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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 September 2021 (Reporting Period). Monitoring data provided is as follows:

- Air quality, particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM_{10}), 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 four High Volume Air Samplers (HVAS) measuring PM_{10}. The HVAS are run for 24 hours every six days.

PM_{10} data for the Reporting Period is provided in **Table 1**.

Pollutant: PM_{10}

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 $\mu g/m^3$

Annual Average Criteria: 25 $\mu g/m^3$

Sampled: 01/09/2021 – 30/09/2021

Table 1. PM_{10} Monitoring Summary

Run Date	Run Date Reading (µg/m3)			
	PM10-1 Racecourse Road	PM10-2 St James School	PM10-3 Roxburgh Road	PM10-4 Wybong Road
06/09/2021	10.2	11.8	10.5	10.1
12/09/2021	52.7	23.3	15.5	14.8
18/09/2021	30.1	19.9	23.8	21.2
24/09/2021	33.3	14.2	10.2	12.3
30/09/2021	15.8	8.9	2.3	8.5

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

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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:	µg/m3
Monitoring location:	See **Table 2** and **Appendix B.**
Monitoring frequency:	24 hours every 6 days
Annual Average Criteria:	90 µg/m^3
Sampled:	01/09/2021 – 30/09/2021

Table 2. TSP Monitoring Summary

Run Date	Run Date Reading (µg/m3)				
	HV01 Wybong Road (East)	HV02 Racecourse Road	HV03 Logues Lane	HV04 St James School	HV06 Wybong Road (West)
06/09/2021	47.6	36.4	30.1	35.9	40.2
12/09/2021	146.0	123.0	80.0	78.5	47.1
18/09/2021	75.5	81.5	45.9	52.8	57.1
24/09/2021	174.0	87.0	54.5	50.5	47.0
30/09/2021	70.1	55.6	30.7	31.3	31.8

(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 14 depositional dust gauges surrounding the Bengalla operations.

Depositional dust data for the Reporting Period is provided in **Table 3**.

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Pollutant:	Depositional Dust
Unit of measure:	Grams per metre squared per month (g/m^2/month)
Monitoring location:	See **Table 3** and **Appendix C.**
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:	16/8/2021 – 16/9/2021

(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)

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Table 3. Depositional Dust Monitoring Summary

Sampling point		Measured Value (September 2021) g/m²/month	Sampling Comments
D01	Queen Street, Muswellbrook	1.1	Insects
D02	King Street, Muswellbrook	1.5	Insects
D04A	Industrial Estate, Muswellbrook	2.5	Insects
D05	Intersection Kayuga and Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	1.9	Insects, Algae
D06	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	4.8	Insects, Algae
D07A	St James School, Muswellbrook	1.8	Insects
D08	Denman Road, Muswellbrook	1.9	Insects
D09	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	4.3	Insects
D10	Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook	5.9	Insects
D20	Wyndams Arms R.O.W., Muswellbrook	3.4	Insects
D23B	Logues Lane, Muswellbrook	1.7	Insects
D25	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	1.9	Insects
D26	Wybong Road, Muswellbrook	0.8	Insects
DA	Roxburgh Road, Muswellbrook	1.8	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:	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:	27 - 28 September 2021

Table 4. Noise – Bengalla Only[1] LAeq (15 minute) Monitoring Summary

Sampling point		Sample Date	Sample Time	Measured value
AN01	1431 Wybong Road	27/9/2021	22:56 – 23:11	30
AN03	1312 Denman Road	27/9/2021	23:34 – 23:49	36
AN04	Opposite 9 Racecourse Road	28/9/2021	00:05 – 00:20	34

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 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:	01/09/2021 – 30/09/2021

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Table 5. Blast Overpressure Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	Ground Vibration (mm/s)			Overpressure (dBL)		
		BLK	MRE	SCH	BLK	MRE	SCH
01/09/21	12:33:24 PM	0.23	1.36	0.07	86.20	93.70	87.30
04/09/21	11:58:01 AM	0.15	0.86	0.04	106.20	102.50	107.00
04/09/21	11:59:05 AM	0.30	2.27	0.10	99.00	94.70	106.90
06/09/21	3:23:10 PM	0.23	3.93	0.14	98.60	102.10	92.60
08/09/21	4:02:55 PM	0.06	0.54	0.05	90.50	97.90	95.70
10/09/21	3:00:09 PM	0.05	0.10	0.01	104.10	102.50	94.80
10/09/21	3:01:34 PM	0.18	1.10	0.05	100.70	105.20	99.60
11/09/21	3:03:33 PM	0.09	0.40	0.07	105.00	98.40	101.90
16/09/21	12:06:19 PM	0.08	0.76	0.08	89.90	99.20	87.80
17/09/21	12:32:11 PM	0.02	0.12	0.02	85.00	95.30	88.40
18/09/21	4:01:25 PM	0.01	0.01	0.01	92.40	94.60	89.20
18/09/21	4:04:50 PM	0.08	0.66	0.08	97.60	91.20	99.80
21/09/21	3:53:02 PM	0.32	2.02	0.08	93.90	98.90	93.70
22/09/21	2:57:00 PM	0.08	0.51	0.06	86.20	95.00	89.20
24/09/21	10:51:22 AM	0.06	0.51	0.04	108.20	105.30	99.40
25/09/21	3:51:14 PM	0.09	0.63	0.05	105.60	104.10	98.30
27/09/21	2:53:37 PM	0.28	1.36	0.10	99.60	98.20	95.70
28/09/21	11:27:01 AM	0.02	0.05	0.01	82.60	94.00	93.30

