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Rehabilitation Management Plan for Andersons Clay / Shale Mine ML1229 (Act 1973)



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## 1 Introduction to Mining Project

#### 1.1 HISTORY OF OPERATIONS

The Mine, located approximately 7 kilometres northeast of Albury in Springdale Heights, has operated under Mining Lease (ML) 1229 since 24 August 1990 to extract clay and shale. The ML covers 7.98 hectares and is located on Lot 2 DP 856969 owned by the Proponent under freehold title. ML 1229 was renewed 14 May 2013 and is valid until 23 August 2032.

The resource in Andersons Clay Mine consists of two types of clay, a weathered granite from the Silurian period and a weathered Phyllite from the upper Ordovician. Both products are mixed with the local highly plastic Jindera clay providing PGH with a very unique type of brick product. Albury City Council granted consent 1/8/1990 (DA N 72) with no sunset clause.

### 1.2 CURRENT DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS, LEASES AND LICENCES

### 1.2.1 Albury City Council

Table 1. Development Approvals

No.	Date Approved	Expires	Notes
DA N72 79/627	7/08/1979	N/A	See Appendix A.
DA 10.2018.36584.1	12/06/2008 Not activated	N/A	Extension to exist quarry.

## 1.2.2 Regional NSW- Mining Exploration and Geoscience (MEG)

Table 2. Mining Authorisation

No.	Act	Company	Granted	Expires	Area (Ha)	Minerals
ML1229	1973	Boral Bricks (NSW) Pty Ltd (Transfer to PGH Bricks and Pavers Pty Ltd pending)	24/08/1990	23/08/2032	7.975	Brick Clay, Clay/Shale, Structural Clay

## 1.2.3 Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

An Environmental Protection Licence EPL20938 was granted under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (PoEOA) (see *Appendix C*).

#### 1.3 LAND OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE

### 1.3.1 Land Ownership and Land Use

The site is located at 253 Shaw Street, Springdale Heights. *Table 3* lists the cadastral lots involve in the mine operations.

Table 3. Land Ownership and Land Use

Lot	DP	Ownership	Land Description
2	DP856969	PGH Bricks and Pavers Pty Ltd	The mine operations are contained wholly within this Lot.

The land on which the Andersons Clay Mine operates is owned by PGH Bricks & Pavers Pty Ltd.

The surrounding land is sparsely populated and generally used as rural residential. Further south of the site lies the suburb of Springdale Heights, to the north is bushland. Historic land uses have been agriculture and horticulture (orchard). The final landuse is anticipated to be agriculture (grazing).

Under the provisions of the Albury LEP 2010 the subject land is zoned E3 Environmental Management and Open cut mining is prohibited in the E3 zone. However, given the open cut mining activity that has been historically carried out within the eastern portion of the land and which permitted the extraction of brick clay, an additional permitted use under Schedule 1 was included in the making of the Albury LEP 2010. This provision gives effect to the proposal despite being contrary to activities listed in the land use table or other provision of the Albury LEP.

#### Schedule 1 states:

- 6 Use of certain land at 253 Shaw Street, Lavington
- (1) This clause applies to land at 253 Shaw Street, Lavington, being Lot 2, DP 856969.
- (2) Development for the purpose of open cut mining or extractive industries is permitted with consent.

The proposed designated development is permissible with the consent of Council under clause 2.5 of the Albury LEP 2010 as an Additional Permitted Use.

This proposed quarry expansion is therefore deemed to be permissible with consent pursuant to Clause 7(1)(b)(ii) of the Mining SEPP.

An AHIMS Web Services search showed no recorded or declared Aboriginal sites on the mine lease.

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Tenure:

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253 Shaw Street, Springdale Heights, NSW Albury - Wodonga Shire Council

> ML 1229 & Permit No. N72 PGH Bricks & Pavers Pty Ltd

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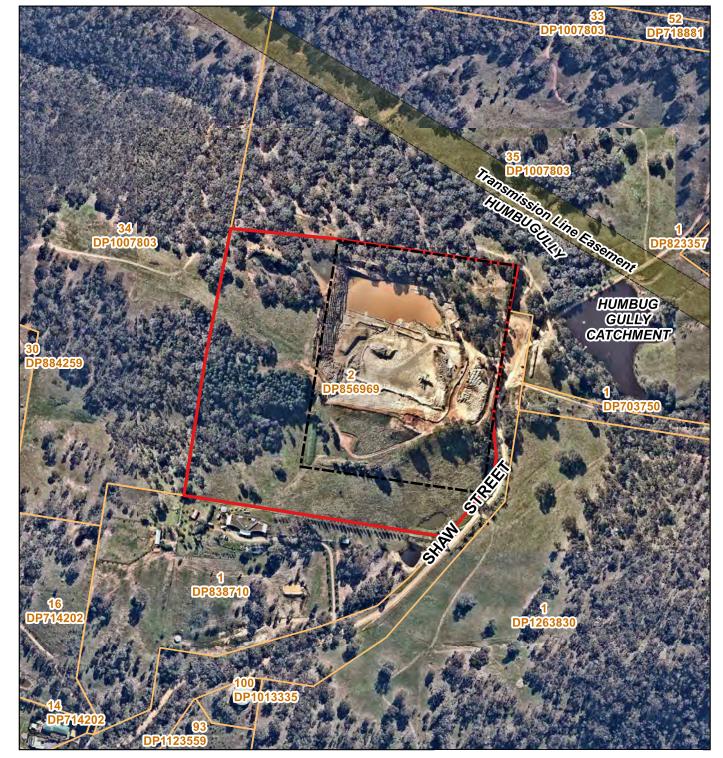


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Legend Property Boundary Authority Boundary (ML1229 (Act 1992)) **Transmission Line Easement** Cadastral Information

ABN: 26 621 943 888

Minview 2021, Six Maps, Elvis Spatial Data & NSW Zoning WMS Data TO/JD 253 Shaw Street, Springdale Heights, NSW Plan of: Location: Source: Plan By: Shale Mine 2022 - Land Ownership & Land Use NSW Government Spatial Services, Nov 2020 Survey, Project TO Figure: TWO Council: Albury - Wodonga Shire Council Survey: Accessed Through ELVIS Manager: Version/ V0 02/08/2022 Tenure: ML 1229 & Permit No. N72 Projection: GDA2020/MGA Zone 55 EPSG:7855 party data which has not been verified by vgt and may not be to scale. Date: 100 m Unless expressly agreed otherwise, this figure is intended as a guide only and Contour Our Ref: 12407\_BAN\_RMP2022\_Q002\_V0\_F2 Client: PGH Bricks & Pavers Pty Ltd 1metre Interval: Land Zoning:3C
Environmental Management C3 100 200 m **Sedimentation** HUMBUG CATCHMENT 495400 Legend Authority Boundary (ML1229 (Act 1992)) Major Drainage Line/Creek (NSW Clip & Ship) Lot/Ownership (NSW Clip & Ship) Feature/Domain **Zoning (NSW Zoning WMS Data)** Consent Boundary (N72) Property Boundary Dam C3 Environmental Management Transmission Line Easement ABN: 26 621 943 888

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## 2 Final Land Use

## 2.1 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR REHABILITATION

## 2.1.1 Consent Rehabilitation Requirements

Table 4. Consent Rehabilitation Plan Requirements

Consent Condition	Details	Where Addressed in this Report
14 (ii)	When extraction has ceased, and not later than one month before expiry of the permit, terminal faces are to be battered from natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10 metres. For this purpose, battering may commence at a point 10 metres outside of the excavation limit or in accordance with a landscape restoration plan terminal faces are to be covered with a minimum of 30cm topsoil and planted with suitable vegetation.	Figure ThreeFigure Three Figure Four Section 6
16	A landscape development plan shall be submitted to the Corporation for approval. The reclamation and planting shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Corporation within one month of the date of permit issue. All vegetation shall be maintained during the term of the permit and the buffer stripes generally retained in a neat and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Corporation.	Council has been provided a copy of all previous MOPs and Annual Reviews.  This plan will be provided to Council.
17 (i)	As the quarried area progresses, restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.	Section 6.2
17(ii)	All residues, including topsoil is to be returned to the excavations and topsoil is to be retained at all times on the quarried sites.	Section 6.2.1.1 Section 6.2.3 Section 6.2.4
20	Restoration of the existing pit for possible future recreation use shall be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Corporation and shall include the lowering of the existing road in accordance with drawing S5499/1 and the maintenance of the access through the existing workings.	This Report

## 2.1.2 MEG Rehabilitation Requirements

The prescribed standard conditions in the Mining Regulation 2016, Schedule 8A, Part 2 apply in addition to the conditions in Schedule 2 of the Mine Lease. Conditions in the Regulation that relate to rehabilitation in this report are reproduced below.

Table 5. Mine Lease Conditions from the Regulation

Mining Regulation Section	<b>Details</b>	Where Addressed in this Report
Division 1 Protect	tion of the environment and rehabilitation	
4	Must prevent or minimise harm to environment  (1) The holder of a mining lease must take all reasonable measures to prevent, or if that is not reasonably practicable, to minimise, harm to the environment caused by activities under the mining lease.  (2) In this clause—  Harm to the environment has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.	This Report
5	Rehabilitation to occur as soon as reasonably practicable after disturbance  The holder of a mining lease must rehabilitate land and water in the mining area that is disturbed by activities under the mining lease as soon as reasonably practicable after the disturbance occurs.	Section 4 Section 6
6	Rehabilitation must achieve final land use  (1) The holder of a mining lease must ensure that rehabilitation of the mining area achieves the final land use for the mining area.	This Report
	(2) The holder of the mining lease must ensure any planning approval has been obtained that is necessary to enable the holder to comply with subclause (1).	Section 1.2
	(3) The holder of the mining lease must identify and record any reasonably foreseeable hazard that presents a risk to the holder's ability to comply with subclause (1).  Note—  Clause 7 requires a rehabilitation risk assessment to be conducted whenever a hazard is identified under this subclause.	Section 3 Section 10
	<ul> <li>(4) In this clause—</li> <li>final land use for the mining area means the final landform and land uses to be achieved for the mining area—</li> <li>(a) as set out in the rehabilitation objectives statement and rehabilitation completion criteria statement, and</li> <li>(b) for a large mine—as spatially depicted in the final landform and rehabilitation plan, and</li> </ul>	Section 4 Section 5 Section 2

Mining Regulation Section	Details	Where Addressed in this Report
	(c) if the final land use for the mining area is required by a condition of development consent for activities under the mining lease—as stated in the condition.	
	planning approval means—	
	(a) a development consent within the meaning of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, or	
	(b) an approval under that Act, Division 5.1.	
Division 2 Risk	assessment	
7	Rehabilitation risk assessment	Section 3
	(1) The holder of a mining lease must conduct a risk assessment (a rehabilitation risk assessment) that—	
	(a) identifies, assesses and evaluates the risks that need to be addressed to achieve the following in relation to the mining lease—	
	(i) the rehabilitation objectives,	
	(ii) the rehabilitation completion criteria,	
	(iii) for large mines—the final land use as spatially depicted in the final landform and rehabilitation plan, and	
	(b) identifies the measures that need to be implemented to eliminate, minimise or mitigate the risks	
	(2) The holder of the mining lease must implement the measures identified.	This Report and annua reporting.
	(3) The holder of a mining lease must conduct a rehabilitation risk assessment—	Section 3
	(a) for a large mine—before preparing a rehabilitation management plan, and	
	(b) for a small mine—before preparing the rehabilitation outcome documents for the mine, and	
	(c) whenever a hazard is identified under clause 6(3)—as soon as reasonably practicable after it is identified, and	
	(d) whenever given a written direction to do so by the Secretary.	

Details

Where Addressed in this Report

Division 3 Rehab	ilitation documents	
10	(1) The holder of a mining lease relating to a large mine must prepare a plan (a rehabilitation management plan) for the mining lease that includes the following—	
	(a) a description of how the holder proposes to manage all aspects of the rehabilitation of the mining area,	This Report
	(b) a description of the steps and actions the holder proposes to take to comply with the conditions of the mining lease that relate to rehabilitation,	This Report
	(c) a summary of rehabilitation risk assessments conducted by the holder,	Section 3
	(d) the risk control measures identified in the rehabilitation risk assessments,	Section 3
	(e) the rehabilitation outcome documents for the mining lease,	Section 4, Section 5
	(f) a statement of the performance outcomes for the matters addressed by the rehabilitation outcome documents and the ways in which those outcomes are to be measured and monitored	
12	Rehabilitation outcome documents	Section 4, Section 5
	(1) The holder of a mining lease must prepare the following documents (the rehabilitation outcome documents) for the mining lease and give them to the Secretary for approval—	
	(a) the rehabilitation objectives statement, which sets out the rehabilitation objectives required to achieve the final land use for the mining area,	
	(b) the rehabilitation completion criteria statement, which sets out criteria, the completion of which will demonstrate the achievement of the rehabilitation objectives,	
	(c) for a large mine, the final landform and rehabilitation plan, showing a spatial depiction of the final land use.	
	(2) If the final land use for the mining area is required by a condition of development consent for activities under the mining lease, the holder of the mining lease must ensure the rehabilitation outcome documents are consistent with that condition	

#### 2.2 FINAL LAND USE OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

There is no defined final land use within the development consent. The consent required a landscape development plan to be submitted to Council for approval but no record of this plan is held by PGH or Council. Since PGH's acquisition of the site, Council has been provided with a copy of the Approved MOP and Annual Reviews to the Regulator to be appraised of the final landform and landuse.

The final land use will be as approved in the MOP is shown in Figure Three and Figure Four.

The final landuse may change course throughout the lifetime of the mine depending economic or community factors. The land might become useful for recreation site, as per council consent. As a guide the PGH will use agricultural uses indicative of the neighbouring properties as a rehabilitation goal. A final decision on preferred scenario will be made by the key stakeholders, Albury City Council and the landowner.

#### 2.3 FINAL LAND USE STATEMENT

The conceptual final land use and landform as approved in the MOP (2260\_BAN\_MOP2016\_V4 *VGT Environmental Compliance Solutions Pty Ltd*) is as follows:

- The landform will include battering all benches back to no greater than 5 horizontal to 1 vertical, as per consent N72;
- A sediment dam most likely in the same location as currently, this may remain permanently depending on rainfall intensities and duration:
- Base RL of approximately 293m, this is taking into account an extraction of 5m from the current base RL. As
  this proposed depth could vary in the future, if there is any further extraction expected, a MOP amendment will
  be provided;
- Native pasture and grasses on the final void slopes surrounding the sediment dam on pit floor;
- The landform will be a shape that may allow access for low level grazing;
- The whole site will be safe, stable and non-polluting; and
- The haul roads will be removed.

## 2.4 FINAL LAND USE AND MINING DOMAINS

### 2.4.1 Final Land Use Domains

Table 6. Post Mining Land Use Domain Codes

Secondary Domains (Post Mining)	Description
Agriculture- Grazing	This Domain comprises the final void area and surrounds as well as infrastructure areas not retained at the completion of extraction activities.
Water Management Areas	This domain is limited to the permanent water body in the final void.
Infrastructure	This domain incorporates the site access road and temporary office areas to be retained for future property access.

# 2.4.2 Mining Domains

Table 7. Operational Domain Codes

Primary Domains (Operational)	Description
Infrastructure Area	This domain includes the haul roads and hardstand areas.
Water Management Area	This includes the In-Pit sump.
Overburden Emplacement Area	This domain incorporates bunds surrounding the extraction area where overburden has been placed.
Active Mining Area (Open cut void)	This domain incorporates the active extraction area.

# 3 Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Identification of hazards and a risk assessment and identification of risk controls has been undertaken and is summarised below.

Table 8. General Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	Details
Administrative failures.	Insufficient skills and experience of rehabilitation personnel.	Only experienced contractors will be engaged to conduct rehabilitation activities.	
	Lack of clearly defined responsibilities.	Responsibilities and roles for rehabilitation will be defined in the contractual arrangements with contractors and Proponent.	
	Insufficient funding for or prioritisation of rehabilitation activities.	Proponent will ensure that sufficient funds are available to conduct rehabilitation activities.  Note, a rehabilitation bond is held over the site and will be reviewed annually for the life of the mine.	
Erosion	Harm to rehabilitation works.	In-pit slopes to be reduced.	Slopes to be reduced to a maximum of 5H:1V within the void.
		Reduce slope lengths in-pit.	Slope Lengths shall not exceed 80 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar for batter slopes of <4H:1V.  Slope Lengths shall not exceed 35 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar for batter slopes of 4H:1V.  Slope Lengths shall not exceed 25 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar for batter slopes of 3H:1V.
		Reduce track slopes.	Slopes of major tracks are to be <10 degrees or have cross drains/banks installed.  Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks are to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.
		Roughen exposed surfaces.	Track walk or lightly rip exposed surfaces to encourage infiltration of rainwater.
		Achieve ground coverage factor of at least 0.05 (70%).	Coverage to be achieved via vegetation, mulch or similar within 30 days of completion of works.
		Topsoil stockpile management.	Slopes no greater than 18°.  Stockpile height no greater than 2 metres.  No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.
		Overburden stockpile management.	Slopes no greater than 18°.  Stockpile height no greater than 3 metres.  No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	Details
Sediment Entrainment	Entrained sediment harms downstream environments	Runoff from design storm to be contained in-site.	Sediment dams designed for 90 <sup>th</sup> % 5-day storm event.  Drains to be designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.  Receiving capacity of sediment dams to be maintained by;  • Reuse of water on-site for dust suppression; and  • Water to be pumped to pit sump if capacity not sufficient to contain design storm prior to storm events.  Pit maintained to have capacity to contain a volume greater than the design storm.
		Surface water captured on exposed surfaces to be directed to sediment dams.	Sediment dam to be constructed for each catchment in the disturbed area.  Drains to be installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams.
		Silt fences installed.	Installation of silt fences around disturbed area as appropriate.  No silt fences to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.
		Topsoil stockpile management	Slopes no greater than 18°.  Stockpile height no greater than 2 metres.  No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.
		Overburden stockpile management.	Slopes no greater than 18°.  Stockpile height no greater than 3 metres.  No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.
Surface Water Quality	Decrease in downstream water quality.	Monitoring.	Surface water monitoring has been undertaken on water to be discharged ffsite.  All future monitoring will be undertaken in accordance with Approved Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Water Pollutants in NSW (DEC 2004)
		Reuse dirty water on site.	Dirty water to be reused for dust suppression.
		Runoff from design storm to be contained in-site.	Sediment dams designed for 90 <sup>th</sup> % 5-day storm event.  Drains to be designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.  Receiving capacity of sediment dams to be maintained by;  • Reuse of water on-site for dust suppression; and  • Water to be pumped to pit sump if capacity not sufficient to contain design storm prior to storm events.  Pit maintained to have capacity to contain a volume greater than the design storm.
		Surface water captured on exposed surfaces to be directed to sediment dams.	Sediment dam to be constructed for each catchment in the disturbed area.  Drains to be installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams.
		Separation of clean water and dirty water.	Upstream clean water to be diverted via diversion drains or bunds as far as possible.
Geotechnical Stability In-Pit	Failure of In-Pit Slopes	Reduce slopes In-Pit.	Batter slopes with overburden material.
		Batter designs validated by qualified engineer.	

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	<b>Details</b>	
Groundwater Quality and Flows	Decrease in groundwater quality and changes in flows	Groundwater interaction will be minimised.	Pit floor will not intercept groundwater. Base of final landform at approximately RL 293m is above the estimated groundwater level.	
Wind Erosion	Rehabilitation areas impacted by wind erosion.	Air quality monitoring.	Visual observation for the presence of nuisance dust will be undertaken during mining, hauling and rehabilitation operations.  Dust gauges have been installed on the site and monitoring is undertaken in accordance with EPA approved methods.	
		Dust suppression.	Water cart to be engaged during mining, hauling and rehabilitation activities.  During adverse conditions:  Cease mining or hauling activities in adverse wind conditions: and  Increase water cart frequency.	
		Achieve groundcover factor of at least 0.05 (70% coverage) on areas of long-term inactivity.	Coverage to be achieved via vegetation, mulch or similar within 30 days of completion of works.	
Heritage	Harm to heritage items	Protection of unexpected heritage items.	In the event that unexpected Aboriginal objects, sites or places are discovered, works will cease, the immediate vicinity will be secured to protect the find and DPIE will be notified as soon as practicable after they are first identified.	
		Protection of human skeletal remains	The immediate vicinity will be secured to protect the find.  The police will be notified immediately.	
Bushfire	Harm to rehabilitation areas.	Limit access for deliberately lit fires.	Appropriate fencing is to be repaired and maintained.  Locked access gate outside of operating hours.  Visitors to sign in at the office.	
Bushfire	Harm to rehabilitation areas.	Maintain fire breaks.		
Waste	Harm to rehabilitation areas.	Control on-site waste storage and removal	Wastes will be stored in bins with a lid. Wastes will be removed by licenced contractor.	

Table 9. Active Mining Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	Details
Salvage of Biological Resources	Loss of biological resources.	Minimise loss of biological resources through suitable land clearing, salvage and handling practices.	Areas to be land cleared will be clearly marked to ensure only land to be cleared is disturbed.  Land clearing is to be supervised by proponent's staff.  Felled trees are to be salvaged and reused immediately by placing on rehabilitated land. If no suitable rehabilitation areas are available felled trees will be stored in windrows for reuse in future rehabilitation.  Topsoil material to be stripped will be used immediately or stored in stockpiles no greater than 2 metres in height and be revegetated with temporary grass species or otherwise stabilised as described in the erosion risk controls above.
	Limited biological resources available on site.	Importation of topsoil/growth medium material.	If on-site topsoil/growth medium deficit is noted, material may be imported to assist in rehabilitation.
Weather Conditions	Adverse weather conditions during land clearing.	Land clearing activities will not be undertaken during adverse weather conditions.	Land clearing will not be undertaken during periods of prolonged rainfall where damage to soil structure and erosion impacts are greatest.
Geochemical/ Chemical soil conditions	Adverse geochemical/chemical composition of soil/ interburden / overburden materials.	Soil testing of soils / interburden and overburden material will be undertaken.	Materials stockpiled on site will be tested for suitability prior to re-use in rehabilitation.  Ameliorants will be applied to the materials as required.

Table 10. Decommissioning Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	<b>Details</b>
Infrastructure	Retained roads and hardstands are not safe and stable.	All roads and hardstand areas to be retained for the final landuse will be reduced in width/size to that suitable for the final landuse.	Roads not required for final landuse are removed.  Hardstand areas reduced to a size required for the final landuse.  Slopes of major tracks are to be <10 degrees or have cross drains/banks installed.  Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks are to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.
	Utility services present a safety hazard.	Services not required for final landuse are disconnected.	Relevant services disconnected by qualified contractors
Hazardous Materials	Harm to environment due to hazardous materials.	No hazardous materials remain	All hazardous material removed

Table 11. Landform Establishment Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	<b>Details</b>
Unstable landform	The final landform is unstable.	Continued monitoring of the landform establishment works by suitably qualified person/s.	Slopes to be reduced until all slopes meet the approved final landform.  Suitably qualified geotechnical engineer engaged to assess the instability and provide a range of recommendations to remediate the instability.
Final landform unsuitable for final landuse.	Final landform does not conform to approved final landform.	Landform to be remediated to approved final landform.	Slopes to be reduced until all slopes meet the approved final landform.  Survey plan or similar to be prepared to show final slopes meet the approved final landform.
Landform not suitable for target plant species	Target plant species unable to establish.	Soil testing of soils / interburden and overburden material will be undertaken.	Materials stockpiled on site will be tested for suitability prior to re-use in rehabilitation.  Ameliorants will be applied to the materials as required.

Table 12. Growth Medium Establishment Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	<b>Details</b>
Unsuitable physical and structural substrate	Substrate compacted	Substrates to be placed in such a way to maintain soil structure as far as possible.	Minimise vehicle movement over the emplaced substrates.  Substrates to be lightly ripped to permit water infiltration and air penetration prior to topsoil placement.
Subsoil and topsoil deficit	Insufficient on-site material available for growth medium.	Available topsoils are stockpiled appropriately and reused on the site.	Records to include amounts of subsoil and topsoils stripped, locations and depths re-spread.  If on-site topsoil/growth medium deficit is noted, material may be imported to assist in rehabilitation.
Substrate chemically unsuitable	Substrate inadequate to support revegetation or agricultural land capability.	Soil testing of soils / interburden and overburden material will be undertaken.	Materials stockpiled on site will be tested for suitability prior to re-use in rehabilitation.  Ameliorants will be applied to the materials as required.  Importation of more suitable materials to be investigated and undertaken if deemed necessary.

Table 13. Ecosystem and Land Use Establishment Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	Details
Poor seed viability and dormancy	Insufficient germination of seeds to provide groundcover.	Certified seed stock to be utilised as far as possible in rehabilitation.	
Ant and Insect predation	Seed stock depleted by predation.	Protect sown seeds as far as possible.  Seeds to be lightly covered by soil when spread.  Apply liquid tackifier if required to bind seeds to the surface.  Keep soil moist by mulching or application of water to deter ants.	
Damage to seed through revegetation processes	Insufficient germination of seeds to provide groundcover.	Protect seeds from damage during rehabilitation.	Experienced contractors to be employed for rehabilitation works.  Rehabilitation areas to be protected from vehicular traffic by fencing or similar barriers.  Minimise handling of seeds during storage and use.
Weed Infestation	Weed number overwhelm revegetation.	Regular inspection and spraying for weeds will be undertaken.	Monitoring confirms that after 2 years the non-native/non-target species (weeds) represents less than 20% of projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities.
Inappropriate rehabilitation techniques	Failure of rehabilitation.	Ensure approved rehabilitation plan is followed.	Experienced contractors to be employed for rehabilitation works.  Rehabilitation to be undertaken in accordance with the Rehabilitation Plan approved by DPIE and this plan.  Proponent to supervise rehabilitation works to ensure compliance with any approved plans and best practice techniques are utilised.
		Approved plans will be reviewed as required to ensure best practice techniques are employed.	
Adverse weather conditions	Failure of rehabilitation.	Revegetation will not be undertaken during periods of drought.	
		Rehabilitation works will not be undertaken during wet periods where soils and seed planting may be damaged.	
		A water cart may be employed to water rehabilitation areas during dry or windy periods until vegetation is established.	
Inappropriate Seasonal timing of revegetation	Failure of rehabilitation.	Revegetation will preferably be planted during the spring and autumn seasons to avoid hot and dry weather conditions and winter frost.	

