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1.Introduction

1.1. Purpose and Structure of Test Plan

The information contained in this technical note is presented to ensure that the HPC1 prototype designed and constructed by the University of Guelph and Angstrom Engineering adheres to the specifications of ESA, as defined in Annex to Appendix 1 of RFQ 3-11515.

UoG has tested the HPC1 chamber in the MPP (MELISSA Pilot Plant) to demonstrate the performance and adherence to the environmental control specifications.

The controller tested was the Argus Controller, considered to be a black box for the final user. since the Argus company does not provide their control parameters neither their calibration procedures that they consider proprietary.

As the Control System (CS) has been replaced by Schneider Hardware with Sherpa's control subroutines, new control loop tests should be performed to demonstrate that the new system fits to the requirements.

This test plan consists of three main phases. First, a series of Functional Tests will demonstrate the functionality of all chamber parts. Secondly, formal control tests are aimed to demonstrate chamber adherence to the environment control requirements listed in Annex to Appendix 1 of RFQ 3-11515. The final operational test will consist of a batch culture of lettuce conducted under static conditions. The batch culture of lettuce with a Schneider Controller will not constitute a full crop cycle, as it is intended to test subsystem performance under full operational conditions.

1.2. General Procedures for Test Results Data Acquisition

The functional tests outlined in Section 2 will rely on either a visual inspection or confirmation of signal transfer to/from the Schneider controller. Operational tests will rely on data logs recorded by the Schneider controller over the period of the test.

1.3. General Control System Test Procedures

The purpose of the control system tests outlined in Section 2 below is to demonstrate chamber performance and adherence to the environmental control specifications. As part of their sub-contract, Sherpa tunes control procedures, particularly in the case of thermal and VPD control in-house.

1.4. Conditions of Acceptance

In the case of functional tests, the requirements for acceptance of hardware are defined in the acceptance criteria of the individual test procedure, unless otherwise defined below. Acceptance of control tests is based on the technical specifications for environmental control as defined by ESA. The relevant section from the contract RFQ is reproduced below. The control test plan (sometimes referred to as the profile tests) are designed to demonstrate the functioning of the various control loops in maintaining the environmental/biological requirements defined in the table below.

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Also, during the functional, operational (profile) and crop tests, the chamber shall be demonstrated to adhere to all sections of Annex to Appendix 1 of RFQ 3-11515. The requirements defined in the Annex to Appendix 1 of the RFQ are qualitative and no numerical bounds were defined.

Item	Requirement
Illumination light levels	0 – 800 μ E PAR selectable in four discrete levels (no lamps, 3 lamps, 6 lamps, 9 lamps)
Illumination night levels	0 – 10 μ E PAR
Day/night cycle	Any combination of 1 day and 1 night period within a 24 hour span
Air Temperature	Selectable within 15 – 30 °C
Temperature Accuracy	Demand +/- 0.5 °C
Internal (refreshment) circulation rate	Air Not less than 1 crop volume per minute
Air Velocity	From 0.1-0.8 m/s
Water Supply in the Roots	3 to 5 litres per minute average over all trays – equivalent to approximately 200mL/min/tray
Nutrient Supply	Hydroponics (NFT) cultivation with EC demands of 0 – 3 mS/cm pH: 5.8 +/- 0.5 EC: 1.9 dS/cm +/- 0.05dS/cm Dissolved O ₂ : 80 – 100% of saturation (not analyzed ,not controllable)
Pressure	Ambient (typically 101 kPa +/- 2 kPa per hour)
Atmospheric Composition	Humidity: 50 – 85% (no accuracy specified) O ₂ - 20% +/- 1% (ambient levels - not controlled) CO ₂ - 300 – 2000 ppm (no accuracy for control specified) N ₂ - Balance to 100% (not measured)



2. Functional, Control and Operational Tests Program for HPC1

Test	Procedure /Procedure number	Date	Duration (days)
Functional Tests			
1. Exterior Airlock Doors (Not to be tested as it was tested before (see TN96.5) and the change in the control system is not relevant for this particular functionality).	MPP-HPC1–Exterior_Airlock_Door- FT 1. Demonstration of procedures/test for opening/closing the exterior air lock doors and tray mounting/dismount. 2. Functional demonstration of the door open/closed switch/LED indicator circuit Parts Tested (P&ID Reference): 1. ZS_4100_01, ZS_4100_02, ZI_4100_01 2. ZS_4101_01, ZS_4101_02, ZI_4101_01	NA*	NA*
3. Interior Airlock Doors (Not to be tested as it was tested before (see TN96.5) and the change in the control system is not relevant for this particular functionality).	MPP-HPC1 – Interior_Airlock_Door – FT Demonstration of procedures/test for opening/closing the interior air lock door and tray movement in harvest and planting using glove access	NA*	NA*
3. Airlock Purge	MPP-HPC1 – Airlock_Purge – FT Sequence: Testing of air lock injection and vent solenoids Parts Tested (P&ID Reference): 1. RV_4100_01, SV_4102_01, SV_4102_02, PT_4102_01, PS_4102_01, HV_4102_01 2. RV_4101_01, SV_4103_01, SV_4103_02, PT_4103_01, PS_4103_01, HV_4103_01		
4. Lighting	MPP-HPC1 – Lighting – FT Sequence: 1. Testing of the lamp loft cooling fans 2. Testing of the lamp loft temperature sensors		



	<p>3. Testing of the lamp loft air flow indicator 4. Testing of the lamp string relays and high-powered contactors to activate the lamps Parts Tested (P&ID Reference): 1. TT_4105_01, TT_4105_02, TT_4105_03 (lamp loft temperature transducers) 2. FAN_4105_01, FAN_4105_02, FAN_4105_03 (lamp loft cooling fans) 3. FSL_4105_01, FSL_4105_02, FSL_4105_03 (lamp loft air flow sensors) 4. RT_4104_01, RT_4104_02, RT_4104_03 (PAR sensors) 5. IY_4104_01, IY_4104_02, IY_4104_03 (lamp string relays and contactors) 6. LHPS_4104_01 through _06 (HPS Lamps) 7. LMH_4104_01 through _03 (MH Lamps)</p>		
<p>5. Main Centrifugal Blower and VFD Motor</p>	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Blower_Assembly – FT Sequence: 1. Visual inspection of the pulley assembly, support and rotary feed-through shaft 2. Testing of the air circulation fan 3. Testing of the air velocity sensor Parts Tested (P&ID Reference): 1. BLWR_4111_01 (Air Circulation Fan) 2. MVFD_4111_01 (Air Circulation Motor) 3. FT_4111_01 (Air Velocity Sensor)</p>		
<p>6. Gas Analysis</p>	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Gas_Analysis – FT Sequence: 1. Demonstration of IRGA functioning 2. Demonstration of O2 analyzer functioning 3. Demonstration of the factory calibrated mass flow controller (with set-point) 4. Test of CO2 injection line solenoid Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):</p>		

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AT_4113_01 (CO2 Analyzer/IRGA) 2. AT_4113_02 (O2 Sensor) 3. FC_4113_01 (Mass Flow Controller for CO2) 4. SV_4113_01 (CO2 injection line Solenoid) 		
7. Integrity leakage Test	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Leakage – FT Performance of passive CO2 decay test with running air circulation fan to determine operational leakage rate</p>		
8. EC System	<p>MPP-HPC1 –EC – FT Sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrity of Stock A and B tanks 2. Stock tank A and B injection solenoids 3. Stock tank A and B low level switches 4. Stock A and B manual valves 5. Testing of EC sensor <p>Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VSSL_4108_01, VSSL_4108_02 (Stock Tanks A and B) 2. SV_4108_01, SV_4108_02 (Stock A and B injection valves) 3. LSL_4108_01, LSL_4108_02 (Stock A and B tank low level switches) 4. HV_4108_01, HV_4108_01 (Stock A and B Injection Manual Override Valves) 5. AT_4108_01 (EC Sensor) 		
9. pH	<p>MPP-HPC1 – pH – FT Sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrity of Acid and Base tanks 2. Testing of Acid and Base Tank injection solenoids 3. Testing of Acid and Base Tank low level switches 4. Demonstration of Acid and Base Tank manual valves 5. Testing of pH sensor <p>Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VSSL_4107_01, VSSL_4107_02 (Acid and Base Tanks) 2. SV_4107_01, SV_4107_02 (Acid and Base injection valves) 3. LSL_4107_01, LSL_4107_02 (Acid and Base tank low level 		

