



CHEMICAL POLLUTION MITIGATION MEASURES – FROM ENGINEERING PERSPECTIVE

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Scope of Presentation

1. Pollution issues on rivers
2. Pollutant threat and impact to water bodies
3. Strategic measures to mitigate pollution
4. Effluent management to overcome pollution
5. Case studies in wastewater treatment technology at UPM



POLLUTION ISSUES ON RIVERS

- River pollution in urban catchment is the result of many contributing factors.
- Domestic wastewater discharge, including sullage account for most of the organics that pollute our waterbody.
- About 75% of the pollution in rivers – due to domestic wastewater load, which require urgent attention.

Conflicting uses of river

- ⇒ Potable water supply
- ⇒ Fisheries
- ⇒ Irrigation (agriculture)
- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Power generation
- ⇒ Recreation
- ⇒ Waste disposal



TRUE FOR ALL CITIES

The Past



The Present



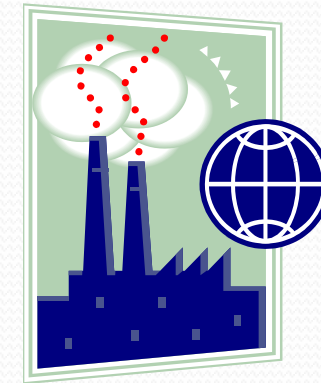
Human settlement – always find the river as DISPOSAL point

Parameters in **chemical pollutants** which frequently exceeded

Class III limits of Rivers are:

- Ammoniacal Nitrogen,
- Organic Carbons,
- Heavy Metals,
- Oil and grease.

Source: National Water Resources Study 2000-2050
(EPU, 2000)



TOP ISSUES:

Problems of wastewater in urban areas

- River pollution due to sewage discharge
- Block drains due to fat, oil and grease (FOG)
- Sullage management
- Drinking water supplies deteriorated
- Treatment issues : organic vs chemicals



Pollution Issues in the Media



Which one?
 Chemical Pollution
 Organic Pollution

NST:
 Sg Klang turns orange in colour



- Pelupusan sisa makanan (8,000 tan/hari - 2013)



- Kos pelupusan sisa (RM 2 bil/tahun)
- Banjir kilat
- Pencemaran sungai



Pollutant Threat and Impacts to Water Bodies

Organic matter & ammonia in sewage



Sg Batu KL
Polluted, smelly, turbid, bacteria



Level of pollution of a river is always judged by the **colour**



Oily and grease wastewater in urban area (Sullage)



Car wash



Workshop



Restaurant

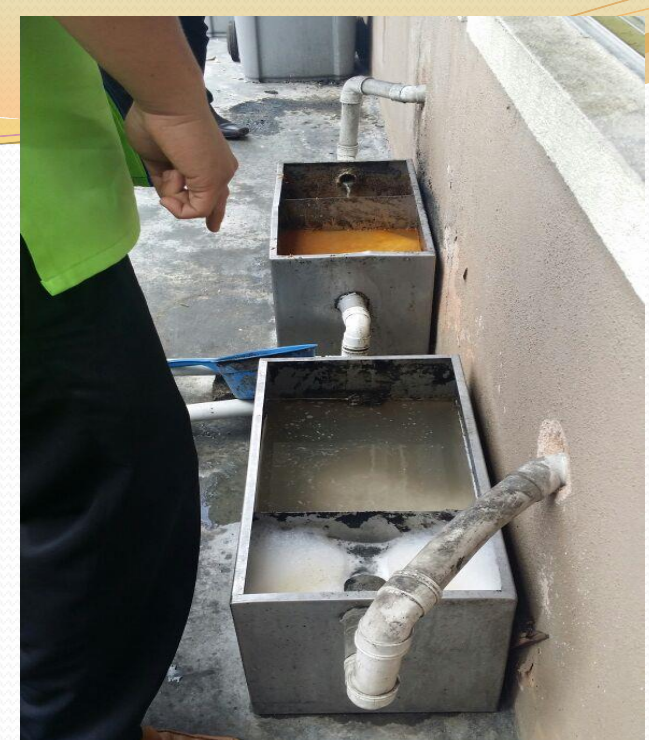
Oil and Grease Pollution coming from our homes

Parameters	Effluent Standard mg/l	FOG waste (kitchen) mg/l	Raw Sewage (toilet) mg/l
pH	6 – 9	5.8	6.5
COD	120	64,000	450
O&G	5	1,250	90
AN	10	420	30
TS	50 (SS)	4,200	720

Problems of Grease Traps

Small tank - overloading

Never desludge



PROBLEMS OF CAR WASH WASTEWATER

- Effluent release has no limit
- Chemical Pollution is visible
- Odour release in open drains
- Oily waste clog drains



Common misunderstanding on car wash and auto workshops



- Pollution from car wash is negligible
- Use of washing detergent/chemical is never being regulated
- Car wash uses small quantity of water
- Auto workshop does not release liquid effluent



Impact of Ammonia Nitrogen to the water supply

- Rivers are badly polluted due to high AN in domestic wastewater
- Increase chlorine demand in water treatment
- AN deplete oxygen level in water bodies
- Phosphorus can lead to the development of undesirable aquatic growth
- AN causes toxicity to fish

EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT TO OVERCOME POLLUTION



Identification of pollutant types

- organic vs chemical
- harmless vs toxic



Design of treatment system

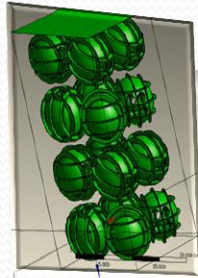
- biological treatment
- physical-chemical treatment
- cost evaluation



Effluent Best Management Practices

- Reduce, recycle, reuse
- zero discharge
- adoption of Green technology

Case Studies of Wastewater Treatment Technology at UPM



Case study 1
Organic removal &
ammonia issues



Case study 2
Pollution related to
Oil & Grease



Case study 3
Pollution related to
colour in Textiles

**How innovation
and technology
are able to
solve pollution
problems**

CASE STUDY 1

SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM USING AERATION IN COSMOBALLS PLASTIC MEDIA (BIOFIL TECHNOLOGY)



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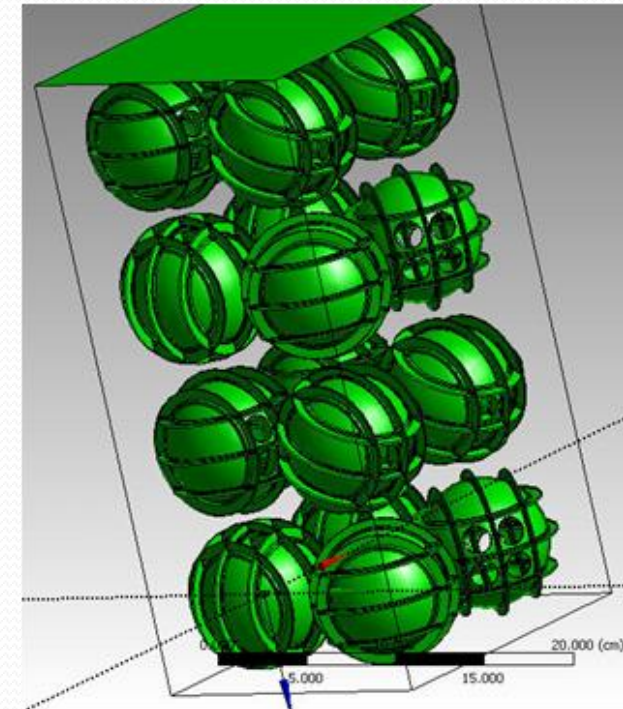


