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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 May 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.

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:	PM ₁₀
Unit of measure:	Micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m ³)
Monitoring location:	See Table 1 and Appendix A .
Monitoring frequency:	24 hours every 6 days
24 Hour Average Criteria:	50 µg/m ³ (Project Alone)
Annual Average Criteria:	25 µg/m ³
Sampled:	01/05/2024 – 31/05/2024

Table 1. PM₁₀ Monitoring Summary

Run Date	Run Date Reading (µg/m ³)	
	PM10-1 Racecourse Road	PM10-3 Roxburgh Road
05/05/2024	6.2	7.6
11/05/2024	7.2	10.4
17/05/2024	13.3	15.4
23/05/2024	13.4	21.5
29/05/2024	12.4	19.8

(Table 1 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))



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:	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Monitoring location:	See Table 2 and Appendix A .
Monitoring frequency:	24 hours every 6 days
Annual Average Criteria:	90 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Sampled:	01/05/2024 – 31/05/2024

Table 2. TSP Monitoring Summary

Run Date	HV02 Racecourse Road	HV03 Logues Lane
05/05/2024	15.8	8.3
11/05/2024	12.6	11.2
17/05/2024	41.7	20.8
23/05/2024	36.3	18.8
29/05/2024	31.2	26.1

(Table 2 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))

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/m ² /month)
Monitoring location:	See Table 3 and Appendix A .
Monitoring frequency:	Monthly
Maximum depositional dust increase criteria:	2 g/m ² /month ^(b)
Maximum total depositional dust criteria:	4 g/m ² /month ^(a)
Sampled:	29/4/2024 – 30/5/2024

(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 (May 2024) g/m ² /month	Sampling Comments
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	0.7	Insects, spiders
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	1.1	Vegetation, bird droppings
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	1.7	Vegetation, bird droppings

(Table 3 represents total impact (ie incremental increase in concentration due to the development plus background concentrations due to other sources))

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 B .
Monitoring frequency:	Monthly
AN01 criteria:	35 dB(A)
AN04 criteria:	35 dB(A)
AN03 criteria:	40 dB(A)
Sampled:	26-27 May 2024

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

	Sampling point	Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	26/5/2024	22:40 – 22:55	30
AN03	1312 Denman Road	26/5/2024	23:15 – 23:30	33
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	26/5/2024	23:51 – 00:06	35

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:	01/05/2024 – 31/05/2024



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Table 5. Blast Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	Ground Vibration (mm/s)	Overpressure (dBL)
		MRE	MRE
3/05/2024	11:05:51 AM	0.37	108.20
3/05/2024	11:07:59 AM	3.93	100.30
4/05/2024	3:34:51 PM	0.53	107.90
10/05/2024	3:07:21 PM	0.49	105.50
11/05/2024	2:59:39 PM	1.62	104.50
15/05/2024	4:06:09 PM	1.00	98.30
18/05/2024	10:57:46 AM	2.68	109.30
20/05/2024	2:58:24 PM	1.77	98.60
21/05/2024	4:08:10 PM	0.59	116.20
21/05/2024	4:09:19 AM	0.45	101.50
25/05/2024	3:02:22 PM	2.89	99.50
25/05/2024	3:05:08 PM	1.61	106.10
27/05/2024	4:00:03 PM	2.13	105.70
31/05/2024	3:26:04 PM	1.55	100.50

Appendix A

Air Quality Monitoring Network



Compliance Air Quality Monitoring Network

Date: 17/04/2023	
Projection: MGA2020 Zone 56	



Legend

- Project Boundary
- Total Suspended Particulate Monitor
- Dust Deposition Gauge
- PM10 Monitor

Note: Compliance Monitors shown

Appendix B

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations