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	<p>switches)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. HV_4107_01, HV_4107_01 (Acid and Base Injection Manual Override Valves) 5. AT_4107_01 (pH Sensor) 		
10. Irrigation System	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Irrigation – FT</p> <p>Sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrity of nutrient reservoir and plumbing (leakage) 2. Demonstration of main irrigation pump 3. Testing of irrigation flow sensor 4. Demonstration of manual valves positioned on the by-pass and main irrigation lines 5. Demonstration of irrigation flow balancing along the internal distribution manifold 6. Testing of nutrient tank Hi/Low switches <p>Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GP_4106_01 (Main Irrigation Pump) 2. FT_4106_01 (Irrigation Flow Sensor) 3. HV_4106_01 (Manual shutoff to chamber) 4. Irrigation manifold in chamber 5. HV_4106_02 (Irrigation Pump Inlet Manual Override) 6. HV_4106_03 (Irrigation Drain Manual Override) 7. HV_4106_04 and HV_4106_05 (Irrigation By-pass Isolation Valves) 8. HV_4106_05, HV_4106_06, HV_4106_7, HV_4106_8 (Manifold Balancing Ball Valves) 9. VSSL_4106 (Nutrient Reservoir) 		
11. Temperature, Humidity and condensate collection	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Temp_Humidity – FT</p> <p>Sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Testing of growing volume temperature sensors 2. Testing of growing volume integrated humidity/temperature sensors 3. Integrity and functionality of hot water coil 4. Integrity and functionality of chilled water coil 5. Functionality of chilled and hot water valve 		



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Functionality of temperature sensors of water service lines and coil surface temperature 7. Integrity of condensate tank and fittings 8. Testing of passive condensate drain from coil drip tray 9. Testing of condensate tank high and low level switches 10. Testing of condensate pump <p>Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TT 4112_04 - _012 (Growing volume temperature sensors) 2. AT 4112_01 - _03 and TT 4112_01 - _03 (growing volume humidity and temperature sensors) 3. S3CV_4112_01 and S3CV_4112_02 (water service line control valves) 4. TT_4112_13 - _18 (water service line entry and exit temperature sensors, coil surface temperature sensors) 5. VSSL_4110_01 (Condensate Tank) 6. LSL_4110_01, LSH_4110_02 (Condensate tank hi and low level switches) 7. GP_4110_01 (Condensate pump and relay) 		
Control/Profile Tests			
Exterior Air Lock Door Control Loop 4100 and 4101	<p>MPP-HPC1-Exterior_Airlock_Door - CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of controller reading of ZS_4100_01, ZS_4100_02, ZS_4101_01 and ZS_4101_02 		
Airlock Purge Control Loop 4102 and 4103	<p>MPP-HPC1 –Airlock_Purge – CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of pressure sensor log PT_4102_01, PT_4103_01 2. Confirmation of reading pressure switch PS_4102_01 and PS_4103_01 		
Lighting Intensity and Loft Temperature Control Loop 4104 and 4105	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Lighting – CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sequential activation of lamp strings (LPHS_4104_01 through LPHS_4104_06 and LMH_4104_01 through LMH_4104_03 and activation of contactors IY_4104_01 through IY_4104_03) 2. Confirmation of controller log of PAR sensors (RT_4104_01 through RT_4104_03) 3. Confirmation of air loft fan operation (FAN_4105_01, through 		

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	<p>FAN_4105_03) by controller</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of FAN operation indicator (FSL_4105_01 through FSL_4104_03) Confirmation of controller log of lamp loft temperatures (T_4105_01 through TT_4105_03) Confirmation lamp loft temperature remains below 35 °C during operation of one photoperiod (assuming ambient temperatures are maintained at or below 21C) Induction of high air loft temperature alarm states 		
Irrigation Control Loop 4106	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Irrigation – CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of controller log of nutrient flow sensor (FT_4106_01) Confirmation of nutrient flow rates greater than 0.2 L per minute 		
pH Control Loop 4107	<p>MPP-HPC1 –pH – CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of pH sensor log AT_4107_01 at the controller Confirmation of controller read of acid and base tank low level sensors (LSL_4107_01 and LSL_4107_02) Confirmation of controller activation of acid and base injection solenoids by the controller (SV_4107_01 and SV_4107_02) Induction of hi/low pH alarms 		
EC Control loop 4108	<p>MPP-HPC1 –EC – CT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of EC sensor log AT_4108_01 at the controller Confirmation of controller read of stock A and stock B tank low level sensors (LSL_4108_01 and LSL_4108_02) Confirmation of controller activation of stock injection solenoids by the controller (SV_4108_01 and SV_4108_02) Induction of hi/low EC alarms 		
Condensate Collection Control Loop 4110	<p>MPP-HPC1 – Condensate – CT</p> <p>Activation of condensate drain procedure by the controller</p>		
Growing Volume Temperature and Humidity Control Control Loop 4112	<p>MPP-HPC1 –Temperature – CT</p> <p>Diurnal profile tests in temperature/humidity control (demand vs. actual). To be performed during crop test</p>		



CO2 compensation control Control Loop 4113	MPP-HPC1 –CO2 – CT Profile tests of CO2 control by the controller		
Crop Test	MPP-HPC1 – Crop– OT <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crop trial with lettuce in batch culture under nominal conditions – approximately 7 days in duration 2. Collection of NCER data 3. Collection of evapo-transpiration data 4. Collection of T/RH data 		

*- tests are not applicable

3. Air Lock Purge System Functional Testing

3.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-AIRLOCK_PURGE - FT

3.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate and test the operation of the air lock purge system, including the over-pressure passive relief valves, pressure transducers, pressure switches and purge in/vent solenoids of both air locks A and C.

3.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

None

3.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID

3.5 Data Log File Names:

Not Applicable



3.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. SV_4102_01_MV, SV_4102_02_MV, SV_4103_01_MV, SV_4103_02_MV
2. HV_4102_01 HV_4103_01
3. PS_4102_01, PS_4103_01
4. PT_4102_01, PT_4103_01

3.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met

Acceptance criteria

Proper functioning of the following parts is demonstrated, according to the conditions noted;

1. Air lock inlet and purge solenoids SV_4102_01_MV, SV_4102_02_MV, SV_4103_01_MV, SV_4103_02_MV open when charged and re-main closed when no current is applied
2. Air lock pressure switches PS_4102_01, PS_4103_01 are activated when an over pressure air stream is applied to the inlet port of each sensor

Rejection criteria

The test shall be repeated if any of the conditions outlined above are not met.

3.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber exterior and interior air lock doors shall be closed in this test, blower on.

3.9 Safety aspects

No special safety risks have been identified for this test.

3.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

1. Air source (eg. air pump or compressor)
2. 1 metre of teflon or polypropylene tubing

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Air Lock	Interior Air Lock Doors (A&C)	N/A	Closed	

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Air Lock	Exterior Air Lock Doors (A&C)	N/A	Open	Airlock doors are open to allow connection of tubing to inlet and outlet ports of the purge system
Air Lock	Purge Inlet Solenoids (Airlock A and C)	SV_4102_01_M SV_4103_01_M	Closed	
Air Lock	Purge Vent Solenoids (Airlock A and C)	SV_4102_02_M SV_4103_02_M	Closed	
Air Lock	Pressure Switches (Airlock A and C)	PS_4102_0 PS_4103_01	Not Activated	
Air Lock	Pressure Transducers (Airlock A and C)	PT_4102_01 PT_4103_01	Reading ambient	Nominal sensor functioning is all that is required for this test

3.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P)/ Fail (F)
1	Connect a cylinder with calibrated air (1000 ppm CO ₂) to the purge gas inlet line on the external solenoid panel				
2	Using the Schneider control system, enable CO ₂ control in auto mode	CO ₂ concentration in the chamber is 1000 ppm			
1	Disable CO ₂ control				
3	Open exterior door of airlock A for 1 minute				
4	Close exterior door of airlock A				

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5	Using the Schneider control system, open SV_4102_01_M and inject calibrated air during 1 minute			These actions are done under control of pressure. If the pressure is higher than 1.03 bar, or if the opening door A alarm is ongoing, the air injection is stopped
6	Using the Schneider system, observe and record the pressure sensor PT_4102_01 reading for air lock A			
7	Using the Schneider system, check that pressure switch PS_4102_01 is activated and SV_4102_02_M is opened			
8	Using the Schneider control system, enable CO ₂ control in auto mode	CO ₂ concentration in the chamber is 1000 ppm		
9	Disable CO ₂ control			
10	Open exterior door of airlock C for 1 minute			
11	Using the Schneider control system, open SV_4103_01_M and inject calibrated air during 1 minute			These actions are done under control of pressure. If the pressure is higher than 1.03 bar, or if the opening door A alarm is ongoing, the air injection is stopped
12	Using the Schneider system, observe and record the pressure sensor PT_4103_01 reading for air lock C			



13	Using the Schneider system, check that pressure switch PS_4103_01 is activated and SV_4103_02_M is opened				
14	Open exterior and interior doors of the chamber, stop the blower				

3.12 Conclusions

3.13 Deviations

Seq. Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification

4. Lighting Sub-System Functional Testing

4.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-LIGHTING-FT

4.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate the proper functioning of the chamber lighting system. This includes demonstration of proper functioning of the lamp loft fans, temperature sensors, air flow indicators and the relays and contactors for illumination of the 2 HPS lamp strings and the MH lamp string. Testing of the functioning of factory calibrated PAR sensors is also performed.

4.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

- LHPS – High Pressure Sodium lamp
- LMH – Metal Halide lamp
- PAR – Photosynthetically Active Radiation



4.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID

4.5 Data Log File Name:

MPP_HPC_-LIGHTING_FT.txt

4.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. TT_4105_01, TT_4105_02, TT_4105_03 (lamp loft temperature transducers)
2. FAN_4105_01, FAN_4105_02, FAN_4105_03 (lamp loft cooling fans)
3. FSL_4105_01, FSL_4105_02, FSL_4105_03 (lamp loft air flow sensors)
4. RT_4104_01, RT_4104_02, RT_4104_03 (PAR sensors)
5. IY_4104_01, IY_4104_02, IY_4104_03 (lamp string relays and contactors)
6. LHPS_4104_01 through _06 (HPS Lamps)
7. LMH_4104_01 through _03 (MH Lamps)

4.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met

Acceptance criteria

1. The lamps in string HPSa illuminate when activated by the controller and yield an average PAR level of not less than 300 μ E at crop height (30 cm above bench) when the sensor is placed in the horizontal centre of the reflector for each lamp in string HPSa
2. The lamps in string HPSb illuminate when activated by the controller and yield an average PAR level of not less than 300 μ E at crop height (30 cm above bench) when the sensor is placed in the horizontal centre of the reflector for each lamp in string HPSb
3. The lamps in string MH illuminate when activated by the controller and yield an average PAR level of not less than 300 μ E at crop height (30 cm above bench) when the sensor is placed in the horizontal centre of the reflector for each lamp in string MH
4. The lamp loft fans all remain functional during periods of illumination
5. All alarms, listed in the test procedure, are activated
6. The temperature in any of the lamp loft does not exceed 40 C at any time during lamp operation under normal external temperature conditions



Rejection criteria

The test is considered to have failed under the following conditions;

1. When any of the conditions stated above are not met
2. When any of the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

4.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber air lock doors shall remain open during this test (i.e. chamber not sealed) so as to allow the test engineer/operator the ability to move PAR sensors to the required positions. Air temperature with the MPP must be maintained between 19C and 21C during the entire test period.

4.9 Safety aspects

The operator shall take care when entering the chamber to take PAR measurements. The operator taking measurements should weigh less than 100 Kg.

All growing trays but three should be removed from the chamber to avoid a trip hazard when moving about the chamber interior.

The lower air flow baffles should not be in position as they will not support any operator's weight.

Care should be taken to avoid stepping on the hydroponic feed lines.

The operator entering the chamber shall be aware of the air flow return duct (hole) in the chamber floor. Care must be taken not to trip or fall in.

Because the operator will be inside the chamber, the air lock doors must remain open during this test.

4.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

- PAR sensors installed in chamber (RT_4104_01, RT_4104_02, RT_4104_3)
- step ladder to gain entry into the HPC
- anemometer

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Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Lighting System	Lamp String HPSa , including lamps: LHPS_4104_01 (HPS Lamp Aa) LHPS_4104_02 (HPS Lamp Ba) LHPS_4104_03 (HPS Lamp Ca)	IY_4104_01	Off	
	Lamp String HPSb, including lamps: LHPS_4104_04 (HPS Lamp Ab) LHPS_4104_05 (HPS Lamp Bb) LHPS_4104_06 (HPS Lamp Cb)	IY_4104_02	Off	
	Lamp String MH, including lamps: LMH_4104_01 (MH Lamp A) LMH_4104_02 (MH Lamp B) LMH_4104_03 (MH Lamp C)	IY_4104_03	Off	
	PAR Sensor A	RT_4104_01	Logging	Should initially read 0 uE
	PAR Sensor B	RT_4104_02	Logging	Should initially read 0 uE
	PAR Sensor C	RT_4104_03	Logging	Should initially read 0 uE
	Loft Fans A	FAN_4105_01 and FAN_4105_02	Off	Both fans in loft A should be off
	Loft Fans B	FAN_4105_03 and FAN_4105_04	Off	Both fans in loft B should be off
	Loft Fans C	FAN_4105_05 and FAN_4105_06	Off	Both fans in loft C should be off
	Loft Temperature Sensor (Loft T – A)	TT_4105_01	Logging	Should read ambient temperature
	Loft Temperature Sensor (Loft T – B)	TT_4105_02	Logging	Should read ambient temperature
	Loft Temperature Sensor (Loft T – C)	TT_4105_03	Logging	Should read ambient temperature



	Loft Air Flow Sensor (Flow – A)	FSL_4105_01	Logging	Should indicate no air flow in loft
	Loft Air Flow Sensor (Flow – B)	FSL_4105_02	Logging	Should indicate no air flow in loft
	Loft Air Flow Sensor (Flow – C)	FSL_4105_03	Logging	Should indicate no air flow in loft

4.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P)/ Fail (F)
1	Position and centre PAR Sensor A (RT_4104_01) underneath the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSa in module A and fix it at a height of approximately 30 cm above growing tray height				
2	Position and centre PAR sensor A (RT_4104_02) underneath the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSa in module B and fix it at a height of approximately 30 cm above growing tray height				
3	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_03) underneath the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSa in module C and fix it at a height of approximately 30 cm above growing tray height				
4	Operator confirms operation of the fans by taking readings at the outlet (back) side of the fans with a hand-held anemometer. All fans should yield a reading of greater than 0.10 m/s	Anemometer readings from each fan > 0.10 m/s	A _____ B _____		

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			C		
5	In the Schneider control system, confirm air flow indicators in each lamp loft (FSL_4105_01, _02 and _03)	FSL_4105_01, _02 and _03 indicate air flow			
6	Confirm that temperature sensors in each lamp loft read ambient temperatures (TT_4105_01, _02 and _03)	TT_4105_01, _02 and _03 read AMBIENT			
7	Using the Schneider control system, activate lamp string HPSa	LHPS_4104_01, _03 and _05 are ON			
8	After a period of 10 minutes, confirm readings of PAR sensors A-C (RT_4104_01, _02 and _03) each read above 300 uE corresponding to illumination of lamp string HPSa	RT_4104_01, _02 and _03 read > 300 uE			
9	Deactivate lamp string HPSa				
10	Confirm all air loft fans remain running				
11	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_01) under the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSb in module A				
12	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_02) under the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSb in module B				
13	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_03) under the HPS lamp reflector that is member of string HPSb in module C				
14	Activate lamp string HPSb				
15	Confirm continued operation of all lamp loft fans				
16	After a warm-up period of 10 minutes, confirm and record readings of PAR sensors corresponding to illumination of HPSb				
17	Deactivate lamp string HPSb				
18	Confirm all air loft fans remain running				

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19	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_01) underneath the MH lamp reflector that is member of string MH in module A				
20	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_02) underneath the MH lamp reflector that is member of string MH in module B				
21	Position and centre PAR sensor (RT_4104_03) underneath the MH lamp reflector that is member of string MH in module C				
22	Activate lamp string MH				
23	Confirm continued operation of all lamp loft fans				
24	Confirm readings of PAR sensors corresponding to illumination of MH				
25	Activate lamp string HPSa				
26	Activate lamp string HPSb				
27	Activate lamp string MH				
28	Confirm continued operation of all lamp loft fans				
29	Confirm log of lamp loft temperature sensors Loft-T A-C, record initial values		<p>A _____</p> <p>B _____</p> <p>C _____</p>		
30	Allow lamps to run for 1 hour				
31	To test the temperature override control; lower the temperature limits on the control system to invoke a lamp loft high temperature alarm condition. Ensure the lamps shut off.				
32	Confirm continued operation of lamp loft fans				
33	Turn off lamps and let cool for 15 minutes				
34	Reset lamp loft temperature limits and reactivate				

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	lamps				
35	Controller instructs lamp strings (HPSa, HPSb, and MH) to operate for an extended period.	14 hours (nominal)			
36	After this period confirm shut-off of all lamp strings.			Fans may continue to run if the lamp loft temperature is above the set point.	

