



Bengalla Mine

State Significant Development 5170 Monthly Monitoring Data Summary

October 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 October 2018 (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: 16 November 2018

Monitoring Data Published: 8 January 2019

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 three High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring PM₁₀. Additional PM₁₀ data is sourced from Mt Arthur Coal through an information sharing agreement. 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: 90 µg/m3

Sampled: 04/10/2018 – 28/10/2018

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		
04/10/2018	26	24	<1	32		
10/10/2018	15	16	25	22		
16/10/2018	22	36	23	33		
22/10/2018	30	27	13	45		
28/10/2018	36	24	32	40		

^{*} Data sourced from Mt Arthur Coal

For the Reporting Period, no elevated 24-hour average PM₁₀ readings were recorded.



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: µg/m3

Monitoring location: See Table 2 and Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

Annual Average Criteria: 90 µg/m3

Sampled: 04/10/2018 – 28/10/2018

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)		
04/10/2018	64	71	61	57	105		
10/10/2018	32	43	32	32	70		
16/10/2018	60	53	38	143	42		
22/10/2018	69	79	59	67	160		
28/10/2018	74	84	65	58	129		



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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: 18/09/2018 – 16/10/2018



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Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary

	Sampling point	Measured Value	Sampling Comments
D01	Queen Street, Muswellbrook	1.0	Insects
D02	King Street, Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects, bird droppings
D04A	Industrial Estate, Muswellbrook	2.5	Insects
D05	Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	1.6	Insects
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	4.1	Insects
D07A	St James School, Muswellbrook	1.3	Insects
D08	Denman Road, Muswellbrook	1.5	Insects
D09	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	2.1	Insects
D20	Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook	5.4	Insects
D23B	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	1.2	Insects
D25	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	3.6	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	2.7	Insects
DA	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	3.3	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_{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 October 2018

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

	Sampling point	Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value	
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	28/09/18	23:14	29	
AN03	1312 Denman Road	29/09/18	00:02	IA	
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	29/09/18	00:07	IA	

^{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.

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: 01/10/2018 – 31/10/2018



Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

Date	Data Time of Plant	Ground Vibration (mm/s)			Overpressure (dBL)		
Date	Tillie Of Blast	BLK	MRE	SCH	BLK	MRE	SCH
03/10/18	2:57:23 PM	0.18	0.86	0.06	94.00	95.90	95.20
03/10/18	2:58:40 PM	0.22	1.94	0.08	93.80	102.90	94.40
05/10/18	2:59:09 PM	0.13	0.21	0.04	91.40	95.10	104.40
09/10/18	2:55:09 PM	0.43	3.08	0.14	91.50	94.80	94.00
11/10/18	4:24:07 PM	0.12	0.77	0.05	113.20	111.30	103.40
12/10/18	3:51:45 PM	0.09	0.47	0.05	100.00	109.40	95.90
15/10/18	11:16:26 AM	0.27	1.73	0.12	112.60	115.70	88.40
16/10/18	1:41:36 PM	0.05	0.34	0.04	104.60	104.90	92.80
16/10/18	4:08:15 PM	0.52	2.93	0.16	112.90	109.40	101.70
19/10/18	3:49:47 PM	0.38	2.35	0.17	92.70	94.90	91.40
20/10/18	2:54:04 PM	0.05	0.28	0.04	100.50	105.40	98.20
24/10/18	11:23:12 AM	0.11	0.89	0.08	108.60	106.00	100.90
25/10/18	2:54:26 PM	0.17	0.98	0.16	95.40	102.30	91.20
26/10/18	2:56:07 PM	0.03	0.08	0.01	81.80	91.00	88.50
27/10/18	11:23:30 AM	0.10	0.35	0.06	94.40	97.00	94.70
29/10/18	4:21:50 PM	0.08	0.68	0.03	115.10	111.60	95.80
31/10/18	11:00:11 AM	0.08	0.55	0.05	85.70	98.20	89.70

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





Appendix D

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations



