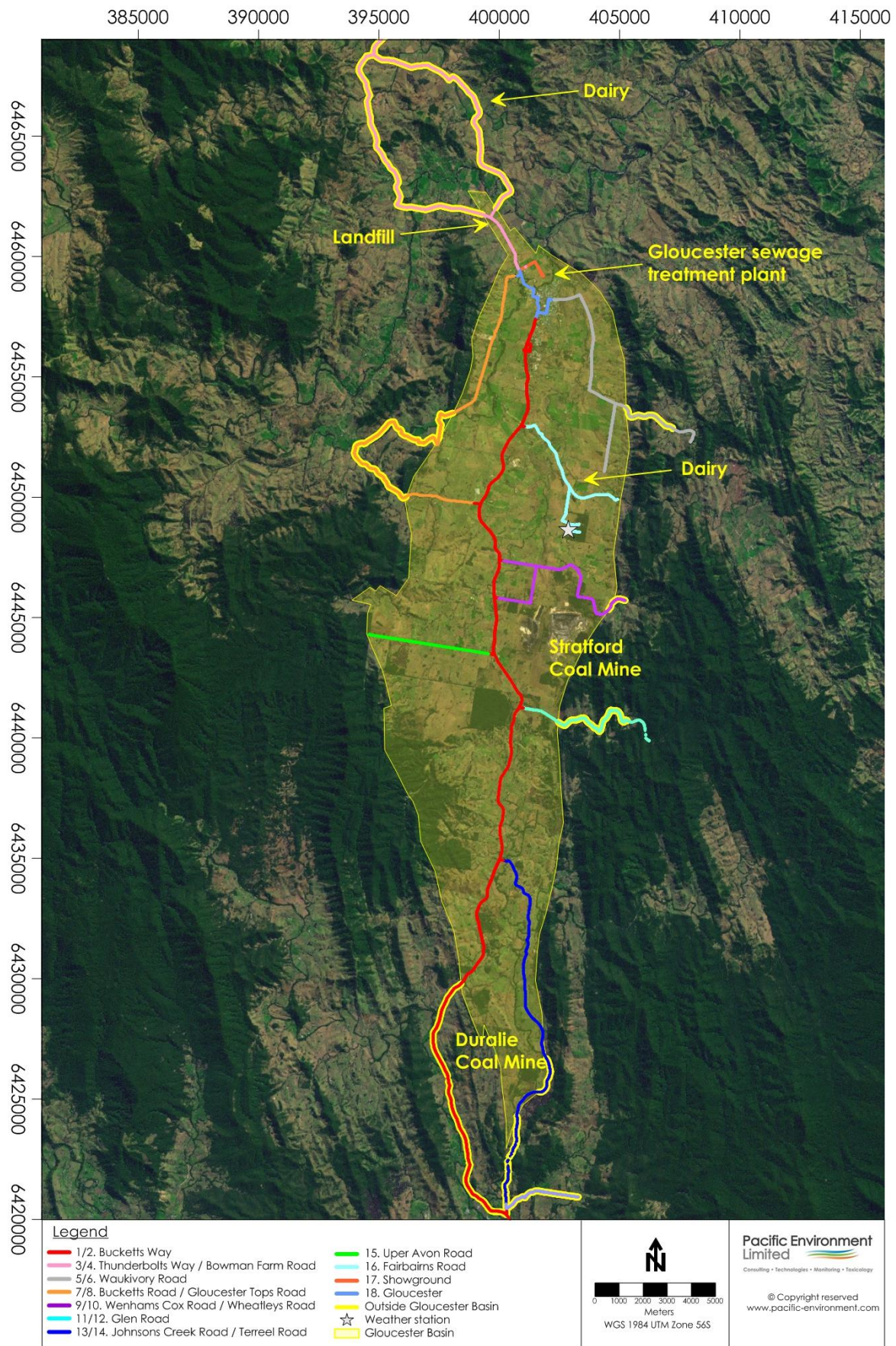
In addition to the results presented in this report, Pacific Environment has also conducted a small scale monitoring study of an alternative route to the one used in this study. This was performed to compare baseline levels to those after hydraulic fracturing had begun in an additional nearby area in Gloucester (**Pacific Environment, 2014a**).

### 5.3 Monitoring route

To meet the objective of this baseline study 'to determine the concentrations of CH<sub>4</sub> that are typically experienced at locations within the Gloucester Gas Project area', the monitoring program has been designed to measure CH<sub>4</sub> over a 202 km route that is representative of the conditions in the Gloucester region.

**Figure 5-1** shows the routes used for the study. **Table 5-1** provides a summary description of each route.

**Figure 5-1** also shows the location of AGL's Gloucester weather station. The second stationary Picarro was installed adjacent to the weather station so that meteorological influences can be accounted for in the CH<sub>4</sub> concentration measurements.



**Figure 5-1: Monitoring routes**

**Table 5-1: Description of monitoring locations**

Site number	Site description	Location relative to Gloucester geological basin (coal measures)
Route 1	Bucketts Way	Outside Basin
Route 2	Bucketts Way	Inside Basin
Route 3	Thunderbolts Way / Bowman Farm Road	Outside Basin
Route 4	Thunderbolts Way / Bowman Farm Road	Inside Basin
Route 5	Waukivory Road	Outside Basin
Route 6	Waukivory Road	Inside Basin
Route 7	Bucketts Road / Gloucester Tops Road	Outside Basin
Route 8	Bucketts Road / Gloucester Tops Road	Inside Basin
Route 9	Wenhams Cox Road / Wheatleys Road	Outside Basin
Route 10	Wenhams Cox Road / Wheatleys Road	Inside Basin
Route 11	Glen Road	Outside Basin
Route 12	Glen Road	Inside Basin
Route 13	Johnsons Creek Road / Terreel Road	Outside Basin
Route 14	Johnsons Creek Road / Terreel Road	Inside Basin
Route 15	Upper Avon Road	Inside Basin
Route 16	Fairbairns Road	Inside Basin
Route 17	Showground	Inside Basin
Route 18	Gloucester	Inside Basin

## 5.4 Instrumentation

The samples were analysed using a Picarro G-2201-i Cavity Ring Down Spectrometer (Picarro) that measures the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and corresponding  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$ . The Picarro was operated in high precision mode.

The Picarro monitoring system was configured for this mobile monitoring campaign, measuring CH<sub>4</sub> concentration, isotopic values for CH<sub>4</sub> along with GPS coordinates. The system components are housed within an AGL vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser Troop Carrier) and configured to meet the recommendations of the Picarro Mobile Kit User's Guide (Picarro, 2011). **Figure 5-2** provides an image of the mobile set up used in the AGL field study.

A second Picarro (G-2132-i) was also installed to provide continuous CH<sub>4</sub> concentration measurements at one location.

The Picarro has been used extensively in other overseas studies (Phillips *et al.*, 2012) and in Australia as outlined in the *Initial report on the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in NSW* (CS&E, 2013).

## 5.5 Calibration

Prior to the commencement of the monitoring campaign the Picarro was calibrated using CSIRO's calibration gases located at their Energy Technology Centre in Mayfield West, NSW.

To ensure the ongoing accuracy and consistency of the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations, single point calibrations were completed using bottled CH<sub>4</sub> gas of known concentration on the day of each run.

During the monitoring campaign both instruments were calibrated by the University of New South Wales using 20 calibration gases that are referenced against the high precision gas chromatography isotope ratio mass spectrometry that is operated by the Greenhouse Gas Laboratory, Royal Holloway, University of London.



Figure 5-2: AGL mobile monitoring kit

## 6 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A summary of the monitoring dates and whether the run was completed in the morning (between 7am – 12pm) or afternoon (12pm – 6:30pm) are provided in **Table 6-1**.

**Table 6-1: Summary of monitoring runs**

Run number	Date	Time
<b>Baseline monitoring</b>		
Run 1	29/07/2013	Afternoon
Run 2	30/07/2013	Morning
Run 3	06/08/2013	Afternoon
Run 4	07/08/2013	Morning
Run 5	14/08/2013	Afternoon
Run 6	15/08/2013	Morning
Run 7	19/08/2013	Afternoon
Run 8	20/08/2013	Morning
Run 9	21/01/2014	Afternoon
Run 10	22/01/2014	Morning
<b>Mid-fracture stimulation monitoring</b>		
Run 11	20/10/2014	Morning
Run 12	20/10/2014	Afternoon
Run 13	07/11/2014	Afternoon
Run 14	08/11/2014	Morning
<b>Mid-flaring monitoring</b>		
Run 15	19/05/2015	Morning
Run 16	19/05/2015	Afternoon

Provided in **Appendix A** are a series of maps showing the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations as measured along each route measured on the day of the monitoring. Summary tables of the monitoring results for the 18 routes within the Gloucester area are provided as **Appendix B** (see **Figure 5-1** for the location of each route). A time series during the initial four week campaign of the CH<sub>4</sub> concentration data measured at the stationary monitoring site is presented in **Appendix C**.

As a significant amount of data has been collected during the 16 monitoring runs completed to date, discussion is focused and provided where elevated CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were measured or field observations warranted further investigation.

Over the duration of the monitoring period, 80 hours of 1 second measurements of CH<sub>4</sub> concentration were recorded over 3,200 km of the Gloucester region. To provide a holistic view of the variability of CH<sub>4</sub> concentration, box and whisker plots of the entire data set by site and by week have been prepared in **Figure 6-1** and **Figure 6-2**, respectively.

Over the entire monitoring program the average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was 1.8ppm, consistent with the global average of 1.8ppm (**WMO, 2014**)

**Table 6-2** presents the data by each route, with the average, the maximum and the minimum measured. The average of the data ranges between 1.8ppm and 1.9ppm. The CH<sub>4</sub> concentration data by site shows that the greatest 1 second CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were measured on Route 17

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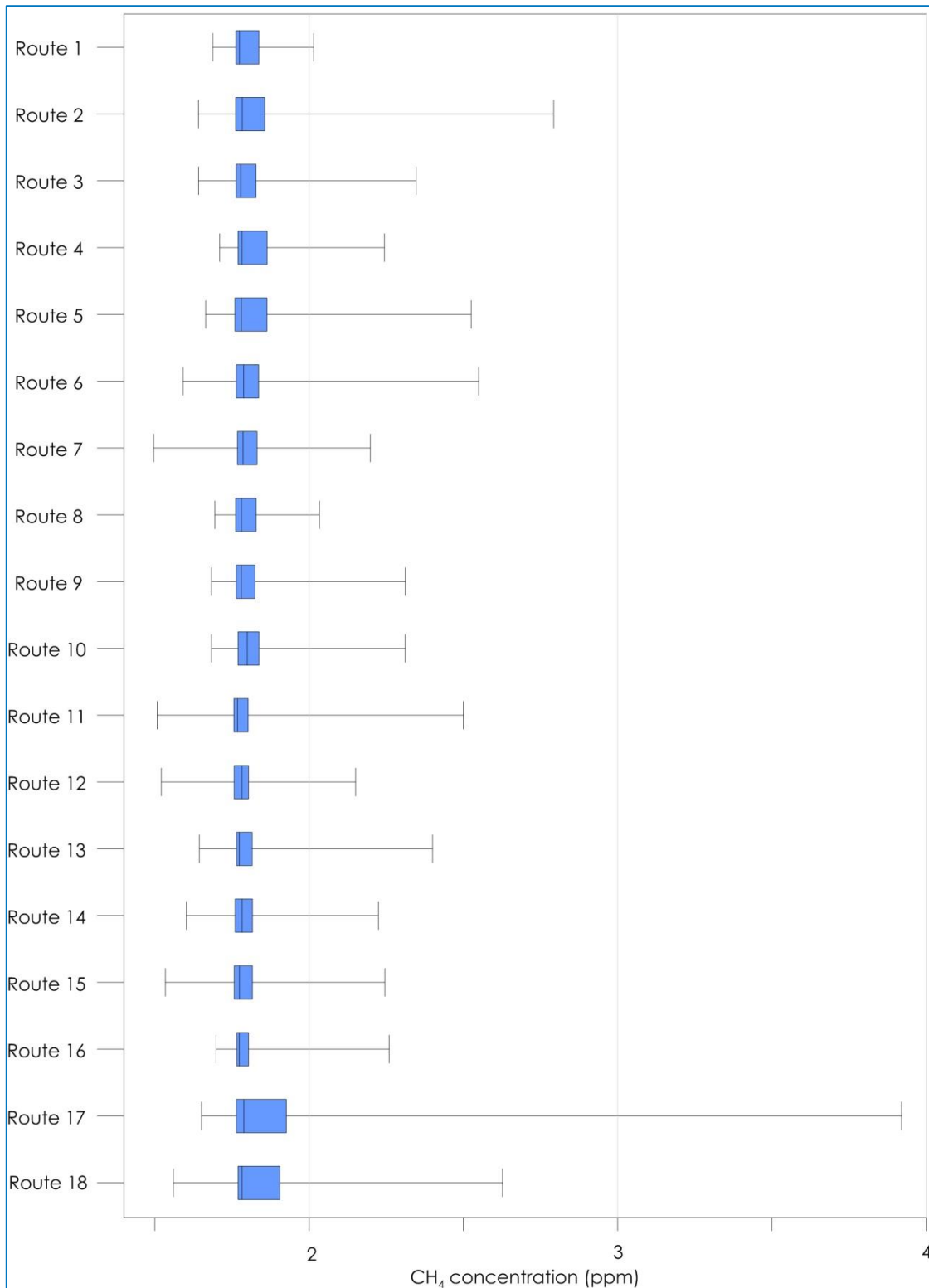
(Showground). It is noted that Route 17 passes by the Gloucester sewage treatment plant, a known source of fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emissions (see **Figure 5-1** for the location of the monitoring routes).

**Table 6-3** presents the data by run, with the average, the minimum and maximum of the average data. Run 5 showed the greatest variability with the 1-second concentrations ranging between 1.7ppm and 3.9ppm.

**Figure 6-3** and **Figure 6-4** show the corresponding  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values for the CH<sub>4</sub> concentration data presented in **Figure 6-1** and **Figure 6-2**, by route and by run, respectively. Route 13 averaged the lowest (most negative)  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values and Route 1 averaged the highest (least negative)  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values. The greatest variability in  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values was experienced on Route 13, while the most consistent  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values were recorded on Route 9. By run, the most consistent  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values were measured during Run 15, with greatest variability recorded during Run 13. Over the 10 week baseline monitoring program, the average  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  was -41‰. During the mid-fracture stimulation and mid-flaring monitoring, the average  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  was -46‰ and -50‰ respectively. Over the entire 16 week monitoring program the average  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  was -43‰.