Table 14. Ecosystem and Land Use Development Phase Rehabilitation Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risks	Risk Controls	<b>Details</b>
Weather and climatic influences	Failure of rehabilitation.  A water cart may be employed to water rehabilitation areas during dry or windy periods until vegetation is established.  Reseeding of failed areas may be undertaken as advised by ecologist or suitably qualified person/s		
Long term water quality and quantity issues	Decrease in downstream water quality.	Mine personnel identify site of erosion and remediate through additional earthworks, soil works including addition of ameliorants, supplementary revegetation or other stabilisation method.	
Damage to rehabilitation	Deliberate vandalism of rehabilitation areas.	Rural fences and gates installed around disturbed area to prevent unauthorised access that may damage rehabilitation.	Monitoring indicates evidence of trespassing and/or damage to rehabilitation areas.  Appropriate fencing, signage and bunding is to be repaired and maintained.
	Bushfire damages rehabilitation areas.	Where possible regular slashing/mowing of pasture areas will be undertaken.	
	Weed number overwhelm revegetation.	Regular inspection and spraying for weeds will be undertaken.	Monitoring confirms that after 2 years the non-native/non-target species (weeds) represents less than 20% of projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities.
	Insect and plant disease overwhelm revegetation.	Regular inspections to be undertaken and spraying undertaken as appropriate.	
Insufficient establishment of target species and limited species diversity	Vegetation community does not become established on final landform affecting final land use and ecosystem.	Suitably qualified ecologist or revegetation expert engaged to assess reasons for divergence of failure of endemic species establishment and recommend actions to ensure that the final vegetation community corresponds as closely as possible to the approved community.	Sowing of additional seed mix for targeted species or additional species endemic to the pre-disturbance community.  Use of seed and mulch mix or other application techniques.  Soil amelioration works such as addition of fertiliser.  Additional weed control activities (mechanical and/or chemical).
Erosion and failure of landform	Vegetation is unable to be established due to erosion.	Mine personnel identify site of erosion and remediate through additional earthworks, soil works including addition of ameliorants, supplementary revegetation or other stabilisation method.	If the above is unsuccessful, a suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.
Erosion and failure of landform	Visual inspection indicates that the final landform is the source of unacceptable levels of sedimentation downstream.	Mine personnel identify site of erosion and remediate through additional earthworks, soil works including addition of ameliorants, supplementary revegetation or other stabilisation method.	If the above is unsuccessful, a suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.

# 4 Rehabilitation Objectives and Rehabilitation Completion Criteria

# 4.1 REHABILITATION OBJECTIVES AND REHABILITATION COMPLETION CRITERIA

Final Land Use	Mining Domain	Rehabilitation Objective Category	Proposed Rehabilitation Objectives		Proposed Completion Criteria	Validation Method, Monitoring or Record
Infrastructure (A)	Infrastructure (1)	Retention of infrastructure	All infrastructure that is to remain as part of the final land use is safe and does not pose any hazard to the community.	Retention of infrastructure: All infrastructure that is to remain as part of the final land use is safe and does not pose any hazard to the community.	Hazards isolated and secured.	Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer.
				Tracks suitable for private access or pedestrian usage.	Slopes of major tracks <10° or have cross drains/banks installed. Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar	Survey on completion by registered surveyor.
				Where applicable, necessary approvals are in place (e.g. development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979) where buildings and infrastructure are to be retained as part of final land use.	Permits and approval documents issued.	Copy of any relevant approvals.
				The structural integrity of the infrastructure is suitable and safe for use as part of the intended final land use.	The structural integrity of the infrastructure has been inspected by a suitably qualified engineer and determined to be suitable and safe as part of the intended final land use.	Engineering report/statement, photos, risk assessment verifying modes of failure are adequately addressed to minimise risks to public safety or the environment.
				Infrastructure is in a condition (e.g. structural, electrical, other hazards) that is suitable for the intended final land use.	Formal acceptance from the subsequent landowner that infrastructure is in a condition that is suitable for the intended final land use in accordance with formal agreement.	Formal acceptance from landowner.
			DA N72- Restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.	Infrastructure to remain in the final landform is made safe and suitable for the intended final landuse as soon as practicable in areas where mining is completed.	Establishment of access tracks to be retained in the final landform are to be constructed/stabilised during the final landform establishment works.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
Water Storage (G)	Active Mining Area (Open Cut Void) (5)	Water Approvals	Final water body is appropriately licensed (e.g. under the Water Management Act 2000) and where required, ensure sufficient licence shares are held in the water source(s) to account for water take.	Final landform considers advice from relevant Government Agency whether sufficient licence shares are available in the water source to account for water stored in voids and dams in the proposed final landform	Water approvals / licences are granted by relevant NSW Government Agency.	Confirmation from relevant Government Agency that relevant water approvals / licences are able to be granted.

Final Land Use	Mining Domain	Rehabilitation Objective Category	Proposed Rehabilitation Objectives		Proposed Completion Criteria	Validation Method, Monitoring or Record
Native Ecosystem (Grassland) (A)	Infrastructure (1) Water Management Area (3) Overburden Emplacement (4) Active Mining Area (Open cut void) (5)	Removal of Infrastructure	the final land use is removed to ensure the site is	Removal of all services (power, water, communications) if present, that have been connected on the site as part of the operation.	All utility infrastructure not required for final land use is removed.	Statement provided, utility service disconnection record / notification.
				Removal of all plant, equipment and associated infrastructure including processing facilities, stockpile areas, loading facilities, office complex, portable offices, exploration core samples, camp facilities, storage racks, samples.	Infrastructure removed.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
				Removal of all water management infrastructure (including pumps, pipes and power).	Infrastructure removed.	Statement provided and before/after photos.
			natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a	Measured - survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform batters are no steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be covered with a minimum of 30cm of topsoil and planted with suitable vegetation.	Topsoil is spread over terminal faces.	Test pits indicate spread topsoil depth averages 30cm ± 10cm unless studies indicate an alternative topsoil depth is adequate.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.
				Suitable vegetation has been planted.	Pasture establishment is consistent with the range of species utilised within the region.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.
			. 0	Rehabilitation is undertaken in areas where quarrying is completed.	Annual reporting indicates an increasing trend in total rehabilitation area.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.  Spatial data on the Regulators Rehabilitation Portal.

Final Land Use	Mining Domain	Rehabilitation Objective Category	Proposed Rehabilitation Objectives		Proposed Completion Criteria	Validation Method, Monitoring or Record
		Land Contamination	There is no residual soil contamination on site that is incompatible with the final land use or that poses a threat of environmental harm.	Waste material and/or visible contamination areas on site surface.	There are no visible signs of contamination following the removal of plant, equipment and materials. All rubbish/ waste materials removed from site.	Statement provided and before/after photos.
				Soil testing for contaminants of concern as listed by Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999) applicable to land use type.	Contamination will be appropriately remediated so that appropriate guidelines for land use are met, e.g. Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999). Excess sludge/material has been removed from surface water dams.	Contamination Remediation Report prepared by Land Contamination Consultant Site Contamination Audit Report and Site Audit Statement prepared by EPA Accredited Auditor (where required).
		Landform Stability	The final landform is stable for the long-term and does not present a risk of environmental harm downstream/downslope of the site or a safety risk to the public/stock/native fauna.  Landform that is commensurate with surrounding natural landform and where appropriate, incorporates geomorphic design principles.	Visual - indicators of erosion and land instability.  Visual - indicators that surface water management structure are functioning as designed.  Measured - survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.  Measured – survey/monitoring of rehabilitated landform to specifically monitor settlement and/or material loss via erosion.	Visual- minimal erosion that would not require moderate to significant ongoing management and maintenance works.  Visual – no signs of land instability such as mass movement.  Visual - no areas of active gully erosion.  Visual - no evidence of tunnel erosion.  Visual – no evidence of active scour likely to compromise surface water management structure.  Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.  Survey verifies that settlement and/or material loss is within predicted limits and will not compromise final landform drainage via differential settlement.  Total projected foliage cover is greater than or equal to 70% (Blue Book C -factor equivalent of 0.05)	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports, as-constructed surveys, erosion surveys, and independent geotechnical reports (where required) that indicate long-term stability of rehabilitated landform.  Stability will continue to be evaluated over 2 years.
					Significant surface water management structures (e.g. spillways, drop structures, major drains and creek diversions) have been constructed in accordance with Managing Urban Stormwater 'Blue Book' DECC 2008 requirements.	An engineering assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified person concludes that significant surface water management structures (e.g. spillways, drop structures, and major drains) have been constructed in accordance with Managing Urban Stormwater 'Blue Book' DECC 2008 requirements.
					High risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.	An engineering assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified person concludes that high risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.

Final Land Use	Mining Domain	Rehabilitation Objective Category	Proposed Rehabilitation Objectives		Proposed Completion Criteria	Validation Method, Monitoring or Record
			DA N72- Restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.	Rehabilitation is undertaken in areas where quarrying is completed.	Annual reporting indicates an increasing trend in total rehabilitation area.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.  Spatial data on the Regulators Rehabilitation Portal.
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be battered from natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Measured - survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform batters are no steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
		Surface Water	Runoff water quality from mine site is similar to, or better than the pre-disturbance runoff water quality.	Water Quality meets the objective of Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record pH between 6.5 and 8.5 and total suspended solids <50mg/L or within 10% of 'upstream' levels (whichever is the greater).	Downstream water to be monitored for pH and TSS and meets the proposed criteria.	Water quality monitoring reports.
			DA N72- Restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.	Rehabilitation is undertaken in areas where quarrying is completed.	Annual reporting indicates an increasing trend in total rehabilitation area.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.  Spatial data on the Regulators Rehabilitation Portal.
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be battered from natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Measured - survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform batters are no steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be covered with a minimum of 30cm of topsoil and planted with suitable vegetation.	Topsoil is spread over terminal faces.	Test pits indicate spread topsoil depth averages 30cm <u>+</u> 10cm unless studies indicate an alternative topsoil depth is adequate.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.
		Bushfire	The risk of bushfire and impacts to the community, environment and infrastructure has been addressed as part of rehabilitation.	Appropriate bushfire hazard controls (where required) have been implemented on the advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service.	Bushfire controls implemented.	Statement provided and before/after photos.

Final Land Use	Mining Domain	Rehabilitation Objective Category	Proposed Rehabilitation Objectives		Proposed Completion Criteria	Validation Method, Monitoring or Record
		Agricultural Revegetation	Revegetation is sustainable for the long-term and only requires maintenance that is consistent with the intended final land use.  Land use capability is capable of supporting the target agricultural land use.	Routine Soil Test (bulked soil samples 0-10 cm) Includes: Total Carbon (TC), Total Nitrogen (TN), Organic Matter, TC/TN Ratio; Bray I and II Phosphorus; Colwell Phosphorus; Available cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonium, Nitrate, Phosphate, Sulphur); Available Micronutrients (Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon); Exchangeable (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange Capacity); pH and EC (1:5 water); Basic Colour, Basic Texture.	Land and Soil Capability classification or Agricultural Land Classification criteria met.  The re-established topsoil / subsoil substrate is capable of supporting the targeted pasture / cropping regime on a sustained basis.  Pasture establishment is consistent with the range of species utilised within the region.  Pasture establishment is in good health and provides adequate cover.	Rehabilitation monitoring reports, independent soil reports, environmental monitoring records, independent agronomist reports.  Achievement of criteria to be evaluated over a period of 5 years.
				Resilience demonstrated by the effects of drought and fire on composition, structure and other function attributes of cropping (grassland) lands.	Appropriate and reliable access to water for grassland maintenance.  Resilience to drought and fire.	
				No further active weed control required beyond that considered necessary at analogue sites.	Monitoring confirms the non-target species (weeds) represent less than 10% of projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities.	
			DA N72- Restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.	Rehabilitation is undertaken in areas where quarrying is completed.	Annual reporting indicates an increasing trend in total rehabilitation area.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.  Spatial data on the Regulators Rehabilitation Portal.
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be battered from natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Measured - survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform batters are no steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10m.	Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	As-constructed final landform plan, photos, decommissioning reports etc
			DA N72- Terminal faces are to be covered with a minimum of 30cm of topsoil and planted with suitable vegetation.	Topsoil is spread over terminal faces.	Test pits indicate spread topsoil depth averages 30cm ± 10cm unless studies indicate an alternative topsoil depth is adequate.	Before and after photos, rehabilitation monitoring reports.
		Ecological Revegetation	The vegetation composition is recognisable as, or trending towards, the target vegetation community (Native Grassland species of the Box Gum Woodland identifies adjacent to the site).	Grassland establishment is consistent with the range of species of the Box Gum Woodland adjacent to the site.	Monitoring confirms vegetation is consistent with the range of species of the Box Gum Woodland adjacent to the site	Rehabilitation monitoring reports, environmental monitoring records, independent ecologist reports.  Achievement of criteria to be evaluated over a period of 5 years

### 4.2 REHABILITATION OBJECTIVES AND REHABILITATION COMPLETION CRITERIA – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Consultation undertaken to date is summarised below.

Table 15. Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder	Consultation Activities	Matters Subject to Consultation	Actions
NSW Resources Regulator	Approved Mine Operations Plans Annual Rehabilitation Reports	Nil	Nil
Albury City Council	Annual Rehabilitation Reports	Nil	Nil
EPA	Approval of EPL 20938 in 2017.  Variation of licence in 2021.	Nil	Nil
Residential Neighbours	Nil	Nil	Nil

5	Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan		
5.1	FINAL LANDFORM AND REHABILITATION PLAN – ELECTRONIC COPY		

# Andersons Clay Mine (ML1229) FLRP Plan 1- Final Landform Features



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### Legend

Final Landform Features

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# 6 Rehabilitation Implementation

### 6.1 LIFE OF MINE REHABILITATION SCHEDULE

It should be noted that the life of the mine is limited to the expiration of the Mining Lease on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2032 unless renewed.

Table 16. Life of Mine Rehabilitation Schedule

Rehabilitation Activity		Timing	Assumptions and Principles (Milestones)
Active mining	Any topsoil generated will be stored in perimeter bunds if final surfaces not available.  Any overburden generated will be stored in perimeter bunds or places onto final faces.	Up to 2032 (estimated)	Topsoil stripping is anticipated to be complete prior to 2032, when mining is expected to be completed.  Overburden generation is also anticipated to be complete prior to 2032, when mining is expected to be completed.
Removal of product stockpiles	Any remaining material stockpiles will be removed offsite.  If stockpile material remains it will be utilised in battering slopes to achieve the final landform.	Up to 2032	Raw material exhausted from extraction area.  Mining has ceased.
Water Management	If water is present in pit sump, the volume will be reduced to permit access to pit for mining and then rehabilitation.  Water collected in the pit sump will be discharged, if required, when EPL criteria is met, until the final landform has a coverage of at least 70% and is not prone to sediment entrainment.  Clean water will be diverted around the disturbed area.	Up to 2037	Water management will continue until mining has ceased and the void has ground coverage of at least 70%.
Removal of Infrastructure	Removal of roads not required in the final landform for rehabilitation and maintenance.  Removal of services not required in final landform.	Up to 2037	Mining has ceased.  Infrastructure is no longer required for rehabilitation purposes.

Rehabilitation Activity		Timing	Assumptions and Principles (Milestones)
Batter in-Pit Slopes	Overburden material will be utilised to assist in battering in pit slopes.  Slopes will be lightly ripped where possible to key in overburden material.	2027-North- western highwall area. 2032- North- eastern overburden emplacement area, South- western high wall area, Northern portion of pit floor. 2037- Remaining areas of the void.	Mining has ceased in target areas.  Water levels in the pit are lowered sufficiently to permit access to each final face.
Topsoil Emplacement	Topsoil material stored in bunds will be tested for suitability and ameliorated if required.  Final slopes will be lightly ripped where possible to key in topsoil material.  Topsoil bunds will be removed and reused on final surfaces.	2023- Stored topsoil testing. 2023 to 2037	Applicable when final slopes have been achieved.  Final slopes have been ripped.  Topsoil is suitable for target species.
Establishment of Vegetation	Seeding/planting of pasture species is undertaken on finished surfaces  Watering/Irrigation as required to assist establishment of vegetation.	2023 to 2037	Applicable where final slopes have been achieved.  Suitable topsoil has been spread on final surfaces available to date.  Watering/irrigation to occur after seeding/planting.
Monitoring and Maintenance of Rehabilitation	Monitor progress of rehabilitation areas.  Continue weed management and pest management.  Repair failed rehabilitation areas.	2023 to 2037	Completion of vegetation establishment.

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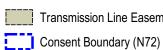
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Legend Feature/Domain

Property Boundary

Authority Boundary (ML1229 (Act 1992)) Major Drainage Line/Creek (NSW Clip & Ship)



Transmission Line Easement



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#### 6.2 PHASES OF REHABILITATION AND GENERAL METHODOLOGIES

## 6.2.1 Active Mining Phase

#### 6.2.1.1 Soils and Materials

#### 6.2.1.1.1 Soil Characterisation

Soil data has been obtained from the eSPADE online database from NSW Office of Environment & Heritage. The sample site was located approximately 2.5km northwest of the Andersons pit. The soil sample was taken to a depth of 0.8m. The four soil profiles were very slightly acidic when tested in the field with pH ranging from 5-6. The texture described as light medium silty to medium clay was found from 0.5m-0.8m. The soil hydrology was described as having a slowly permeable profile that was well drained with no free water. Advice from a horticulturist will be sought to assist with the assessment of soil suitability.

Soil characterisation results will be undertaken during the next reporting period (2023) and are to be incorporated into the rehabilitation risk assessment and this plan where appropriate. Results and recommendations of ongoing soil characterisations will also be discussed in future Annual Reviews.

#### 6.2.1.1.2 Topsoil Stripping and Storage

Land clearing will be undertaken in future years to the south of the site as mining progresses into this area to the full extent of the extraction area. The removal of trees impeding the progress of the mine will be required in the south. Felled trees will be placed in rehabilitation areas perpendicular to the slope to reduce erosion impacts, trap seeds and nutrients as to provide habitat for fauna. Trees not used immediately will be stored in windrows around the perimeter of the site until suitable rehabilitation areas become available.

Prior to stripping all water management features will be constructed which include earth banks (Stormwater Collection Drains) to divert as much clean water as possible and capture the dirty water within the pit sump. Prior to stripping the vegetation should be sprayed for weeds to assist in reducing the weed content in topsoil that may be transferred to new rehabilitation areas.

Stripping should not occur when in either and excessively dry or wet condition. Grading or pushing soil into windrows with graders or dozers for later collection for loading into rear dump trucks by front-end loaders are examples of preferential less aggressive soil handling systems. This minimises compression effects of the heavy equipment that is often necessary for economical transport of soil material.

Where immediate reuse of the topsoil is not possible it will be stored appropriately on the perimeter of the site. That is, stockpiles of topsoil to be located at least five metres from areas of likely concentrated or high velocity flows, especially drainage lines and access roads. The surface of soil stockpiles should be left in as coarsely structured a condition as possible in order to promote infiltration and minimise erosion until vegetation is established, and to prevent anaerobic zones forming.

Topsoil stockpiles are not to exceed 2m in height, overburden stockpiles are kept less than 3 metres in height and are to be seeded with a temporary vegetation cover if stockpiles are to remain longer than 12 months. If necessary, earth banks or drains will be constructed to divert localised run-on.

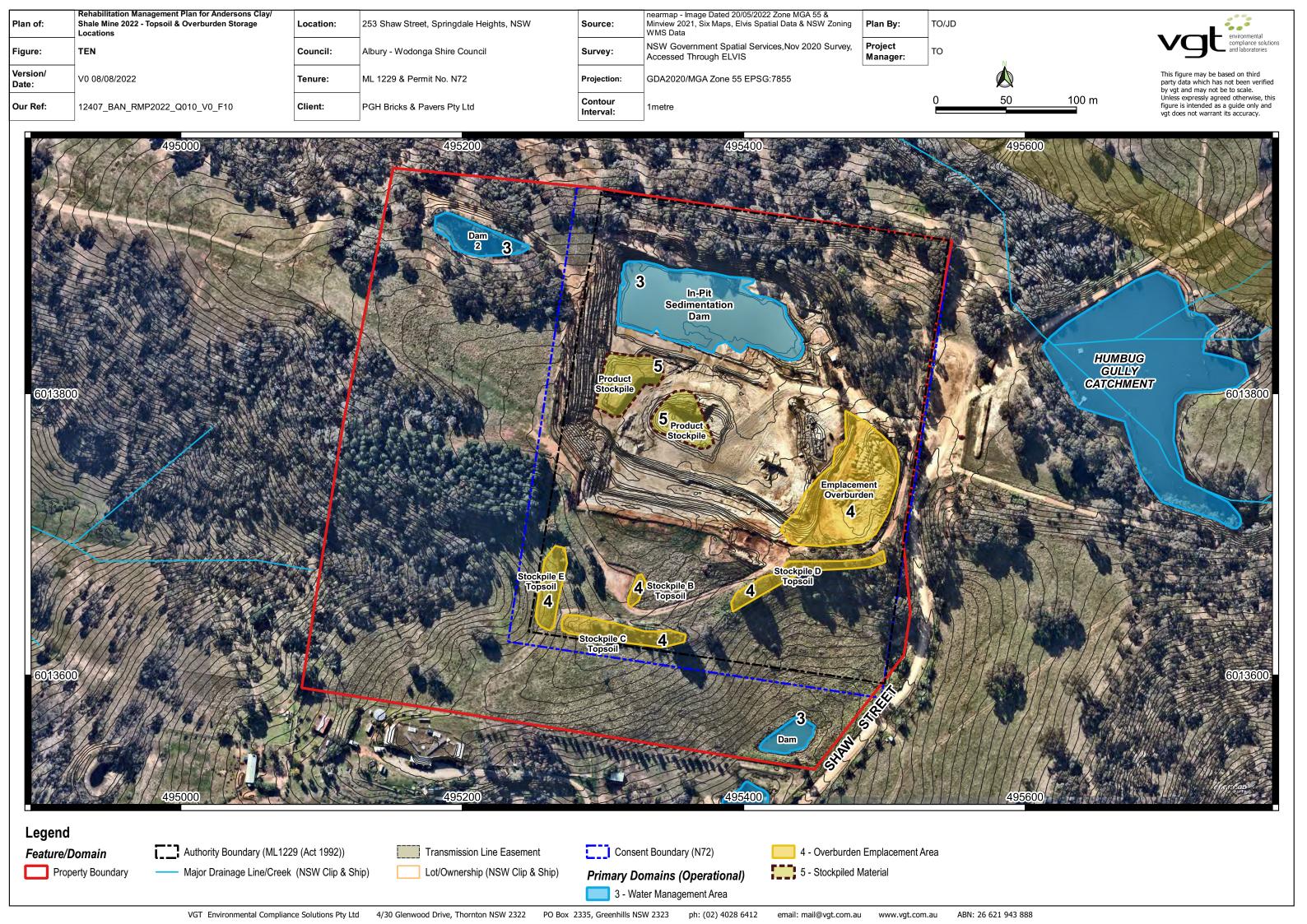
Topsoil to a depth of 10 to 15cm will be stripped first with the subsoils, if found, to a depth of a further 20 to 30cm stripped and stored separately. The actual depth of stripping of each layer will be recorded and a total volume of topsoil and subsoils estimated and an inventory kept. Each stockpile location will be logged. Barrier fencing will be installed to limit access to rehabilitated areas or the stockpiles. Management practices will be carried out to minimise areas being affected by wind and water erosion.

To date, topsoil and overburden not for immediate use in earth mound construction or rehabilitation has been stockpiled in the southern portion of the mine. It is planned to store any topsoil and overburden won from the land clearing in separate bunds around the perimeter of the site to provide a visual and acoustic screen.

An inventory of soils management has been developed by PGH and is summarised below and areas are shown in *Figure Ten*.

Table 17. Andersons Soils Inventory

Area of Interest	October 2020 Volumes	June 2021 Volumes
Topsoil		
Topsoil Stockpile Volumes		
Stockpile B	9	9
Stockpile C	819	819
Stockpile D	13	13
Stockpile E	-	2,805
Topsoil Remining In-Situ		
Southern Area @150mm thick	2,545	1,980
Rehabilitation Area A @150mm thick (est Nov 2019)	240	240
Rehabilitation Area B @150mm thick (est. prior to PGH)	468	468
Total Topsoil Held On Site	6,475	6,334
Final Landform Topsoil Requirements (6.95 Ha)	10,436	10,436
Surplus/Deficit	-3,961	-4,102
<u>Overburden</u>		
Overburden Stockpile Volumes		
Stockpile A	2,381	-
Overburden Generated		
Southern Mining Extension Area	-	5,200
Overburden Emplaced		
South East Emplacement Area	-	7,581



## 6.2.1.2 Flora

When mining to the south is necessary, trees will be moved but kept on site for future rehabilitation and erosion minimisation.

Weed eradication and control will be undertaken; if noxious weeds are identified a qualified weed contractor will spray these. Council conducts inspections of the site and follow-up reports are sent to PGH if treatment is required. A weed Management Program has been developed by PGH (see *Appendix E*).

Due to the highly disturbed nature of the site, it is unlikely that rare or endangered flora are present on site within the ML boundary.

Vegetation species that will be established on the site will be consistent with the identified vegetative communities of *Box Gum Woodland Community*, the *Dry Foothill Forest* and local pasture species. Planting of vegetation is likely to be a combination of seeding and planting with tubestock as appropriate. The newly planted vegetation will be watered, if required, in order to assist in establishment. Tree guards may also be employed to protect seedlings from adverse weather and vermin.

#### 6.2.1.3 Fauna

Due to the highly disturbed nature of the site, it is unlikely that rare or endangered fauna are present on site within the ML boundary.

The mitigation measures to mitigate indirect impacts to the fauna on site will include:

- a speed limit of 20 km/h on unsealed internal roads;
- roads will be regularly maintained by managing vegetation to main visibility to prevent vehicle strike;
- The site is fenced with rural fencing to prevent incursions by livestock. Fencing will be maintained throughout the life of the project and rehabilitation activities; and
- If evidence of feral animal impacts on revegetation is noted, control measures such as rabbit proof fencing will be investigated. A baiting program may also be investigated with the appropriate authorities if required.

## 6.2.1.4 Rock and Overburden Emplacement

Overburden is generally produced at the rate of approximately 5,000T per annum. The overburden is generally stored in bund walls on the southern area of the mine lease boundary.

Overburden is also currently stored on the south east corner of the extraction area and west of Shaw Road, see *Figure Ten.* There is currently approximately 3,000T stored on site. Overburden not required for earth mound construction will be used within the site as cover material and to achieve the final landform profile. It is not anticipated that there will be any surplus overburden material.

## 6.2.1.5 Waste Management

#### 6.2.1.5.1 General Waste

The mine will produce only produce minor quantities of waste during continued mine operations:

- general waste, including putrescible waste such as minimal food scraps; and
- comingled recycling (from office activities and site employees);

General domestic waste is collected in rubbish bins and disposed of via a licensed waste disposal facility.

## 6.2.1.6 Geology and Geochemistry

The site is situated on two geological units.

The northern portion of the site is described, (by Albury 1:50,000 Geological Sheet Error! Reference source not found.) as "Code O-Ss – Upper Ordovician Schist, Fine to medium grained biotite sillimanite schist, knotting absent. Often fine grained grey mica schist resembling hornfels, either as remnants in gneiss or bands of variable thickness and length alternating rapidly with gneiss: gneissic granodiorite, pegmatite. In NSW; quartz-mica schist, containing cordierite sillimanite and andalusite."

The southern portion of the site is "Code Sg – Silurian Jindera Granite – Biotite granite, granodiorite".

There is evidence in the mine of the weathered versions of these rocks. It has been noted that as mining progresses to the south, the resource does become clayey, and this could be visible by the increased amount of feldspar that would be encountered in the granite which would be directly weathered into Kaolin clay.

The site geochemistry provides a minor risk of pH levels below optimum levels for rehabilitation. Analysis of water from within the pit sump indicates that the water at the contact of the Shale and Clay is neutral with very low conductivities. The risk of acid mine drainage is therefore considered to be low. There is very low risk of spontaneous combustion due to the absence of carbonaceous material at the site.

The geochemistry is not expected to present any particular difficulties with regard to overburden and topsoil management. The soils are somewhat dispersive and will be stored appropriately to minimise erosion if they cannot be immediately utilised.

The site is located on the boundary between the Table Top Hydrogeological Landscape (HGL) and the Nail Can-Bungowannah Hydrogeological Landscape. These landscapes are described as having a moderate to high risk that salinity issues will occur. The Table Top landscape water quality is characterised as having moderate salinity levels whilst the Nail Can-Bungowannah landscape is also moderate with observations of conductivities of greater than 600µS/cm within streams.