4.12 Conclusions

To be completed in the annotated procedures document

4.13 Deviations

Seq Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification



5. Air Circulation Fan Functional Testing

5.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1 – Blower_Assembly – FT

5.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate the proper functioning of the centrifugal blower, VFD motor, pulley and belt drive for the motor, rotary feed through shaft and by consequence, the chamber shell ducting and louvers.

The test begins with the VFD motor set to 50 Hz which will enable the main centrifugal blower to run at full speed. After equilibration and air speed measurements have been recorded by the Schneider Control system, the speed controller is reduced incrementally to show function at a range of speeds. The test concludes with a demonstration of the ramp-up and ramp-down capability in starting or shutting off of the motor of the main centrifugal blower.

5.3 Acronyms used in the test

VFD – Variable Frequency Drive (of the motor driving the main centrifugal blower)

5.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID
VFD Operation Manual
Motor Operation Manual

5.5 Data Log File Name:

MPP_HPC1__AIR_CIRCULATION_FT.txt

5.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. BLWR_4111_01 (Air Circulation Fan)
2. MVFD_4111_01 (Air Circulation Motor)
3. FT_4111_01 (Air Velocity Sensor)



5.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely
 The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met

Acceptance criteria

The functional tests of the air handling sub-system components are deemed acceptable when;

- When the VFD successfully ramps from 0 Hz to 50 Hz without damage
- When the VFD successfully ramps down from 50 Hz to 0 Hz without damage
- When sufficient air flow is measured by FT_4111_01

5.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber air lock doors shall remain open during this test (i.e. chamber not sealed).

5.9 Safety aspects

When the motor and pulley are in operation under the chamber belly, the operator shall take care to get items caught in the fan belt and pulley assembly. Yellow caution tape should surround the perimeter of module C.

5.10 Test set-up

All growing trays and bottom air louvers must be in place for this test.

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Air handling unit	Main centrifugal blower		Idle	
	VFD Motor		Off	

5.11 Test Procedure

Step by step description of the operations performance

Date:			Test Engineer/operator:		
Time:			MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required / Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Visually inspect the rotary feed-through shaft and pulley system to confirm that there is no				

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	deflection in the assembly at system rest				
2	Activate the VFD and set to 50 Hz. Record air flow of the internal air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) as indicated on the Schneider control system overview screen				
3	Activate the VFD and set to 40 Hz. Record air flow of the internal air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) as indicated on the Schneider control system overview screen				
	Activate the VFD and set to 30 Hz. Record air flow of the internal air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) as indicated on the Schneider control system overview screen				
	Activate the VFD and set to 20 Hz. Record air flow of the internal air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) as indicated on the Schneider control system overview screen				
	Activate the VFD and set to 10 Hz. Record air flow of the internal air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) as indicated on the Schneider control system overview screen				
16	Return the VFD to 0 Hz, main centrifugal blower remains idle				

5.12 Conclusions

To be completed in the annotated procedures document

5.13 Deviations

Seq Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification



6. Gas Analysis System Functional Testing

6.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-GAS_ANALYSIS – FT

6.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate and test the operation of the gas analysis system components including functioning of the IRGA for CO₂, O₂ analyzer, mass flow controller for CO₂ injection, manual injection over-ride valve and the CO₂ injection line solenoid.

6.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

IRGA – InfraRed Gas Analyzer for CO₂
PO2 – Paramagnetic Analyzer for O₂

6.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID

6.5 Data Log File Names:

MPP_HPC1__GAS_ANALYSIS_FT.txt

6.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. AT_4113_01 (CO₂ Analyzer/IRGA)
2. AT_4113_02 (O₂ Sensor)
3. FC_4113_01 (Mass Flow Controller for CO₂)
4. SV_4113_01 (CO₂ injection line solenoid)
5. HV_4113_01 (CO₂ injection line manual over-ride valve)

6.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely
The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met:



Acceptance criteria

Proper functioning of the following parts is demonstrated, according to the conditions noted;

1. The IRGA (AT_4113_01) reads ambient CO₂ (300 – 500 ppm) concentrations prior to test
2. The IRGA (AT_4113_01) responds to automated CO₂ injection by the Schneider control system at a setpoint of 1500 ppm
3. The PO₂ (AT_4113_02) reads ambient conditions prior to and during the test
4. The Mass Flow Controller for CO₂ is automatically controllable to a set point of 200 mL/min and flow of CO₂ through the MFC is confirmed
5. Proper functioning of the CO₂ injection line solenoid (SV_4113_01) is demonstrated

Rejection criteria

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely or if any of the conditions outlined in Section 2.2 are not met.

6.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber exterior and interior air lock doors shall be closed in this test but no special environment control of the interior of the chamber is required.

6.9 Safety aspects

Carbon dioxide and nitrogen are asphyxiants. Care must be used when employing this gas in its pure form.

6.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

1. Pressure regulated and adjustable (0 – 120 kPa) 99.99% (or better) CO₂ gas source with to be connected to the CO₂ injection line inlet solenoid (SV_4113_01)
2. Calibrated air source (certified with levels according to analyzer manufacturer instructions) and regulator (0 – 120 kPa delivery) to be connected to the CO₂ analyzer when required for span calibration
3. Calibrated air source of 99.99 or better purity Nitrogen with a regulated supply to be connected to the CO₂ analyzer when required for zero calibration

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

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Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Gas Analysis	IRGA	AT_4113_01	Connected to HPC1 through dedicated inlet and outlet lines. Analyzer is turned on and operational	Confirm air flow through analyzer and operation of analyzer sampling pump. Analyzer sample return is back to the chamber growing volume to create a closed sampling system
Gas Analysis	PO ₂	AT_4113_02	Integrated with CO ₂ analyzer	
Gas Analysis	Mass Flow Controller for CO ₂	FC_4113_01	Closed (0 L/min flow)	
Gas Analysis	CO ₂ injection line solenoid	SV_4113_01	Closed	
Gas Analysis	CO ₂ injection line manual over-Ride ball valve	HV_4113_01	Closed	No CO ₂ gas supplied to inlet solenoid at start of test
Air Lock	Exterior Air Lock Doors	N/A	Closed	
Air Lock	Interior Air Lock Doors	N/A	Open	
Air Circulation	Main Blower and VFD	BLWR_4111_01, MVFD_4111_01	Running at optimal speed (TBD)	

6.11 Test Procedure

Date:		Test Engineer/operator:			
Time:		MPP Supervision			
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)

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1	Calibrate the IRGA/PO ₂ analyzer			See analyzer operating manual for calibration instructions
2	The mass flow controller is set to delivery CO ₂ at a rate of 200 mL/min using the Schneider Control System	FC_4113_01 is set to deliver CO ₂ at 200 mL/min		See MFC operating manual for manual setting of MFC
3	Set the Schneider control system CO ₂ demand to 1500 ppm	SV_4113_01 is OPEN		
4	Open the CO ₂ line delivery pressure of 110 kPa	CO ₂ tank regulator delivery at 110 kPa		
5	Open the CO ₂ injection (SV_4113_01) override valve	SV_4113_01		
6	Monitor CO ₂ concentrations on the Schneider control system AND the IRGA and ensure that both are reading approximately the same value. CO ₂ levels should rise within the HPC The PO ₂ (AT_4113_02) should continue to read ambient concentrations	AT_4113_01 indicating rising CO ₂ AT_4113_02 reading ambient O ₂ (~21%)		The Schneider controller will record CO ₂ concentration
7	[CO ₂] should reach 1500 and automated injection discontinues			[CO ₂] levels may somewhat surpass the 1500 limit as internal mixing and analyzer lag times limit response. Without active CO ₂ consumption and in the absence of major leaks, [CO ₂] will remain high
8	On the Schneider control system, return the CO ₂ control to 'Manual off', close the CO ₂ injection override valve (SV_4113_01)			

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6.12 Conclusions

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6.13 Deviations

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7. Chamber Shell Integrity Leakage Test

7.1 MPP-HPC1-LEAKAGE-FT

7.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate the integrity of the chamber shell after assembly. CO₂ is injected into the chamber in a closed and idle configuration (all sub-systems off, main centrifugal blower excepted) to a set-point of 1500 ppm. CO₂ is allowed to passively decay through the chamber shell over a 48 hour period. The rate of leakage is calculated as the slope of a tangent to a 24 hour CO₂ curve, expressed as % Leakage of CO₂ (relative to initial value) per day.

7.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

MFC – Mass Flow Controller

IRGA – Infra-Red Gas Analyzer for CO₂ (0-6000 ppm)

7.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP

TN 85.71 including P&ID

7.5 Data Log File Name:

MPP_HPC1__LEAKAGE_FT.txt

7.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference)

Chamber closure integrity

7.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

The test is considered successful when the conditions outlined below are met.



Acceptance Criteria

The diffusive CO₂ leakage rate from inside the chamber against ambient total pressure and partial pressures of CO₂, calculated as the slope of a tangent to a 48 hour CO₂ concentration decay curve at the operational condition of 1000 ppm, expressed as % Leakage of CO₂ (relative to initial value) per day is less than 7% per day

Rejection Criteria

The diffusive CO₂ leakage rate from inside the chamber against ambient total pressure and partial pressures of CO₂, calculated as the slope of a tangent to a 48 hour CO₂ concentration decay curve at the operational condition of 1000 ppm, expressed as % Leakage of CO₂ (relative to initial value) per day is greater than 7% per day

7.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber exterior air lock doors shall remain closed during this test but the interior air lock doors shall remain open.

During the test the CO₂ concentration will be increased to 1200 ppm with the main centrifugal blower running.

7.9 Safety aspects

1. The operator must not enter the chamber during the test due to high CO₂ levels
2. The exterior doors and all interface ports must remain sealed

7.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

1. Pressure regulated and adjustable (0 – 120 kPa) 99.99% (or better) CO₂ gas source with to be connected to the CO₂ injection line inlet solenoid (SV_4113_01)
2. Calibrated air source (certified with concentrations according to manufacturer's instructions) and regulator (0 – 120 kPa delivery) to be connected to the CO₂ analyzer when required for calibration
3. Calibrated air source of 99.99 or better purity Nitrogen with a regulated supply to be connected to the CO₂ analyzer when required for calibration

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Gas Analysis	IRGA	AT_4113_01	Connected to HPC1 through dedicated inlet and outlet lines. Analyzer	Confirm air flow through analyzer and operation of analyzer sampling pump.

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			is turned on and operational	Analyzer sample return is back to the chamber growing volume to create a closed sampling system
Gas Analysis	Mass Flow Controller for CO ₂	FC_4113_01	Closed (0 L/min flow)	
Gas Analysis	CO ₂ injection line solenoid	SV_4113_01	Closed	
Gas Analysis	CO ₂ injection line manual over-Ride ball valves	HV_4113_01	Closed	No CO ₂ gas supplied to inlet solenoid at start of test
Air Lock	Exterior Air Lock Doors	N/A	Closed	
Air Lock	Interior Air Lock Doors	N/A	Open	
Air Lock	Purge Inlet and Vent Solenoid Valves	RV_4100_01, SV_4102_01, SV_4102_02, RV_4101_01, SV_4103_01, SV_4103_02	Closed	
Air Circulation	Main Blower and VFD	BLWR_4111_01, MVFD_4111_01	Running at normal operational speed for mixing (TBD)	
EC/pH	Pressure equilibration valves manually closed		Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation Pump Inlet Manual Override	HV_4106_02	Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation Drain Manual Override	HV_4106_03	Closed	
Interface	All interface ports sealed		Sealed	

7.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:	Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision
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Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/Nominal	Measured/calculated	Remarks/Calculation (raw data are expected as well as their treatment)	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Activate main centrifugal blower VFD to operate at the normal operating speed for mixing (TBD)				
2	Confirm fan operation through Schneider control system and air velocity sensor (FT_4111_01) output				
3	With the IRGA sampling (and stabilized) from the interior growing volume, record the initial reading	AT_4113_01 reading ambient CO ₂ (350 – 400 ppm)			
4	Set the Schneider control system CO ₂ demand to 1500 ppm	SV_4113_01 is OPEN			
5	Open the CO ₂ line delivery pressure to 110 kPa	CO ₂ tank regulator delivery at 110 kPa			
6	Open the CO ₂ injection (SV_4113_01) override valve	SV_4113_01			
7	Allow the system to equilibrate at 1500 ppm for 2 hours to allow time for equilibration with the passive air pressure compensation bags			The Schneider control system will inject CO ₂ until the setpoint is reached	
8	In the Schneider control system, set CO ₂ control to 'manual off' so that no more CO ₂ is added to the system				
9	Allow data collection by the Schneider control system for a minimum of 48 hours				
10	Calculate the leak rate given the concentration at the beginning of the test and after 24 hours $\frac{([\text{CO}_2]_{\text{start}} - [\text{CO}_2]_{\text{final}}) / [\text{CO}_2]_{\text{start}} * 100\%}{24 \text{ hours}}$ = % leakage per day				



7.12 Conclusions

To be completed in the annotated procedures document

7.13 Deviations

Seq Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification



8. EC System Functional Testing

8.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-EC – FT

8.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate and test the operation of the stock injection solenoids, the stock tank injection over-ride manual ball valves, the integrity of stock tanks, the EC sensor and the pressure equilibration manual ball valves.

8.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

EC – Electrical Conductivity

8.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID

8.5 Data Log File Names:

MPP_HPC1_EC_FT.txt

8.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. VSSL_4108_01, VSSL_4108_02 (Stock Tanks A and B)
2. SV_4108_01, SV_4108_02 (Stock A and B injection valves)
3. LSL_4108_01, LSL_4108_02 (Stock A and B tank low level switches)
4. HV_4108_01, HV_4108_02 (Stock A and B Injection Manual Over-ride Valves)
5. AT_4108_01 (EC Sensor)

8.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

The test is considered successful when the acceptance criteria that follow are met

Acceptance criteria

Proper functioning of the following parts is demonstrated, according to the conditions noted;



1. Stock Tanks A and B do not show evidence of leakage (VSSL_4108_01, VSSL_4108_02)
2. The functionality of the injection solenoid valves is demonstrated (SV_4108_01, SV_4108_02)
3. The low level switches for the stock tanks are demonstrated (LSL_4108_01, LSL_4108_02)
4. The manual stock injection override valves are demonstrated (HV_4108_01, HV_4108_02)
5. The EC sensor is demonstrated operational

Rejection criteria

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely or if any of the conditions outlined above are not met.

8.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber exterior and interior air lock doors shall be closed in this test (leakage test running concurrently) but no special environment control of the interior of the chamber is required.

8.9 Safety aspects

No special safety considerations have been identified for this test.

8.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

1. Prepared Stock A and B Solutions (see TN96.3 'Test protocols and procedures for lettuce cultivation')
2. Control system set to record signals from the EC sensor

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Irrigation	Main Irrigation Pump	GP_4106_01	Off	
Irrigation	Manual shut-off valve to chamber	HV_4106_01	Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation drain manual valve	HV_4106_03	Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation by-pass isolation valves	HV_4106_04 and HV_4106_05	Open	
Irrigation	Irrigation Pump Inlet Manual Over-Ride Valve	HV_4106_02	Open	
Irrigation	Stock Tanks A and B	VSSL_4108_01, VSSL_4108_02	Filled to capacity with deionized water 24 hours prior to this functional test.	



Irrigation	Hydroponics reservoir	VSSL_4106	Empty	
EC	EC Sensor	AT_4108_01	Logging with Schneider	
EC	Stock Injection Solenoids	SV_4108_01, SV_4108_02	Closed	
EC	Stock Injection Manual Over-Ride valves	HV_4108_01, HV_4108_02	Closed	

8.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Calibrate EC sensor as per manufacturers requirements.				
2	Check Stock A and B tanks for leakage.			No leakage should be seen in acid/base tanks or allied plumbing lines. Tanks have been filled for 24 hours. Leaks will appear as drops or puddles in and around the tanks and/or feed lines	
3	Open the Stock A manual injection valve (HV_4108_01)				
4	Record the state of the Solution A float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4108_01)			The sensor should read 100%	
5	Using the Schneider control system, set the Stock Solution A valve to 'manual on' (VSSL_4108_01)				
6	Observe Stock Tank A for 5 minutes or until the tank is empty			If water has drained from the tank, the test is successful	
7	Record the state of the Solution A float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4108_01)			The sensor should read < 50%	

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8	Close Stock A manual injection valve (HV_4108_01) and set the control to 'manual off' (VSSL_4108_01) with Schneider			
9	Open the Stock B manual injection valve (HV_4108_02)			
10	Record the state of the Solution B float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4108_02)			The sensor should read 100%
11	Using the Schneider control system, set the Stock Solution B valve to manual on (VSSL_4108_02)			
12	Observe Stock Tank B for 5 minutes or until the tank is empty			If water has drained from the tank, the test is successful
13	Record the state of the Solution B float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4108_02)			The sensor should read < 50%
14	Close Stock B manual injection valve (HV_4108_02) and set the control to 'manual off' (VSSL_4108_02) with Schneider			
EC System Test				
15	The hydroponics reservoir is filled, manually, with approximately 150 L of distilled water from facility source	VSSL_4106 filled to 150 L with dH2O		May be done through open top of the reservoir
16	Fill Stock Tanks with prepared Stock A and B Solutions.			see TN96.2 'Test protocols and procedures for lettuce cultivation'
17	The main irrigation pump is started and set to provide a mixing flow	GP_4106_01 is ON		As the main valve to the hydroponics trays is closed, only use as much power as needed to allow a moderate flow through the bypass line
18	Adjust valves HV_4106_04'a' and 'b' to provide adequate flow through the	HV_4106_04		25% is typical