As noted above, there are limitations associated with using  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values to categorically identify a CH<sub>4</sub> source at the concentrations observed within the study. This is because close to background concentrations (i.e. the global average being 1.8ppm (**WMO, 2014**)), the CH<sub>4</sub> will be by definition a mixture of multiple sources, meaning there is significantly more variability (or 'noise') in the  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values measured.

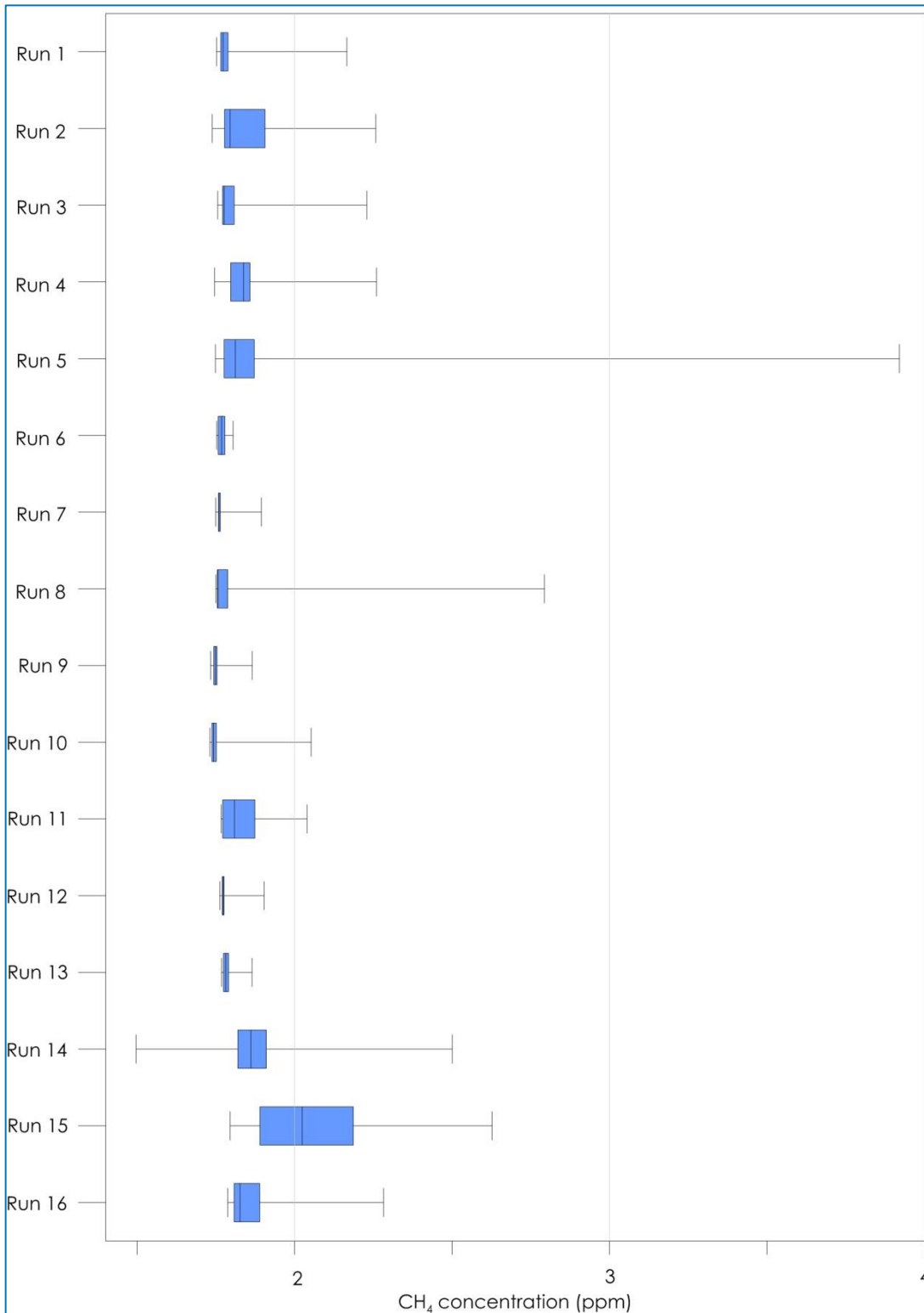
Notwithstanding the above, the  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  results from this study are provided as an indicator in assessing the origins of the CH<sub>4</sub> (i.e. biogenic or thermogenic). More detailed results for each individual site for each of the 16 runs are provided in **Appendix B**.



**Figure 6-1: Box and whisker plot of CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for all monitoring data by route for the duration of the monitoring period (all runs combined)**

*Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.*





**Figure 6-2: Box and whisker plot of CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for all monitoring data by run for the duration of the monitoring period (all routes combined)**

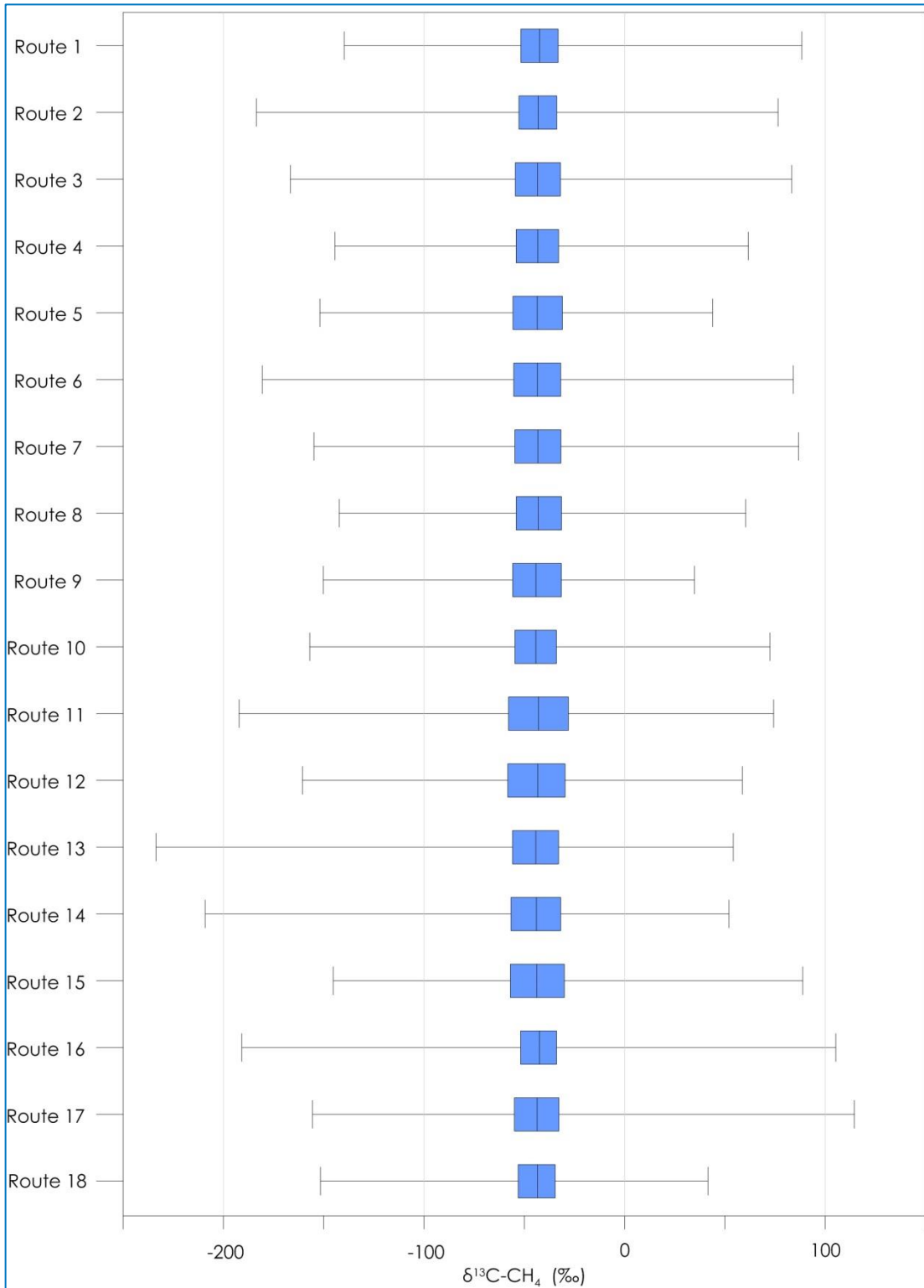
Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.

**Table 6-2: Summary of data by route**

Monitoring site	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Route 1	1.8	1.7	2.0
Route 2	1.8	1.6	2.8
Route 3	1.8	1.6	2.4
Route 4	1.8	1.7	2.2
Route 5	1.9	1.7	2.5
Route 6	1.8	1.6	2.6
Route 7	1.8	1.5	2.2
Route 8	1.8	1.7	2.0
Route 9	1.8	1.7	2.3
Route 10	1.8	1.7	2.3
Route 11	1.8	1.5	2.5
Route 12	1.8	1.5	2.1
Route 13	1.8	1.6	2.4
Route 14	1.8	1.6	2.2
Route 15	1.8	1.5	2.3
Route 16	1.8	1.7	2.3
Route 17	1.9	1.7	3.9
Route 18	1.9	1.6	2.6

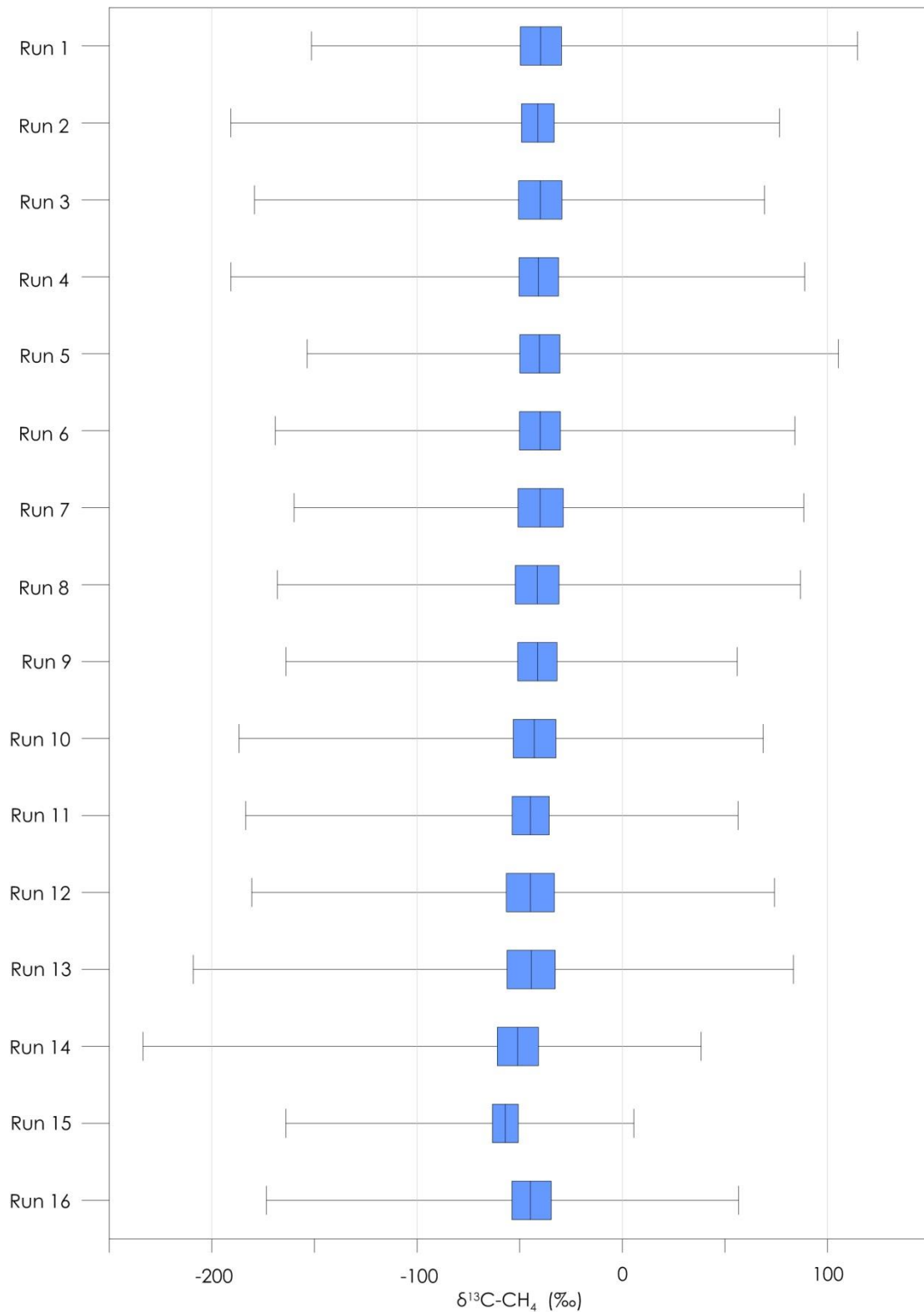
**Table 6-3: Summary of data by run**

Week	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Run 1	1.8	1.8	2.2
Run 2	1.8	1.7	2.3
Run 3	1.8	1.8	2.2
Run 4	1.8	1.7	2.3
Run 5	1.9	1.7	3.9
Run 6	1.8	1.8	1.8
Run 7	1.8	1.7	1.9
Run 8	1.8	1.7	2.8
Run 9	1.8	1.7	1.9
Run 10	1.7	1.7	2.1
Run 11	1.8	1.8	2.0
Run 12	1.8	1.8	1.9
Run 13	1.8	1.8	1.9
Run 14	1.9	1.5	2.5
Run 15	2.1	1.8	2.6
Run 16	1.9	1.8	2.3



**Figure 6-3: Box and whisker plot of  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  for all monitoring data by route for the duration of the monitoring period**

*Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.*



**Figure 6-4: Box and whisker plot of  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  for all monitoring data by run for the duration of the monitoring period**

*Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The left side of the box indicates the lower quartile and the right indicates the upper quartile. The far left and far right error bars indicate the minimum and maximum of the values measured.*

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A summary of key findings are presented in **Section 6.1** below.

