

# CASE STUDY



project: Improved sanitation for process water system  
product: WTS 7-CDS  
industry: Manufacturing  
location: Melbourne

## background

A manufacturing plant in Melbourne processing synthetic and natural fibres for personal care products, faced several critical challenges with their process water system.

- **Biofouling & Downtime:** Frequent blockage of jet nozzles by biofouling debris led to excessive downtime and filter cleaning.
- **Microbial Contamination:** Elevated microbial counts in process water and finished products.
- **High Peroxide Consumption:** Continuous dosing of approximately 1500 ppm Hydrogen Peroxide posed supply, logistical and safety challenges.

The client needed a simple trial to validate a new sanitation technology without high capital equipment expenditure.

## solution

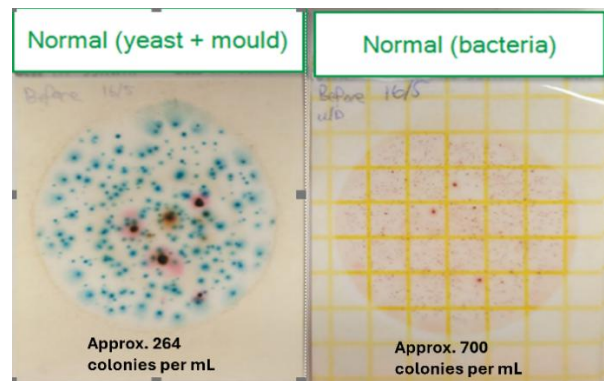
The WTS 7-CDS (pump and go Chlorine Dioxide Solution) was trialled. Prior to trial WTS experts confirmed  $H_2O_2$  degradation of  $ClO_2$  and that the client's process water system was well-suited for Chlorine Dioxide treatment.

The system was modelled to establish optimal dosing rates, ensuring a consistent residual Chlorine Dioxide level (0.2–0.3 ppm) throughout the system.

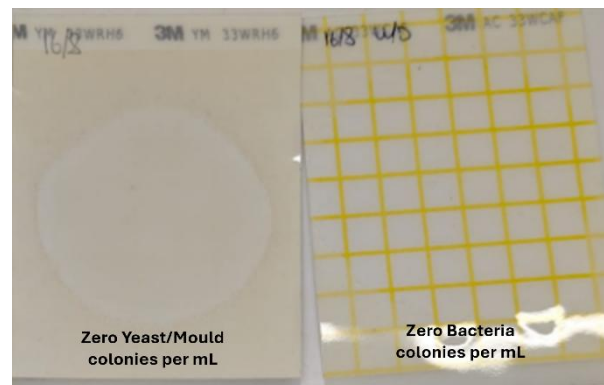
During a scheduled maintenance shutdown, the system was drained to flush out the residual Hydrogen Peroxide. The existing diaphragm dosing pump was repurposed to dose WTS 7-CDS, transitioning seamlessly from the previous chemical.

Continuous dosing was initiated to maintain a steady Chlorine Dioxide residual, effectively curbing biofouling and microbial contamination.

This approach allowed the client to transition to a more effective and safer sanitation system without any additional capital expenditure.



Existing Peroxide system



WTS 7-CDS Chlorine Dioxide Solution

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## results and benefits

- **Downtime Reduction:**
  - 74% fewer police filter blockages
  - 19% improvement in bag filter blockages
- **Reduced biofouling:**
  - Obvious reduction in biofouling via visual inspection on tanks and pipes
- **Improved Product Quality:**
  - Near-zero microbial counts in finished products
- **Cost and Time Savings:**
  - No new capital expenditure; rapid implementation using existing infrastructure
- **Operational Efficiency:**
  - Simplified logistics by switching from Dangerous Goods to non-DG WTS 7-CDS



Biofilm pre and post WTS 7-CDS Chlorine Dioxide Solution