



## **Bengalla Mine**

**State Significant Development 5170 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary** 

January 2018



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### 1. INTRODUCTION

State Significant Development (SSD) 5170 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, 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 for January 2018 (Reporting Period). Monitoring data provided is as follows:

- Air quality, particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>), 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 a network of three High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring  $PM_{10}$ . Additional,  $PM_{10}$  data is sourced from Mt Arthur Coal through an information sharing agreement. The HVAS are run for 24 hours every six days.

PM<sub>10</sub> data for the Reporting Period is provided in **Table 1**.

Pollutant: PM<sub>10</sub>

**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: 90 µg/m3

**Sampled:** 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2018

Table 1. PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Summary

|            | Run Date Reading (µg/m3)  |                           |                          |                       |  |  |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Run Date   | PM10-1<br>Racecourse Road | PM10-2<br>St James School | PM10-3*<br>Roxburgh Road | PM10-4<br>Wybong Road |  |  |
| 01/01/2018 | 40                        | 31                        | 63                       | 58                    |  |  |
| 07/01/2018 | 40                        | 45                        | 25                       | 16                    |  |  |
| 13/01/2018 | 73                        | 45                        | 42                       | 26                    |  |  |
| 19/01/2018 | 52                        | 38                        | 91                       | 120                   |  |  |
| 25/01/2018 | 54                        | 42                        | 46                       | 76                    |  |  |
| 31/01/2018 | 44                        | 32                        | 19                       | 68                    |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Data sourced from Mt Arthur Coal

For the Reporting Period, no elevated 24-hour average PM<sup>10</sup> readings were recorded at PM10-2.

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sup>10</sup> readings were recorded at PM10-1 on 13, 19 and 25 January 2018.

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sup>10</sup> readings were recorded at PM10-3 on 1 and 19 January 2018.

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sup>10</sup> readings were recorded at PM10-4 on 1, 19, 25 and 31 January 2018.



### 2.2 Total Suspended Particle Matter

To evaluate the performance of Bengalla against the SSD-5170 criterion for particulate matter, BMC operates and maintains a network of 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:  $\mu g/m3$ 

Monitoring location: See Table 2 and Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

Annual Average Criteria: 90 µg/m3

**Sampled:** 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2018

**Table 2. TSP Monitoring Summary** 

|            | Run Date Reading (μg/m3) |      |      |          |             |  |  |
|------------|--------------------------|------|------|----------|-------------|--|--|
| Run Date   | HV01 HV02                |      | HV03 | HV04     | HV06        |  |  |
|            | Wybong Road              | -    |      | St James | Wybong Road |  |  |
|            | (East)                   | Road | Lane | School   | (West)      |  |  |
| 01/01/2018 | 78                       | 105  | 71   | 69       | 155         |  |  |
| 07/01/2018 | 56                       | 109  | 60   | 52       | 73          |  |  |
| 13/01/2018 | 221                      | 173  | 146  | 117      | 77          |  |  |
| 19/01/2018 | 141                      | 140  | 106  | 97       | 401         |  |  |
| 25/01/2018 | 136                      | 156  | 122  | 116      | 286         |  |  |
| 31/01/2018 | 92                       | 130  | 113  | 96       | 210         |  |  |



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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 a network of 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/m<sup>2</sup>/month

Maximum total depositional dust criteria: 4 g/m²/month

**Sampled:** 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2018



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**Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary** 

|      | Sampling point                                    | Measured Value | Sampling Comments  |
|------|---|----------------|--|
| D01  | Queen Street, Muswellbrook                        | 1.2            | Insects  |
| D02  | King Street, Muswellbrook                         | 1.6            | Insects  |
| D04A | Industrial Estate, Muswellbrook                   | 2.6            | Insects  |
| D05  | Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook | 1.7            | Insects  |
| D06  | Logues Lane, Muswellbrook                         | 0.1 *          | Insects (funnel broken, low water level, invalid result) |
| D07A | St James School, Muswellbrook                     | 2.0            | Insects  |
| D08  | Denman Road, Muswellbrook                         | 1.9            | Insects  |
| D09  | Wybong Road, Muswellbrook                         | 2.3            | Insects  |
| D10  | Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook                     | 7.0 **         | Insects, contaminated by irrigation                      |
| D20  | Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook                 | 6.4            | Insects  |
| D23B | Logues Lane, Muswellbrook                         | 2.7            | Insects  |
| D25  | Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook                       | 6.8            | Insects  |
| D26  | Wybong Road, Muswellbrook                         | 3.3            | Insects  |
| DA   | Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook                       | 2.4            | Insects  |



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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).