## 6.1 Key findings

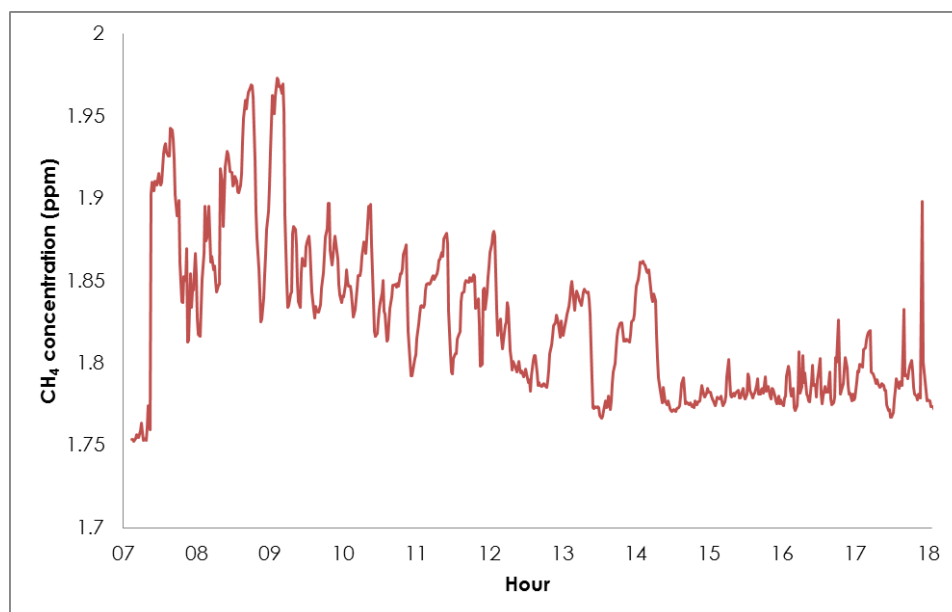
The following points provide an overview of the monitoring results:

- The 1 second interval CH<sub>4</sub> concentration ranged between 1.5ppm to 3.9ppm across all routes and runs investigated during the field campaign.
- Over the 12 week monitoring program the average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was 1.8ppm. This value is consistent with the global average background of 1.8ppm (**WMO, 2014**). The corresponding average  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  was -43‰, similar to values observed in residential areas reported in **Montiel et al. (2011)**.
- The highest 1-second CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was 3.9ppm measured near the showground (Route 17) during Run 5 (see **Table 6-1**). This was followed by Route 2 (Bucketts Way – inside basin) with a maximum of 2.8ppm.
- The  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values measured on Route 17 during Run 5 were shown to be more negative than values measured along other routes during this week. This indicated a biological source of CH<sub>4</sub> in the area. Route 17 is located adjacent to a sewage treatment plant which is a known source of fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> with a biological origin. This is therefore identified as the likely source of the methane in this area during Run 5.
- On average, the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations measured during mobile monitoring were lowest during Runs 9 and 10, at 1.75ppm.
- The highest average CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations over a single run were observed during Run 15 at an average of 2.1ppm.
- There was negligible difference observed between the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations measured inside and outside of the Gloucester Basin.
- At the stationary monitoring location the highest CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was 4.1 ppm, measured at 1:43am on 31 August 2013.
- The stationary monitoring data indicate that there is a diurnal trend in CH<sub>4</sub> concentration, with the highest levels occurring during the late evening and early hours of the morning. This is most likely associated with meteorological conditions (i.e. low atmospheric mixing heights due to temperature inversion conditions).
- Temperature inversion conditions showed negligible influence on CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations in the Gloucester area measured using mobile monitoring. This is likely due to the mobile monitoring not capturing the hours of the day (i.e. 2200 to 0400) when CH<sub>4</sub> concentration is shown to be higher as evidenced with the data from the stationary monitoring site.
- Based on field observations and results of similar studies in Camden (**Pacific Environment, 2014b**) in addition to scientific literature (**Montiel et al., 2011; Dlugokencky et al., 2011**) sources of CH<sub>4</sub> in the Gloucester area have been identified and include:
  - Landfill
  - Sewage treatment Plant
  - Agriculture
  - Saturated soils
- The route averaged  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  during individual runs ranged between -37‰ and -59‰. It should be noted that these are averaged values. The 1 second measurements fluctuate significantly more.

## 6.2 Inversion conditions

**Figure 6-5** displays the average CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations measured during mobile monitoring by time of day. Whilst morning data appears to be somewhat higher and more variable, the inversion conditions described in **Section 4.3** in the Gloucester area during monitoring do not appear to be significant. This is likely due to the timing of the mobile monitoring. Inversion conditions typically affect atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub>

concentrations during the hours of 22:00 to 04:00. Inversion effects are evidenced in the data from the stationary monitoring site (**Appendix B**).



**Figure 6-5: CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations averaged by time of day during mobile monitoring campaign**

## 6.3 Methane concentrations

### 6.3.1 Methane concentrations by run

Aside from Run 15, average methane concentrations were all within 1.7ppm and 1.9ppm

#### RUN 15

The highest concentrations of CH<sub>4</sub> were observed during Run 15 where the average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was 2.1ppm. This concentration is 0.2ppm – 0.3ppm higher than all of the other runs performed.

It was observed during this run that due to a prior rain event, large pools of stagnant water were observed on farms and on the side of the road. There was also a large herd of dairy cattle located adjacent Waukivory Road during the survey. These saturated soils and livestock are likely to have contributed to the elevated CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations in the area during this run.

All average  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values for all routes during run 15 were observed to be more negative than those observed during all other runs (**Table B-15**). Route-averaged  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values during Run 15 ranged between -55‰ to -59‰. These values indicate that the elevated CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were not likely to be caused by CSG but rather caused by biological origin from saturated soils.

Run 16, which was performed during the afternoon of the same day, shows that CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values returned to the typical values observed in previous runs. The decreased concentrations in the afternoon during Run 16 may be attributed to the evaporation of pooled water through the course of the day.

### 6.3.2 Methane concentrations by route

Two sampling routes showed CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations greater than 1.8ppm over the entire sampling period. These were routes 17 and 18 which all experienced average concentrations of 1.9ppm. These routes are located on Showground and South of Showground in the Gloucester residential area respectively. These are discussed in further detail below.

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## ROUTE 17 (SHOWGROUND)

Route 17 is located in the immediate vicinity of a sewage treatment plant which is a known source of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions. **Figure 6-1** shows that Route 17 has the highest upper quartile range as well as the highest total range over the entire monitoring campaign than any other route. The highest CH<sub>4</sub> concentration (3.9ppm) for any route over all runs was experienced on Route 17 during the baseline monitoring.

## ROUTE 18 (GLOUCESTER- INSIDE COAL SEAM)

Route 18 is located in the Gloucester residential area. Previous studies indicate that residential areas experience slightly higher CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations here compared to surrounding rural area (**Lowry et al, 2001; Montiel et al, 2011**). On this basis, a CH<sub>4</sub> concentration of 1.9ppm in this location can be considered normal.

### 6.4 Detection of fugitive methane emissions from gas well operations

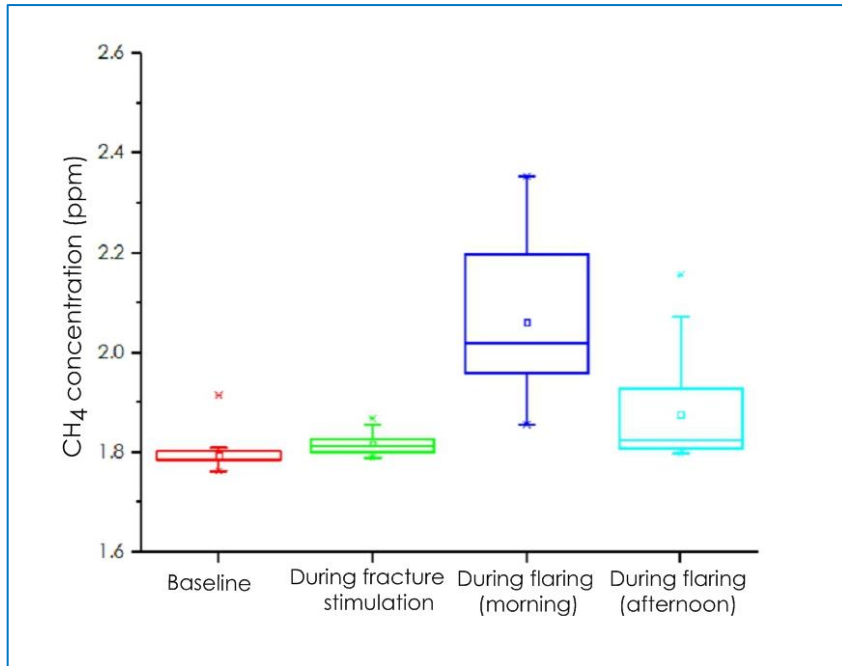
To address community concern regarding fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from the AGL gas well operations, the monitoring data has been analysed to determine if there is a strong signal to determine the source(s) of CH<sub>4</sub> present in the area.

Results were analysed to identify areas where CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations exceed the global background average value of 1.8ppm. In all areas where this occurred, a source of biological CH<sub>4</sub> was identified nearby. These included saturated soils, landfill, a sewage treatment plant, and agriculture such as dairy farms and livestock.

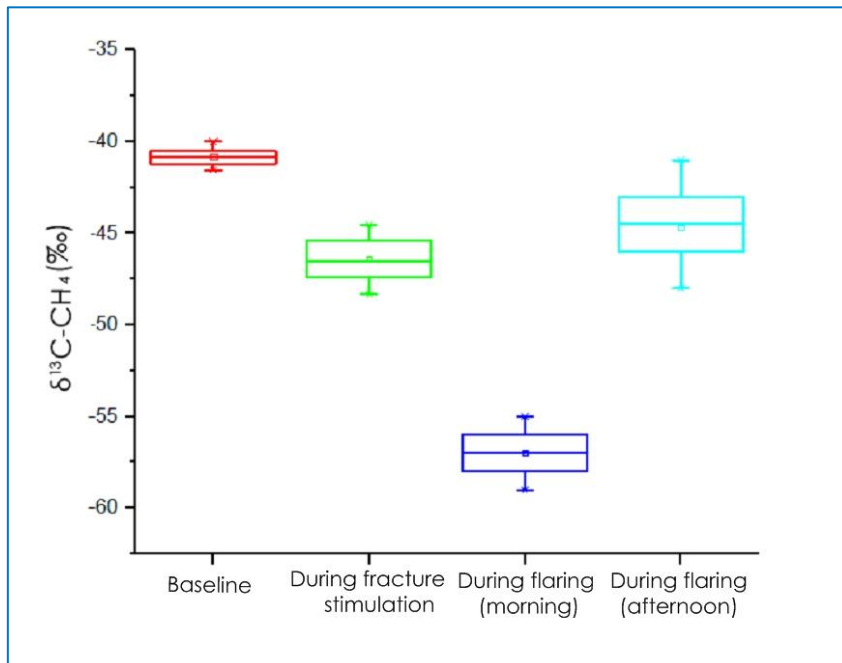
Analysis of run-averaged measurements on CH<sub>4</sub> concentration prior to Waukivory Pilot fracture stimulation activities (runs 1-10) reveals a 95% confidence interval for the mean concentration of between 1.77ppm-1.83ppm (n=10 runs, average= 1.8, standard deviation= 0.05).

The monitoring that was performed during fracture stimulation (runs 11-14), as well as Run 16 which occurred after flaring operations had commenced, lie within the 95% confidence interval for the average of the baseline CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations.

The only run that did not fall within these bounds was Run 15 (Morning run- **Figure 6-6**). As discussed above,  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CH}_4$  values for this run (**Figure 6-7**) strongly indicate that the elevated levels were caused by biological activity. These elevated levels did not exceed that which would be expected to occur in a rural area (**Sánchez et al., 2014**) however did exceed typical Gloucester levels. **Figure 6-6** shows that these concentrations reduced during the afternoon run and did not remain elevated.



**Figure 6-6: Box and whisker plot of route-averaged CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for baseline, during fracture stimulation, and mid-flaring data**



**Figure 6-7: Box and whisker plot of route-averaged  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  values for baseline, during fracture stimulation, and during flaring data**

Note: The centreline of the box indicates the median value. The lower bound of the box indicates the lower quartile and the upper indicates the upper quartile. The top and bottom error bars indicate the maximum and minimum of the values measured with stars denoting outliers.



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## 7 CONCLUSIONS

Principle sources of methane emissions in the Gloucester region were identified as sewage, dairy cattle, landfill, and residential. Monitored 1 second interval CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations in the Gloucester Valley over the entire campaign ranged from 1.5ppm to 3.9ppm. These concentrations were largely identified as being directly related to land-use activities occurring at the time of monitoring. The minimum value was experienced during Run 14 after hydraulic fracturing activities had begun. The maximum was experienced during Run 5 during baseline monitoring prior to the commencement of the Waukivory Pilot Project. These concentrations are within normal ranges which would typically be experienced in rural areas (Sánchez *et al.*, 2014).

Over the ten baseline monitoring runs, the average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration was determined to be 1.8ppm (equivalent to the global average background concentrations described in WMO (2013)). The average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration measured during fracture stimulation and mid-flaring runs was 1.8ppm and 2.0ppm respectively, both within the normal range expected in rural areas. The higher average concentration after flaring commenced was strongly influenced by the morning run (Run 15) which, due to the particularly negative average  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  value, was identified as being associated with biologically produced CH<sub>4</sub>.

The highest route-averaged CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations were observed on Route 17 and 18, in the vicinity of a sewage treatment plant and Gloucester residential area. Both of these routes averaged 1.9 ppm CH<sub>4</sub> over the entire monitoring period. These findings indicate that these are likely contributors to fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in the study area. The landfill on Route 4 however did not appear to strongly influence the CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations in the area as the total average CH<sub>4</sub> concentration on this route was measured at 1.8ppm.