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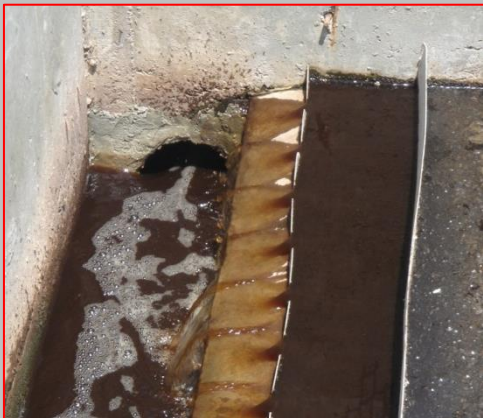
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The image is a promotional graphic for Pakar Management Technology (M) Sdn Bhd. It features a central graphic of a water splash on a blue surface. The background is a mix of green and white. There are several circular inset images: one showing a construction site with a fence, one showing a large industrial building, and one showing a close-up of a Cosmoball. The text includes the company name, tagline, and website addresses.



COSMOBALLS

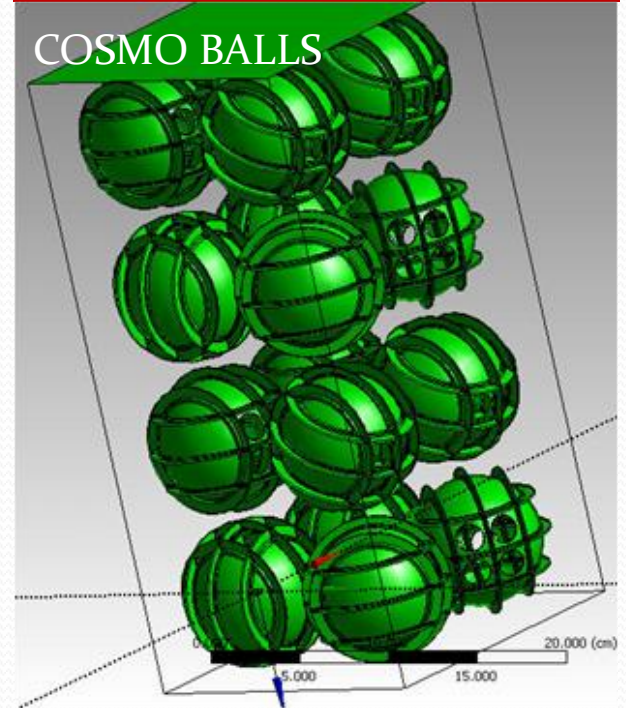
PROBLEMS WITH RIVERS





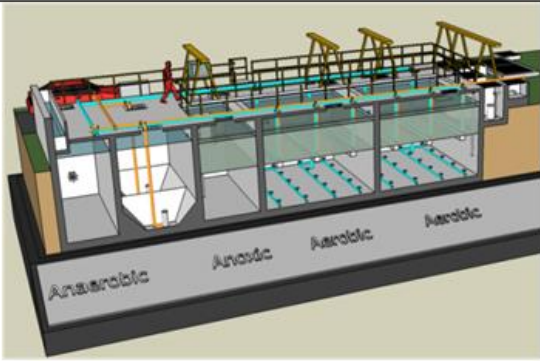
SERIOUS WATER POLLUTION

INNOVATIVE PRODUCT

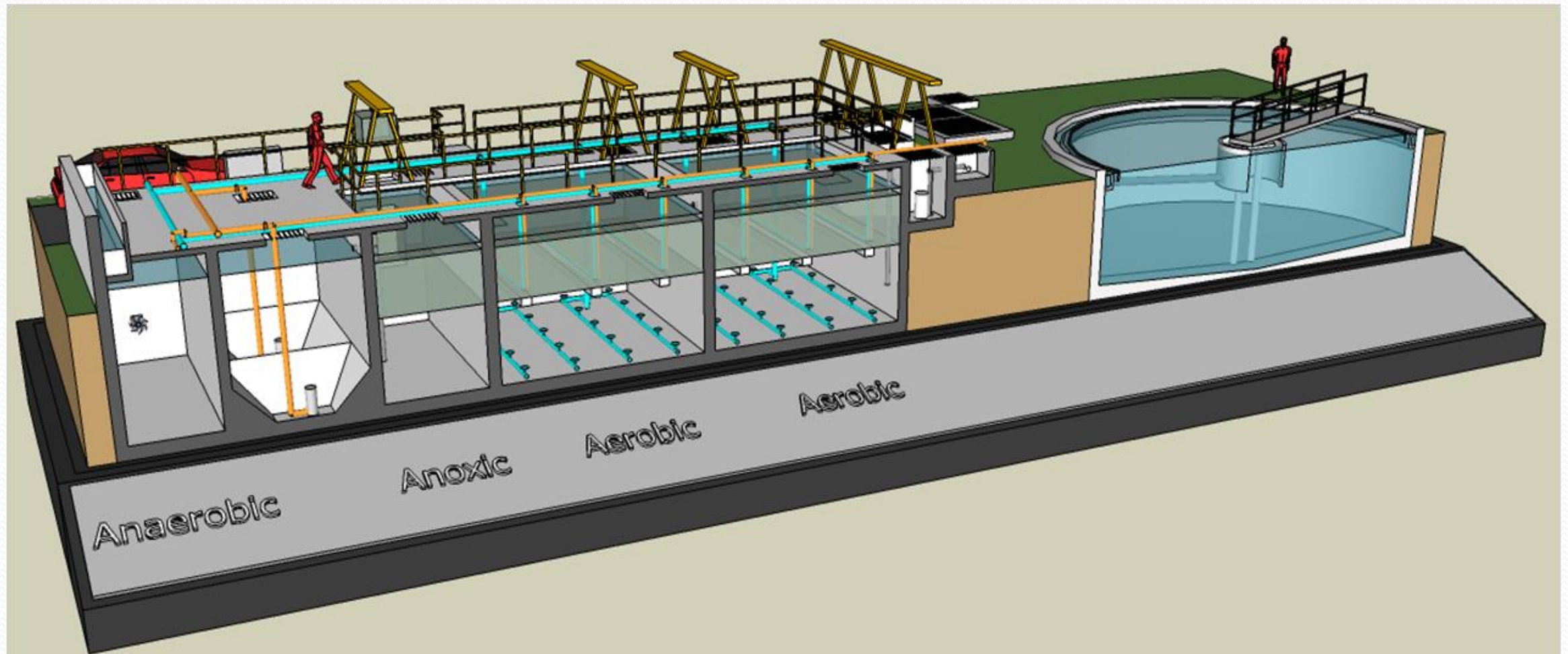
COSMO BALLS



The innovative solution

No	Product Component	Descriptions
1.		<p>Cosmo balls plastic media are 80mm in diameter, the same size as tennis balls. It will be packed into cages to be submerged under water in the treatment plant. Microbes will grow on them, creating a biofilm layer.</p>
2.		<p>The fibre-glass cage containing <u>cosmo</u>-balls create high microbial population for treatment to occur.</p>
3.		<p>The complete system is called <u>BioFil</u> technology.</p> <p>It has 3 main compartment: anaerobic, anoxic and <u>aerobic zones</u>.</p>

