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Bengalla Mine

Environment Protection Licence 6538 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary

July 2019



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1. INTRODUCTION

Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) holders are required under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to make publicly available their monitoring results for those parameters specified in the EPL. This document has been prepared to satisfy this requirement.

Bengalla Mining Company Pty Limited's (BMC) operations are conducted in accordance with EPL 6538. The licence details are as follows:

License Holder: Bengalla Mining Company Pty Limited

Licence Number: 6538

Premises: Bengalla Mine

Bengalla Road via

Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Access to Licence: http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/Detail.aspx?instid=6538&id=6538&

option=licence&searchrange=licence&range=POEO

licence&prp=no&status=Issued

Monitoring Locations: See main text and **Appendix A**

This document provides a summary of environmental monitoring data sampled as prescribed by EPL 6538 for July 2019 (Reporting Period). Monitoring data provided is as follows:

- Air quality, particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀);
- Surface water, including discharge mine water and effluent water;
- Noise; and
- Blast vibration and overpressure.

Monitoring Data Obtained: 09 August 2019
Monitoring Data Published: 03 September 2019



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2. AIR QUALITY

Under EPL 6538 BMC is required to continuously record the average PM_{10} concentration at EPA Monitoring Points 22, 23 and 24 at intervals of 10 minutes. As per Condition E1.1, BMC commenced monitoring at these EPA Monitoring Points on 31 August 2017.

PM₁₀ data for the Reporting Period is provided in **Table 1**.

2.1 Particulate Matter less than 10 Microns

Pollutant:	PM ₁₀
Unit of measure:	Micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m3
Monitoring location:	See Table 1 and Appendix A.
Monitoring frequency required by licence:	10-minute intervals
Sampled:	01/07/2019 – 31/07/2019



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Table 1. PM10 Monitoring Summary

Sampling point		No. of samples required by licence	required by collected and sample value		Maximum sample value	Monthly mean of sample
EPA22	Lumeah Dairy, Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook	4464	4461	0.3	48.7	10.3
EPA23	Wybong Road (East), Muswellbrook	4464	4318	0.0	205.6	15.1
EPA24	Wybong Road (West), Muswellbrook	4464	4460	0.0	142.9	8.04



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3. SURFACE WATER

3.1 Discharge Monitoring

BMC participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (**HRSTS**). In accordance with EPL 6538, BMC maintains two monitoring locations to measure concentration, volume and mass of mine water discharges (see **Appendix B**).

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Pollutant: Mine water

Unit of measure: Mega litres per day (ML/day)

Monitoring location: EPA01 – Outlet pipe from 280 ML HRSTS storage dam.

Monitoring frequency required by

licence:

Continuous during all discharge events.

Volume/mass limit: 200 ML/day

Sampled: Not applicable. During the Reporting Period, Bengalla did not

discharge any mine water under the HRSTS.

3.1.2 Conductivity

Pollutant: Conductivity

Unit of measure: Microsiemens per centimetre (µS/cm)

Monitoring location: EPA1 – Outlet pipe from 280 ML HRSTS storage dam.

EPA2 – Tributary monitoring point in Dry Creek downstream

of EPA1.

Monitoring frequency required by licence: Continuous during all discharge events (EPA01); Two times

daily during discharge (EPA02).

Sampled: Not applicable. During the Reporting Period, Bengalla did

not discharge any mine water under the HRSTS.

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3.1.3 Total suspended solids and ph	3.1	.3	Total	susp	ended	solids	and	рH
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Pollutants: pH and Total suspended solids (TSS)

Unit of measure: pH and Milligrams per litre (mg/L)

Monitoring location: EPA01 – Outlet pipe from 280 ML HRSTS storage dam.

Monitoring frequency required by licence: Daily during all discharge events

pH limit: $6.5 - 9.5 (100^{th} \text{ percentile})$

TSS limit: 120 (100th percentile)

Sampled: Not applicable. During the Reporting Period, BMC did not

discharge any mine water under the HRSTS.

3.2 Effluent Quality Monitoring

Under EPL 6538 BMC is required to take quarterly grab samples from effluent quality monitoring point EPA25.

Pollutants: Faecal Coliforms and pH

Unit of measure: Colony Forming Units (CFU) per 100 millilitres

(CFU/100mL) and pH

Monitoring location: EPA25 – See Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency required by licence: Quarterly

Sampled: Not applicable. BMC was not required to undertake effluent

quality monitoring during the Reporting Period.

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4. NOISE

In accordance with EPL 6538, BMC undertakes compliance attended noise monitoring for 15minutes once per calendar month during the night period (10 pm to 7 am) at three locations representative of the nearest private receivers.

Noise monitoring data for the Reporting Period is provided in Table 2.

Pollutant: Noise – Bengalla Only

Unit of measure: LAeq (15 minute)

Monitoring locations: See Table 2 and Appendix C.

Monitoring frequency required by licence: Monthly

EPA7/AN01 limit: 35 dB(A)

EPA9/AN04 limit: 35 dB(A)

EPA8/AN03 limit: 40 dB(A)

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Table 2. Noise – Bengalla Only¹ LAeq (15 minute) Monitoring Summary

Sampling point	No. of samples required by licence	No. of samples taken and analysed	Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
EPA07/AN01	1	1	2/07/2019	23:14 – 23:29	31
EPA08/AN03	1	1	2-3/07/2019	23:56 – 00:11	29
EPA09/AN04	1	1	3/07/2019	00:28 - 00:43	32

Note:

IA - Inaudible. When there was no noise from the source of interest (Bengalla Mine) audible at the monitoring location.

^{1.} LAeq,15minute operational noise levels for Bengalla in the absence of all other noise sources.

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5. BLASTING

In accordance with EPL 6538, BMC maintains three blast monitors on private (non-mine owned) land to measure air-blast overpressure and ground vibration for all blasts events undertaken at Bengalla.

Overpressure and ground vibration data for the Reporting Period is provided in Tables 3 and 4.

Pollutant: Air blast overpressure & ground vibration peak particle velocity

Unit of measure: dB (Lin Peak) and millimetres per second (mm/s)

Monitoring locations: See Table 3, Table 4 and Appendix C.

Monitoring frequency required by licence:

All blasts

Overpressure limits: a) 115 linear decibels (dB(L)) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts

carried out on the premises within the 12 months annual reporting period;

and

b) 120 dB(L) at any time

Ground vibration limits: a) exceed 5 millimetres/second (mm/s) for more than 5% of the total number

of blasts carried out on the premises within the 12 months annual reporting

period; and

b) 10mm/s at any time

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Table 3. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

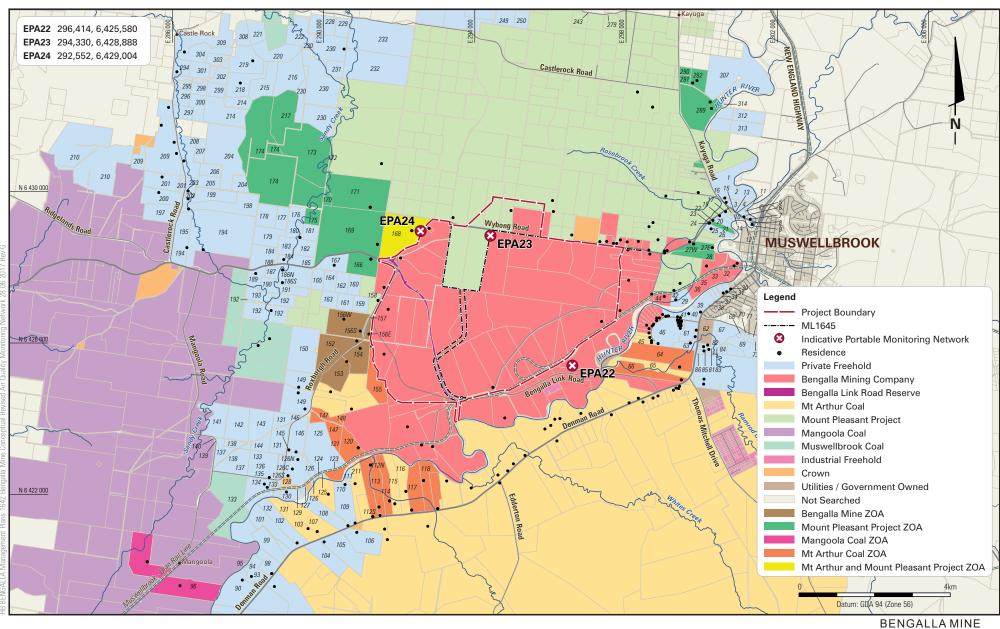
Sampling point	Pollutant	Unit of measure	No. of samples required by licence	No. of samples collected and analysed	Minimum value	Maximum value	Mean of samples
BLK (EPA20)	Overpressure	dB(L)	All blast events	22	78.9	104.4	90.79
SCH (EPA19)	Overpressure	dB(L)	All blast events	22	92.30	110.90	100.82
MRE (EPA12)	Overpressure	dB(L)	All blast events	22	79.50	110.00	93.81

Table 4. Blast Vibration Monitoring Summary

Sampling point	Pollutant	Unit of measure	No. of samples required by licence	No. of samples collected and analysed	Minimum value	Maximum value	Mean of samples
BLK (EPA20)	Ground vibration	mm/s	All blast events	22	0.04	0.30	0.12
SCH (EPA19)	Ground vibration	mm/s	All blast events	22	0.02	0.11	0.07
MRE (EPA12)	Ground vibration	mm/s	All blast events	22	0.22	1.94	0.77

Appendix A

EPL 6538 Particulate Matter Monitoring Locations

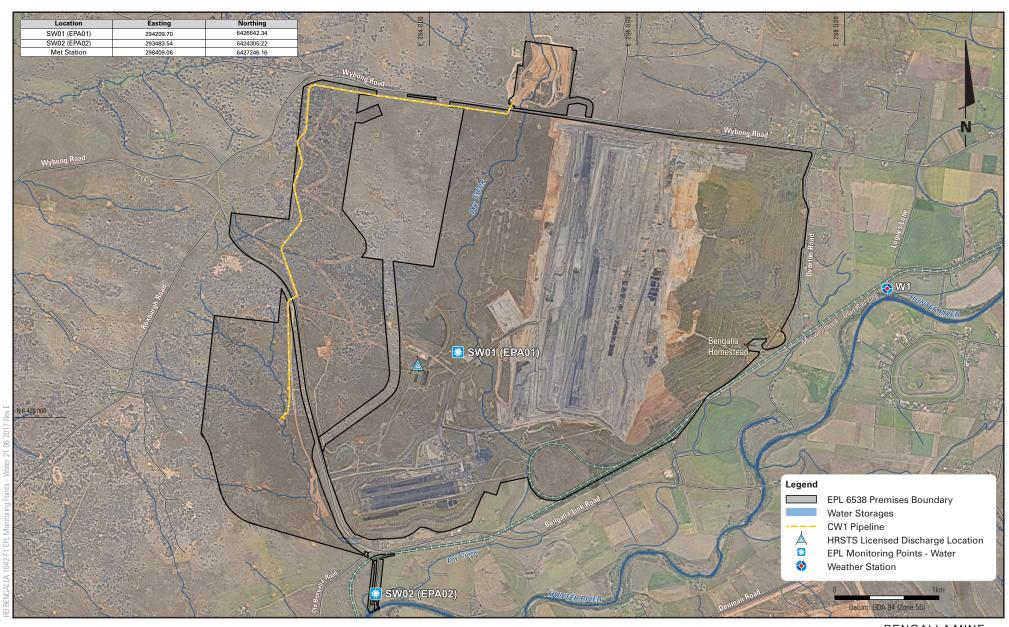






Appendix B

EPL 6538 Surface Water Monitoring Locations











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Appendix C

EPL 6538 Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations