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	irrigation bypass pipe and past the EC sensor.	valves are opened			
19	Confirm that the EC sensor is reading less than 100 uS, although this depends on the water source available	AT_4108_01 reading less than 100 uS			
20	Open the manual Stock A Tank injection valve	HV_4108_01 OPEN			
21	Activate the Stock A injection solenoid using the Schneider control system for 20 seconds	SV_4108_01 is OPEN			
22	Confirm that the EC rises – wait until the reading is stable before continuing to the next step				
23	Open the manual Stock B Tank injection valve	HV_4108_02 OPEN			
24	Activate the Stock B injection solenoid using the Schneider control system for 20 seconds	SV_4108_02 is OPEN			
25	Confirm that the EC rises				

8.12 Conclusions

To be completed in the annotated procedures document



8.13 Deviations

Seq. Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification



9. pH System Functional Testing

9.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-pH – FT

9.2 Introduction

The aim of this test is to demonstrate and test the operation of the acid and base injection solenoids, the acid/base tank injection over-ride manual ball valves, the integrity of acid/base tanks, and the pH sensor.

9.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

None

9.4 Applicable documents

Technical Annex to SOW ref: TEC-MCT/2005/3466/In/CP
TN 85.71 including P&ID

9.5 Data Log File Names:

MPP_HPC1_pH_FT.txt

9.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. VSSL_4107_01, VSSL_4107_02 (Acid and Base Tanks)
2. SV_4107_01, SV_4107_02 (Acid and Base injection valves)
3. LSL_4107_01, LSL_4107_02 (Acid and Base tank low level switches)
4. HV_4107_01, HV_4107_02 (Acid and Base Injection Manual Override Valves)
5. AT_4107_01 (pH Sensor)

9.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met

Acceptance criteria

Proper functioning of the following parts is demonstrated, according to the conditions noted;



1. The acid and base tanks do not show evidence of leakage (VSSL_4107_01, VSSL_4107_02)
2. The functionality of the injection solenoid valves is demonstrated (SV_4107_01, SV_4107_02)
3. The low level switches for the stock tanks are demonstrated (LSL_4107_01, LSL_4107_02)
4. The manual stock injection override valves are demonstrated (HV_4107_01, HV_4107_01)
5. The pH sensor is demonstrated operational

Rejection criteria

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely or if any of the conditions outlined above are not met.

9.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient. The chamber exterior and interior air lock doors shall be closed in this test (leakage test running concurrently) but no special environment control of the interior of the chamber is required.

9.9 Safety aspects

Concentrated acid and base solutions will be used in this test. Caution and adherence to laboratory safety protocol must be enforced at all times.

9.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test:

1. Prepared Acid and Base Solutions as per TN96.3
2. Control system set to record signals from the pH sensor

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Irrigation	Main Irrigation Pump	GP_4106_01	Off	
Irrigation	Manual shut-off valve to chamber	HV_4106_01	Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation drain manual valve	HV_4106_03	Closed	
Irrigation	Irrigation by-pass isolation valves	HV_4106_04 and HV_4106_05	Open	
Irrigation	Irrigation Pump Inlet Manual Over-Ride Valve	HV_4106_02	Open	



Irrigation	Hydroponics reservoir	VSSL_4106	Empty	
pH	Acid and Base Tanks	VSSL_4107_01, VSSL_4107_02	Each filled to capacity with deionized water 24 hours prior to this test.	No leakage should be seen in acid/base tanks or allied plumbing lines
pH	pH Sensor	AT_4107_01	Logging	
pH	Acid and Base Injection Solenoids	SV_4107_01, SV_4107_02	Closed	
pH	Acid and Base Manual Over-Ride valves	HV_4107_01, HV_4107_02	Closed	

9.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Calibrate pH probe as per manufacturer requirements				
2	Check Acid and Base reservoirs for signs of leakage			No leakage should be seen in acid/base tanks or allied plumbing lines. Tanks have been filled for 24 hours. Leaks will appear as drops or puddles in and around the tanks and/or feed lines	
3	Open the Acid manual injection valve (HV_4107_01)				
4	Record the state of the Acid float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4107_01)			The sensor should read 100%	
5	Using the Schneider control system, set the Acid valve to 'manual on' (VSSL_4107_01)				
6	Observe the acid tank for 5 minutes or until the tank is empty			If water has drained from the tank, the test is successful	

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7	Record the state of the Acid tank float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4107_01)			The sensor should read < 50%	
8	Close acid manual injection valve (HV_4107_01) and set the control to 'manual off' (VSSL_4107_01) with Schneider				
9	Open the Base manual injection valve (HV_4107_02)				
10	Record the state of the Base tank float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4107_02)			The sensor should read 100%	
11	Using the Schneider control system, set the Base valve to 'manual on' (VSSL_4107_02)				
12	Observe the Base tank for 5 minutes or until the tank is empty			If water has drained from the tank, the test is successful	
13	Record the state of the Base tank float level sensor as shown in the Schneider control system (LSL_4107_02)			The sensor should read < 50%	
14	Close Stock B manual injection valve (HV_4107_02) and set the control to 'manual off' (VSSL_4107_02) with Schneider				
pH System Test					
15	Fill the hydroponic reservoir with approximately 150 L of distilled water from facility source	VSSL_4106 filled to 150 L with dH2O		May be done through open top of the reservoir	
16	Fill Acid and Base Tanks with prepared Solutions.			see appendix MPP-HPC1-Solution-App1	
17	The main irrigation pump is started and set to provide a mixing flow	GP_4106_01 is ON		As the main valve to the hydroponics trays is closed, only use as much power as needed to allow a moderate flow through the bypass line.	

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18	Adjust valves HV_4106_04'a' and 'b' to provide adequate flow through the irrigation bypass pipe and past the pH sensor.	HV_4106_04 valves are opened		25% is typical	
19	Confirm that the pH sensor positioned on the by-pass line is logging	AT_4107_01		Baseline pH level is dependent upon the water source	
20	Open the manual Acid Tank injection valve	HV_4107_01 OPEN			
21	Using the Schneider control system, activate the Acid injection solenoid for 10 seconds	SV_4107_01 is OPEN			
22	Confirm that the pH sensor readings decrease after injection	AT_4107_01 reading decreasing			
23	Close the manual Acid Tank injection valve	HV_4107_01 Closed			
24	Allow pH to stabilize before proceeding to the next step				
25	Open the manual Base Tank injection valve	AT_4107_02			
26	Using the Schneider control system, activate the Base injection solenoid for approximately 10 seconds	HV_4107_02 OPEN			
27	Confirm that the pH sensor readings increase after injection	SV_4107_02 is OPEN			
28		AT_4107_01 reading increasing			
29	Close the manual Base injection valve	HV_4107_02 Closed			

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9.12 Conclusions

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9.13 Deviations

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10. Irrigation Sub-System Functional Testing

10.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-IRRIGATION-FT

10.2 Introduction

The purpose of this test is to demonstrate the integrity of the nutrient reservoir and plumbing, to confirm flow among water cascade spigots, and to ensure operation of the main irrigation pump and outlet flow sensor.

10.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

None

10.4 Applicable documents

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TN 85.71 including P&ID

10.5 Data Log File Name:

MPP_HPC1_IRRIGATION_FT.txt

10.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

1. GP_4106_01 (Main Irrigation Pump)
2. FT_4106_01 (Irrigation Flow Sensor)
3. HV_4106_01 (Manual shutoff to chamber)
4. Irrigation manifold in chamber
5. HV_4106_02 (Irrigation Pump Inlet Manual Override)
6. HV_4106_03 (Irrigation Drain Manual Override)
7. HV_4106_04 and HV_4106_05 (Irrigation By-pass Isolation Valves)
8. HV_4106_05, HV_4106_06, HV_4106_7, HV_4106_8 (Manifold Balancing Ball Valves)
9. VSSL_4106 (Nutrient Reservoir)

10.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria



General

The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met

Acceptance criteria

1. There are no fluid leaks along the irrigation lines of in the reservoir
2. The total flow rate delivered to the trays is 3 L/min or greater as shown by the flow sensor

Rejection criteria

The test fails if any of the conditions for test success noted above are not met.