The baseline assessment CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}-\text{CH}_4$  values have been compared with the post-activity monitoring results (obtained during fracture stimulation and after flaring had commenced). It is concluded that levels of fugitive methane emissions did not increase as a result of the Waukivory Pilot Project including hydraulic fracture stimulation and flaring activities. The observed increase in CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations during Run 15 is attributed to biologically derived CH<sub>4</sub>. All methane concentrations during monitoring of baseline, hydraulic fracturing and flaring are determined to be on the lower end of concentrations experienced in urban areas, and within the normal concentration range for a rural area with residential and agricultural land use.

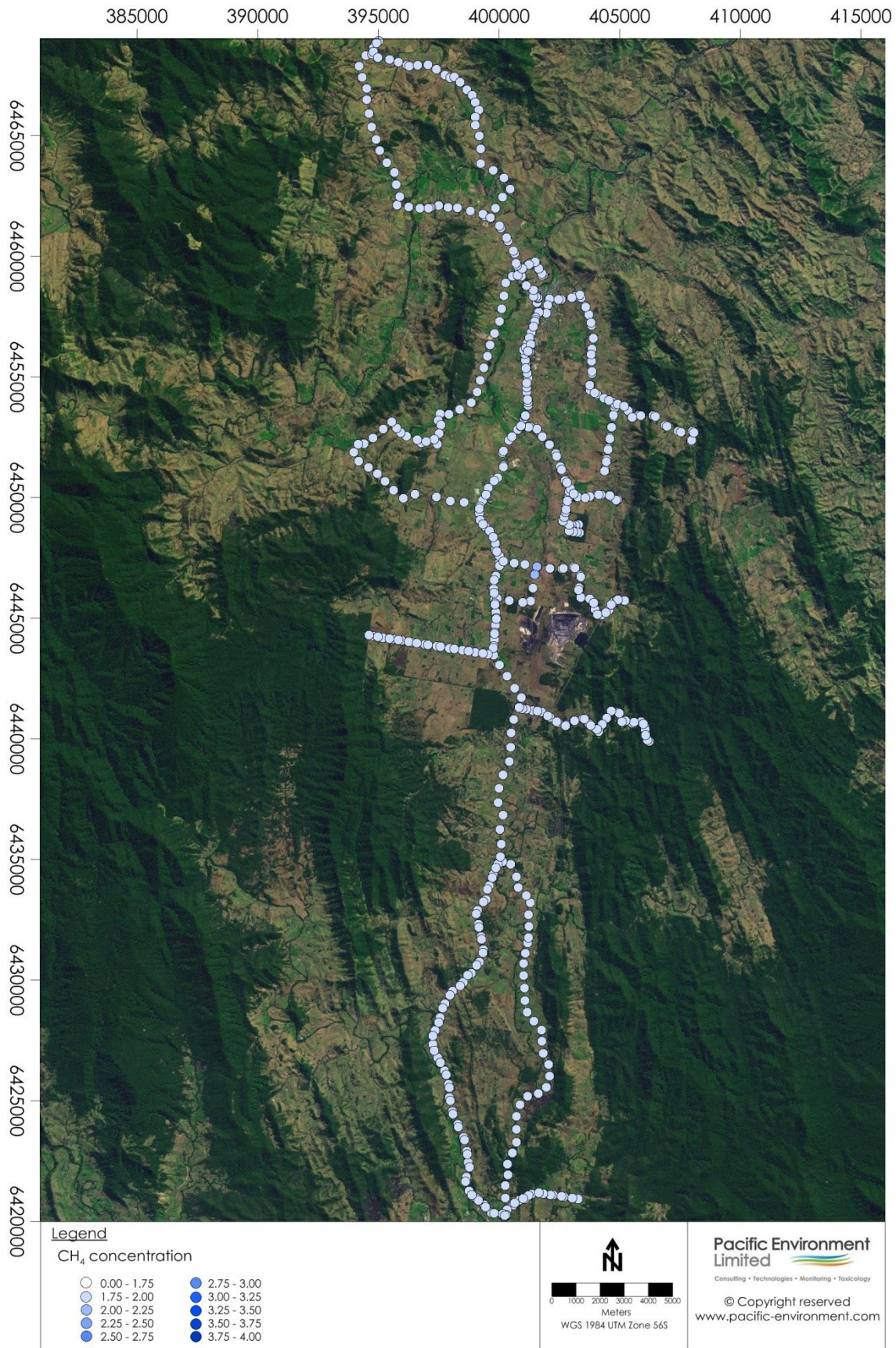
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**Appendix A    SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF METHANE CONCENTRATIONS BY MONITORING  
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**Figure A- 1: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 1 (29/07/2013 – Afternoon)**

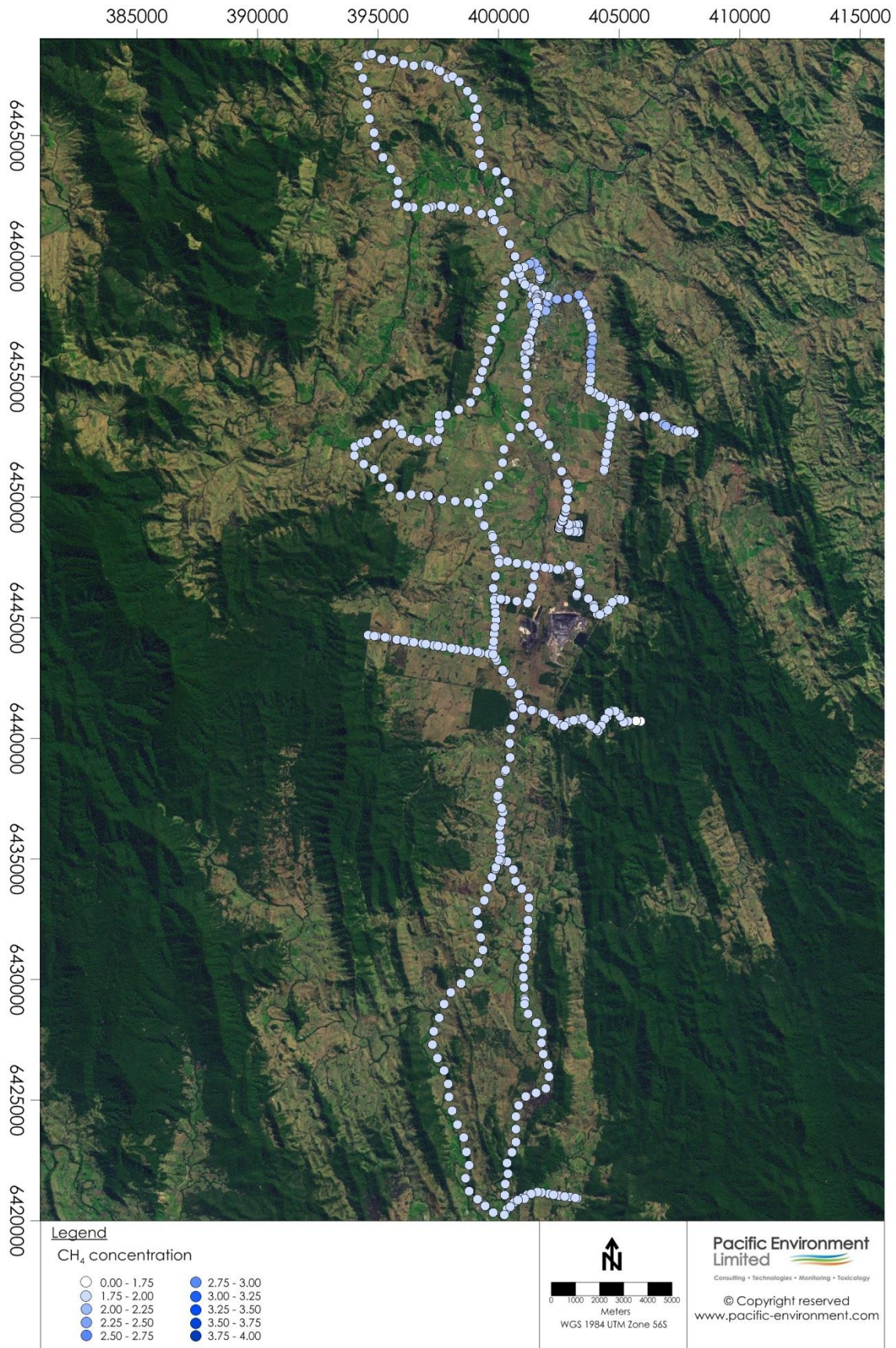


Figure A- 2: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 2 (30/07/2013 – Morning)

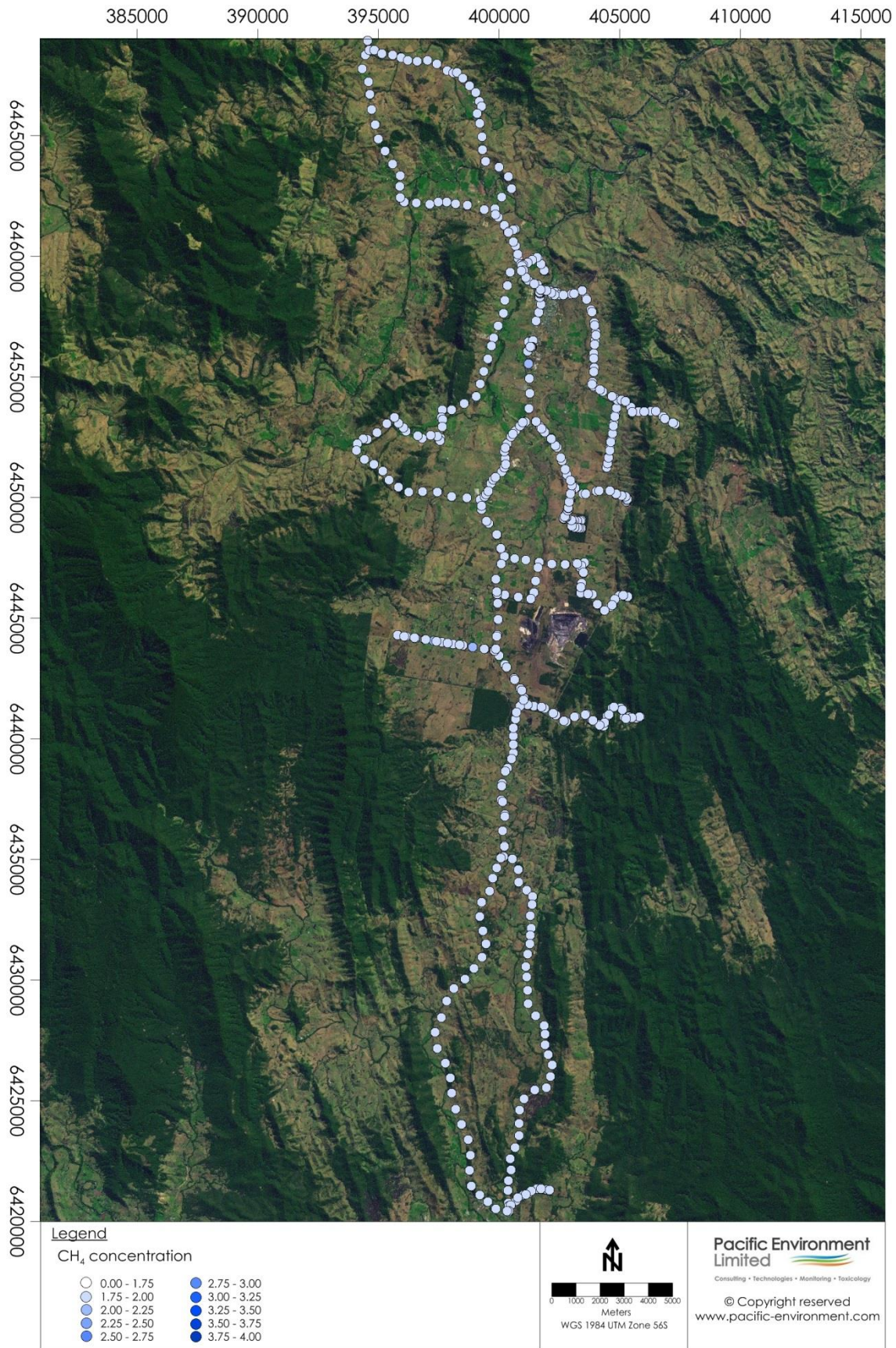


Figure A- 3: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 3 (06/08/2013 – Afternoon)

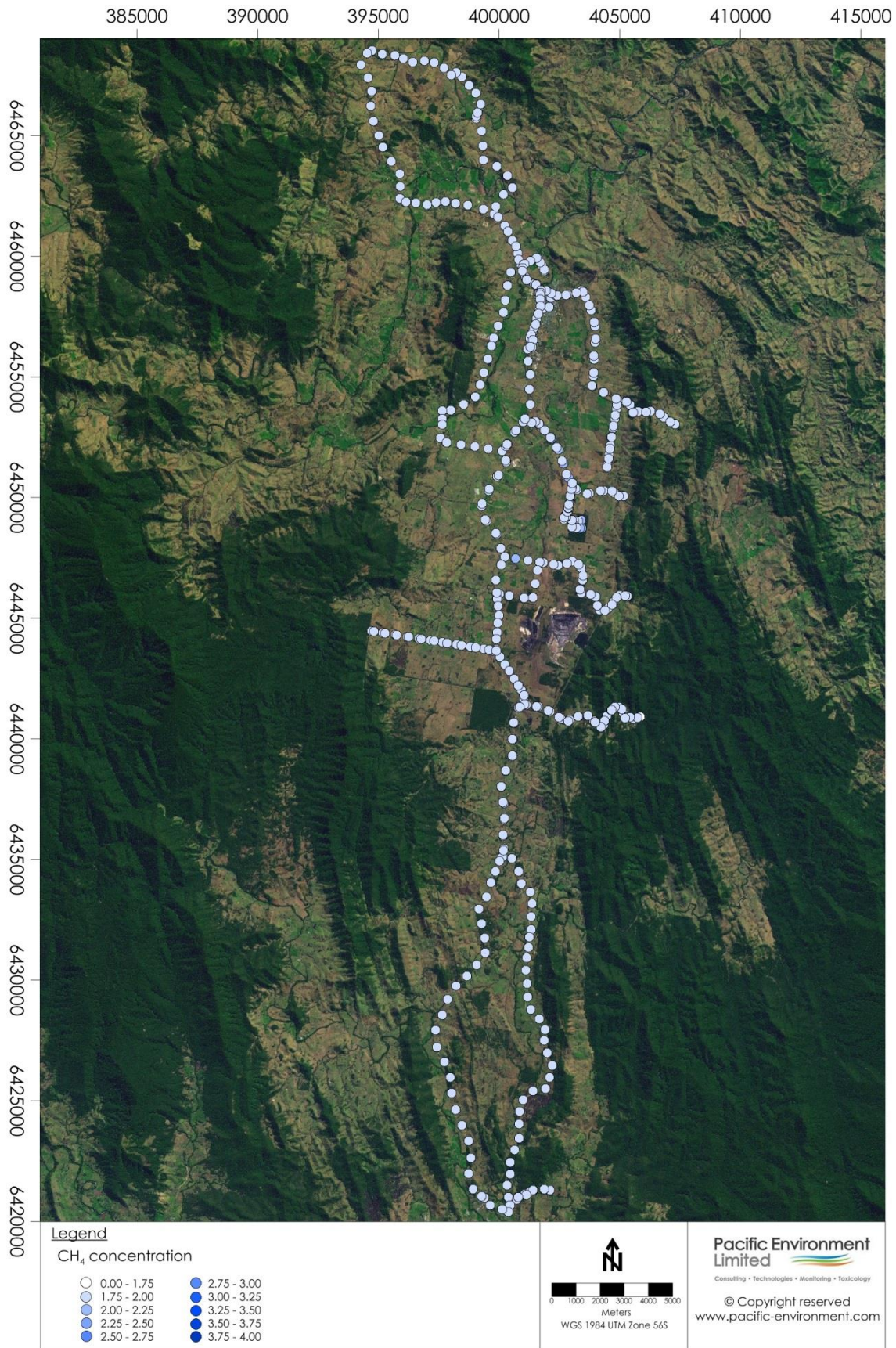


Figure A- 4: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 4 (07/08/2013 – Morning)