BIOFIL TECHNOLOGY - REMOVAL OF POLLUTANTS **WITHOUT CHEMICALS**

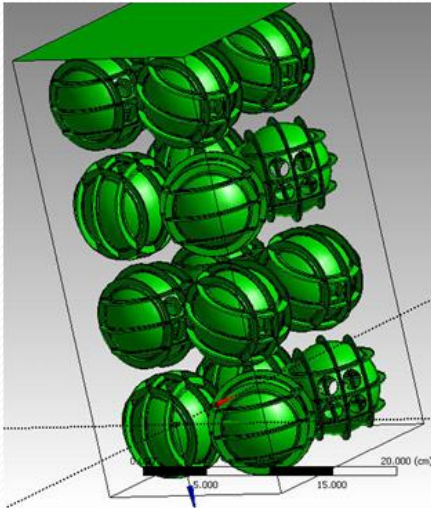


EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF AMMONIA



**Treatment of pollution WITHOUT CHEMICAL –
very effective at high pollution load**

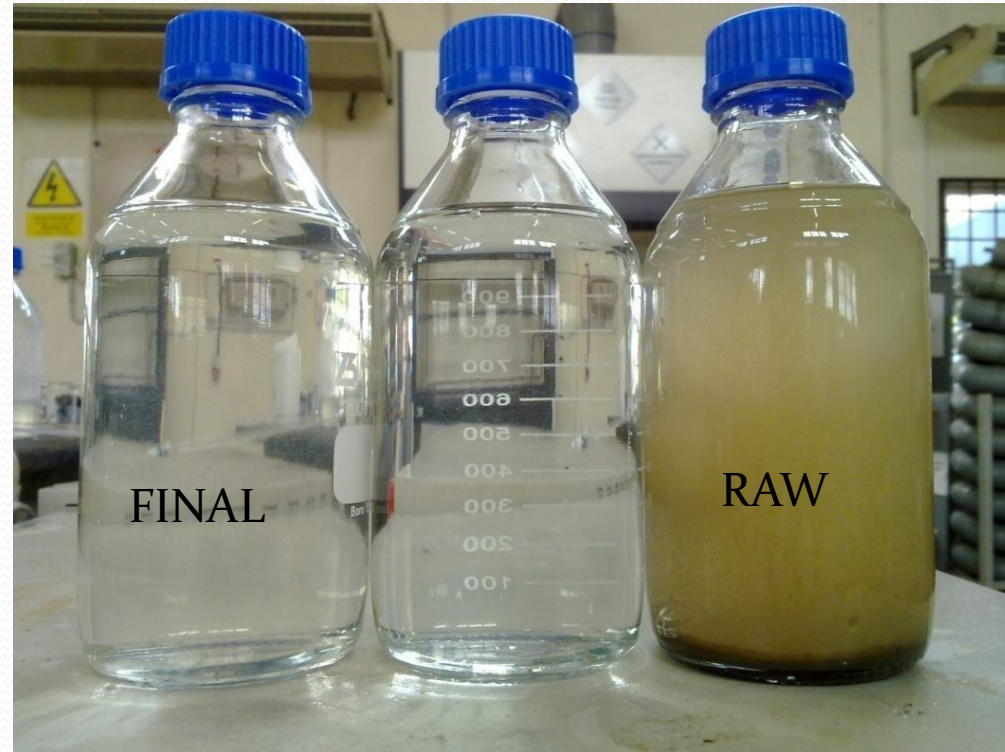
BioFil STP Fabrication is completed -cosmo-balls are secured in a cage



Success Story

Highly effective treatment process able to remove Ammonia N to less than 3 mg/l.

A compact system (50% smaller) - only 12 hours, vs existing 24 hours tank.



Excellent Performance
Less than 3 mg/l Ammonia Nitrogen
Highly effective for river clean-up

Success story

Capacity: 3000 PE (600 home)	BioFil STP	Conventional STP	Advantages of BioFil
STP Cost (Capex)	1.78 m*	1.9 m	less 6%
Operating cost (RM /year)	115,056	159,180	less 27%
Total built up area - actual (m ²)	1736	2226	Less 22%
Buffer area (m ²)	627	542	extra 16% (85m ² = 915 sq ft)

* Cost may vary, depending on location and details

CASE STUDY 2

POLLUTION STUDY OF WASTEWATER FROM FOOD OUTLETS, CAR WORKSHOP AND CAR WASH CENTRES



Kementerian Kesihatan
Bandar,
Perumahan Dari Kerajaan
Tempatan (KPCT)

DR NIK &
ASSOCIATES SDN
BHD

RIVER
OF LIFE

JABATAN PENGAIRAN
DAN SALIRAN MALAYSIA

SPAN
SOLUSI KAWASAN PERSEKUTUAN

Projek: KAJIAN PENCEMARAN AIR DARIPADA PREMIS MAKANAN,
BENGKEL & PUSAT BASUHAN KENDERAAN DI KAWASAN
PROJEK RIVER OF LIFE (ROL)

KETUA PERUNDING: PROF DR AZNI BIN IDRIS



Analysis of Grease Trap – Individual Type

Restaurants	O&G	BOD	COD	SS	P	TN	NH ₃	pH
	mg/L							
DBKL								
Nasi Kandar Pelita (influen)	204	1400	4758	2994	15.7	23.8	2.8	4.7
Nasi Kandar Pelita (efluen)	12.7	927	3151	48	15.7	21	2.4	4.8
Saloma Bistro & Theatre Restaurant (influen)								
Saloma Bistro & Theatre Restaurant (influen)	2616	17266	58705	66184	13.2	277	423.1	4.2
Saloma Bistro & Theatre Restaurant (efluen)	7.9	156	498	72	5.3	22.4	17.4	6.1
MPS								
JK Restaurant (efluen)	224	7228	23130	12948	9.9	23.0	1.2	4.7
JK Restaurant (efluen)	15.7	946	3028	566	13.5	45.4	2.3	5.3
Pizza Hut (influen)								
Pizza Hut (influen)	26.3	854	2734	2066	4.4	37.0	0.81	4.6
Pizza Hut (efluen)	7.6	622	1989	1390	3.4	19.6	0.58	5.1
Average effluent	11	696	2258	403	11	31	5	5
Influent to STP (SPAN)	50	250	500	300	10	50	30	5-9