10.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient.

10.9 Safety aspects

No specific safety aspects are noted

10.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test: None

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Irrigation	Nutrient reservoir	VSSL_4106_01	Filled with 160L of deionized water	
Irrigation	All manual valves	All HV_ series valves in 4106 are open	All valves open	
Irrigation	Flow Sensor	FT_4106_01	Factory calibrated	

10.11 Test Procedure

Date: 02/05/2009 Time: 14:30			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision:		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/ Nominal	Measured/ calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Install growing trays in chamber.				
	Activate irrigation pump	GP_4106_01 is ON			

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2	Set irrigation pump speed controller stepwise until a minimum of 3 L/min of flow is observed in the Schneider control system overview screen			Speed can be adjusted to provide a visually adequate flow	
4	Adjust balancing valves to provide a reasonably balanced flow across the four irrigation spout manifolds				
5	Confirm reading of irrigation flow sensor	FT_4106_01 reading			
6	Confirm that flow is at or above 3 L/min and that there is water coming out of each of the spouts along the irrigation manifolds				
	Deactivate irrigation pump	GP_4106_01 is OFF			

10.12 Conclusions

10.13 Deviations

Seq Nb.	Description of the modification	Justification



11. Thermal Control Sub-System Functional Testing

11.1 Procedure ID: MPP-HPC1-TEMPERATURE/HUMIDITY-FT

11.2 Introduction

The purpose of this test is to confirm operation of the growing volume temperature and humidity sensors, the fluid integrity of both the hot and chilled water coils and service lines, confirmation of operation of the 3 way proportional valves and the functionality of temperature sensors positioned on the coils and water service inlet and exit lines.

11.3 Acronyms used in this test plan procedure

None

11.4 Applicable documents

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TN 85.71 including P&ID

11.5 Data Log File Name:

MPP_HPC1_TEMPERATURE_HUMIDITY_FT.txt

11.6 Parts Tested (P&ID Reference):

TT 4112_04 - _012 (Growing volume temperature sensors)
AT 4112_01 - _03 and TT 4112_01 - _03 (growing volume humidity and temperature sensors)
S3CV_4112_01 and S3CV_4112_02 (water service line control valves)
TT_4112_13 - _18 (water service line entry and exit temperature sensors, coil surface temperature sensors)

11.7 Acceptance/rejection criteria

General

The test shall be repeated if the data acquisition looks doubtful or failed completely

The test is considered successful when the following conditions are met:

Acceptance criteria

The functional test is deemed successful if:



- all temperature sensors (TT_4112_Series) are shown to be functional
- all humidity sensors are shown to be functional
- The proportional valves may be opened with induction from external signal

Rejection criteria

The test has failed if any of the conditions above are not met

11.8 Environmental requirements

Normal ambient conditions in temperature, pressure and gas composition are sufficient.

11.9 Safety aspects

No special safety issues have been identified for this test.

11.10 Test set-up

Ancillary Equipment Required for Test: None

Verification prior to test performance: confirmation of settings in the Table 1.

Sub-system	Components concerned	Tag (P&ID)	Status at start	Remark/setpoint
Air-Flow	Blower/VFD	BLWR_4111_01 MVFD_4111_01	ON	Operation under normal chamber conditions and Schneider system control
Air handling	Chilled recirculated water must be available and below 10°C Hot recirculated water must be available and higher than 45°C			
Pumps	Must be connected and running			

11.11 Test Procedure

Date: Time:			Test Engineer/operator: MPP Supervision		
Seq. Nb.	Description	Required/Nominal	Measured/calculated	Remarks/Calculation	Pass (P) Fail (F)
1	Record sensor readings from the Schneider 'HPC System Overview' screen.			Sensors that are not functional will show a reading of 'Failed' instead of the actual	

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				sensor value. Sensor function passes if 'Failed' is not present.	
2	Module A		T _____ RH _____		
3	Module B		T _____ RH _____		
4	Module C		T _____ RH _____		
5	Heat exchanger		T _{src} _____ T _{loop} _____ T _{exit} _____		
6	Condensing coil		T _{src} _____ T _{loop} _____ T _{exit} _____		
7	Cold rad		T _____		
8	Hot rad				

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			T _____	
9	Hydroponic Solution Temperature		T _____	
10	Cold valve (S3CV_4112_01) function. In the Schneider control system, set the cold valve to manual 100% open		T _{loop} _____ T _{exit} _____ T _{cold rad} _____	Temperatures in these sensors should decrease over time
11	Set cold valve (S3CV_4112_01) to manual 0% open			
12	Hot valve (S3CV_4112_02) function. In the Schneider control system, set the hot valve to manual 100% open		T _{loop} _____ T _{exit} _____ T _{hot rad} _____	Temperatures in these sensors should increase over time
13	Set hot valve (S3CV_4112_02) to manual 0% open			

11.12 Conclusions

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11.13 Deviations

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12. Crop Testing

12.1 Introduction

The purpose of this test is to characterize system functioning with a growing crop. The primary criteria to be tested are temperature, humidity control and CO₂ control. Depending on crop development, pH and EC control may be utilized as well.

12.2 Consumables required for Operational Testing with Crops

Consumables:

- Rockwool - small cubes - Grodan AO 36/40 6/15W (2940 in carton)
- Rockwool - large cubes – Grodan Delta 4G 42/40(383 in carton)
- Seed germination trays and covers
- Lettuce seeds – cv. Grand Rapids

Equipment:

- Balance for micro-nutrient and salt measurement (500 g ± 0.01g)
- Solution stock storage tanks (2 x 20 L tanks with spigot, PP)
- Seedling nutrient storage tank (1 x 10 L with spigot, PP)
- Solution transfer tank (1 x 200 L tank, PP)
- Submersible pump (5 L min⁻¹ or greater) and connection tubing
- Growth cabinet for seedling establishment (300 μmol s⁻¹ m⁻² PAR minimum). HPC can be substituted, if available, with all lamps on and appropriate temperature/RH setpoints
- Higher plant chamber (1 or more)
- Magnetic stirring plate, stirring bars
- Tweezers

12.3 Solution Preparation

The chamber design allows for the use of a common nutrient solution (single reservoir) feeding all age classes of the crop in staged culture and all trays in batch culture. Studies using the nutrient solution formulation tabled below have been successfully



used in staged and batch culture of beet and lettuce with periodic solution dumping. For the crop test, solution dumping will not be performed. For more detailed instruction on solution preparation, please refer to TN96.3.

Table 12-1. Typical hydroponics nutrient solution used in HPC studies.

Component	Mol. Wt. (g)	Feed Strength (mM)
Stock A		
Ca(NO ₃) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	236.16	3.62
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	270.30	0.08
Na- EDTA	372.24	0.10
Stock B		
MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	246.48	1.00
KNO ₃	101.10	5.00
NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	115.08	1.50
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	132.00	1.00
Micronutrients		
H ₃ BO ₃	61.83	0.02
MnSO ₄ ·H ₂ O	169.01	0.0050
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	287.54	0.0035
CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	249.68	0.0008
H ₂ MoO ₄ (85% MoO ₃)	161.97	0.0005

The nutrient solution is made using concentrated stocks solutions. Once made, the nutrient solution is pumped into the main NDS tank and the irrigation system is started once the seedlings have been added to the growing trays.

12.4 Germination, Emergence, Thinning, Planting

Plant individual seeds in Rockwool cubes rinsed with deionized water and place under a clear cover beneath a suitable lighting source. The seeds are watered regularly (daily) with a diluted feed stock solution. After emergence the clear cover is removed. Rockwool and trays for germination may be readily obtained from local greenhouse suppliers. Fourteen days after planting, the seedlings can be transferred to larger Rockwool blocks to be placed in the HPC1 growing trays and moved into the chamber.

As this is a batch culture test, all troughs will be loaded into the chamber at one time. Once in position, the irrigation system is activated. Samples of hydroponic solution should be tested for EC and pH daily to verify HPC1 sensors.



12.5 Crop growth

Once the chamber is loaded, the controller is programmed to provide the following environment conditions for the entire period of crop grow-out (7 days).

CO₂ Demand – 1000 ppm
Temperature – 26/20 ° C (day/night)
EC – 2.0 mS/cm
pH 5.9
O₂ – not controlled
Light Intensity – All lights operational

12.6 Analysis of Net Carbon Exchange Rate and Assessment of Model Performance

The computer controller maintains CO₂ concentrations at demand levels during day-light hours through the automated injection of pure CO₂ through a mass flow controller. The amount of time the mass flow controller is on, recorded by the Schneider control system as seconds of injection time, is used to estimate net carbon gain of the developing crop stand. If a suitable amount of time for crop growth permits, NCER can be calculated.

12.7 Harvest

As this is a shortened and basic functional test of the HPC with plants, harvest parameters are not required. Should time and equipment allow, the following can be performed for the purpose of training and practice:

1. At the end of the growing period (variable depending on time requirements for other HPC activities), each individual plant is harvested and separated into edible and inedible fractions. Fresh weight and leaf area for leaf material is recorded.
2. Leaf material and roots, removed from Rockwool cubes, are placed in paper bags in a drying oven for approximately 1 - 14 days at 60° C, depending on the drying oven and plant material.
3. Dry weights of all plant parts is recorded.
4. Tissue samples are to be collected for % C, H, O, N, S, P determination.
5. A carbon balance is determined from the NCER estimates obtained above, the dried biomass and measured carbon content.

13. Closed loop tests

The dynamic control Loop tests which should be tested during the functional tests are :

- Electro-Conductivity
- pH
- CO₂
- Temperature and Humidity in the Chamber

These tests will be performed twice :

- without crop
- with crop

13.1. EC Control Loop

Without Crop, EC can only be increased by the Control System.

13.1.1. Operating Conditions

Chamber Opened or Closed	
Lights Off or On	
Irrigation Mode (HMI) in AUTO → GP_4106_01 is ON	
Level Switch of Nutrient A LSL_4108_01 is OFF	
Level Switch of Nutrient B LSL_4108_02 is OFF	

13.1.2. Variables to be recorded

EC, EC Set Point, Nutrient Valves

13.1.3. Test Procedure

EC should be steady before the test.

Change EC Set Point and wait until the stabilisation

Seq Nb	Description	Required	Remarks	Status
1	(HMI) EC Set Point = EC Measurement Ex : 1.9 mS/cm			
2	(HMI) EC Mode from OFF to AUTO			
3	Wait for 15 minutes	EC = EC set point		
4	(HMI) Increase EC Set Point : + 0.1 mS/cm			

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5	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
6	(HMI) Increase EC Set Point : + 0.1 mS/cm			
7	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		

13.2. pH Control Loop

13.2.1. Operating Conditions

Chamber Opened or Closed	
Lights Off or On	
Irrigation Mode (HMI) in AUTO → GP_4106_01 is ON	
Level Switch of Acid Tank LSL_4107_01 is not ON	
Level Switch of Base Tank LSL_4107_02 is not ON	

13.2.2. Variables to be recorded

pH, pH Set Point, Acid and Base Valves

13.2.3. Test Procedure

pH should be steady before the test.

Change pH Set Point and wait until the stabilisation.

Seq Nb	Description	Required	Remarks	Status
1	(HMI) pH Set Point = pH Measurement pH Deadzone = 0.1 Ex : pH set point = 5.80			
2	(HMI) pH Mode from OFF to AUTO			
3	Wait for 15 minutes	pH = pH set point +/- Deadzone		
4	(HMI) Increase pH Set Point : + 0.2 Ex : 6.0			
5	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		

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6	(HMI) Decrease pH Set Point : - 0.4 Ex : 5.6			
7	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		

13.3. CO₂ Control Loop

This test can be performed without and with crop

Without Crop, CO₂ can only be increased by the Control System.

13.3.1. Operating Conditions

Chamber Closed, curtains closed	
Lights Off or On	
Irrigation Mode (HMI) in AUTO → GP_4106_01 is ON	
Air Blower Mode (HMI) in AUTO → Air Flow (FT_4111_01) around 20 m/s	

13.3.2. Variables to be recorded

CO₂ set point, CO₂

CO₂ mass flow set point and CO₂ mass flow

13.3.3. Test Procedure

CO₂ should be steady before the test.

Change CO₂ Set Point and wait until the stabilisation.

Seq Nb	Description	Required	Remarks	Status
1	(HMI) CO ₂ Set Point = CO ₂ Measurement Ex : CO ₂ set point = 380 ppm			
2	(HMI) CO ₂ Mode from OFF to AUTO			
3	Wait for stabilisation	CO ₂ = CO ₂ set point		
4	(HMI) Increase CO ₂ to 1000 ppm			
5	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		

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6	(HMI) Increase CO ₂ Set Point : + 100 ppm Ex : 1100 ppm			
7	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		

13.4. T&RH Control Loop

These tests can be performed without and with crop

All variables and Set Points should be recorded

Remark : "Stabilisation" means T & RH should be stable.

13.4.1. Operating Conditions

Chamber Closed, curtains closed	
Lights Off	
Irrigation Mode (HMI) in AUTO → GP_4106_01 is ON	
Air Blower Mode (HMI) in AUTO → Air Flow (FT_4111_01) around 20 m/s	
Ensure Cooling system is ON (TT_4412_13 between 8°C and 10°C)	
Ensure Heating system is ON (TT_4412_14 above 45°C)	
(HMI) Condensate level control in AUTO mode	

13.4.2. Variables to be recorded

All Temperatures and Set Points

Chilled Valve S3CV_4112_01

Hot Valve S3CV_4112_02

13.4.3. Test Procedure

Remark : depending on the startup conditions, the tests could be done either decreasing or increasing first the Relative Humidity, or decreasing or increasing the Temperature.

Seq Nb	Description	Required	Remarks	Status
1	(HMI) Temperature Set Point = Temperature Measurement			
2	(HMI) Humidity Set Point = Humidity measurement			
3	(HMI) Temp. & Hum. mode in AUTO mode			
4	Wait for stabilisation	T = T set point		

		RH = RH set point		
5	(HMI) Increase Temperature to 26 °C	T set point = 26 °C		
6	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
7	(HMI) Decrease RH by 10% Ex : 80 % → 70 %			
8	Wait for Stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
9	(HMI) Decrease RH by 10 % Ex : 70 % → 60 %			
10	Wait for stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
11	(HMI) Decrease RH by 10 % Ex : 60 % → 50 %			
12	Wait for stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
13	(HMI) Decrease Temperature from 26 to 22 °C			
14	Wait for stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
15	(HMI) FAN Mode in AUTO (HMI) Light Mode in AUTO	Lights ON		
16	Wait for stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
17	(HMI) Increase Temperature to 26 °C			
18	Wait for stabilisation (if feasible)	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
19	(HMI) Change RH Set Point to 70 %			
20	Wait for stabilisation (if feasible)	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
21	(HMI) Switch Off the lights and Change the Temperature Set Point to 22°C			

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22	Wait for stabilisation	Indicate Time for Stabilisation		
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Remark : depending on the startup conditions, the tests could be done either increasing decreasing or increasing first the Relative Humidity, or decreasing or increasing the Temperature.



14. Conclusion

On top of the particular conclusion of each functional test, a general conclusion of these including as well the results of all the HPC1 subsystems operation during the crop test will be provided within the Test report, in order to validate the performance of the Schneider control system.

15. Comments

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Comments

General comments

1. There is a general mistake on EC unit, to be expressed in mS/cm or dS/m (these two units are equivalent)

OK, amended in each case

2. Date and time in the as-run procedures are missing; in TN 96.5, the term ESA/UoG representative should be updated as discussed previously

OK, amended in each case

3. The wording of the introduction, e.g. considered by ESA and SHERPA as a black box.... Should be rephrased.

OK, rephrased

Detailed comments

Page/paragraph	Comment
9	<p>Explain why tests 1 and 2 are not applicable</p> <p><i>Explained in the Table: "Not to be tested as it was tested before (see TN96.5) and the change in the control system is not relevant for this particular functionality"</i></p>
19	<p>Do you expect already some deviations on test 8 and 10?</p> <p><i>No, it's just a typing mistake; removed.</i></p>
26 and "similar"	<p>completed instead of competed</p> <p><i>Corrected along the document</i></p>
53	<p>ESA/Sherpa 6+ representative: to be updated; the test procedure is already filled in , please correct</p> <p><i>Updated and values removed from test procedure</i></p>
61/Section 12.5	<p>EC unit to be corrected; pH set point back to 5.9?</p> <p><i>Unit corrected; pH is set at 5,9 as described in the "Test Protocols and procedures for lettuce cultivation" (TN96.3)</i></p>



71	<p>Please clarify that you intend to provide conclusion of the test, precise in which sense.</p> <p><i>Explained in the text: "On top of the particular conclusion of each functional test, a general conclusion of these including as well the results of all the HPC1 subsystems operation during the crop test will be provided within the Test report, in order to validate the performance of the Schneider control system."</i></p>
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