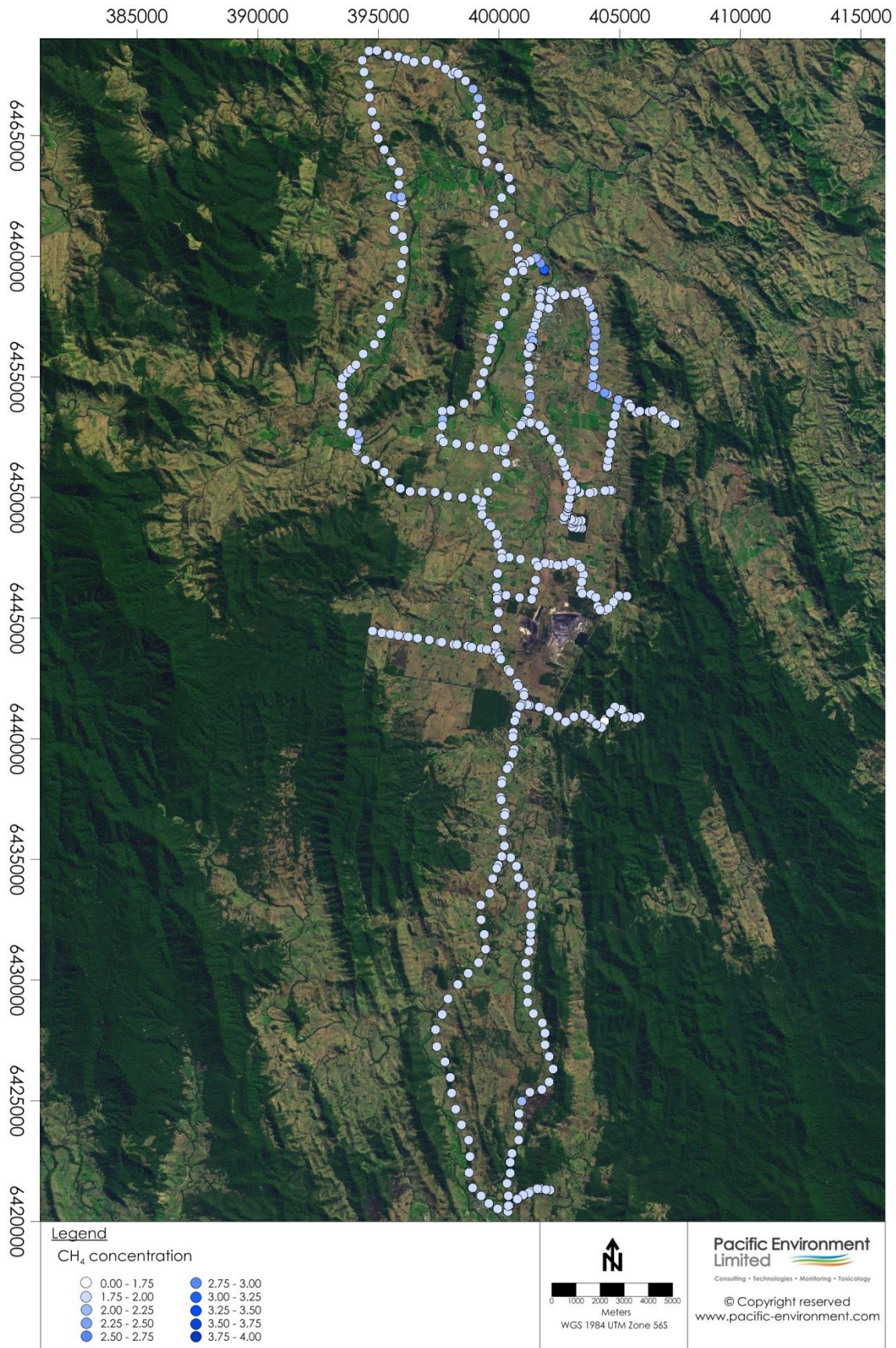


Figure A- 5: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 5 (14/08/2013 – Afternoon)



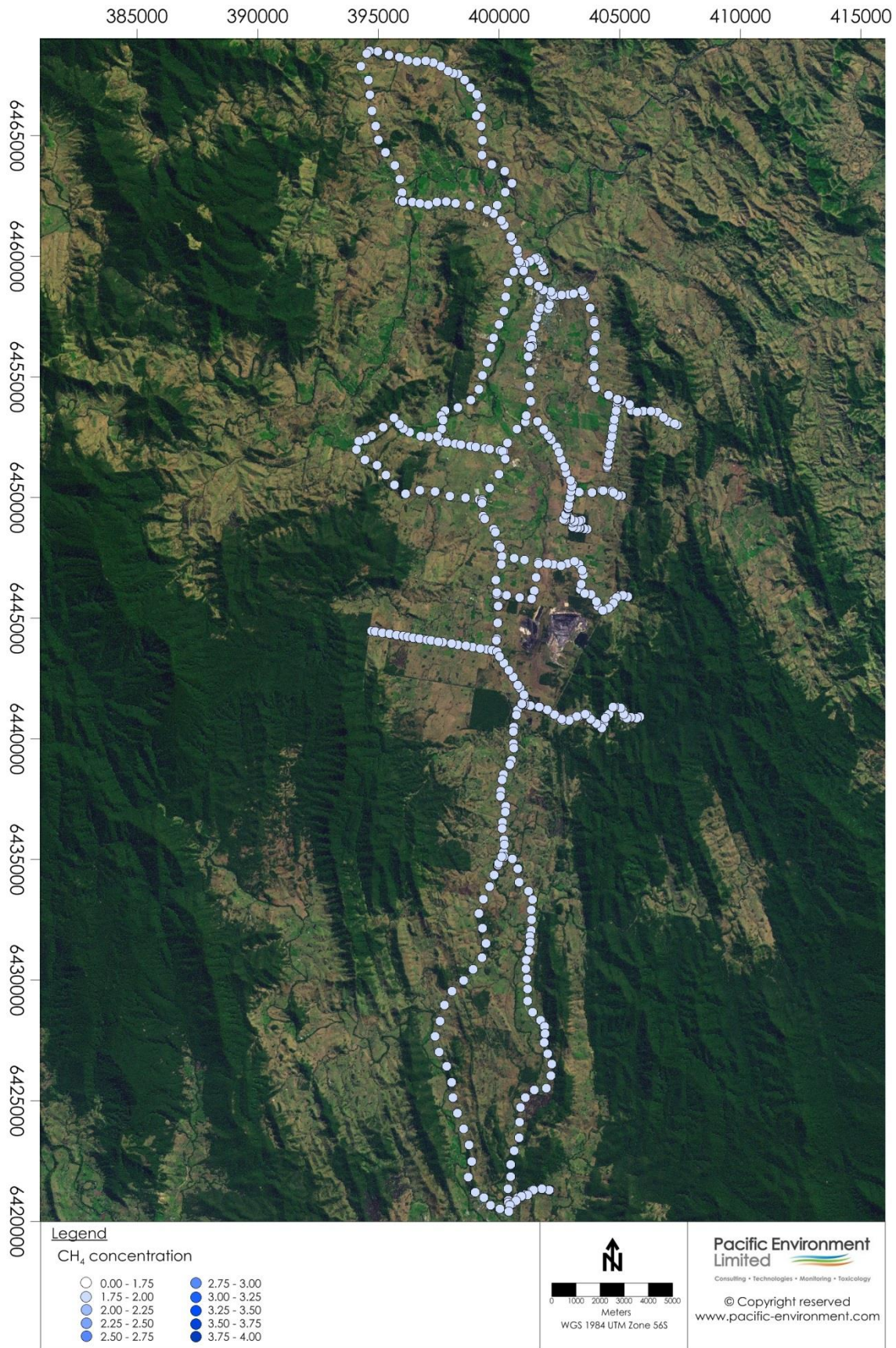


Figure A- 6: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 6 (15/08/2013 – Morning)

