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Bengalla Mine

State Significant Development 5170 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary

August 2019



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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 August 2019 (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.

Monitoring Data Obtained: 12 September 2019

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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: 06/08/2019 – 30/08/2019

Table 1. PM₁₀ Monitoring Summary

	Run Date Reading (μg/m3)					
Run Date	PM10-1 Racecourse Road	PM10-2 St James School	PM10-3 Roxburgh Road	PM10-4 Wybong Road		
06/08/2019	43	27	18	40		
12/08/2019	12	8	5	2		
18/08/2019	36	25	34	51		
24/08/2019	42	36	34	39		
30/08//2019	12	4	2	3		



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2.2 Total 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: $\mu g/m3$

Monitoring location: See Table 2 and Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

Annual Average Criteria: 90 µg/m³

Sampled: 06/08/2019 – 30/08/2019

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)		
06/08/2019	120	92	51	58	85		
12/08/2019	93	46	44	46	20		
18/08/2019	99	77	49	72	122		
24/08/2019	162	115	75	112	90		
30/08/2019	47	54	44	28	31		



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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

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

Sampled: 17/07/2019 - 16/08/2019



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Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary

Sampling poin	t	Measured Value	Sampling Comments
D01	Queen Street, Muswellbrook	0.8	Insects
D02	King Street, Muswellbrook	2.2	Insects, vegetation, bird droppings
D04A	Industrial Estate, Muswellbrook	2.2	Insects
D05	Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	2.0	Insects
D07A	St James School, Muswellbrook	1.3	Insects
D08	Denman Road, Muswellbrook	1.6	Insects
D09	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	3.7	Insects, bird droppings
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	3.2	Insects
D20	Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects, vegetation
D23B	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	1.0	Insects
D25	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	1.2	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	-	No sample. Gauge smashed.
DA	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	1.3	Insects

Operator, for and on behalf of Bengalla Joint Venture, an unincorporated joint venture between: Harpcove Pty Ltd, Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited, Taipower Bengalla Pty Limited & Mitsui Bengalla Investment Pty Limited.



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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: 28-29 August 2019

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

	Sampling point	Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	28/08/2019	22:58 – 23:13	21
AN03	1312 Denman Road	28/08/2019	23:37 – 23:52	IA
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	29/08/2019	00:10 - 00:25	25

^{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: 02/08/2019 – 30/08/2019



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Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	Ground Vibration (mm/s)			Overpressure (dBL)		
Date	Tillie	BLK	MRE	SCH	BLK	MRE	SCH
02/08/19	4:23:10 PM	0.16	0.58	0.05	78.90	100.00	84.20
03/08/19	3:53:30 PM	0.05	0.17	0.03	88.60	100.90	94.10
08/08/19	8:59:13 AM	0.25	1.30	0.06	97.30	109.50	105.80
10/08/19	9:05:52 AM	0.13	0.63	0.04	93.10	110.30	103.20
12/08/19	11:07:50 AM	0.02	0.07	0.02	86.70	88.10	98.10
13/08/19	10:56:00 AM	0.01	0.03	0.01	82.70	95.60	86.10
13/08/19	10:58:19 AM	0.28	1.40	0.21	86.90	95.50	93.40
14/08/19	4:11:35 PM	0.31	5.72	0.12	86.90	104.80	95.90
17/08/19	10:57:39 AM	0.11	0.18	0.04	96.30	95.80	91.30
17/08/19	11:16:38 AM	0.10	0.53	0.04	87.90	105.80	97.30
20/08/19	10:36:18 AM	0.21	1.22	0.07	91.70	109.30	96.80
21/08/19	8:53:23 AM	0.18	0.90	0.11	103.10	101.90	99.60
23/08/19	11:03:27 AM	0.20	1.31	0.15	85.20	96.30	89.40
26/08/19	10:51:11 AM	0.57	1.65	0.23	82.10	100.30	87.70
28/08/19	9:58:26 AM	0.06	0.38	0.02	87.80	98.30	86.50
30/08/19	10:55:57 AM	0.22	2.15	0.09	87.60	111.70	91.40

Appendix A

PM10 Monitoring Locations



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Appendix B

TSP Monitoring Locations





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Appendix C

Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations





Appendix D

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations



