

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



Licence Details

Number:	563
Anniversary Date:	20-July

Licensee

BULGA COAL MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED

PMB 8

SINGLETON NSW 2330

Premises

SAXONVALE COLLIERY HOLDING

BROKE ROAD

SINGLETON NSW 2330

Scheduled Activity

Coal Works

Mining for Coal

Fee Based Activity

	<u>Scale</u>
Coal works	> 5000000 T handled
Mining for coal	> 5000000 T produced

Region

North East - Hunter

Ground Floor, NSW Govt Offices, 117 Bull Street
NEWCASTLE WEST NSW 2302

Phone: (02) 4908 6800

Fax: (02) 4908 6810

PO Box 488G NEWCASTLE

NSW 2300

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



INFORMATION ABOUT THIS LICENCE	4
Dictionary	4
Responsibilities of licensee	4
Duration of licence	4
Licence review	4
Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA	4
Transfer of licence	5
Public register and access to monitoring data	5
1 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS	6
A1 What the licence authorises and regulates	6
A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies	6
A3 Information supplied to the EPA	6
2 DISCHARGES TO AIR AND WATER AND APPLICATIONS TO LAND	7
P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas	7
3 LIMIT CONDITIONS	7
L1 Pollution of waters	7
L2 Concentration limits	7
L3 Volume and mass limits	8
L4 Waste	8
L5 Blasting	9
4 OPERATING CONDITIONS	9
O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner	9
O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment	10
O3 Dust	10
5 MONITORING AND RECORDING CONDITIONS	10
M1 Monitoring records	10
M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged	10
M3 Testing methods - concentration limits	11
M4 Recording of pollution complaints	12
M5 Telephone complaints line	12
M6 Requirement to monitor volume or mass	12
M7 Blasting	13
M8 Other monitoring and recording conditions	13
6 REPORTING CONDITIONS	13
R1 Annual return documents	13

Environment Protection Licence



Licence - 563

R2	Notification of environmental harm	14
R3	Written report	14
R4	Other reporting conditions	15
7	GENERAL CONDITIONS	15
G1	Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant	15
8	POLLUTION STUDIES AND REDUCTION PROGRAMS	16
U1	Saline discharge dispersion investigation.	16
U2	Coal Tailings Clean Up Nine Mile Creek	16
U3	Clean Up Verification Report	16
U4	Environmental Harm Assessment	17
U5	Coal Mine Particulate Matter Control Best Practice.	17
9	SPECIAL CONDITIONS	18
E1	Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme	18
DICTIONARY		19
	General Dictionary	19

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



Information about this licence

Dictionary

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

Responsibilities of licensee

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 - 132 of the Act); and
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

Duration of licence

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



The EPA publication “A Guide to Licensing” contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

This licence is issued to:

BULGA COAL MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED

PMB 8

SINGLETON NSW 2330

subject to the conditions which follow.

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



1 Administrative Conditions

A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Coal Works	Coal works	> 5000000 T handled
Mining for Coal	Mining for coal	> 5000000 T produced

A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
SAXONVALE COLLIERY HOLDING
BROKE ROAD
SINGLETON
NSW 2330
LOT 32 DP 248429, LOT 33 DP 248429, LOT 34 DP 248429, LOT 35 DP 248429, LOT 36 DP 248429, LOT 271 DP 260663, LOT 708 DP 749857, LOT 36 DP 755270
EL 5277, EL 5461, ML 1328, ML 1363 BELOW CL 224, ML 1430, ML 1490, ML 1491, ML 1494, CL 372 AND PART CL753

A3 Information supplied to the EPA

A3.1 Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

- the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and
- the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

P1.1 The following points referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of monitoring and/or the setting of limits for the emission of pollutants to the air from the point.

<i>Air</i>			
EPA identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Dust Deposition Network		At locations where dust deposition levels are representative of the levels experienced at residential properties, or other sensitive receivers, resulting from the operation of the mine.
3	Total Suspended Particles Network		At locations where the level of particulate matter being sampled is representative of emissions from the operation of the mine taking into account prevailing wind direction and the location of residential properties or other sensitive receivers.

P1.2 The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

P1.3 The following utilisation areas referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for any application of solids or liquids to the utilisation area.

<i>Water and land</i>			
EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
2	Discharge to waters. Effluent quality and volume monitoring.	Discharge to waters. Effluent quality and volume monitoring.	Drain discharge under the HRSTS from any combination of the following dams labelled as D3, D9 and D13 on Drawing titled "Water Monitoring Sites" submitted to EPA with Licence Information Form on 3/6/99.