Conductivities of the water bodies on the site are very low as are the conductivities of the nearby streams. It is concluded that it is unlikely that the soils will experience salinity issues that present limitations to rehabilitation.

Soil chemistry will be investigated prior to revegetation to determine if ameliorants are required. It should be noted that the endemic species selected for revegetation are suitable and adapt to these soils.

## 6.2.1.7 Material Prone to Spontaneous Combustion

There is no material on the site that is prone to spontaneous combustion.

## 6.2.1.8 Material Prone to Generating Acid Mine Drainage

There is no material on the site that is prone to generating acid mine drainage.

#### 6.2.1.9 Ore Beneficiation Waste Management

There is no ore beneficiation waste produced on the site.

### 6.2.1.10 Erosion and Sediment Control

The water management of the site has been developed to comply with *Managing Urban Stormwater*, *Soils and Construction*, *Volume 2E Mines and Quarries*. Sediment basins are designed for a 90th percentile, 5-day rainfall event assuming a non-sensitive receiving environment.

#### 6.2.1.10.1 Constraints and Characteristics

Important site physical characteristics are identified in the table below.

Table 18. Constraints and Characteristics

Constraint/Opportunity	Value
IFD:2 year, 6 hour storm	6.02 (from the BOM IFD data)
Slope Gradients	Up to 45% on highwalls and 1% on the pit floor
Soil Erodibility	0.050 (assumed)
	High (from NSW Soil and Land Information System- Soil technical report)
Calculated Soil Loss	Up to 570 tonnes per Ha/yr on steeper slopes
Soil Loss Class	5
Soil Hydrological Group	D
Runoff Coefficient (Cv)	0.64
Runoff Coefficient (C <sub>10</sub> ) for peak flow	0.9
Disturbed Site Area	6.8 ha

The Soil Hydrological Group for the soil materials is assumed to be D, very high run-off potential. Water moves into and through these soils very slowly when thoroughly wetted. They regularly shed run-off from most rainfall events.

Conservatively, sediment retention basins are designed using the Type D Soils calculations. This includes the sediment storage zone calculation using the estimated soil loss for the site over two months.

The likely soil loss is calculated with the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE). The values of the other RUSLE factors are: P of 1.3 and the C is assumed to be 1.0 for bare soil. Calculations can be found in *Appendix D*.

#### 6.2.1.10.2 Catchments

Clean water is prevented from entering the disturbed area via perimeter bunds and is also assisted by the higher topography of the pit relative to the surrounding areas.

Surface water captured within the main pit area is directed to the pit sump.

The following table summarises the Catchment volumes required by the *Managing Urban Stormwater, Soils and Construction, Volume 2E Mines and Quarries.* Calculations were provided in the previous Mining Operations Plan.

Table 19. Catchment Volumes

Dam Identification/ Catchment		Sediment Basin Storage (soil) volume (m³)	Sediment Basin Storage (water) volume (m³)	Dam Volume Required for 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 5-day rainfall event (m³)	Dam Volume Required for 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 5-day rainfall event for a 20-day management period (170%) (m³)
Disturbed Mine Area	4.7	86	1,059	1,145	1,947

Table 20. Total Sediment Dam Volumes

Dam Identification/ Catchment	Dam Area (m²)	Estimated Depth (m)	Estimated Volume (m³)
In Pit Sedimentation Dam	1,100*	4	4,400

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Area estimated from Nearmaps photo dated February 2020.

As can be seen from the calculations above the current sediment dam is sufficient to contain the design storm event. It should be noted however that the total void has a vastly greater volume, at approximately 1,447,000m³ before it would overtop.

## 6.2.1.10.3 Management of Soil and Erosion

Surfaces at most risk of erosion are exposed surfaces within the pit, particularly where slopes are steep. Incident rainfall is the primary mechanism from which erosion can occur. Sediment can be mobilised by surface water received over the exposed surfaces. The fine clay material found on the site is prone to erosion and sediment entrainment.

The control of erosion and sedimentation at the site focusses on source reduction measures. In general, these measures include:

- Reading the Water Management Plan (WMP) and any other plans or written instructions issued in relation to development at the subject site.
- Ensure contractors undertake all soil and water management works as instructed in this specification and constructed following the guidelines stated in the NSW Managing Urban Stormwater (the "Blue Book") and Managing Urban Stormwater, Soil and Construction, Volume 2E Mines and Quarries
- Informing all subcontractors of their responsibilities in minimising the potential for soil erosion and pollution to downslope areas.

#### 6.2.1.10.4 Works Sequence

All works are to be undertaken following the approved Forward Plan in the following sequence:

- Topsoil in new areas will be surveyed, mapped and the texture, thickness and quality described prior to stripping.
  Topsoil and overburden not for immediate use will be stockpiled in appropriate areas and limited to 2 metres in
  height and revegetated with temporary ground cover species, mulching or chemical stabilisers or binders if they
  are to remain in place for more than 30 days. A minimum of 70 percent cover is required for both mulch and
  vegetative covers;
- Construct earth banks (Stormwater Collection Drains) to divert as much clean water as possible and capture the dirty water in the extraction area;
- Undertake extraction activities in the new area;
- · Rehabilitate lands in exhausted areas with topsoil and overburden and revegetate;
- Install barrier fencing to limit access to rehabilitated areas; and
- Ensure management practices are carried out to minimise areas being affected by wind and water erosion.

#### 6.2.1.10.5 Erosion Control Instructions

The soil erosion hazard on the site will be kept as low as practicable by minimising disturbance. Some ways of doing this are outlined in *Table 21*. Extraction will take place within a defined work area. Entry to land not involved directly in the extraction process will be prohibited and will be managed as natural grassland or woodland as appropriate. Vehicular access to the site will be limited to that essential for extraction or rehabilitation.

Table 21. Limitations to Access

Landuse	Access Limitations	Comments
Extraction	Land disturbances beyond five (preferably two) metres from the edge of the operations are prohibited.	All site workers should clearly recognise these areas and they should be clearly marked — suitable materials include barrier mesh, sediment fencing, etc. The project manager will determine
Access Roads	Roads and tracks are limited to a width that are the minimum necessary to allow safe operation of heavy equipment	their actual location on site. They can vary in position to conserve existing vegetation best while being considerate of the needs of efficient works activities.
Remaining Lands	Land disturbances are prohibited except for essential management works.	don mod.

#### Rehabilitation means:

Achieving a C-factor (Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation) of less than 0.1 and setting in motion a program that should ensure it will drop permanently, by reducing the risk of erosion by vegetation, paving, armouring, etc. as soon as practicable after extraction activities cease.

It should be noted that the cover factor, C, is the ratio of soil loss from land under specified crop or mulch conditions to the corresponding loss from continuously tilled, bare soil. A C-factor of 1.0 corresponds to that of bare soil.

While C-factors are likely to rise to 1.0 during the work's program, they should not exceed those given in Table 15 within the specified times.

Table 22. Maximum acceptable C-factors at nominated times during works

Lands	Maximum C- Factor	Remarks
Waterways and other areas subjected to concentrated flows, post construction.	0.05	Applies after ten working days from completion of formation and before they are allowed to carry any concentrated flows. Flows are limited to those indicated in "Blue Book". Foot and vehicular traffic are prohibited in these areas.
Stockpiles, post clearance	0.1	Applies after ten working days from completion of formation.
All lands, including waterways and stockpiles during construction	0.15	Applies after 20 working days of inactivity, even though works might continue later.

Note: working days does not include public holidays, weekends or days when work is not possible due to wet weather.

The required C factors can be achieved in the short term (temporary protection for up to six months) with either:

- a suitable soil binder in areas of sheet flow, e.g. topsoil stockpiles; and
- a temporary vegetative cover.

Any soil binders applied should be employed following the manufacturer's instructions.

A suggested listing of suitable plant species is shown in *Table 16*. Before sowing, additional tests should be undertaken to assess the requirements of ameliorants such as lime to help plant growth.

Table 23. Plant Species for Temporary Cover

Sowing Season	Seed Mix
Autumn/Winter	Oats @ 40kg/Ha Japanese Millet @ 10kg/Ha
Spring/Summer	Oats @ 20kg/Ha
	Japanese Millet @ 20kg/Ha

While ever the C-factor is higher than 0.1, maintain the lands in a condition that resists removal by wind. This can be achieved by keeping the soil moist (not wet) by sprinkling with water and where practicable, leaving the surface in a cloddy state. Notwithstanding the above, schedule works so that the duration from the conclusion of land shaping to completion of final stabilisation is less than 10 days on slopes steeper than 30 per cent and 20 days on slopes less steep than 30 per cent.

Lands planted recently with grass species will be watered regularly until an effective cover has properly established and plants are growing vigorously. Follow-up seed and fertiliser will be applied as necessary in areas of minor soil

erosion and/or inadequate vegetative protection. Where practicable, foot and vehicular traffic will be kept away from all recently stabilised areas.

Topsoil is to be stripped in a moist condition to avoid pulverisation and dust and topsoil stockpiles are not to exceed 2m in height with a minimum crest width of 2m. They should be seeded with a temporary vegetation cover if stockpiles are to remain longer than 30 days. Stockpiles are to be located at least five metres from areas of likely concentrated or high velocity flows, especially drainage lines and access roads. If necessary, earth banks or drains will be constructed to divert localised run-on. Soil materials are to be replaced in the same order they are removed from the ground. It is particularly important that all subsoils are buried and topsoils remain on the surface at the completion of works.

Earth batters can have maximum gradients of 2(H):1(V) during the works program but will be laid back to lower grades before the rehabilitation program starts.

All waterways, drains, spillways and outlets will be constructed to be stable in accordance with the "Blue Book" for soils with high erodibilities.

## 6.2.1.11 Ongoing Management of Biological Resources for Use in Rehabilitation

## 6.2.1.11.1 Topsoil Management

Topsoil stripping and storage management is discussed in *Section 6.2.1.1.2*. Topsoil will be analysed prior to respreading to determine if amelioration measures are required such as lime, fertilisers or other nutrients to make the soil suitable for the species to be planted.

Prior to re-spreading stockpiled topsoil onto reshaped overburden, an assessment of weed infestation on stockpiles should be undertaken to determine if individual stockpiles require herbicide application and / or "scalping" of weed species prior to topsoil spreading. If insufficient on-site topsoil material is available, VENM may be imported to meet the shortfall.

## 6.2.1.11.2 Methods of Propagation

Seeds may be collected from existing vegetated areas of the site for use in revegetation, however, it is most likely that seed will be required to be purchased. In that instance, certified seeds will be preferential. Consultation with an ecologist will be sought determine the most effective methods for propagating plant species.

## 6.2.1.12 Mine Subsidence

There are no areas of mine subsidence that require management on the site.

## 6.2.1.13 Management of Potential Cultural and Heritage Issues

The following mitigation measures will be applied:

- The work will proceed with caution and the following actions will be taken in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence recommendations:
  - In the event that unexpected Aboriginal objects, sites or places are discovered, DPIE will be notified
    as soon as practicable after they are first identified.
  - In the event that known or suspected human skeletal remains are encountered, the following procedure will be followed:
    - the immediate vicinity will be secured to protect the find and the find will be immediately reported to the work supervisor who will immediately advise the site supervisor or other nominated senior staff member;
    - the environmental manager or other nominated senior staff member will notify the police and the state coroner on the same day of the find (as required for all human remains discoveries);
    - the environmental manager or other nominated senior staff member will contact DPIE for advice on identification of the skeletal material as Aboriginal and if so, management of the material;

- if it is determined that the skeletal material is ancestral Aboriginal remains, the Aboriginal community will be contacted, and consultative arrangements will be made to discuss ongoing care of the remains;
- the site will be recorded in accordance with the NPW Act and DPIE guidelines; and
- if the remains are historical and not of Aboriginal origin, the Heritage Division of DPIE will be notified for further instruction.

## 6.2.1.14 Exploration Activities

Exploration activities will be limited in nature and are likely to include costeaning within existing mining footprint and the southern portion of the mining lease. There will be no rehabilitation of exploration activities in these areas as they will be subject to extraction activities prior to final site rehabilitation.

## 6.2.2 Decommissioning

## 6.2.2.1 Site Security

In the interest of public safety and reducing the incidence of trespassers, fences and signage have been maintained along the perimeter of the mine site. Access is gained via a locked gate at the entrance.

Visitors onto the site must report to the site supervisor. All visitors must be always accompanied by PGH personnel.

#### 6.2.2.2 Infrastructure to be Removed or Demolished

There are no services such as electricity or water to be removed from the site. The In-Pit Sediment Dam that is used for water management during the extraction operations will be retained in the final landform.

A portable shed used as an office is present on site. It will be removed when mining and rehabilitation activities are completed.

## 6.2.2.3 Buildings, Structures and Fixed Plant to be Retained

No buildings or structures will be retained in the final landform.

## 6.2.2.4 Management of Carbonaceous/Contaminated Material

There is no carbonaceous or contaminated material remaining on site.

## 6.2.2.5 Hazardous Materials Management

There are no hazardous materials stored on the site. During mining, hauling and rehabilitation activities, contractors may bring fuel or oils onto the site via mobile equipment. Mobile vehicles are required to carry spill kits and a spill kit is located at the site office.

Site management processes will periodically review conformance with these controls and standards.

## 6.2.2.6 Underground Infrastructure

There is no underground infrastructure on the mining lease.

#### 6.2.3 Landform Establishment

#### 6.2.3.1 Water Management Infrastructure

The void has been envisaged to remain and capture water in the form of a dam. Preliminary calculations suggest that the final void is unlikely to overtop. Losses due to evaporation and dissipation will balance the rate of rainfall received well before the whole void would be filled. In any case, a spillway designed for a 1 in 100-year ARI storm event will be installed in order to safely convey dam water off the site.