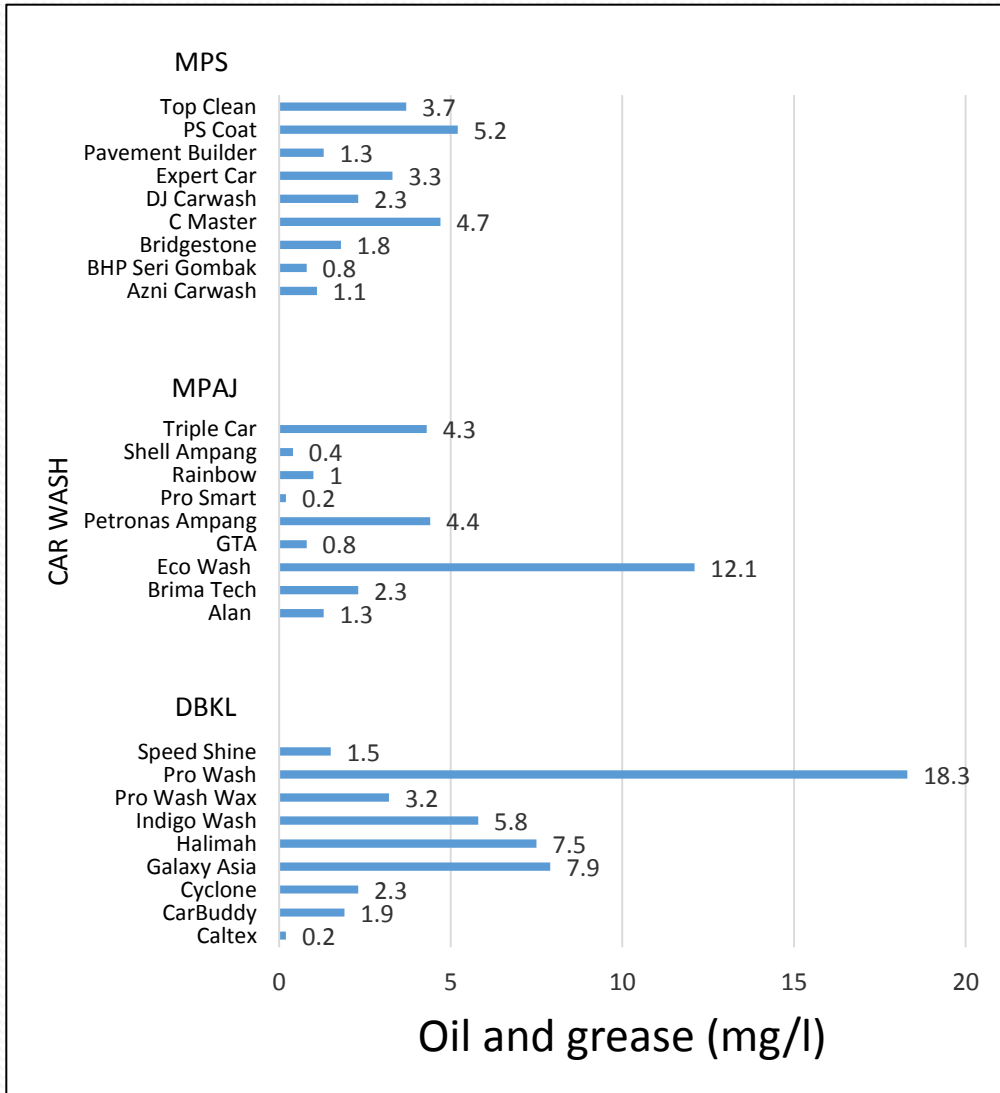
**Max.
50 mg/l
O&G**

Analysis of Grease Trap – Communal Type

Restaurants	O&G	BOD	COD	SS	P	TN	NH ₃	pH
	mg/L							
DBKL								
Suria KLCC (influen)	18.7	2738	8762	8394	45.6	314	184	5.2
Suria KLCC (efluen)	17.6	218	697	146	7.8	38	9.4	6.4
Medan Selera Taman Tenaga								
Medan Selera Taman Tenaga (influen)	105	11010	35231	104142	19.4	336	32	4.8
Medan Selera Taman Tenaga (efluen)	2.9	180	576	120	13.4	5.6	4.8	5.3
MPS								
Medan Sengkuap (influen)	12.9	802	2567.9	796	11.7	16.0	1.15	4.6
Medan Sengkuap (efluen)	5.3	248	794	114	16.8	24.9	2.3	4.6
Medan Selera Pasar Selayang								
Medan Selera Pasar Selayang (influen)	7.5	257	823	118	9.9	23.0	9.3	4.7
Medan Selera Pasar Selayang (efluen)	2.1	192	613	80	6.2	27.2	10.7	5.1
Average Effluent	6.2	178.8	572	107.7	8.7	18.0	5.0	5.3
Influent to STP (SPAN)	50	250	500	300	10	50	30	5-9

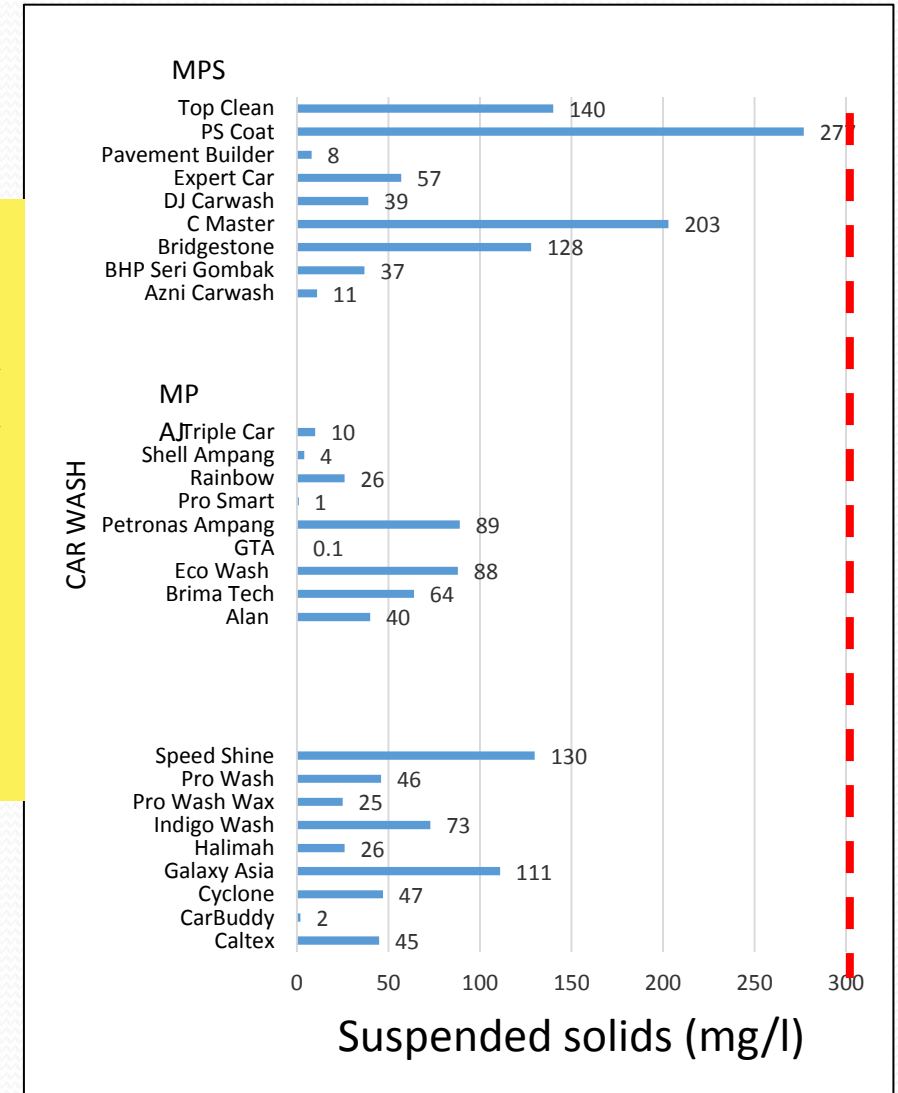
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CAR WASH – Oil and grease/suspended solids

