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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 January 2024 (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 two 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 (Project Alone)

Annual Average Criteria: 25 µg/m³

Sampled: 01/01/2024 – 31/01/2024

Table 1. PM₁₀ Monitoring Summary

	Run Date Reading (µg/m3)		
Run Date	PM10-1	PM10-3	
	Racecourse Road	Roxburgh Road	
06/01/2024	19.0	25.3	
12/01/2024	24.9	24.2	
18/01/2024	22.7	6.2	
24/01/2024	36.3	29.6	
30/01/2024	42.4	49.0	

(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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2.2 Total Suspended Particle Matter

To evaluate the performance of Bengalla against the SSD-5170 criterion for particulate matter, BMC operates and maintains two 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: $\mu g/m^3$

Monitoring location: See Table 2 and Appendix A.

Monitoring frequency: 24 hours every 6 days

Annual Average Criteria: 90 µg/m³

01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024 Sampled:

Table 2. TSP Monitoring Summary

Run Date	HV02 Racecourse Road	HV03 Logues Lane
06/01/2024	40.9	26.7
12/01/2024	102.0	35.0
18/01/2024	56.7	50.1
24/01/2024	107.0	66.5
30/01/2024	69.1	61.1

(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 3 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:

Table 3 and Appendix A.

Monitoring frequency: Monthly

Maximum depositional dust increase

criteria:

2 g/m²/month (b)

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

Sampled: 27/12/2023 – 25/1/2024

- (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)

Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary

Sampling point		Measured Value (January 2024) g/m²/month	Sampling Comments
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	3.3	Insects, slight vegetation
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	2.6	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	3.8	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:

Table 4 and Appendix B.

Monitoring frequency: Monthly

AN01 criteria: 35 dB(A)

AN04 criteria: 35 dB(A)

AN03 criteria: 40 dB(A)

Sampled: 24-25 January 2024

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

Sampling point		Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	24/1/24	23:52 – 00:07	30
AN03	1312 Denman Road	25/1/24	00:27 - 00:42	IA
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	25/1/24	00:56 – 01:11	Est 30

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

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





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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 B.

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: 01/01/2024 – 31/01/2024





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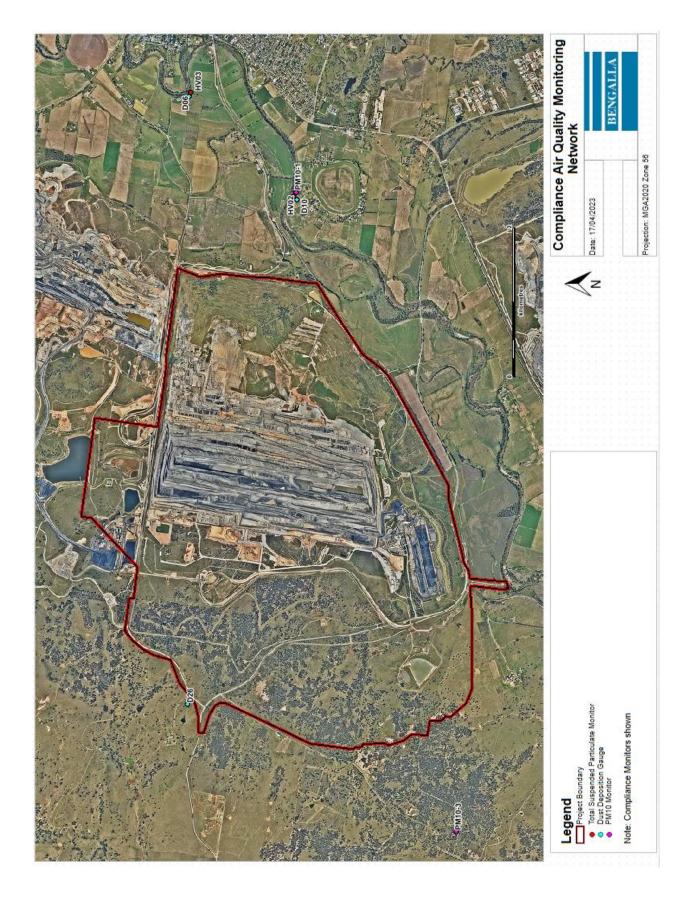
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Table 5. Blast Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	Ground Vibration (mm/s)	Overpressure (dBL)
		MRE	MRE
2/01/2024	4:16:38 PM	107.20	0.76
2/01/2024	4:20:10 PM	108.20	0.74
2/01/2024	4:18:14 PM	100.30	1.10
6/01/2024	10:55:38 AM	113.20	2.84
8/01/2024	4:00:25 PM	93.00	1.47
10/01/2024	11:59:00 AM	110.20	0.32
12/01/2024	12:32:37 PM	109.50	0.08
12/01/2024	12:33:38 PM	115.20	1.45
17/01/2024	11:11:35 AM	102.90	3.30
20/01/2024	11:09:51 AM	95.40	0.92
22/01/2024	2:59:26 PM	110.60	1.65
22/01/2024	3:00:50 PM	113.40	1.42
23/01/2024	2:53:45 PM	110.00	1.59
24/01/2024	2:58:24 PM	88.60	0.63
27/01/2024	3:03:33 PM	109.70	0.17
27/01/2024	3:06:05 PM	118.80	1.00
29/01/2024	4:04:31 PM	92.10	0.16

Appendix A

Air Quality Monitoring Network



Appendix B

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations

Bengalla Compliance Acoustic Monitoring Network

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