A Water Access Licence will be sought for the remaining water body if required in the final landform closer to completion of mining.

If any sediment dams are constructed outside of the void these will be designed to Best Practice according to the 'Blue Book' Criteria for a 5 day 90th percentile storm event. Any drains required will be designed for the 1 in 10 years design storm event and all spillways will be designed for the 1 in 100-year design storm event and do not re-entrain sediment.

## 6.2.3.2 Final Landform Construction: General Requirements

Final landform within the pit will, for the most part, consist of slopes 5 horizontal to 1 vertical, with slope lengths generally 80m or less as required. Slopes greater than 80 metres will be broken by catch drains to convey the surface water to the sediment dam to reduce erosion effects. Steeper slope lengths shall not exceed 25m for a 3H: 1V batter and 35m for a 4H: 1V batter.

The final landform will contain a water body in the mine void, with shaped slopes and revegetation with pasture and native grasses.

Slopes of major tracks are to be graded to less than 10° or have cross drains/banks installed. Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.

## 6.2.3.3 Final Landform Construction: Reject Emplacement Areas and Tailings Dams

There are no reject emplacement areas or tailing dams on the site.

## 6.2.3.4 Final Landform Construction: Final Voids, Highwalls and Low Walls

Slopes will be kept to the minimum possible to reduce erosion impacts and sediment entrainment. Drainage will be established to direct surface water into the final water body. Surface water outside the void catchment will be diverted to neighbouring properties as currently occurs. Exposed surfaces may be roughened to minimise erosion and maximise rainfall infiltration.

Battering of the western highwall will commence over the next three years (2022-2025). It is envisaged that battering will begin at the base of the highwall, from the southern end, and progress in a northerly direction. The process will be reiterated progressively up the highwall creating five metre benches from whence equipment can safely construct subsequent benches.

As the mine cannot extend any further west, the western highwall provides an opportunity to progressively rehabilitate the exhausted mine area. Overburden won from the extension of the active mining area in the south will be utilised to assist in the battering of the highwall.

Battering of the highwalls will be reiterated in the south and other remaining slopes as described above until the final landform is achieved.

#### 6.2.3.5 Construction of Creek/ River Diversion Works

There are no creek or river diversion on the site.

## **6.2.4** Growth Medium Development

Once final rehabilitation faces become available, they will be ripped using a dozer and the overburden material will be keyed into the surface. This will increase water retention and reduce erosion and slumping of the emplaced overburden. Where topsoil resources allow, topsoil should be spread to a nominal depth of 300 mm (unless studies indicate an alternative depth) on all re-graded subsoils. Subsoils will be emplaced first over the battered overburden material used to create the final landform. The depth of subsoils should aim to replicate that of the original soil profile. Mulching of vegetation removed during land clearing may be used to assist in developing the growth medium.

The existing topsoil and overburden are suitable for rehabilitation but may require some amelioration, depending on the vegetation species selected. Soil testing would be undertaken prior to permanent revegetation and advice from a suitably qualified specialist would be sought. Soil ameliorants would be added if recommended by soil testing results to provide a suitable soil medium for the growth of the targeted species and ecosystems. Topsoil should be spread, treated with fertiliser and seeded in one consecutive operation, to reduce the potential for topsoil loss to wind and water erosion.

Thorough seedbed preparation should be undertaken to ensure optimum establishment and growth of vegetation. All topsoiled areas should be lightly contour ripped (after topsoil spreading) to create a "key" between the soil and the spoil. Ripping should be undertaken on the contour. Best results will be obtained by ripping when soil is moist and when undertaken immediately prior to sowing. The respread topsoil surface should be scarified prior to, or during seeding, to reduce run-off and increase infiltration. This can be undertaken by contour tilling with a fine-tyned plough or disc harrow.

Establishment of the growth medium is preferable in late winter early spring to enable planting to occur during spring to give the vegetation the optimum growing conditions. Weed control measure will continue to be undertaken as required.

## 6.2.5 Ecosystem and Land Use Establishment

Sowing methods may be via hand casting or direct drilling. Seedlings will be directly planted. Consideration will be given to short lived sterile grasses to establish ground cover and stabilising of soil whilst the target cropping species establish. Advice from an agronomist will be sought to determine the most suitable species.

Plant guards may be considered if necessary to ensure the establishment of some tubestock and will be erected at the time of planting. These will be regularly inspected to ensure that they are providing sufficient protection for the juvenile plants and replaced when necessary

Watering of the rehabilitated areas may be undertaken via the use of a water cart if required i.e. prolonged dry periods. Once established the grassland species should not require continued watering. Regular monitoring and control for weeds will continue and should be of a similar frequency requirement to neighbouring pastures.

## 6.2.6 Ecosystem and Land Use Development

- Weed monitoring will continue and will confirm that after 2 years the non-target species (weeds) represents less than 20% of projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities;
- Inspection of dams, drains and other water management structures will be undertaken monthly for the first six months then six monthly until completion criteria are achieved. Repairs will be undertaken as required;
- Inspections to identify any land instability such as mass movement to be undertaken and if identified, advice from geotechnical experts to be sought and repairs effected;
- Vegetation will be monitored and areas where establishment has failed will be identified and assessed by an agronomist or similar. Remediation will be undertaken as advised. Remediation may include application of ameliorants, reseeding, mulching etc;
- Assessment of land capability will be undertaken to ensure the land meets the requirements of the final land use;
- Monitoring of soil parameters to determine continued suitability for developing ecosystem. Application of ameliorants to be undertaken, including fertilisation if required. Routine Soil Test (bulked soil sample 0-10 cm) may include but no limited to;
  - Total Carbon (TC), Total Nitrogen (TN), Organic Matter, TC/TN Ratio; Bray I and II Phosphorus;
     Colwell Phosphorus; Available cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonium, Nitrate,
     Phosphate, Sulphur); Available Micronutrients (Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon);
     Exchangeable (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange
     Capacity); pH and EC (1:5 water); Basic Colour, Basic Texture;
- Inspection and repair of fencing as appropriate;
- · Inspection and repair of access tracks as appropriate; and
- Bushfire controls are to continue and monitored for effectiveness.

## 6.3 REHABILITATION OF AREAS AFFECTED BY SUBSIDENCE

There are no areas affected by subsidence on the site.

# 7 Rehabilitation Quality Assurance Process

Table 24. Rehabilitation Quality Assurance Process

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Active Mining (Land Clearing)			
Topsoil Stockpile Management  Slopes no greater than 3H:1V.  Topsoil stockpile height no greater than 2 metres.	Mine Manager Surveyor	Survey data of topsoil stockpiles.  GIS data and plans.  Soil inventory.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
<ul> <li>No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.</li> <li>Record volumes and locations of topsoil stockpiles.</li> <li>Volume of material, topsoil and subsoil required for application to current and future disturbance areas</li> <li>Chronology of treatments (e.g. weed control, application of cover crop) undertaken on the stockpile.</li> <li>Achieve groundcover factor of at least 0.05 (70% coverage) on stockpiles with long term inactivity.</li> <li>Estimate of the volume of suitable alternative material required to be imported onto site to supplement potential material, topsoil and subsoil deficits.</li> </ul>		Reports from weed contractors.  Photography and site inspections reports.	See Section 11
<ul> <li>Overburden Stockpile Management</li> <li>Slopes no greater than 3H:1V.</li> <li>Stockpile height no greater than 3 metres.</li> <li>No stockpiles to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.</li> <li>Record volumes and locations of overburden stockpiles.</li> <li>Volume of material, overburden required for application to current and future disturbance areas</li> <li>Chronology of treatments (e.g. weed control, application of cover crop) undertaken on the stockpile.</li> <li>Achieve groundcover factor of at least 0.05 (70% coverage) on stockpiles with long term inactivity.</li> <li>Estimate of the volume of suitable alternative material required to be imported onto site to supplement potential material deficits.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager Surveyor	Survey data of overburden stockpiles. GIS data and plans. Soil inventory. Reports from weed contractors. Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
<ul> <li>Flora and Fauna</li> <li>Trees are tapped with the bucket to alert fauna and then laid down with an ecologist on site to assist any injured wild life.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
<ul> <li>Domestic type wastes will be stored in a small, designated waste storage area within the site.</li> <li>Wastes will be removed by licenced contractor.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Erosion	Mine Manager	Survey data.	Annual Rehabilitation Report
Consider benched mining design on highwalls.		GIS data and plans.	Section 8.3
<ul> <li>Slopes of major tracks are to be &lt;10 degrees or have cross drains/banks installed.</li> </ul>		Photography and site inspections	See Section 11
<ul> <li>Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks are to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.</li> </ul>		reports.	
Track walk or lightly rip exposed surfaces to encourage infiltration of rainwater.			
<ul> <li>Achieve ground coverage factor of at least 0.05 (70%) via vegetation, mulch or similar within 30 days of completion of works on rehabilitated areas.</li> </ul>			
Sediment	Mine Manager	Survey data.	Annual Rehabilitation Report
Sediment dams designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.		GIS data and plans.	Section 8.3
Capacity of sediment dams to be monitored for available capacity.		Photography and site inspections	See Section 11
Drains to be designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.		reports.	
Spillways to be designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.			
<ul> <li>Receiving capacity of sediment dams to be maintained by reuse of water on-site for dust suppression and discharge when required in accordance with EPL conditions.</li> </ul>			
Drains to be installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams.			
Installation of silt fences around disturbed area as appropriate.			
No silt fences to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.			
Upstream clean water to be diverted via diversion drains or bunds as far as possible.			
Wind Erosion	Mine Manager	Weather data.	Annual Rehabilitation Report
Water cart to be engaged during mining, hauling and rehabilitation activities.		Watercart usage/pumping volumes.	Section 8.3
During adverse conditions:		Photography and site inspections	See Section 11
Cease mining or hauling activities in adverse wind conditions; and		reports.	
Increase water cart frequency			
Water Quality	Mine manager	Water testing reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report
<ul> <li>Water quality discharged meets the objective of Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and EPL</li> </ul>	NATA Accredited laboratory	EPL annual returns	Section 8.3
20938 conditions. In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record total suspended solids <50mg/L.			See Section 11

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Active Mining (Production)			
Topsoil Stockpile Management	Mine Manager Surveyor	Survey data of topsoil stockpiles. GIS data and plans. Soil inventory. Reports from weed contractors. Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
, •	Mine Manager Surveyor	Survey data of overburden stockpiles. GIS data and plans. Soil inventory. Reports from weed contractors. Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
<ul> <li>Waste</li> <li>Domestic type wastes will be stored in a small, designated waste storage area within the site.</li> <li>Wastes will be removed by licenced contractor.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
<ul> <li>Consider benched mining design on highwalls.</li> <li>Slopes of major tracks are to be &lt;10 degrees or have cross drains/banks installed.</li> <li>Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks are to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.</li> <li>Track walk or lightly rip exposed surfaces to encourage infiltration of rainwater.</li> <li>Achieve ground coverage factor of at least 0.05 (70%) via vegetation, mulch or similar within 30 days of completion of works on rehabilitated areas.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Survey data.  GIS data and plans.  Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
<ul> <li>Sediment</li> <li>Sediment dams designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.</li> <li>Capacity of sediment dams to be monitored for available capacity.</li> <li>Drains to be designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.</li> <li>Spillways to be designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.</li> <li>Receiving capacity of sediment dams to be maintained by reuse of water on-site for dust suppression and discharge when required in accordance with EPL conditions.</li> <li>Drains to be installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams.</li> <li>Installation of silt fences around disturbed area as appropriate.</li> <li>No silt fences to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.</li> <li>Upstream clean water to be diverted via diversion drains or bunds as far as possible.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Survey data. GIS data and plans. Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11
Wind Erosion  Water cart to be engaged during mining, hauling and rehabilitation activities.  During adverse conditions:  Cease mining or hauling activities in adverse wind conditions: and  Increase water cart frequency  Water Quality  Water quality discharged meets the objective of Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and EPL 20938 conditions. In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record total suspended solids <50mg/L.	Mine Manager  Mata Accredited laboratory	Weather data. Watercart usage/pumping volumes. Photography and site inspections reports.  Water testing reports.  EPL annual returns	Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11  Annual Rehabilitation Report Section 8.3 See Section 11

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Decommissioning			
<ul> <li>Infrastructure (Retained)</li> <li>Damage to access tracks has been repaired and stabilised.</li> <li>Slopes of major tracks &lt;10° or have cross drains/banks installed. Where unsuitable soils are present, tracks to be stabilised with crushed bricks, concrete, gravel or similar.</li> <li>Roads reduced in width to that suitable for final land use.</li> <li>Where applicable, necessary approvals are in place (e.g. development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979) where buildings and infrastructure are to be retained as part of final land use.</li> <li>The structural integrity of the infrastructure is suitable and safe for use as part of the intended final land use.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager Structural Engineer Surveyor	Survey data. Structural reports Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report  Decommissioning Report  See Section 11  Section 8.3
<ul> <li>Infrastructure (Removed)</li> <li>Removal of all services (power, water, communications) that have been connected on the site as part of the operation.</li> <li>Removal of all plant, equipment and associated infrastructure including processing facilities, stockpile areas, and loading facilities, office complex, portable offices, exploration core samples, camp facilities, storage racks, samples.</li> <li>Removal of all water management infrastructure (including pumps, pipes and power).</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Utility service disconnection record / notification.  Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report  Decommissioning Report  See Section 11  Section 8.3
<ul> <li>Overburden and Stockpile Areas</li> <li>All overburden stockpiles are removed and or incorporated into the final landform.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager	Survey data.  Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report  Decommissioning Report  See Section 11  Section 8.3
<ul> <li>Waste</li> <li>All rubbish/ waste materials removed from site.</li> <li>Contamination will be appropriately remediated so that appropriate guidelines for land use are met, e.g. Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999).</li> <li>Excess sludge/material has been removed from surface water dams.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager Land Contamination Consultant EPA Accredited Auditor	Contamination Remediation Report Site Contamination Audit Report Site Audit Statement (where required) Photography and site inspections reports.	Annual Rehabilitation Report Decommissioning Report See Section 11 Section 8.3

Key A	ctions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Landfe	orm Establishment			
•	Slopes outside the final void are no greater than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.	Mine Manager	Engineering drawings	Annual Rehabilitation Report
•	Slopes within the final void are no greater than 5 horizontal to 1 vertical.	Earth moving contractor	Survey data.	Decommissioning Report
•	Slope Lengths shall not exceed 80 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar where slopes are <4H:1V.	CPESC	Photography and site inspections	See Section 11
•	Slope Lengths shall not exceed 35 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar where slopes are 4H:1V.	Surveyor	reports.	Section 8.3
•	Slope Lengths shall not exceed 25 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar where slopes are 3H:1V	NATA Accredited laboratory	Topsoil and overburden material inventory	
•	Sediment dams designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.		Water testing results	
•	Capacity of sediment dams to be monitored for available capacity.		Trater teeting recalls	
•	Drains to be designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.			
•	Spillways to be designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.			
•	Drains to be installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams prior to vegetation establishment.			
•	Installation of silt fences around disturbed area as appropriate.			
•	No silt fences to be constructed in areas of concentrated flows.			
•	High risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.			
•	Final landform conforms to the approved final landform.			
•	Overburden material stored on site has been utilised to achieve the final landform.			
•	Water quality discharged meets the objective of Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and EPL 20938 conditions. In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record total suspended solids <50mg/L.			

Key Actions	Responsibilities	Records	Review
Growth Medium Development			
<ul> <li>The re-established topsoil / subsoil substrate is capable of supporting the targeted cropping/grassland regime on a sustained basis. Analysis to determine suitability may include:         <ul> <li>Total Carbon (TC), Total Nitrogen (TN), Organic Matter, TC/TN Ratio; Bray I and II Phosphorus; Colwell Phosphorus; Available cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonium, Nitrate, Phosphate, Sulphur); Available Micronutrients (Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon); Exchangeable (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange Capacity); pH and EC (1:5 water); Basic Colour, Basic Texture.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ameliorants to be applied to topsoil material if required as identified by testing.</li> <li>A topsoil established of at least 300 millimetres thick, in accordance with the consent, (unless studies determine otherwise) and comprising clean soils, which can include compost to help with vegetation establishment and growth.</li> <li>Imported topsoil (if required) conforms to consent conditions and is certified in accordance with EPA requirements.</li> <li>Track walk or lightly rip exposed surfaces to encourage infiltration of rainwater.</li> </ul> Ecosystem and Landuse Establishment	Mine Manager  Earth moving contractor  NATA Accredited laboratory  Agronomist or similar	Photography and site inspections reports.  Topsoil and overburden material inventory  Soil testing results	Annual Rehabilitation Report Decommissioning Report See Section 11 Section 8.3
<ul> <li>Advice from an agronomist will be sought to determine the most suitable species.</li> <li>Seeds for use in rehabilitation will be certified where possible.</li> <li>Reseeding of the final landform with suitable grassland species will be undertaken by direct seeding where terrain permits or spray emulsion</li> <li>Watering of the rehabilitated areas may be undertaken via the use of a water cart if required i.e. prolonged dry periods.</li> <li>Regular monitoring and control for weeds will continue and should be of a similar frequency requirement to neighbouring pastures.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager Agronomist or similar Weed/pest control contractor	Photography and site inspections reports.  Water testing results  Seed viability certificates  Water cart volumes and frequency  Weather data	Annual Rehabilitation Report  Decommissioning Report  See Section 11  Section 8.3
Ecosystem and Landuse Development			
<ul> <li>Total foliage cover is greater than or equal to 70%.</li> <li>Monitoring confirms that after 2 years the non-target species (weeds) represents less than 20% projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities.</li> <li>Rural fences and gates installed around disturbed area to protect rehabilitation areas.</li> <li>Feral animal controls will be implemented if required.</li> <li>Minimal erosion or land instability evident that would not require moderate to significant ongoing management and maintenance works.</li> <li>Surface water management structures are functioning as designed.</li> <li>Water quality discharged meets the objective of Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and EPL 20938 conditions. In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record total suspended solids &lt;50mg/L.</li> </ul>	Mine Manager  NATA Accredited laboratory  Agronomist or similar  Weed/pest control contractor	Photography and site inspections reports.  Water testing results	Annual Rehabilitation Report Decommissioning Report See Section 11 Section 8.3

## 8 Rehabilitation Monitoring Program

## 8.1 ANALOGUE SITE BASELINE MONITORING

Control analogue sites will be identified in consultation with a MEG representative and person(s) suitably qualified in flora and landform assessment. It is expected that these sites will be used as a comparison to assist in determining whether the objectives relating to slope stability and vegetation coverage have been achieved. Progress towards identifying these sites will be reported in the annual review.

## 8.2 REHABILITATION ESTABLISHMENT MONITORING

This section summarises monitoring to be undertaken during the commencement of Ecosystem and Landuse Establishment phase of rehabilitation.

Table 25. Rehabilitation Establishment Inspection Regime

Monitoring	Frequency	Records
Topsoil/Subsoil suitability testing for key parameters.	6 monthly for the first 12 months.  Yearly for the next 2 years.	NATA laboratory results.
Topsoil/Subsoil depth measurements to ensure sufficient depth emplaced and maintained.	6 monthly for the first 12 months.  Yearly for the next 2 years.	Photography and/or inspection checklist. Soil sampling reports.
Purchased seed viability certification.	Prior to purchase.	Seed viability certificate or similar.
Seed coverage on rehabilitated areas.	Post spreading on topsoil.	Photography and/or inspection report.
Soil moisture.	Weekly for the first month after seeds are spread.  Monthly for the next 12 months whilst vegetation establishes.  3 monthly for the next 2 years.	Photography and/or inspection report.
Weed numbers.	6 monthly.	Photography and/or inspection checklist.  Weed control contractor reports if spraying undertaken.
Access restrictions/fencing of rehabilitation areas.	6 monthly.	Photography and/or inspection checklist.
Evidence of Erosion.	Monthly for the first 12 months whilst vegetation establishes.  3 monthly for the next 2 years.	Photography and/or inspection checklist.
Surface water management structures.	Monthly for the first 12 months.  3 monthly for the next 2 years.	Photography and/or inspection checklist.

Monitoring	Frequency	Records
Surface water quality.	Monthly for the first 12 months.  3 monthly for the next 2 years.	NATA laboratory results.  Trend data/graphs
Vegetation coverage	Monthly for the first 12 months whilst vegetation establishes.  3 monthly for the next 2 years.	Photography and/or inspection checklist.

## 8.3 MEASURING PERFORMANCE AGAINST REHABILITATION OBJECTIVES AND REHABILITATION COMPLETION CRITERIA

The performance of the site rehabilitation will be measured against the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria outlined in Section 4.

Table 26. Rehabilitation Objectives and Completion Criteria Inspection Regime

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
Decommissioning Phase					
Retention of infrastructure:  All infrastructure that is to remain as part of the final land use is safe and does not pose any hazard to the community.	Inspection/s by suitably qualified engineer or similar.	At completion of decommissioning phase.	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.  Photography.	Not applicable.	Inspection indicates that not all hazards are isolated and secured.
Damage to access tracks has been repaired and stabilised.	Inspection/s by suitably qualified engineer or similar of repairs and stabilisation.	At completion of decommissioning phase.	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.  Photography.	Not applicable.	Inspection reveals that access track repairs have not been undertaken or have been ineffective.
Tracks suitable for private access or pedestrian usage.	Inspection/s by suitably qualified engineer or similar for grade of <10°, and suitable width of access track, cross drains /banks installed.  Inspect for presence of erosion gullies or rills.  Inspect for installation of suitable all-weather material on access tracks.		Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.  Photography.  Survey by registered surveyor.	Not applicable.	Inspection reveals that the access tracks are not suitable for light vehicle access or pedestrians
The structural integrity of the infrastructure is suitable and safe for use as part of the intended final land use.	The structural integrity of the infrastructure has been inspected by a suitably qualified engineer and determined to be suitable and safe as part of the intended final land use.	At completion of decommissioning phase.	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.  Photography.  Survey by registered surveyor.	Not applicable.	Inspection by engineer finds the structural integrity of remaining infrastructure is not safe and suitable for the intended final land use.
Infrastructure is in a condition (e.g. structural, electrical, other hazards) that is suitable for the intended final land use.	Obtain evidence of acceptance from landowner that infrastructure is in a condition that is suitable for the intended final land use in accordance with formal agreement.	At completion of decommissioning phase	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Formal acceptance from landowner.	Not applicable.	No acceptance of landowner obtained.
Removal of Infrastructure:  Removal of all services (power, water, communications) that have been connected on the site as part of the operation.	Inspection of site to confirm removal of all services (power, water, communications) that have been connected on the site as part of the operation.	At completion of decommissioning phase	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided, utility service disconnection record / notification.	Not applicable.	Services to be removed are still connected.

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
Removal of all plant, equipment and associated infrastructure including processing facilities, stockpile areas, rail infrastructure and loading facilities, underground hydrocarbon storage tanks, office complex, portable offices, exploration core samples, camp facilities, storage racks, samples.	Inspection of the site to confirm all plant, equipment and associated infrastructure including, stockpile areas, loading facilities, office complex, portable offices, exploration core samples, camp facilities, storage racks, samples have been removed.	At completion of decommissioning phase	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.  Photography.  Survey by registered surveyor.	Not applicable.	Infrastructure not removed from the site.
Removal of all water management infrastructure (including pumps, pipes and power) not required for site rehabilitation works or retained in final landform.	Inspection of site confirms that water management infrastructure not required for site rehabilitation works or in the final landform is removed.	At completion of decommissioning phase	Site decommissioning inspection report. Photography.	Not applicable.	Water management infrastructure not removed from the site.
No waste material and/or visible contamination areas on site surface.	There are no visible signs of contamination following the removal of plant, equipment and materials. All rubbish/ waste materials removed from site.	At completion of decommissioning phase	Site decommissioning inspection report. Photography.	Not applicable.	Waste or potential contamination present on site.
Soil testing for contaminants of concern as listed by Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999) applicable to land use type.	Site inspection and risk assessment of site to determine potential contamination issues.  If potential risks identified in risk assessment, then a contamination assessment is to be undertaken by suitably qualified person/s.  Remediation measures, if required, to be assessed by Land Contamination Consultant or EPA Accredited Auditor.	At commencement of decommissioning phase.	Contamination Remediation Report prepared by Land Contamination Consultant Site Contamination Audit Report and Site Audit Statement prepared by EPA Accredited Auditor (where required).	Not applicable.	Soil testing indicates that sites does not meet Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999) applicable to land use type.

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
Landform Establishment Phase					
Measured survey of rehabilitated landform to verify final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	Survey verifies final landform complies with final landform construction in accordance with Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan.	On construction completion.	Survey data and plans. Photography.	Not applicable.	Slopes outside the final void are greater than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.  Slopes within the final void are greater than 5 horizontal to 1 vertical  Slope lengths exceed 80 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar.
	Verify high risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.	On construction completion.	Survey data and plans	Not applicable.	High risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have not been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.
	Verify overburden material stored on site has been utilised to achieve the final landform.	On construction completion.	Survey data and plans. Photography.	Not applicable.	Overburden stockpiles identified as remaining on the site.
	Verify material stockpiles have been removed from the site or utilised to achieve the final landform.	On construction completion.	Survey data and plans. Photography.	Not applicable.	Material stockpiles identified as remaining on the site.
Significant surface water management structures (e.g. spillways, drop structures, and major drains) have been constructed in accordance with Managing Urban Stormwater 'Blue Book' DECC 2008 requirements.	Verify sediment dams are designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.  Monitor available capacity of sediment dams.  Verify drains are designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.  Verify spillways are designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.  Verify drains installed to direct dirty surface water to sediment dams.  Verify installation of silt fences around disturbed areas as appropriate.	On construction completion.	Assessment Report undertaken by a suitably qualified person.  Survey	Not applicable.	Sediment dams not designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.  Drains not designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.  Spillways not designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.
Measured survey/monitoring of rehabilitated landform to specifically monitor settlement and/or material loss via erosion.	Survey verifies that settlement and/or material loss is within predicted limits and will not compromise final landform drainage via differential settlement.	12 months after completion of construction.	Survey data and plans	Not applicable.	Settlement or material loss results in pooling of water, changes in surface water flow directions and velocities and function of water management structures.