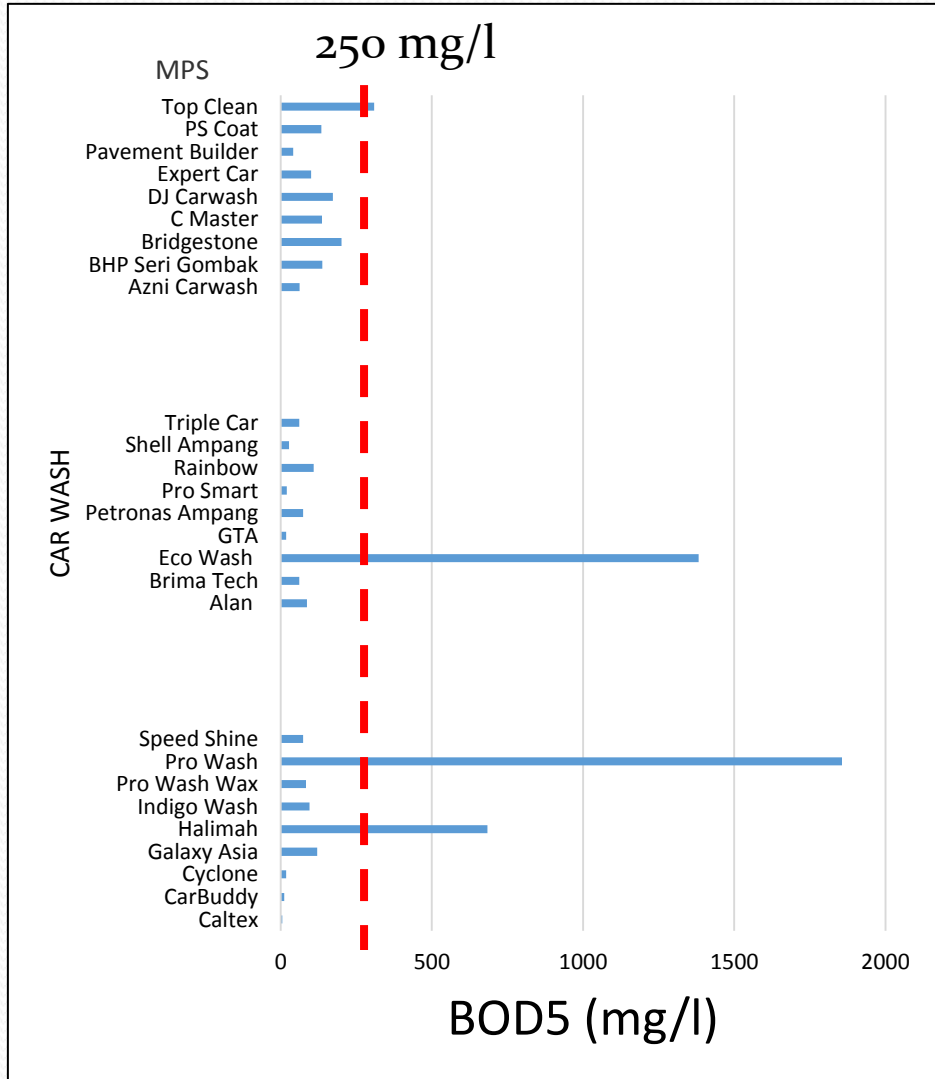


Average:

- ❑ O&G: 3.7 mg/l
- ❑ BOD: 225 mg/l
- ❑ COD: 735 mg/l
- ❑ SS: 64 mg/l
- ❑ TP: 2.5 mg/l
- ❑ TN: 6.4 mg/l
- ❑ NH₃: 1.1 mg/l
- ❑ pH: 7.2