3 Limit Conditions

L1 Pollution of waters

L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

L2 Concentration limits

L2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the table below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.

L2.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.

L2.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table's.

L2.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
pH	pH				6.5-9.5
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre				120

L3 Volume and mass limits

L3.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the volume/mass of:

a) liquids discharged to water; or;

b) solids or liquids applied to the area;

must not exceed the volume/mass limit specified for that discharge point or area.

Point	Unit of Measure	Volume/Mass Limit
2	megalitres per day	55

L4 Waste

L4.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste to be received at the premises, except the wastes expressly referred to in the column titled "Waste" and meeting the definition, if any, in the column titled "Description" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises must only be used for the activities referred to in relation to that waste in the column titled "Activity" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises is subject to those limits or conditions, if any, referred to in relation to that waste contained in the column titled "Other Limits" in the table below.

This condition does not limit any other conditions in this licence.

Code	Waste	Description	Activity	Other Limits
NA	General or Specific	Waste that meets all the	As specified in each	NA

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



exempted waste	conditions of a resource recovery exemption under Clause 51A of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005	particular resource recovery exemption
NA	Waste	Any waste received on site that is below licensing thresholds in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, as in force from time to time
		-
		NA

L5 Blasting

L5.1 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed:

- a) 115 dB(Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; or
- b) 120 dB(Lin Peak) at any time

at any affected residence or noise sensitive location that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee as to an alternative overpressure level.

L5.2 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:

- a) 5mm/second for more than 5% of the total number of blasts carried out on the premises during each reporting period; or
- b) 10mm/second at any time

at any affected residence or noise sensitive location that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee as to an alternative ground vibration level.

4 Operating Conditions

O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.

This includes:

- a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
- b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

- O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:
- must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
 - must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

O3 Dust

- O3.1 The premises must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the premises.
- O3.2 All trafficable areas, coal storage areas and vehicle manoeuvring areas in or on the premises must be maintained, at all times, in a condition that will minimise the generation, or emission from the premises, of wind-blown or traffic generated dust.

5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

M1 Monitoring records

- M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.
- M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:
- in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
 - kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
 - produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.
- M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:
- the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
 - the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
 - the point at which the sample was taken; and
 - the name of the person who collected the sample.

M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

- M2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

- M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
-----------	------------------	-----------	-----------------

Environment Protection Licence



Licence - 563

Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Once a month (min. of 4 weeks)	AM-19
---------------------------------	----------------------------------	--------------------------------	-------

POINT 3

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Total suspended particles	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	AM-15

M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	Continuous during discharge	A probe designed to measure the range 0 to 10,000 uS/cm
pH	pH	Daily when wastes discharged	Grab sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Daily when wastes discharged	Grab sample

M3 Testing methods - concentration limits

M3.1 Monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant emitted to the air required to be conducted by this licence must be done in accordance with:

- any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
- if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act, any methodology which a condition of this licence requires to be used for that testing; or
- if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.

M3.2 Subject to any express provision to the contrary in this licence, monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant discharged to waters or applied to a utilisation area must be done in accordance with the Approved Methods Publication unless another method has been approved by the EPA in writing before any tests are conducted.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010* requires testing for certain purposes to be conducted in accordance with test methods contained in the publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW".

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



M4 Recording of pollution complaints

- M4.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.
- M4.2 The record must include details of the following:
- the date and time of the complaint;
 - the method by which the complaint was made;
 - any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
 - the nature of the complaint;
 - the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
 - if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.
- M4.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M4.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M5 Telephone complaints line

- M5.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.
- M5.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.
- M5.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after:
- the date of the issue of this licence or
 - if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation.

M6 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

- M6.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below, the licensee must monitor:
- the volume of liquids discharged to water or applied to the area;
 - the mass of solids applied to the area;
 - the mass of pollutants emitted to the air;
- at the frequency and using the method and units of measure, specified below.

POINT 2

Frequency	Unit of Measure	Sampling Method
Continuous during discharge	megalitres per day	Electronic level sensor and continuous logger

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



M7 Blasting

M7.1 To determine compliance with condition(s) L5.1 and L5.2

- a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must be measured at any affected residence or noise sensitive location that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee as to an alternative overpressure or ground vibration level for all blasts carried out in or on the premises; and
- b) Instrumentation used to measure the airblast overpressure and ground vibration must meet the requirements of Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006.

