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Bengalla Mine

State Significant Development 5170 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary

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1. INTRODUCTION

State Significant Development (SSD) 5170 (as modified) requires the Bengalla Mining Company Pty Ltd (BMC) to make a comprehensive summary of the Bengalla Mine (Bengalla) monitoring results, reported in accordance with the specifications in any conditions of SSD-5170 (as modified), or any approved plans and programs, publicly available on its website. This document has been prepared in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Web-Based Reporting Guideline (October 2015) to satisfy the above requirement.

This document provides a summary of environmental monitoring data sampled as prescribed by SSD-5170 (as modified) for March 2020 (Reporting Period). Monitoring data provided is as follows:

- Air quality, particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), total suspended particulate (TSP) matter and depositional dust;
- Noise; and
- Blast overpressure and ground vibration.





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2. AIR QUALITY

The air quality monitoring program at Bengalla is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of SSD-5170 (as modified), EPL 6538 and the Bengalla Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). Air quality monitoring results relevant to SSD-5170 are summarised in the following sections.

2.1 Particulate Matter less than 10 Microns

To evaluate the performance of Bengalla against the SSD-5170 criterion for particulate matter, BMC operates and maintains four High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring PM₁₀. The HVAS are run for 24 hours every six days.

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

Pollutant: PM₁₀

Unit of measure: Micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m3)

Monitoring location: See Table 1 and Appendix A.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

24 Hour Average Criteria: 50 μg/m³

Annual Average Criteria: 25 µg/m³

Sampled: 01/03/2020 – 31/03/2020

Table 1. PM₁₀ Monitoring Summary

	Run Date Reading (μg/m3)					
Run Date	PM10-1	PM10-2	PM10-3	PM10-4		
	Racecourse Road	St James School	Roxburgh Road	Wybong Road		
03/03/2020	33	31	38	39		
09/03/2020	20	15	31	33		
15/03/2020	20	20	13	26		
21/03/2020	38	35	46	54		
27/03/2020	16	10	22	33		

(Table 1 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))

Operator, for and on behalf of Bengalla Joint Venture, an unincorporated joint venture between: New Hope Bengalla Pty Ltd, Taipower Bengalla Pty Limited.





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2.2Total Suspended Particle Matter

To evaluate the performance of Bengalla against the SSD-5170 criterion for particulate matter, BMC operates and maintains five HVAS measuring TSP. The HVAS are run for 24 hours every six days.

TSP data for the Reporting Period is provided in **Table 2**.

Pollutant: TSP

Unit of measure: µg/m3

Monitoring location: See Table 2 and Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

Annual Average Criteria: 90 µg/m³

Sampled: 01/03/2020 – 31/03/2020

Table 2. TSP Monitoring Summary

	Run Date Reading (μg/m3)						
Run Date	HV01 Wybong Road (East)	HV02 Racecourse Road	HV03 Logues Lane	HV04 St James School	HV06 Wybong Road (West)		
03/03/2020	73	66	57	61	93		
09/03/2020	52	36	33	29	112		
15/03/2020	68	58	57	48	94		
21/03/2020	102	90	69	95	168		
27/03/2020	32	39	32	31	134		

(Table 2 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))





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2.3 Depositional Dust

To evaluate the performance of Bengalla against the SSD-5170 criterion for depositional dust, BMC operates and maintains 14 depositional dust gauges surrounding the Bengalla operations.

Depositional dust data for the Reporting Period is provided in Table 3.

Pollutant: Depositional Dust

Unit of measure: Grams per metre squared per month (g/m²/month)

Monitoring location: See Table 3 and Appendix C.