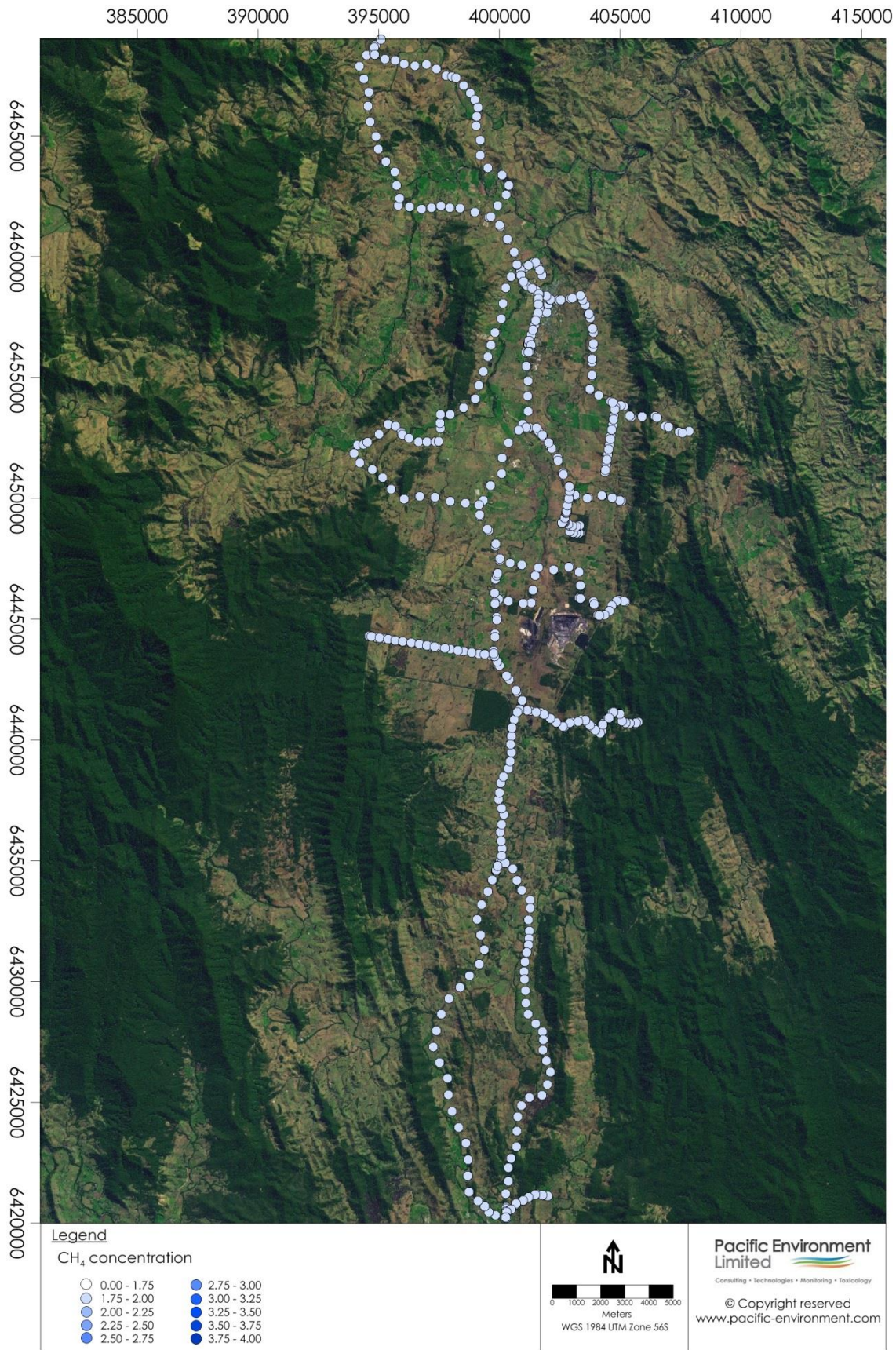


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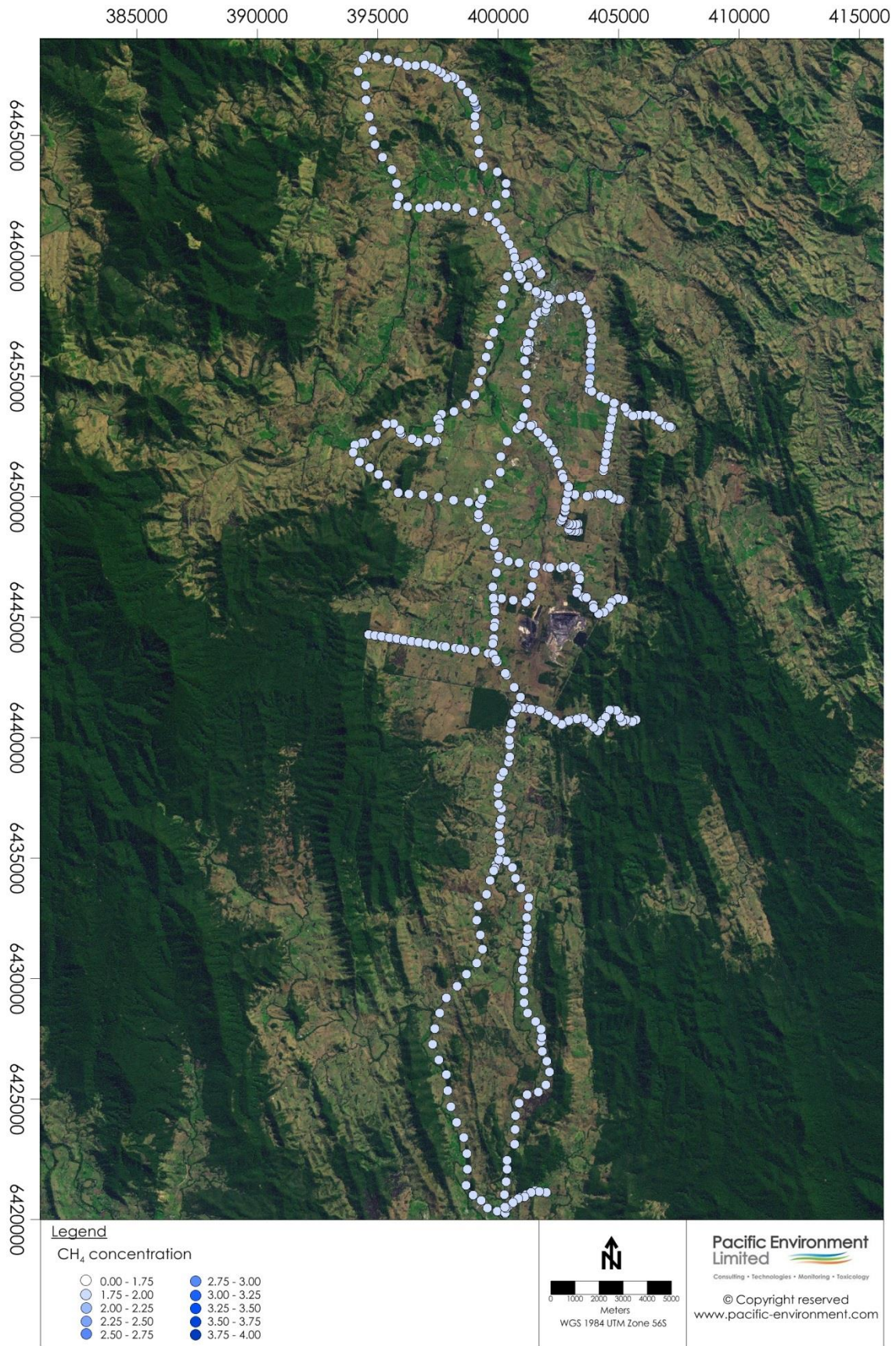


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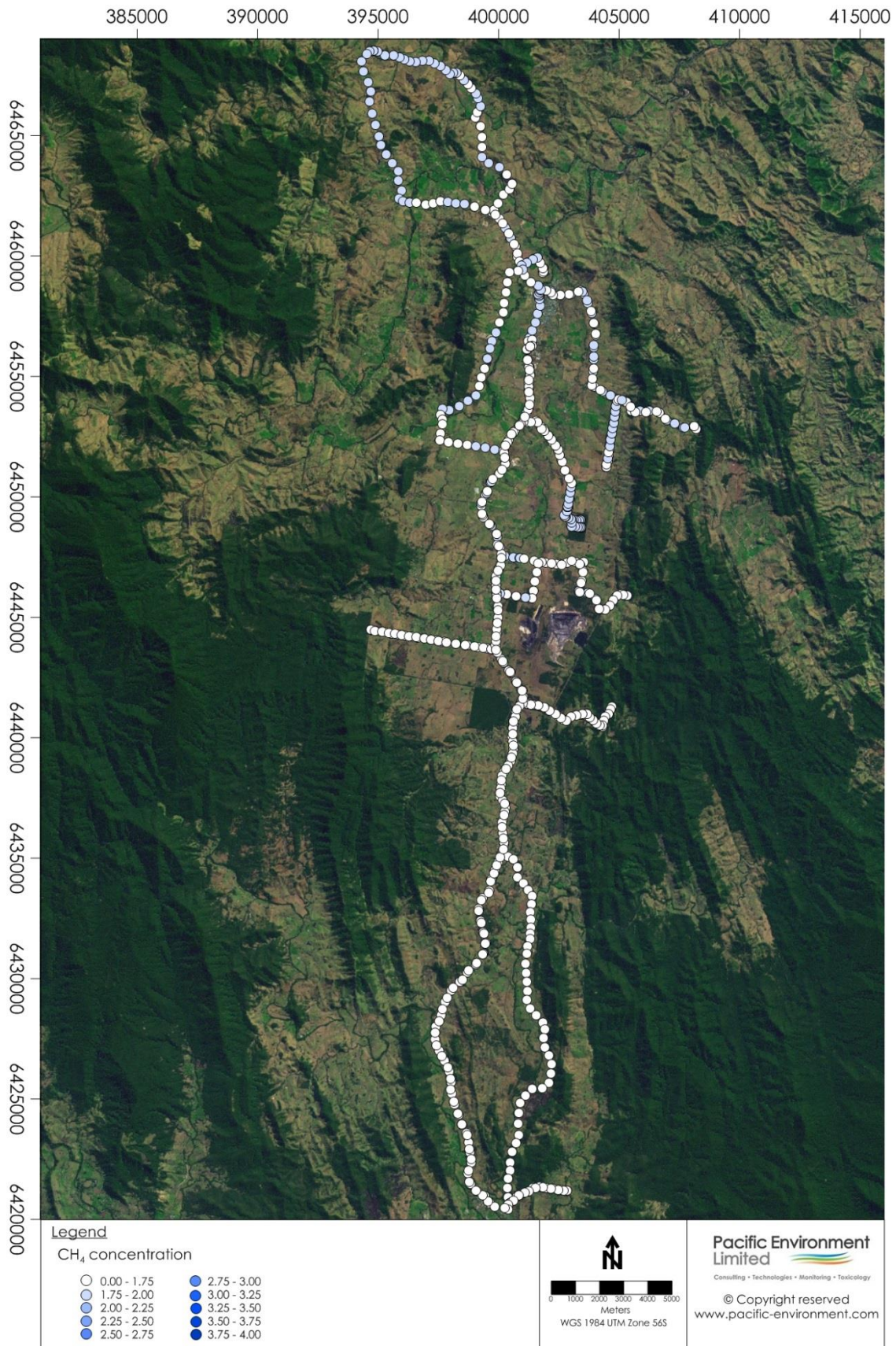


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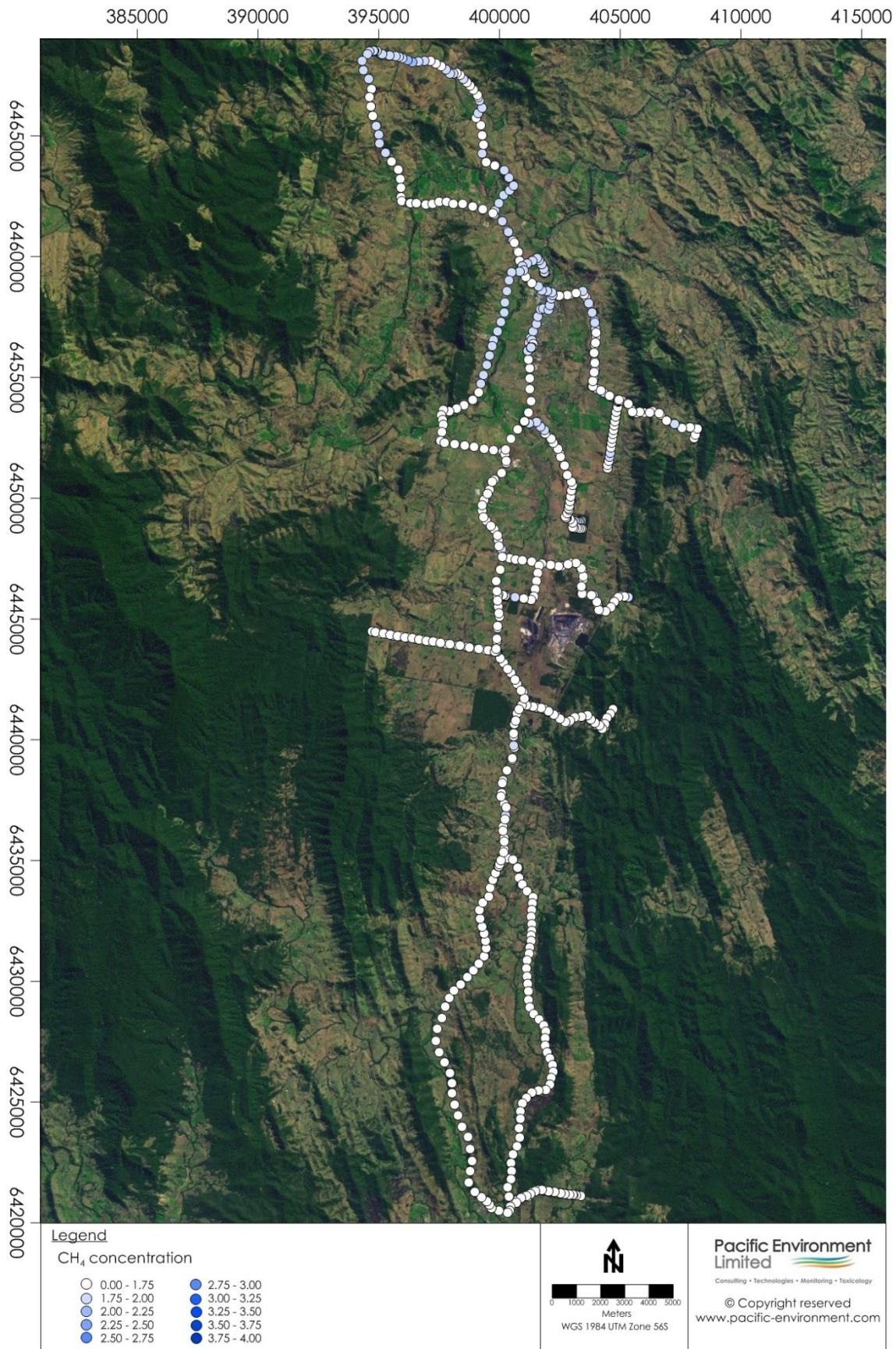


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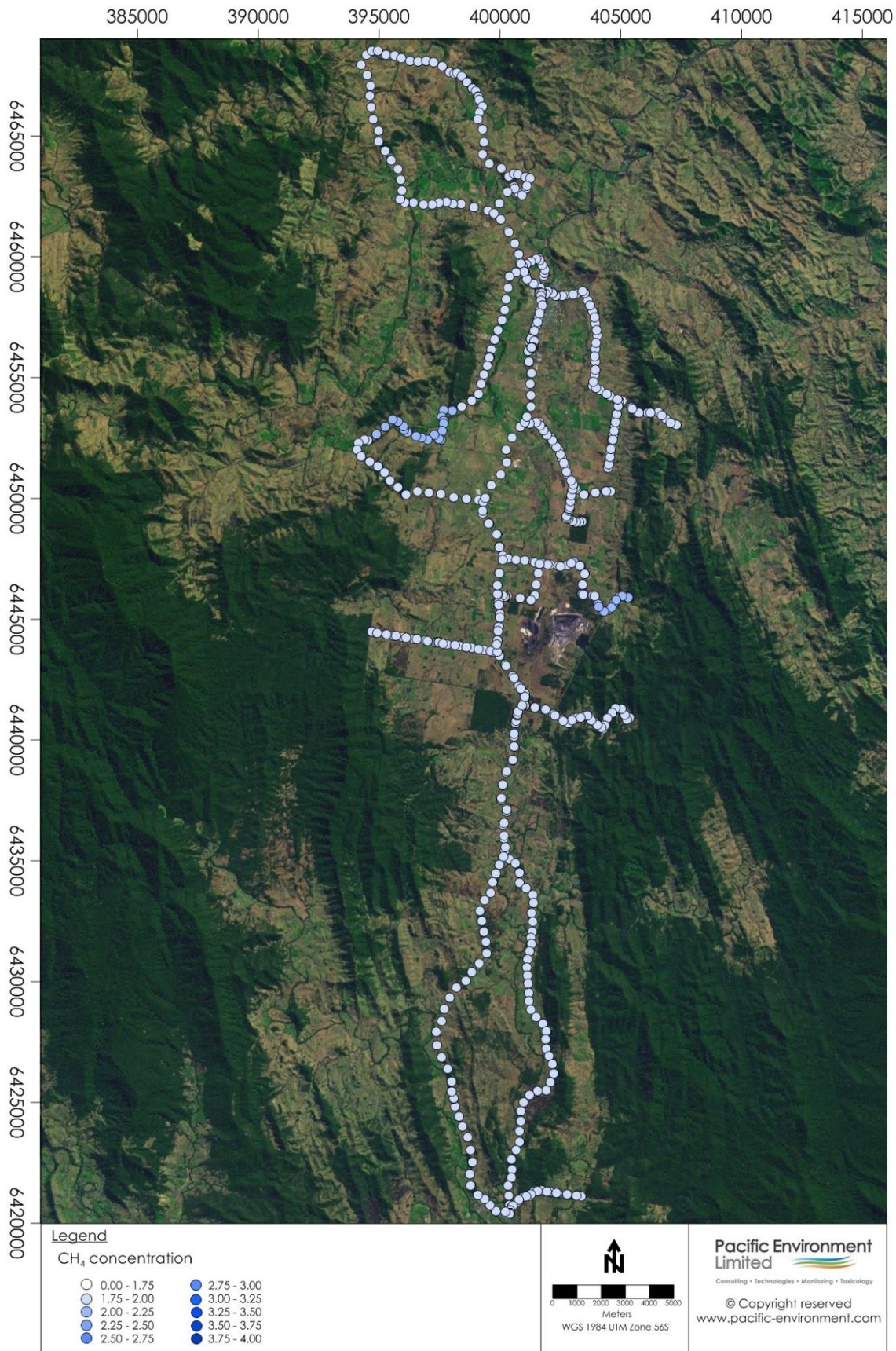