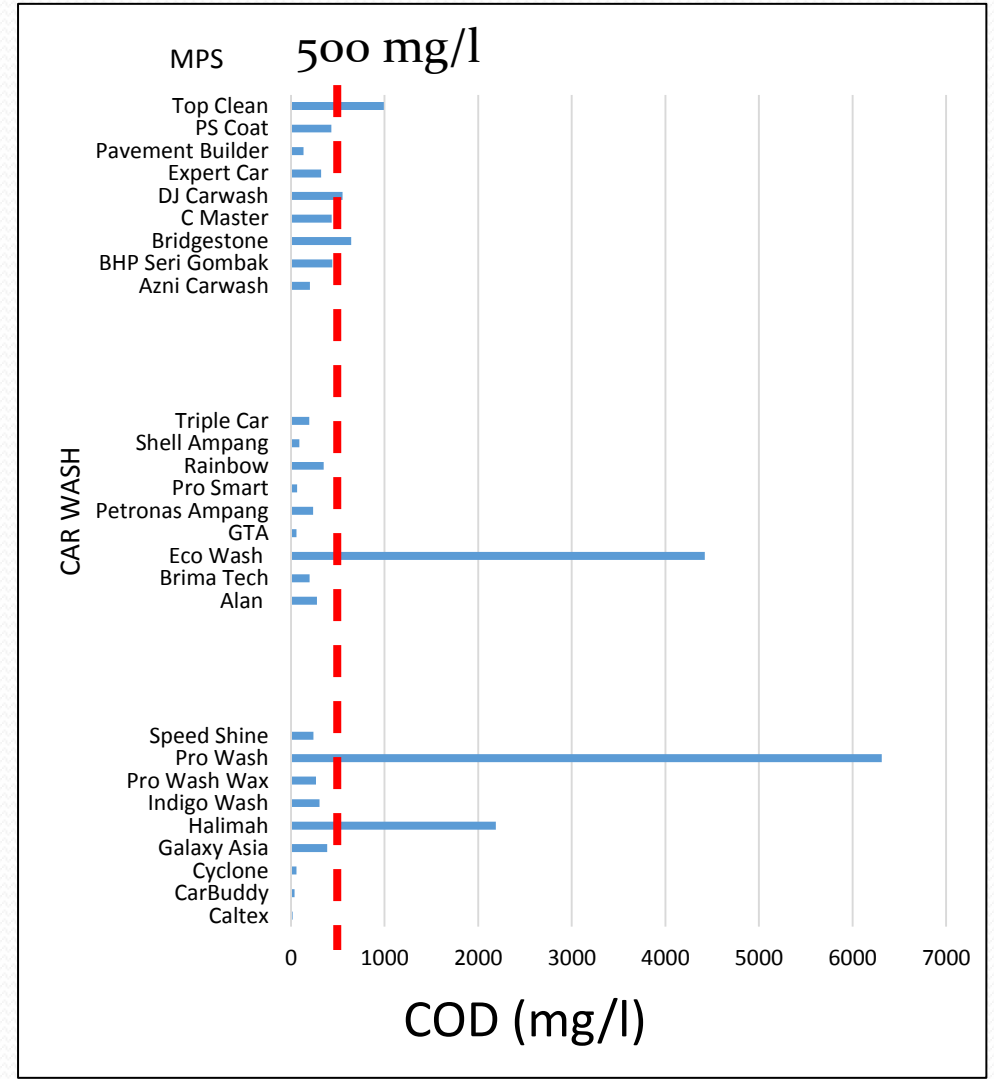


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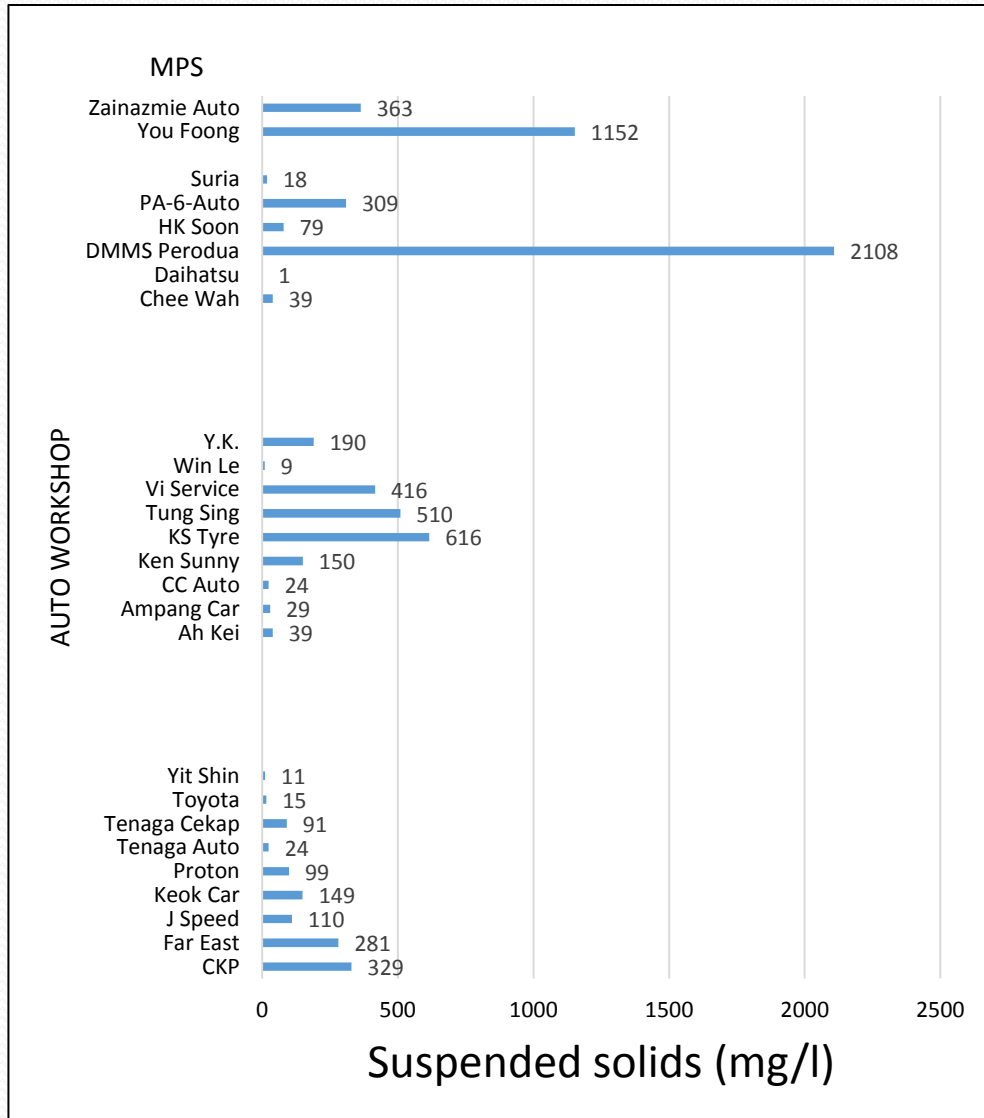


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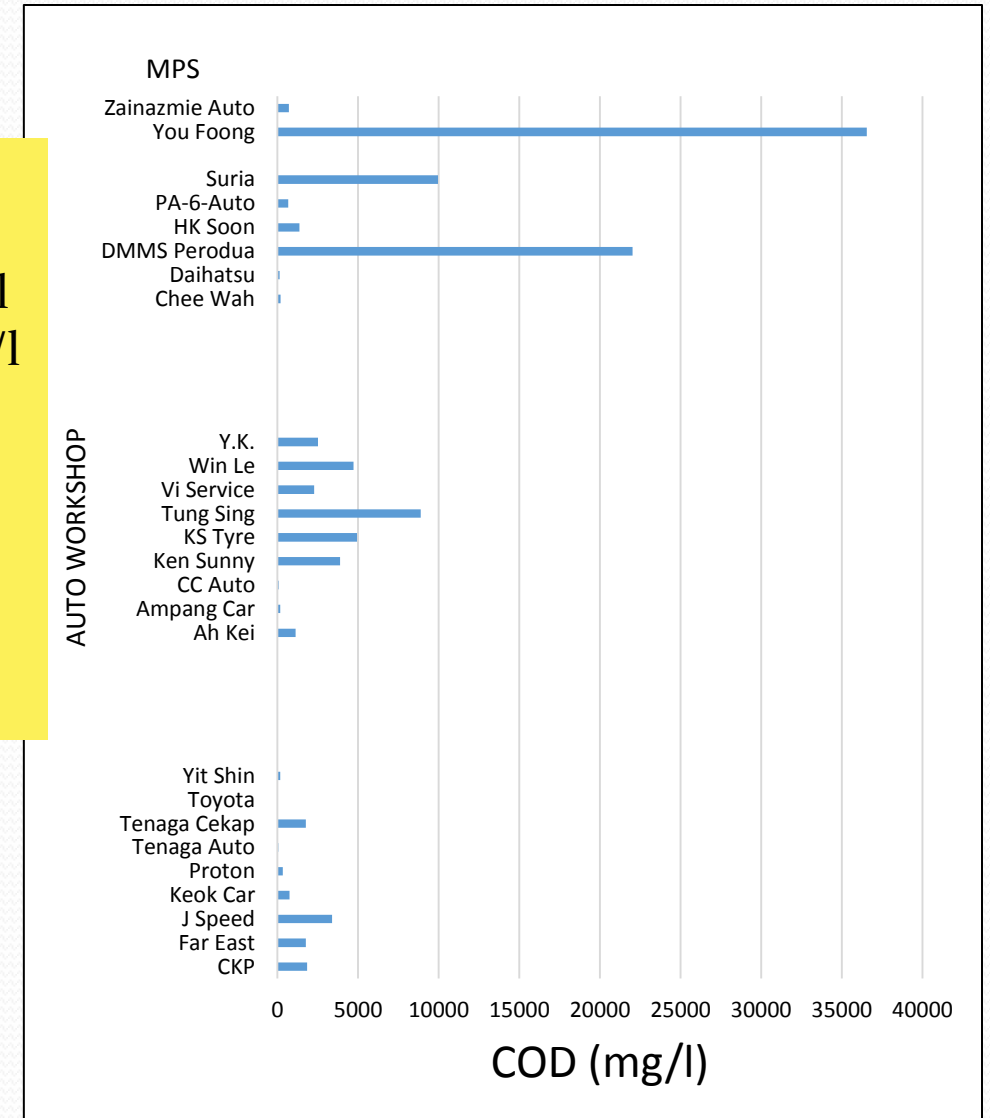


CAR WORKSHOP – suspended solids and COD



Average:

- ☐ O&G: 11.5 mg/l
- ☐ BOD: 1,316 mg/l
- ☐ COD: 4,241 mg/l
- ☐ SS: 275 mg/l
- ☐ TP: 12.9 mg/l
- ☐ TN: 12 mg/l
- ☐ NH₃: 2 mg/l
- ☐ pH: 9



Engineering solution to Enforce Effluent Regulation

- Grease traps to be mandatory at all food outlets
- Mandatory connection of grease traps to **sewer system** – No discharge to drains
- Suitable size grease traps with adequate volume to be approved by LA
- Desludging requirement needed at regular frequency of 2 weeks

- Car wash centres to have effluent management and grease traps
- Car workshop to implement washwater management, apart from use lube oil collection

CASE STUDY 2

BIOREACTOR FOR TREATMENT OF HIGHLY- COLOURED WASTEWATER

TOP DOWN, NATIONAL BIOTECH WORKING GROUP
Development of Bioremediation Processes for
Industrial Wastewater
(Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment)
Program No: 03-01- 01-001 BTK/ER/020



Colours in Textile Effluent



486 PtCo



680 PtCo



1744 PtCo



6175 PtCo

CHEMICAL TREATMENT

Effective using ozone, peroxide and UV, but it is

Too costly



Colour – before and after chemical treatment

← AOP →



Raw
810 PtCo

Biotreated
625 PtCo

15 min
60 PtCo

30 min
33 PtCo

60 min
18 PtCo

Colour removal system using bacteria



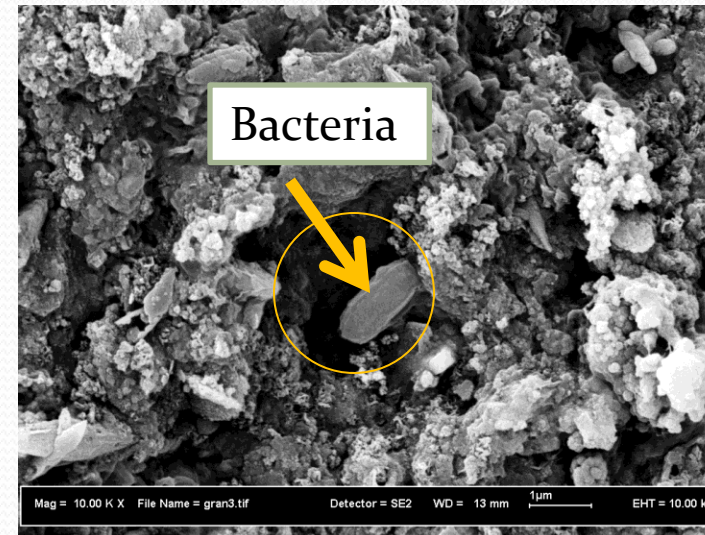
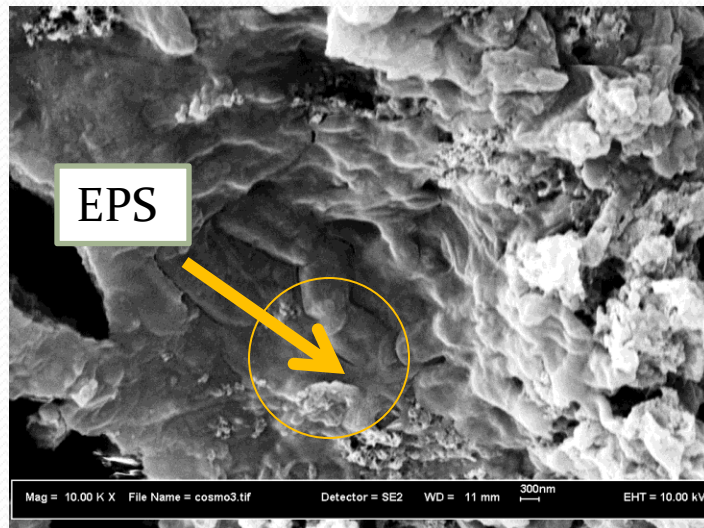
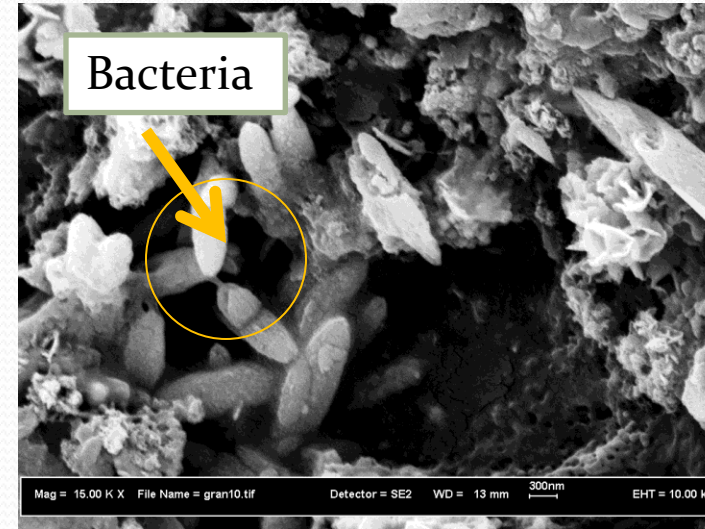
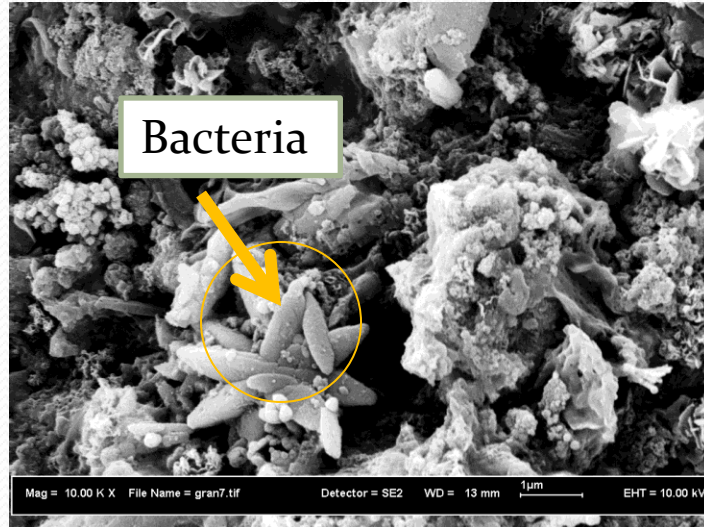
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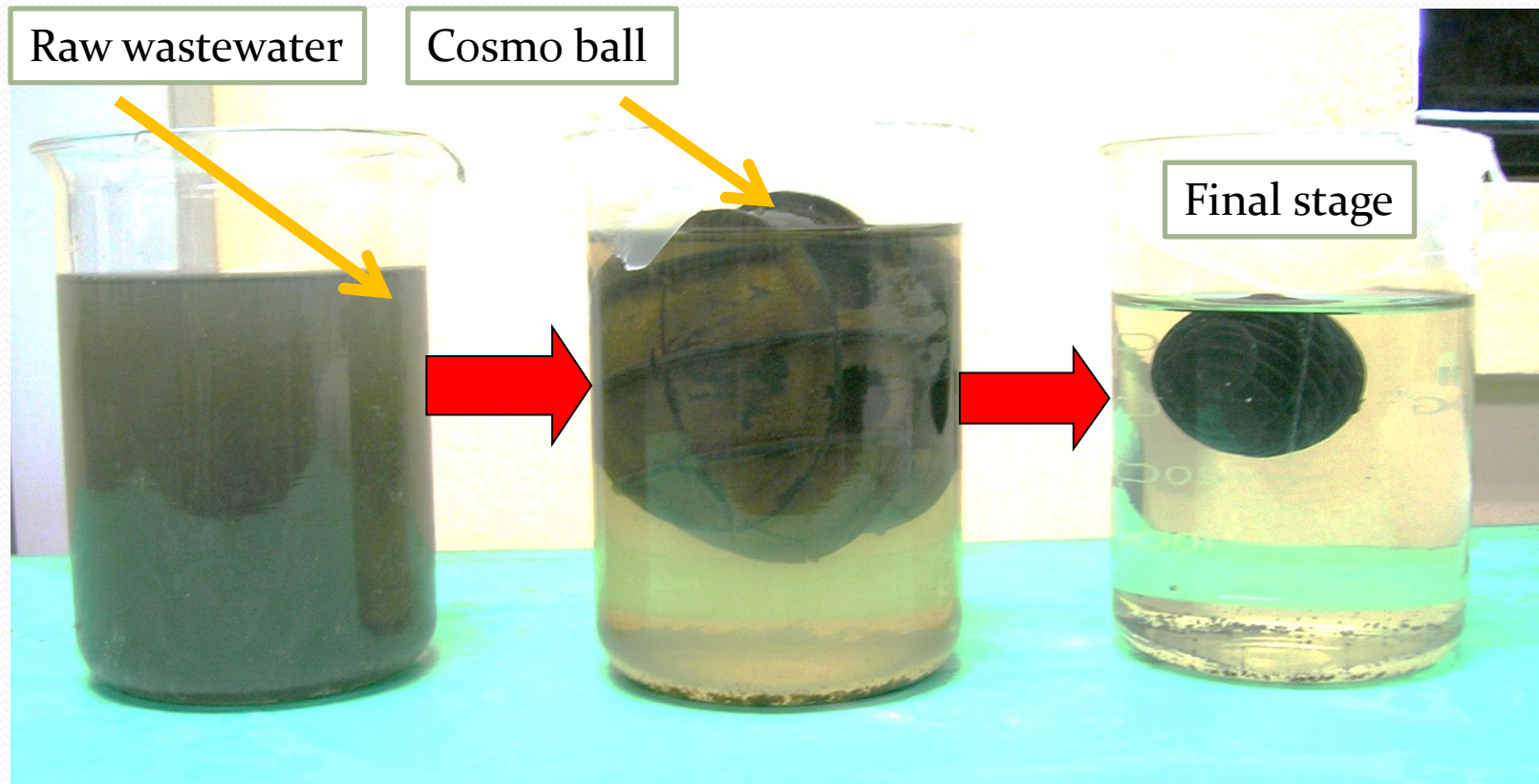
Bioreactor Added with *MicroClear*



