

## **Bengalla Mine**

## State Significant Development 5170 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary

March 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 March 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<sub>10</sub>. Additional, PM<sub>10</sub> 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:	02/03/2018 - 26/03/2018

#### Table 1. PM<sub>10</sub> 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			
02/03/2018	29	24	32	53			
08/03/2018	17	15	26	25			
14/03/2018	26	24	35	44			
20/03/2018	69	0	71	93			
26/03/2018	23	15	7	12			

\* Data sourced from Mt Arthur Coal

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

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> readings were recorded at PM10-1 on 20 March 2018.

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> readings were recorded at PM10-3 on 20 March 2018.

Elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> readings were recorded at PM10-4 on 2 and 20 March 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:	µg/m3
Monitoring location:	See Table 2 and Appendix B.
Monitoring frequency:	24 hours every 6 days
Annual Average Criteria:	90 µg/m3
Sampled:	02/03/2018 – 26/03/2018

#### 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)
02/03/2018	58	68	55	53	161
08/03/2018	37 44		33	35	90
14/03/2018	68	70	57	57	193
20/03/2018	171	148	123	0	246
26/03/2018	111	72	65	40	36



### 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/m <sup>2</sup> /month
Sampled:	15/02/2018 – 16/03/2018



#### 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	2.4	Insects
D05	Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.5	Insects
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	4.2	Insects
D07A	St James School, Muswellbrook	2.4	Insects
D08	Denman Road, Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects
D09	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.3	Insects
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	2.4	Insects
D20	Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook	5.2	Insects
D23B	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	1.5	Insects
D25	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	3.8	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.5	Insects
DA	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	2.4	Insects



## 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:	14 – 15 March 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	14/03/18	23:45	22	
AN03	1312 Denman Road	15/03/18	00:22	<30	
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	15/03/18	00:53	<30	

1.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.



## 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:	<ul> <li>a) 115 linear decibels (<b>dB(L)</b>) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts carried out on the premises within the 12 months annual reporting period; and</li> </ul>			
	b) 120 dB(L) at any time.			
Ground vibration criteria:	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>			
	b) 10mm/s at any time.			
Sampled:	01/03/2018 – 31/03/2018			



Date	Time of Blast	Groun	d Vibration	(mm/s)	Over	pressure (d	BL)
Date	Time of blast	BLK	MRE	SCH	BLK	MRE	SCH
03/03/18	10:54:07 AM	0.16	0.64	0.18	81.8	89.6	89.6
05/03/18	1:02:21 PM	0.20	1.53	0.06	98.0	99.7	99.7
08/03/18	11:07:34 AM	0.12	0.61	0.06	99.8	105.0	105.0
08/03/18	11:08:05 AM	0.09	0.70	0.05	108.1	105.2	105.2
12/03/18	11:18:44 AM	0.19	2.85	0.06	90.8	97.0	97.0
14/03/18	11:01:40 AM	0.33	0.49	0.03	93.2	95.5	95.5
16/03/18	11:22:42 AM	0.26	2.24	0.10	93.7	101.7	101.7
20/03/18	11:14:41	0.07	0.22	0.04	90.6	96.6	96.6
20/03/18	11:15:49 AM	0.08	0.32	0.04	93.9	101.6	101.6
21/03/18	3:14:19 PM	0.23	1.24	0.05	103.2	101.3	101.3
24/03/18	3:36:18 PM	0.39	0.95	0.08	88.4	93.5	93.5
29/03/18	3:06:50 PM	0.24	1.30	0.07	98.5	98.7	98.7
29/03/18	3:08:29 PM	0.17	1.56	0.05	91.8	108.6	108.6

#### Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

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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# Appendix B

**TSP Monitoring Locations** 





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# Appendix C

**Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations** 

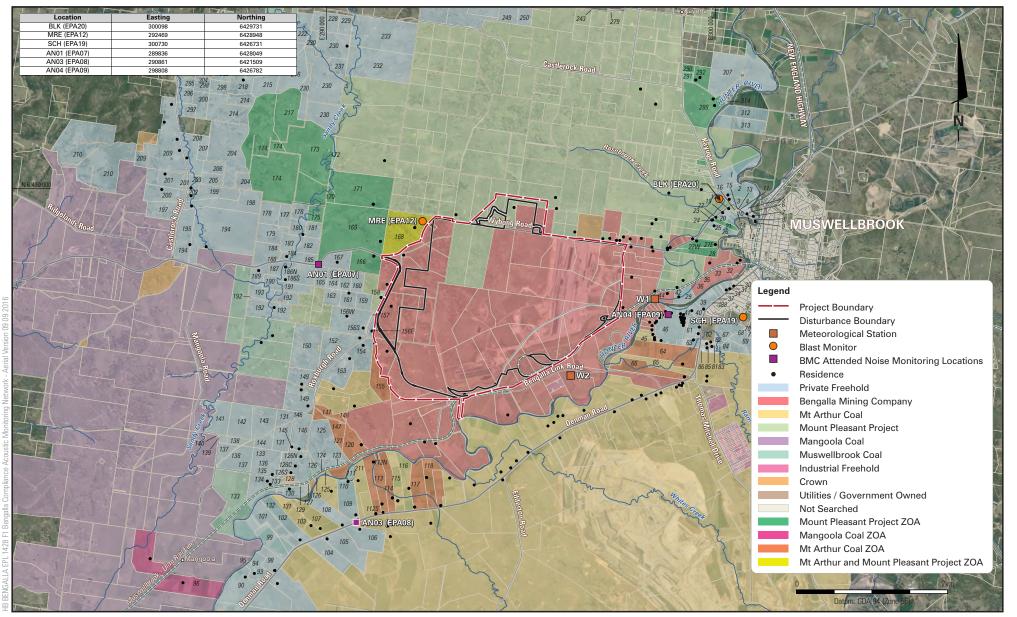




**Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations** 

# Appendix D

**Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations** 







Bengalla Compliance Acoustic Monitoring Network