Figure A- 11: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 11 (20/10/2014 – Morning)

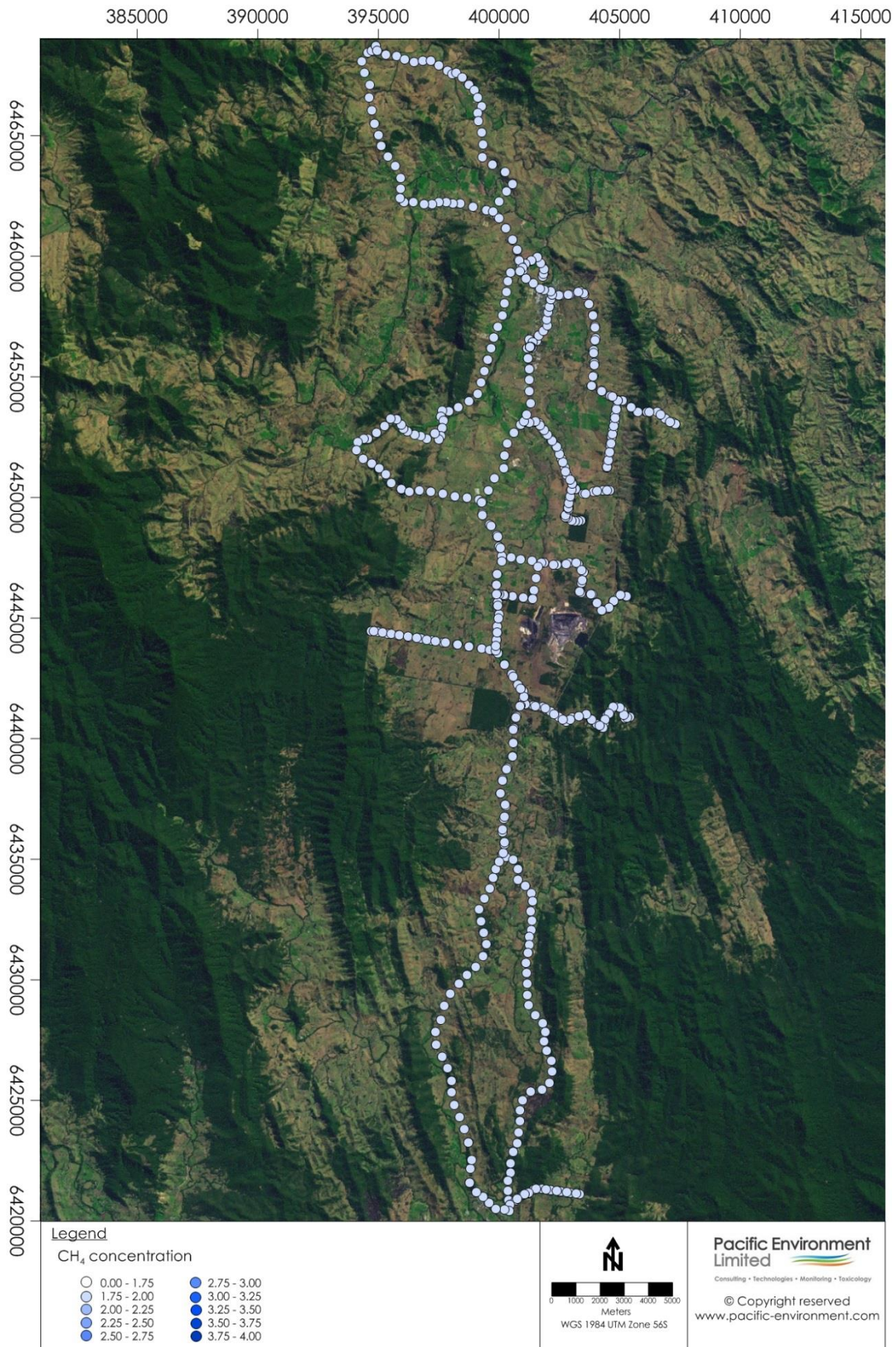


Figure A- 12: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 12 (20/10/2014 – Afternoon)

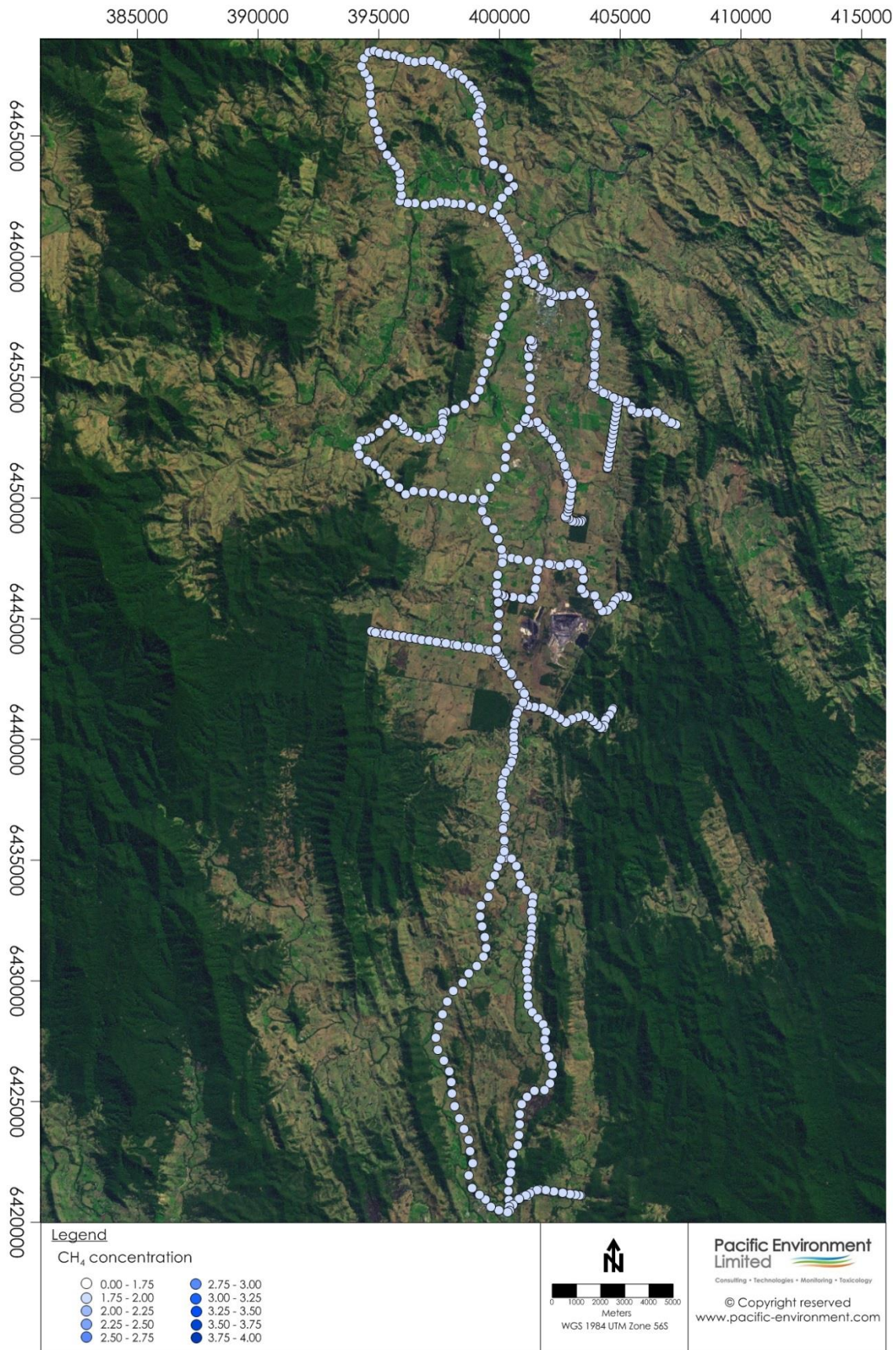


Figure A- 13: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 13 (7/11/2014 – Afternoon)



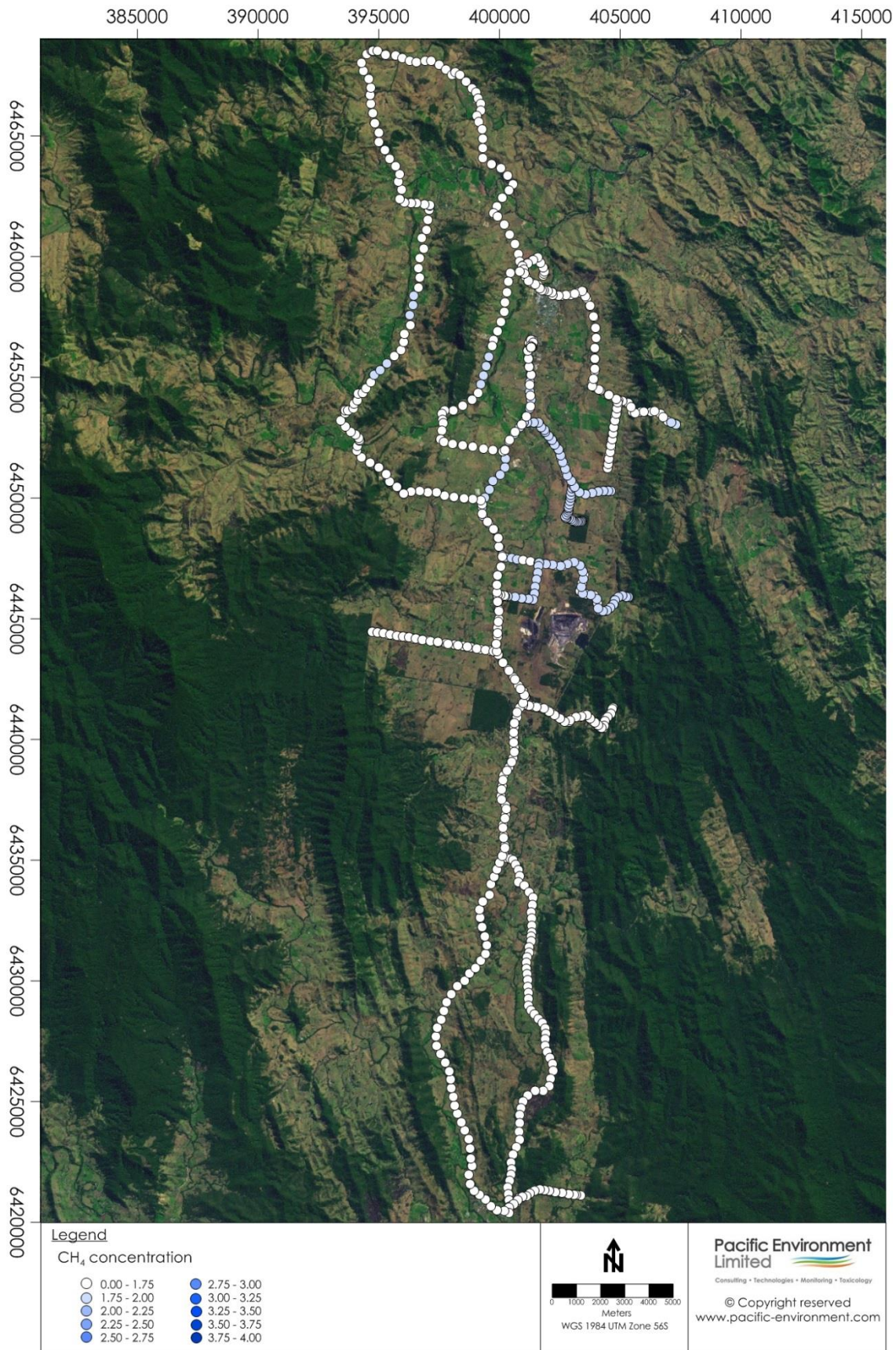


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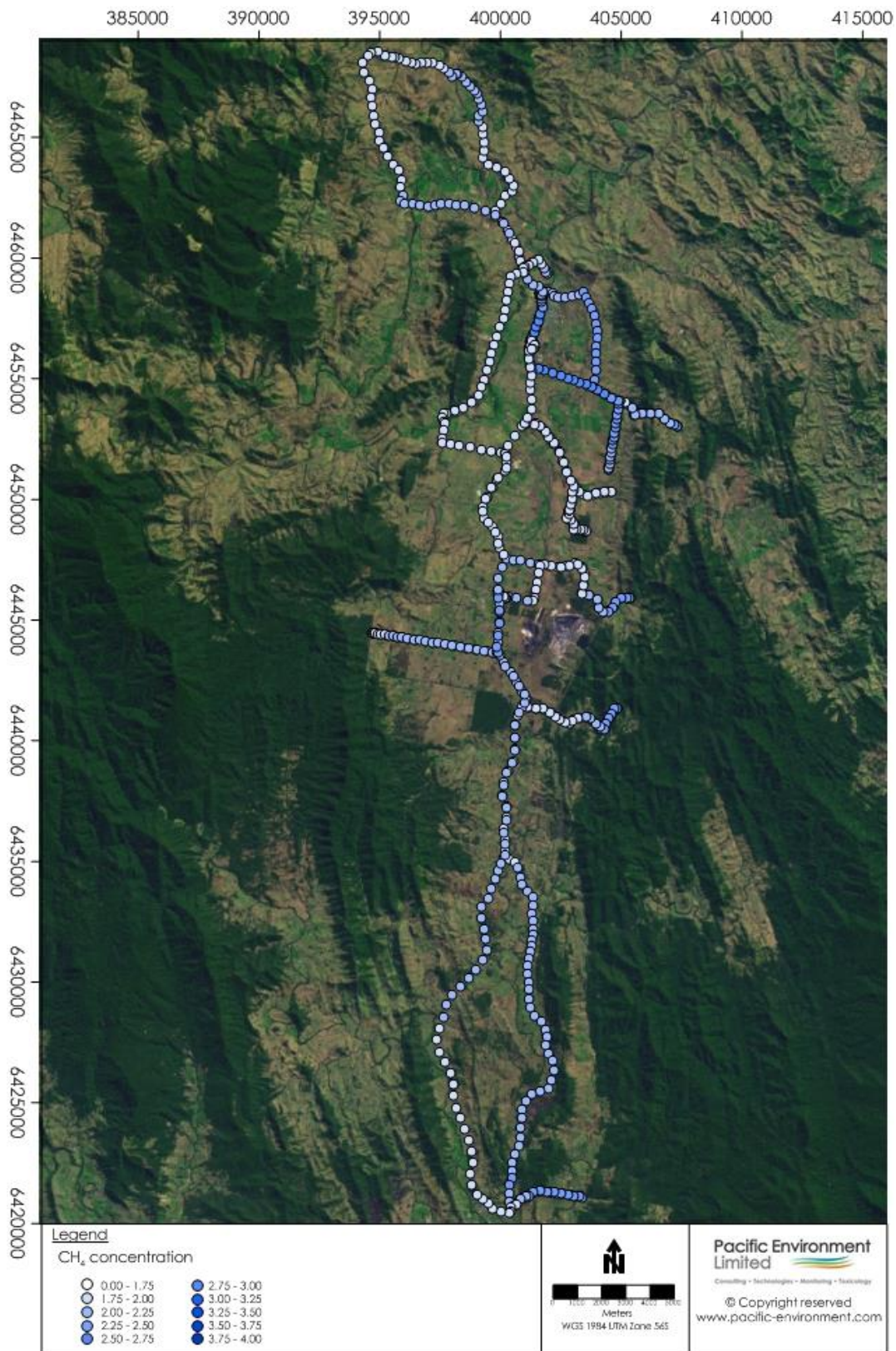