SCANNING ELECTRON MICROGRAPH



***MicroClear* PERFORMANCE**



Raw

AFBR

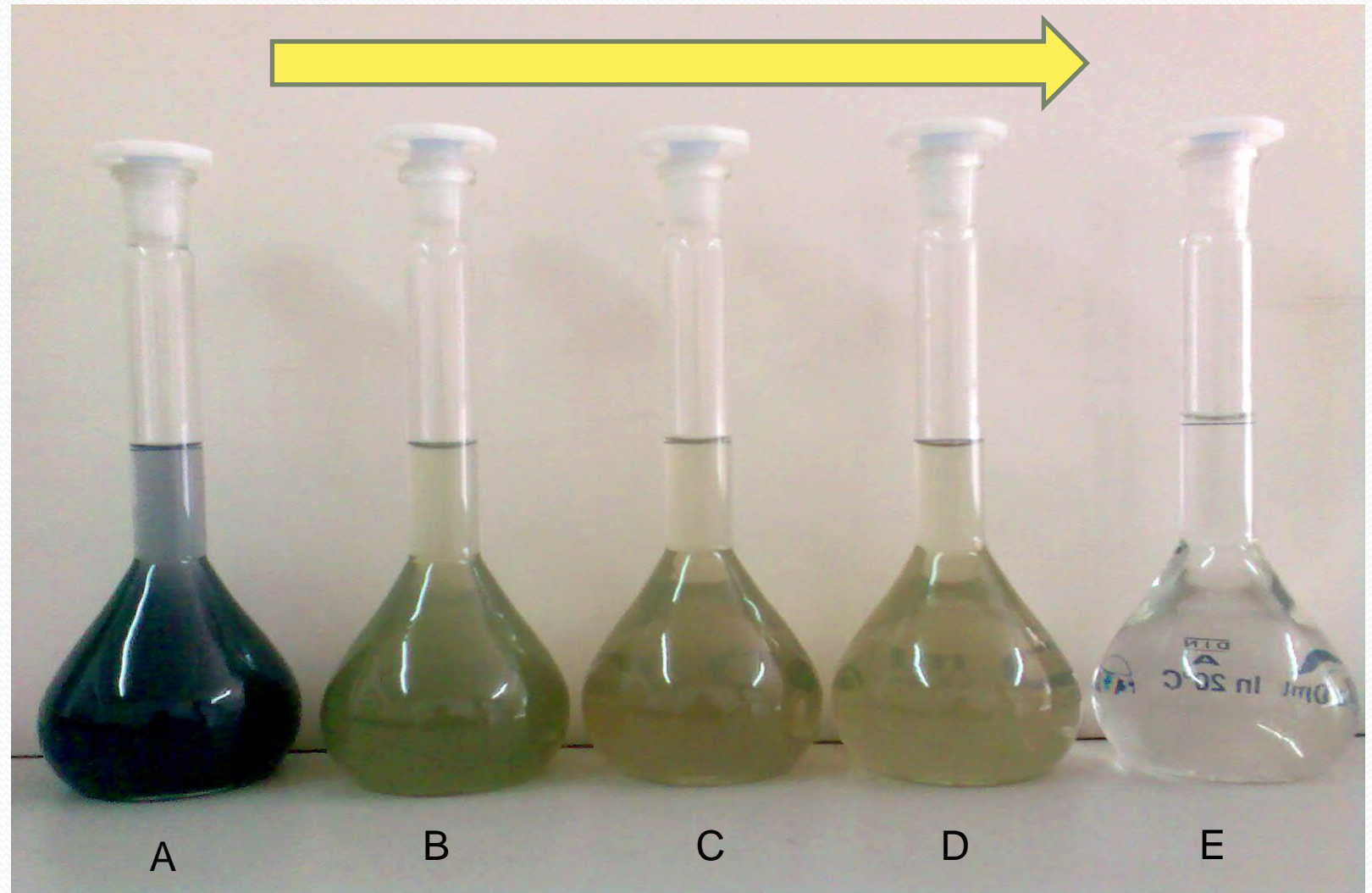
SBBR

3 steps treatment cycle

Colour removal using biological treatment of textile effluent

A (raw),
B (anaerobic),
C (aerobic),
D (after aerobic) and
E (final discharge)

- New method
- New process
- No chemical use



CONCLUDING REMARKS

- ❑ Chemical pollution is a serious threat to our rivers and water body
- ❑ Proper treatment are needed using engineering solutions, and best management practices
- ❑ Minimise the use of chemicals in wastewater treatment
- ❑ Innovative technologies must be created to offer cost effective system



Thank you

Q&A

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