Appendix A

PM10 Monitoring Locations

PRJ31060_BengallaMineNSW_50cm_19102017_gda94mga56_ortho_full-area

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PM10 Monitoring Locations

Appendix B

TSP Monitoring Locations

PRJ31060_BengallaMineNSW_50cm_19102017_gda94mga56_ortho_full-area

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TSP Monitoring Locations

Appendix C

Depositional Dust Monitoring Locations

PRJ31060_BengallaMineNSW_50cm_19102017 _gda94mga56_ortho_full-area

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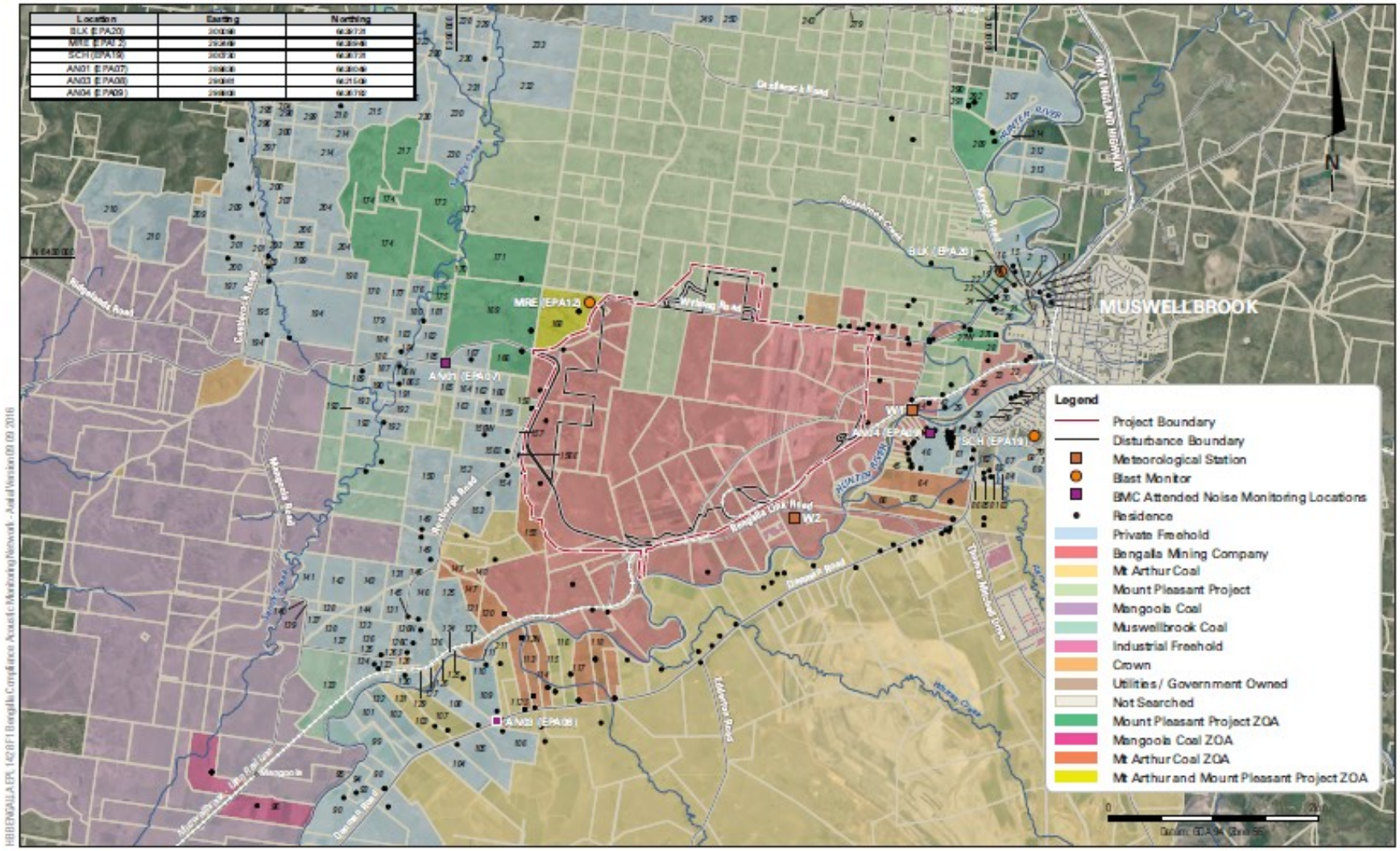
Appendix D

Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations



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Bengalla Compliance Acoustic Monitoring Network

FIGURE 1