Figure A- 15: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 15 (19/05/2015 – Morning)

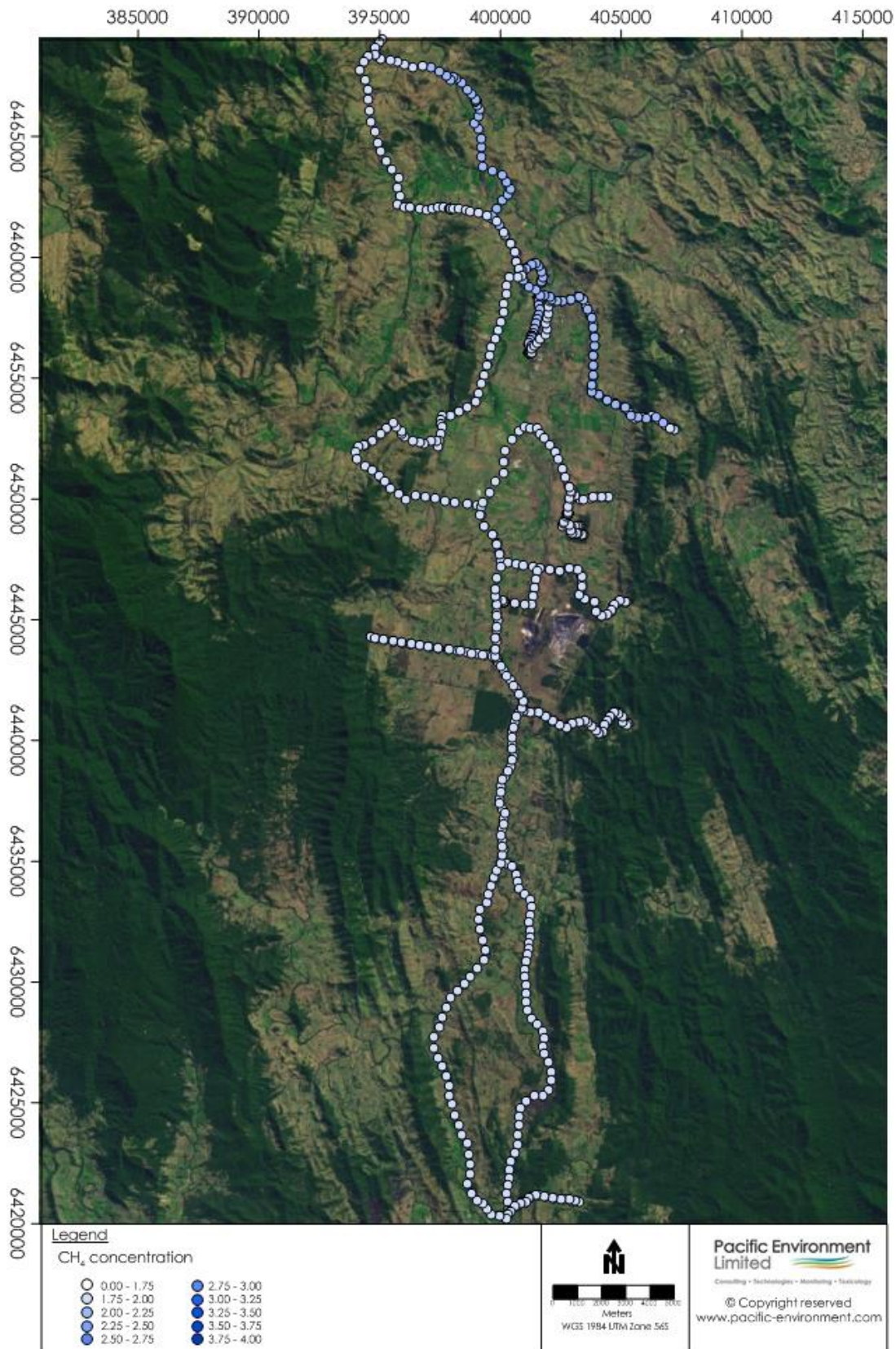


Figure A- 16: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 15 (19/05/2015 – Afternoon)

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**Appendix B    TABULATED RESULTS**

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**Table B- 1: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 1 (29/07/2013 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 2</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.2	-39
<b>Route 3</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 4</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 5</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 6</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 7</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-42
<b>Route 8</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 9</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-42
<b>Route 10</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.1	-41
<b>Route 11</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 12</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38
<b>Route 13</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 14</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 15</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-42
<b>Route 16</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-41
<b>Route 17</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-39
<b>Route 18</b>	29/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-37

**Table B- 2: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 2 (30/07/2013 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 2</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.2	-42
<b>Route 3</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 4</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-41
<b>Route 5</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.1	-43
<b>Route 6</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.2	-43
<b>Route 7</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 8</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 9</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 10</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 11</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-41
<b>Route 12</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 13</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 14</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 15</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 16</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.2	-43
<b>Route 17</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.3	-42
<b>Route 18</b>	30/07/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39

**Table B- 3: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 3 (06/08/2013 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-38
<b>Route 2</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-40
<b>Route 3</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 4</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 5</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 6</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 7</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 8</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 9</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 10</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 11</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 12</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-39
<b>Route 13</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 14</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.2	-41
<b>Route 15</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 17</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 18</b>	6/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40

**Table B- 4: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 4 (07/08/2013 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
Route 1	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
Route 2	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-41
Route 3	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-39
Route 4	7/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-41
Route 5	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
Route 6	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
Route 7	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-43
Route 8	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-39
Route 9	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
Route 10	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-44
Route 11	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-43
Route 12	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38
Route 13	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
Route 14	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-42
Route 15	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
Route 16	7/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.3	-40
Route 17	7/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-39
Route 18	7/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-40



**Table B- 5: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 5 (14/08/2013 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.0	-41
<b>Route 2</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	0.2	2.2	-40
<b>Route 3</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.3	-40
<b>Route 4</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-41
<b>Route 5</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.1	-40
<b>Route 6</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	2.0	1.8	2.3	-42
<b>Route 7</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.2	-41
<b>Route 8</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-43
<b>Route 9</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 10</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 11</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-38
<b>Route 12</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 13</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 14</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-40
<b>Route 15</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 16</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 17</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	2.8	1.8	3.9	-46
<b>Route 18</b>	14/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-39

**Table B- 6: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 6 (15/08/2013 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 2</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 3</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 4</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38
<b>Route 5</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-37
<b>Route 6</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 7</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 8</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38
<b>Route 9</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 10</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 11</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 12</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 13</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 14</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 15</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 16</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 17</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-37
<b>Route 18</b>	15/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39

**Table B- 7: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 7 (19/08/2013 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 2</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.0	1.9	-40
<b>Route 3</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 4</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 5</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 6</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38
<b>Route 7</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 8</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 9</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 10</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 11</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-42
<b>Route 12</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 13</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 14</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 15</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 16</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-40
<b>Route 17</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-39
<b>Route 18</b>	19/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-38

**Table B- 8: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 8 (20/08/2013 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 2</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.8	-42
<b>Route 3</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-39
<b>Route 4</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-37
<b>Route 5</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-42
<b>Route 6</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.1	-41
<b>Route 7</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 8</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-40
<b>Route 9</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 10</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 11</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-42
<b>Route 12</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 13</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-41
<b>Route 14</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 15</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 16</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 17</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-39
<b>Route 18</b>	20/08/2013	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-40

Table B- 9: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 9 (21/01/2014 – Afternoon)

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
Route 1	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-42
Route 2	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 3	21/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 4	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 5	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 6	21/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-40
Route 7	21/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-40
Route 8	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 9	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-38
Route 10	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-40
Route 11	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-44
Route 12	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-43
Route 13	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-43
Route 14	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-45
Route 15	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-39
Route 16	21/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.9	-42
Route 17	21/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
Route 18	21/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-40

**Table B- 10: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 10 (22/01/2014 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-42
<b>Route 2</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-43
<b>Route 3</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	2.1	-44
<b>Route 4</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-44
<b>Route 5</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-42
<b>Route 6</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-44
<b>Route 7</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-40
<b>Route 8</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-44
<b>Route 9</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-39
<b>Route 10</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.9	-43
<b>Route 11</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-41
<b>Route 12</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-41
<b>Route 13</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.8	-43
<b>Route 14</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-44
<b>Route 15</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.7	1.7	1.7	-43
<b>Route 16</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-42
<b>Route 17</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.8	-41
<b>Route 18</b>	22/01/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	1.9	-42

**Table B- 11: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 11 (20/01/2014 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 2</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	2.0	-44
<b>Route 3</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.8	1.8	1.9	-44
<b>Route 4</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.9	1.8	1.9	-47
<b>Route 5</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 6</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.8	1.8	1.9	-46
<b>Route 7</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	2.0	1.9	2.0	-46
<b>Route 8</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast	1.9	1.9	2.0	-45
<b>Route 9</b>	20/10/2014	Windy	2.0	2.0	2.0	-50
<b>Route 10</b>	20/10/2014	Windy	1.9	1.8	2.0	-46
<b>Route 11</b>	20/10/2014	Windy	1.8	1.8	1.9	-43
<b>Route 12</b>	20/10/2014	Rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 13</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 14</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 15</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 16</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 17</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.9	1.9	1.9	-45
<b>Route 18</b>	20/10/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-45

**Table B- 12: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 12 (20/10/2014 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 2</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.9	-44
<b>Route 3</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.9	-45
<b>Route 4</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-47
<b>Route 5</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-49
<b>Route 6</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 7</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 8</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 9</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-48
<b>Route 10</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 11</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 12</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 13</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 14</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 15</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 16</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 17</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 18</b>	20/10/2014	Overcast / patchy rain	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46



**Table B- 13: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 13 (7/11/2014 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-48
<b>Route 2</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 3</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 4</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 5</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 6</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 7</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-47
<b>Route 8</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 9</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 10</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 11</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 12</b>	7/11/2014	Fog clearing	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 13</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 14</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-47
<b>Route 15</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 16</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-44
<b>Route 17</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-46
<b>Route 18</b>	7/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43

**Table B- 14: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 14 (8/11/2014 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	2.0	-52
<b>Route 2</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.9	1.6	2.1	-51
<b>Route 3</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.6	2.1	-48
<b>Route 4</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	2.0	-52
<b>Route 5</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	2.1	-48
<b>Route 6</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.6	2.2	-52
<b>Route 7</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.9	1.5	2.1	-48
<b>Route 8</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.7	2.0	-48
<b>Route 9</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.9	1.7	2.1	-49
<b>Route 10</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.9	1.7	2.1	-51
<b>Route 11</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.5	2.5	-49
<b>Route 12</b>	8/11/2014	Clear	1.8	1.5	2.1	-52
<b>Route 13</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.8	1.6	2.1	-52
<b>Route 14</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.8	1.6	2.1	-51
<b>Route 15</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.8	1.5	2.1	-49
<b>Route 16</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.9	1.7	2.1	-52
<b>Route 17</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.8	1.7	2.1	-55
<b>Route 18</b>	8/11/2014	Partly cloudy	1.8	1.6	2.0	-53

**Table B- 15: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 15 (19/05/2015 – Morning)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
Route 1	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.0	-56
Route 2	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.8	2.6	-57
Route 3	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.8	2.2	-56
Route 4	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.2	-56
Route 5	19/05/2014	Clear	2.4	2.0	2.5	-57
Route 6	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	1.9	2.5	-57
Route 7	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-55
Route 8	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-56
Route 9	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	2.2	2.3	-58
Route 10	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.3	-57
Route 11	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	1.9	2.4	-59
Route 12	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.8	2.2	-57
Route 13	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	1.9	2.4	-58
Route 14	19/05/2014	Clear	2.1	2.0	2.2	-58
Route 15	19/05/2014	Clear	2.1	1.9	2.2	-58
Route 16	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.0	-57
Route 17	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.0	-57
Route 18	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	1.9	2.6	-57

**Table B- 16: CH<sub>4</sub> concentration for Run 16 (19/05/2015 – Afternoon)**

Site number	Date	Weather conditions	Average CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Minimum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Maximum CH <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	Average δ <sup>13</sup> C-CH <sub>4</sub> (‰)
<b>Route 1</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-44
<b>Route 2</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.3	-45
<b>Route 3</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.2	-46
<b>Route 4</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	2.1	1.8	2.2	-47
<b>Route 5</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.9	2.0	-47
<b>Route 6</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	2.1	-46
<b>Route 7</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-45
<b>Route 8</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 9</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 10</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-42
<b>Route 11</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 12</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-43
<b>Route 13</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-45
<b>Route 14</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.8	-44
<b>Route 15</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.8	1.8	1.9	-41
<b>Route 16</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	1.9	1.8	1.9	-43
<b>Route 17</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	2.2	2.1	2.2	-48
<b>Route 18</b>	19/05/2014	Clear	2.0	1.8	2.2	-47

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**Appendix C TIME SERIES OF THE METHANE CONCENTRATION DATA MEASURED AT THE  
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