BMC undertakes compliance attended noise monitoring 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<sub>Aeq</sub> (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: 24 January 2018

Table 4. Noise – Bengalla Only<sup>1</sup> LAeq (15 minute) Monitoring Summary

|      | Sampling point             | Sample Date | Sample Time | Measured value |
|------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| AN01 | 1431 Wybong Road           | 24/01/18    | 22:37       | 23             |
| AN03 | 1312 Denman Road           | 24/01/18    | 23:12       | <30            |
| AN04 | Opposite 9 Racecourse Road | 24/01/18    | 23:40       | <25            |

<sup>1.</sup>LAeq,15minute operational noise levels for Bengalla in the absence of all other noise sources.

For the Reporting Period noise data were below the SSD-5170 criteria.

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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 6 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:** 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2018



**Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary** 

| Date     | Time of Blast | Ground Vibration (mm/s) |      |      | Overpressure (dBL) |        |        |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|------|------|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Date     | Time or blast | BLK                     | MRE  | SCH  | BLK                | MRE    | SCH    |
| 02/01/18 | 12:05:25 PM   | 0.19                    | 0.81 | 0.07 | 104.10             | 105.80 | 85.80  |
| 03/01/18 | 10:59:40 AM   | 0.21                    | 1.83 | 0.07 | 110.80             | 108.20 | 94.10  |
| 04/01/18 | 3:34:31 PM    | 0.53                    | 2.18 | 0.14 | 89.50              | 100.50 | 95.30  |
| 06/01/18 | 10:50:36 AM   | 0.09                    | 0.64 | 0.04 | 89.90              | 92.30  | 90.90  |
| 09/01/18 | 3:20:35 PM    | 0.17                    | 0.63 | 0.20 | 84.80              | 96.80  | 88.00  |
| 09/01/18 | 3:21:37 PM    | 0.24                    | 2.31 | 0.24 | 87.50              | 96.50  | 86.90  |
| 10/01/18 | 3:31:32 PM    | 0.05                    | 0.18 | 0.02 | 111.10             | 107.80 | 100.70 |
| 12/01/18 | 11:44:38 AM   | 0.08                    | 0.55 | 0.05 | 94.10              | 101.90 | 91.60  |
| 16/01/18 | 11:20:52 AM   | 0.07                    | 0.20 | 0.04 | 107.90             | 112.10 | 107.70 |
| 16/01/18 | 11:21:24 AM   | 0.27                    | 3.28 | 0.14 | 107.70             | 107.50 | 98.10  |
| 18/01/18 | 11:35:28 AM   | 0.13                    | 0.11 | 0.01 | 93.30              | 96.50  | 87.70  |
| 18/01/18 | 11:36:37 AM   | 0.07                    | 0.51 | 0.03 | 92.90              | 97.10  | 83.60  |
| 20/01/18 | 3:35:52 PM    | 0.11                    | 1.13 | 0.03 | 104.70             | 104.20 | 106.10 |
| 24/01/18 | 10:55:54 AM   | 0.74                    | 1.86 | 0.15 | 93.20              | 99.80  | 89.30  |
| 25/01/18 | 3:23:49 PM    | 0.18                    | 0.53 | 0.13 | 91.90              | 99.80  | 86.70  |
| 29/01/18 | 11:12:48 AM   | 0.76                    | 2.55 | 0.17 | 106.60             | 104.70 | 98.70  |
| 29/01/18 | 11:13:36 AM   | 0.16                    | 1.31 | 0.05 | 107.50             | 101.50 | 94.20  |

For the Reporting Period, overpressure and ground vibration data were below the maximum criteria and within the 5% allowance limit.

# Appendix A

**PM10 Monitoring Locations** 



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**PM10 Monitoring Locations** 

# **Appendix B**

**TSP Monitoring Locations** 





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**TSP Monitoring Locations** 

# **Appendix C**

**Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations** 





# **Appendix D**

**Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations** 