M8 Other monitoring and recording conditions

M8.1 HRSTS Monitoring

The licensee must continuously operate and maintain communication equipment which makes the conductivity and flow measurements, taken at Point 2 available to the "Service provider" within one hour of those measurements being taken and makes them available in the format specified in the "Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme Discharge Point Site Equipment" as published by the Department of Land and Water Conservation on 7 May 2002.

M8.2 The licensee must ensure that all monitoring data is within a margin of error of 5% for conductivity measurements and 10% for discharge flow measurement.

M8.3 The licensee must mark monitoring point 2 with a sign which clearly indicates the name of the licensee, whether the monitoring point is up or down stream of the discharge point and that it is a monitoring point for the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme.

6 Reporting Conditions

R1 Annual return documents

R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:

- a) a Statement of Compliance; and
- b) a Monitoring and Complaints Summary.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee a copy of the form that must be completed and returned to the EPA.

R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.

Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.

R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

- a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and

b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or

b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

R1.6 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.

R1.7 Within the Annual Return, the Statement of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:

a) the licence holder; or

b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.

R1.8 A person who has been given written approval to certify a certificate of compliance under a licence issued under the Pollution Control Act 1970 is taken to be approved for the purpose of this condition until the date of first review of this licence.

R2 Notification of environmental harm

R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.

R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.

Note: The licensee or its employees must notify the EPA of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

R3 Written report

R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:

a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or

b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with

Environment Protection Licence



Licence - 563

the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence, and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.

R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.

R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:

- the cause, time and duration of the event;
- the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
- the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
- the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;
- action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
- details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
- any other relevant matters.

R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

R4 Other reporting conditions

R4.1 Reporting blasting limit exceedence

The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.

R4.2 HRSTS Reporting

The licensee must compile a written report of the activities under the Scheme for each scheme year. The scheme year shall run from 1 July to 30 June each year. The written report must be submitted to the EPA's regional office within 60 days after the end of each scheme year and be in a form and manner approved by the EPA. The information will be used by the EPA to compile an annual scheme report.

7 General Conditions

G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.

G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



- G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

8 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

U1 Saline discharge dispersion investigation.

- U1.1 During the licensee's next discharge under the rules of the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (the Scheme) the licensee must monitor salinity levels at least at the following location, provided it is safe to do so:

- at the nearest downstream irrigation off-take point.

As far as practicable it should be limited to coincide with the peak flow of discharge water. The results of this monitoring must be reported to the Regional Manager within 30 days of being collected. The report should detail the exact location, time and method of monitoring.

Note:

- a handheld salinity probe is considered an adequate method of undertaking the monitoring.
- this monitoring can be carried out in conjunction with other discharging participants in the Scheme.

U2 Coal Tailings Clean Up Nine Mile Creek

- U2.1 The licensee must complete clean up activities associated with coal tailings impacts within Nine Mile Creek by no later than 4 November 2011. Notification of completion of clean up activities must be made to, The Regional Manager, Hunter Region, Office of Environment and Heritage, PO Box 488G, Newcastle 2300.

U3 Clean Up Verification Report

- U3.1 The Licensee must provide a clean up verification report to the EPA detailing and assessing the adequacy of clean up works undertaken in Nine Mile Creek as a result of coal tailings being discharged to the watercourse. The report must include but need not be limited to the following:

a) details of all works and measures carried out in-stream since the discharge event including volumes of coal tailings removed from the stream bed and dam structures;

b) an estimation of supernatant discharged to Nine Mile Creek that was associated with the tailings discharge including the tailings shandy ratio; and

c) a summary and timeframes outlining any further works and measures proposed by the licensee to mitigate any impacts associated with the discharge and clean up activities.

The report must be addressed to The Manager, Hunter Region, Office of Environment and Heritage, PO Box 488G, Newcastle 2300 and received no later than 11 November 2011.

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



U4 Environmental Harm Assessment

U4.1 The Licensee must provide a report detailing the actual and potential environmental harm caused as a result of the discharge and clean up activities of coal tailings to Nine Mile Creek. The report must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced professional and include but need not be limited to:

- a) Quantification of the total area and length of Nine Mile Creek that was impacted by coal tailings and the associated supernatant;
- b) A full species list of in-stream and riparian flora and fauna that has or may have been impacted by the discharge and a description of the impacts and/or likely impacts on those flora and fauna;
- c) Representative macroinvertebrate sampling from up and downstream sections of Nine Mile Creek; and
- d) A description of experimental design and methodologies used in assessing the actual and potential harm caused by the incident.

The report must be addressed to The Manager, Hunter Region, Office of Environment and Heritage, PO Box 488G, Newcastle 2330 and be received by no later than 11 November 2011.

U5 Coal Mine Particulate Matter Control Best Practice.

U5.1 The Licensee must conduct a site specific Best Management Practice (BMP) determination to identify the most practicable means to reduce particle emissions.

U5.2 The Licensee must prepare a report which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- identification, quantification and justification of existing measures that are being used to minimise particle emissions;
- identification, quantification and justification of best practice measures that could be used to minimise particle emissions;
- evaluation of the practicability of implementing these best practice measures; and
- a proposed timeframe for implementing these best practice measures.

In preparing the report, the Licensee must utilise the document entitled *Coal Mine Particulate Matter Control Best Practice – Site Specific Determination Guideline – November 2011*.

U5.3 All cost related information is to be included as Appendix 1 of the Report required by condition U5.2 above.

U5.4 The Report required by condition U5.2 must be submitted by the Licensee to the Office of Environment and Heritage's Regional Manager Hunter, at PO Box 488G, NEWCASTLE WEST 2302 by 29 June 2012.

U5.5 The report required by condition U5.2 above, except for cost related information contained in Appendix 1 of the Report, must be made publicly available by the Licensee on the Licensee's website by 6 July 2012.

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



9 Special Conditions

E1 Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme

- E1.1 This licence authorises the discharge of saline water into the Hunter River Catchment from an authorised discharge point (or points), in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2009*.
- E1.2 For the purposes of Clauses 23 and 29 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2002 the licensee must apply the conversion factor of <0.6>.

Environment Protection Licence



Licence - 563

Dictionary

General Dictionary

3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]	Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples
Act	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
activity	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
actual load	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
AM	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
AMG	Australian Map Grid
anniversary date	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
annual return	Is defined in R1.1
Approved Methods Publication	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
assessable pollutants	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
BOD	Means biochemical oxygen demand
CEM	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
COD	Means chemical oxygen demand
composite sample	Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.
cond.	Means conductivity
environment	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
environment protection legislation	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
EPA	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
fee-based activity classification	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
general solid waste (non-putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

Environment Protection Licence



Licence - 563

flow weighted composite sample	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
general solid waste (putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
grab sample	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
hazardous waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
licensee	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
load calculation protocol	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
local authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
material harm	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
MBAS	Means methylene blue active substances
Minister	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
mobile plant	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
motor vehicle	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
O&G	Means oil and grease
percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.
plant	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
pollution of waters [or water pollution]	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
premises	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
public authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
regional office	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
reporting period	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
restricted solid waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
scheduled activity	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
special waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
TM	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



TSP	Means total suspended particles
TSS	Means total suspended solids
Type 1 substance	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
Type 2 substance	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
utilisation area	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
waste	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
waste type	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non-putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste

Mr Mitchell Bennett

Environment Protection Authority

(By Delegation)

Date of this edition: 05-June-2000

Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 563



End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice V/M upgrade, issued on 08-Jul-2000, which came into effect on 08-Jul-2000.
- 2 Licence varied by notice V/M upgrade, issued on 10-Jul-2000, which came into effect on 10-Jul-2000.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1002352, issued on 06-Dec-2000, which came into effect on 31-Dec-2000.
- 4 Condition HRSTS Dis Note varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1013329, issued on 07-Dec-2001, which came into effect on 01-Jan-2002.
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1017720, issued on 24-Feb-2003, which came into effect on 26-Feb-2003.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1040599, issued on 01-Dec-2004, which came into effect on 26-Dec-2004.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1048638, issued on 10-Jun-2005, which came into effect on 15-Jun-2005.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1080258, issued on 05-Feb-2008, which came into effect on 05-Feb-2008.
- 10 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 11 Licence varied by notice 1097821, issued on 15-May-2009, which came into effect on 15-May-2009.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1104189, issued on 26-Nov-2009, which came into effect on 26-Nov-2009.
- 13 Licence varied by notice 1501198 issued on 24-Oct-2011
- 14 Licence varied by notice 1503040 issued on 21-Dec-2011