Monitoring frequency: Monthly

Maximum depositional dust increase

criteria:

2 g/m²/month (b)

Maximum total depositional dust criteria: 4 g/m²/month (a)

Sampled: 18/02/2020 – 19/03/2020

- (a) Total impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources);
- (b) Incremental impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development on its own)





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Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary

Sampling point		Measured Value (March 2020) g/m²/month	Sampling Comments
D01	Queen Street, Muswellbrook	1.0	Insects
D02	King Street, Muswellbrook	1.7	Insects
D04A	Industrial Estate, Muswellbrook	4.1	Insects
D05	Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.4	Insects
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	1.9	Insects
D07A	St James School, Muswellbrook	7.9	Insects, bird droppings
D08	Denman Road, Muswellbrook	1.7	Insects
D09	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.6	Insects
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	2.3	Insects
D20	Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook	5.3	Insects
D23B	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	7.8	Insects
D25	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	3.8	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	5.9	Insects
DA	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	7.3	Insects

(Table 3 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))





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3. NOISE

The noise monitoring program at Bengalla is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of SSD-5170 (as modified), EPL 6538 and the Bengalla Noise Management Plan (NMP).

Compliance attended noise monitoring is undertaken for 15 minutes 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 4.

Pollutant: Noise – Bengalla Only

Unit of measure: L_{Aeq} (15 minute)

Monitoring location: See Table 4 and Appendix D.

Monitoring frequency: Monthly

AN01 criteria: 35 dB(A)

AN04 criteria: 35 dB(A)

AN03 criteria: 40 dB(A)

Sampled: 19 March 2020

Table 4. Noise – Bengalla Only¹ LAeq (15 minute) Monitoring Summary

	Sampling point	Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	19/03/2020	02:44 -02:59	26
AN03	1312 Denman Road	19/03/2020	03:31-03:46	29
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	19/03/2020	04:07-04:22	<30

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

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





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4. BLASTING

BMC maintains three blast monitors to measure blast overpressure and ground vibration against the SSD-5170 criteria.

The blast overpressure and ground vibration data for the Reporting Period is provided in Table 5.

Pollutant: Air blast overpressure & ground vibration peak particle velocity

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

Monitoring locations: See Tables 5 and Appendix D.

Monitoring frequency: All blasts

Overpressure criteria: 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 criteria: 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.

Sampled: 01/03/2020 – 31/03/2020





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Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	Ground Vibration (mm/s)			Overpressure (dBL)		
Date	ime	BLK	MRE	SCH	BLK	MRE	SCH
2/3/2020	11:25:50AM	0.11	0.91	0.08	82.1	92.2	90.7
2/3/2020	11:26:50AM	0.08	0.89	0.06	92.1	93.5	88.8
3/3/2020	11:19:25AM	0.51	2.10	0.20	95.1	105.0	95.9
4/3/2020	10:58:48AM	0.08	0.72	0.02	87.5	103.6	92.2
5/3/2020	1:13:59PM	0.39	1.88	0.22	77.0	99.2	88.2
7/3/2020	2:35:23PM	0.07	0.78	0.03	107.9	109.5	104.0
9/3/2020	11:07:16AM	0.12	1.33	0.03	103.3	106.1	92.4
11/3/2020	3:30:21PM	0.32	5.40	0.11	109.8	109.8	103.2
14/3/2020	2:55:34PM	0.18	0.61	0.11	95.7	106.7	89.4
16/3/2020	3:32:39PM	0.19	1.27	0.10	101.1	109.4	91.4
20/3/2020	11:10:10AM	0.22	1.55	0.16	99.0	100.0	96.0
21/3/2020	2:43:00PM	0.21	1.51	0.09	96.2	102.1	89.5
23/3/2020	11:07:41AM	0.22	1.28	0.04	103.0	104.7	89.1
24/3/2020	2:59:57PM	0.09	0.77	0.04	88.1	102.9	88.5
26/3/2020	2:12:41PM	0.09	0.52	0.11	104.0	102.3	92.2
28/3/2020	9:59:04AM	0.10	0.41	0.03	86.1	103.2	84.0
30/3/2020	3:40:01PM	0.10	0.54	0.09	93.8	101.6	97.3

Appendix A

PM10 Monitoring Locations



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PM10 Monitoring Locations

Appendix B

TSP Monitoring Locations





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Appendix C

Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations





Appendix D

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations