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
<b>Growth Medium Development Phase</b>					
Track walk or lightly rip/scarify exposed surfaces to encourage infiltration of rainwater	Visual inspection to confirm the surface to which topsoil is to be applied is roughened.	Prior to topsoil application	Photography.  Site inspection reports/checklists.	No applicable.	Surface is noted to be compacted.
Growth medium/topsoil testing (bulked soil samples 0-10 cm) meets suitable criteria as determined by final landuse.	Routine Soil Test (bulked soil sample 0-10 cm).  Includes but no limited to: Total Carbon (TC), Total Nitrogen (TN), Organic Matter, TC/TN Ratio; Bray I and II Phosphorus; Colwell Phosphorus; Available cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonium, Nitrate, Phosphate, Sulphur); Available Micronutrients (Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon); Exchangeable (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange Capacity); pH and EC (1:5 water); Basic Colour, Basic Texture.	Topsoil to be tested prior to spreading.	Soil testing reports.	Not applicable.	Soil testing indicates soil not within recommended criteria as advised by Soil Specialist/Agronomist.
Ameliorants applied to topsoil material if required as identified by testing.	Visual observation of ameliorant application, including photography, to ensure even application at specified rate.	Post topsoil spreading	Photography.  Site inspection reports/checklists.  Contractor invoices.	Not applicable.	Ameliorants not applied or applied evenly or applied at below the specified rate.
Topsoil established of at least 300 millimetres thick and comprising clean soils, which can include compost to assist with vegetation establishment and growth.	Test pits dug to confirm depth of topsoil application.  Verify even application of topsoil and that no bare surfaces remain.	Post topsoil spreading	Photography.  Site inspection reports/checklists	Not applicable.	Average depth of topsoil less than 100mm.  Bare patches evident.
Imported topsoil or mulch (if required) conforms to consent conditions and is certified in accordance with EPA requirements.	Topsoil/mulch material is certified in accordance with any EPA waste exemption requirements.	Prior to receipt of topsoil/mulch	Topsoil/mulch certificate Haulage records/tonnage received.	Not applicable	No topsoil/mulch certificate provided by supplier

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
Ecosystem and Land Use Establishment Phase					
Visual indicators of erosion and land instability.	Visual inspections for identification of erosion that would require moderate to significant ongoing management and maintenance works.  Visual inspection for signs of land instability such as mass movement.  Visual inspection for areas of active gully erosion.  Visual inspection for evidence of tunnel erosion.	Weekly for the first month after landform establishment and then monthly for the next five years.	Photography.  Erosion surveys- measurements of depths and numbers of rills, gullies, mass movements, tunnel erosion if present.  Site inspection reports/checklists.  Independent geotechnical reports (where required)  Surveys	Compare photography and measurements to identify if erosion impacts are increasing.	Rills/gullies greater than 10cm in depth.  Rills/gullies are showing an increasing trend in size for a period of at least 6 months.  Any evidence of mass movement/slumping.  Any evidence of tunnel erosion.
	Ground cover within plotted test quadrants.  Vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species within plotted quadrants.	Monthly for the year after ecosystem and landform establishment and then 6 monthly for the next five years.	Reports on the estimates of ground	Compare photography and measurements of groundcover to determine if it is trending towards or away from a coverage factor of 70% (Blue Book C -factor equivalent of 0.05).  Compare measurements of vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species to determine if on an increasing or decreasing trend and maturation rate.	Average loss of more than 20% of species within test quadrants.  Ground coverage remains the same or is decreasing with regards to the final target of 70% over any 6-month period.
	Validate seeds for use in rehabilitation are certified where possible.	Prior to purchase	Certificates and purchase records.	Not applicable	No seed certification available.
	Visual observation of soil moisture of the rehabilitated areas to determine if watering is required i.e. prolonged dry periods.	Weekly for the first month after seeding and then monthly for the next 12 months.	Site inspection reports/checklists.  Weather data	Review weather data and long-term outlooks for rainfall to determine if more frequent watering is required.	Failure of vegetation due to prolonged dry conditions.
	Visual – no evidence of active scour likely to compromise surface water management structures such as drains, spillways etc.	Monthly for the first 6 months after landform establishment and then 6 monthly for the next five years.	Photography.  Site inspection reports/checklists.	Compare photography and site inspection reports to determine if scouring is occurring and increasing in impact.	Surface water management structures are the source of sediment entrainment.

Performance Indices	Monitoring	Frequency	Records	Assessment of Trends	Trigger Thresholds to Identify Emerging Risks to Achieving Final Land Use
Soil testing (bulked soil samples 0-10 cm) meets suitable criteria as determined by final landuse.	Routine Soil Test (bulked soil samples 0-10 cm).  Includes but no limited to: Total Carbon (TC), Total Nitrogen (TN), Organic Matter, TC/TN Ratio; Bray I and II Phosphorus; Colwell Phosphorus; Available cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonium, Nitrate, Phosphate, Sulphur); Available Micronutrients (Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon); Exchangeable (Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange Capacity); pH and EC (1:5 water); Basic Colour, Basic Texture.	6 monthly after initial emplacement.	Soil testing reports.	Compare soil parameters to identify if soil fertility is decreasing or increasing.	Soil testing indicates soil fertility is decreasing according to criteria as advised by Soil Specialist/Agronomist.
<b>Ecosystem and Land Use Development Phase</b>					
Resilience demonstrated by the effects of drought and fire on composition, structure and other function attributes of pasture and cropping lands.	Ground cover within plotted test quadrants.  Vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species within plotted quadrants.	6 monthly	Photography.  Reports on the estimates of ground coverage, vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species.  Site inspection reports/checklists.	Compare photography and measurements of groundcover to determine if it is trending towards or away from a coverage factor of 70% (Blue Book C -factor equivalent of 0.05).  Compare measurements of vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species to determine if on an increasing or decreasing trend and maturation rate.	Average loss of more than 20% of species within test quadrants.  Ground coverage remains the same or is decreasing with regards to the final target of 70% over any 6-month period.
All Phases					
No further active weed control required beyond that considered necessary at analogue sites.	Monitoring confirms the non-target species (weeds) represent less than 10% of projected foliage cover or equivalent to surrounding vegetation not disturbed by mining activities.	6 monthly	Site inspection reports/checklists Weed contractor reports/invoices		Non-target species (weeds) represent greater than 10% of foliage cover.
Soil inventory to be maintained to assess requirements to achieve the final landform.	Topsoil and overburden inventory to be maintained, included volumes stripped, stored in stockpiles and spread over rehabilitation areas.	Annually	Annual report to RR.	Identify possible deficits in future rehabilitation requirements	Projected topsoil volumes available for rehabilitation indicate less than 100mm depth over the entire rehabilitation area can be achieved.
Appropriate bushfire hazard controls (where required) have been implemented on the advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service.	Bushfire controls implemented.	12 monthly	Slashing records.  Liaison with NSW RFS.  Photography.	Not applicable	Vegetation during periods of high fire danger at risk of bushfire.

## 9 Rehabilitation Research, Modelling and Trials

## 9.1 CURRENT REHABILITATION RESEARCH, MODELLING AND TRIALS

Current rehabilitation trials focus on monitoring vegetation trials on the existing north-eastern rehabilitation area. Visual monitoring and photography are utilised to assess the success of vegetation planted in previous years. Results will be reported in the Annual Review.

## 9.2 FUTURE REHABILITATION RESEARCH, MODELLING AND TRIALS

Future rehabilitation research will likely involve selection of suitable species and when final surfaces become available, trials may be undertaken to determine the best approach to establishing revegetation. The results of any trial will be used to address any knowledge gaps in relation to:

- the control or management of risks identified in the rehabilitation risk assessment;
- the development and further refinement of rehabilitation completion criteria; and
- the achievement of rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria.

This report will be updated as the development of research, modelling and trials are investigated.

# 10 Intervention and Adaptive Management

Table 27. Trigger Action Response Plan

Rehabilitation Threat	Trigger levels		Evidence / Reference
Infrastructure that is to remain as part of the final land use is not safe and poses a hazard to the community.	Inspection indicates that not all hazards are isolated and secured.	Suitably qualified professional or utilities provider to be engaged to isolate/remove hazards and render safe.	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Statement provided by suitably qualified engineer or similar.
	Inspection reveals that access track repairs have not been undertaken or have been ineffective.	Track repairs to be undertaken.	Photography. Survey by registered surveyor.
	Inspection reveals that the access tracks are not suitable for light vehicle access or pedestrians	Tracks to be rendered suitable for light vehicle access or pedestrians.	Statement provided, utility service disconnection record / notification.
	Inspection by engineer finds the structural integrity of remaining infrastructure is not safe and suitable for the intended final land use.	Suitably qualified engineer or similar to be engaged to assess remaining infrastructure and advise on rectifying structural integrity.	Formal acceptance from landowner.
	Infrastructure not removed from the site.	Infrastructure to be removed from the site.	
	Water management infrastructure not removed from the site.	Water management infrastructure to be removed from the site.	
Harm to rehabilitation areas due to presence of contaminants of concern.	Soil testing indicates that sites does not meet Health Investigation Level of the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure (1999) applicable to land use type.	Engage a contamination professional to assess the site and advise on remediation measures.	Contamination Remediation Report prepared by Land Contamination Consultant.  Site Contamination Audit Report  Site Audit Statement prepared by EPA Accredited Auditor (where required).
Waste material visible on-site surface.	Waste present on site.	Waste to be removed from the site.	Site decommissioning inspection report.  Photography.
Harm to rehabilitation works due to erosion impacts.	Slopes outside the final void are greater than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical  Slopes within the final void are greater than 5 horizontal to 1 vertical  Slope lengths exceed 80 metres before being broken by earth banks or similar.	Suitably qualified professional to assess the landform to determine if erosion impacts evident and advise on mitigation measures, if required.  Mitigation may include reshaping the landform or installing additional erosion controls.	Managing Urban Stormwater 'Blue Book' DECC 2008.  Survey data and plans.  Photography.  Assessment Report undertaken by a suitably qualified person i.e. CPESC.

Rehabilitation Threat	Trigger levels		Evidence / Reference
Harm to rehabilitation works due to erosion impacts.  Limited biological resources available on site for	Overburden stockpiles identified as remaining on the site.	Overburden material is to be removed from the site or incorporated into the rehabilitation of the final landform.	Managing Urban Stormwater 'Blue Book' DECC 2008. Survey data and plans.
rehabilitation.	Material stockpiles identified as remaining on the site.	Stockpile material is to be removed from the site or incorporated into the rehabilitation of the final landform.	Photography.  Assessment Report undertaken by a suitably qualified
	Sediment dams not designed for 90th % 5-day storm event.  Drains not designed for 1 in 10-year design storm.  Spillways not designed for 1 in 100-year design storm.	A suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.	person i.e. CPESC.  Survey data and plans.  Photography.  Soil Inventory reported in AP
	Settlement or material loss results in pooling of water, changes in surface water flow directions and velocities and function of water management structures.	A suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.	Soil Inventory reported in AR.
	Rills/gullies greater than 10cm in depth.  Rills/gullies are showing an increasing trend in size for a period of at least 6 months.	A suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.	
	Any evidence of mass movement/slumping.  Any evidence of tunnel erosion.	Mitigation may include reshaping the landform or installing additional erosion controls.	
	Ground coverage remains the same or is decreasing with regards to the final target of 70% over any 6-month period.	A suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control and/or ecologist will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.  Mitigation may include reseeding exposed areas, applying	
	Evidence of erosion or bare patches in rehabilitated areas due to stock or feral animals.	mulch, applying soil binder, watering and fertilising etc  Fencing to be inspected and repaired as required.  Removal of stock from rehabilitation areas.	
	Evidence of rehabilitation areas impacted by wind erosion.	Engagement of animal control professional to remove pests.  A suitably qualified professional in sediment and erosion control will be engaged to prepare and assessment report and recommendations to be implemented.  Mitigation may include installing additional erosion controls.	
	On-site topsoil/growth medium deficit projected in achieving desired coverage ( 300mm) on the final landform is noted in annual reporting.		
Domain landform is not safe, stable and fit for the purpose of the intended final land use.	High risk landforms (such as steep slopes, high walls) have not been constructed in accordance with geotechnical design.	Suitably qualified geotechnical engineer to assess the landform to determine if the landform is stable or requires modification other structural repairs are required.	Survey data and plans. Photography. Geotechnical reports

Rehabilitation Threat	Trigger levels		
Domain landform is not safe, stable and fit for the purpose of the intended final land use.  Failure to establish soil/growing medium suitable for establishment of vegetation community.	Slopes required by the final landform are not obtained due to material deficits.	Suitably qualified geotechnical engineer to assess the landform to determine if the landform is stable or requires modification other structural repairs are required.	Survey data and plans. Photography. Geotechnical reports
	Surface is noted to be compacted.	Surface to be ripped to promote surface water and air infiltration and reseeding undertaken if required.	Photography.  Site inspection reports/checklists.  Contractor invoices.  Soil testing reports.
Failure to establish soil/growing medium suitable for establishment of vegetation community.	Soil testing indicates soil not within recommended criteria as advised by Soil Specialist/Agronomist.	Ameliorants to be applied as advised by soil specialist/agronomist.	Photography. Site inspection reports/checklists.
Vegetation community establishment unsuccessful.	Ameliorants not applied or applied evenly or applied at below the specified rate.	Advice to be sought from soil specialist/agronomist to determine whether reapplication required or other methods to be employed to ensure the growth medium is suitable.	Contractor invoices.  Soil testing reports.  Reports on the estimates of ground coverage, vegetation
	Average depth of topsoil less than 100mm.  Bare patches evident.	Advice to be sought from soil specialist/agronomist to determine whether reapplication required or if the topsoil depth is suitable for target species. This may include evidence from rehabilitation trials.	size, survival rates and variety of species.  Site inspection reports/checklists.  Photography.  Seed certificates and purchase records.  Weather data  Soil testing reports.
	Average loss of more than 20% of species within vegetation test quadrants.  Ground coverage remains the same or is decreasing with regards to the final target of 70% over any 6-month period.	Advice to be sought from agronomist/ecologist to determine the causes of the vegetation losses and possible	
		of mulch, application of fertiliser or other ameliorants, watering etc.	

Rehabilitation Threat	Trigger levels		Evidence / Reference
Vegetation community establishment unsuccessful.  Decrease in downstream water quality.	No seed certification available.  Failure of vegetation due to prolonged dry conditions.	Alternative seed supplier to be sought.  If no other supplier available for target species, advice to be sought from agronomist/ecologist to determine suitability of the available seed or determine alternative species.  Review weather data and long-term outlooks for rainfall to determine if more frequent watering is required.	Reports on the estimates of ground coverage, vegetation size, survival rates and variety of species.  Site inspection reports/checklists.  Photography.  Seed certificates and purchase records.  Weather data
		Investigate installing/upgrading irrigation systems.  If additional watering is not feasible, investigate alternative means of stabilising the soil i.e. binders until conditions improve.  Reseed bare areas once dry conditions have been alleviated.	Soil testing reports.  Water Testing Reports  ANZECC Guidelines.  EPL
	Soil testing indicates soil fertility is decreasing according to criteria as advised by Soil Specialist/Agronomist.	Advice to be sought from agronomist/ecologist to determine why fertility is decreasing and determine remediation measures.	
	Non-target species (weeds) represent greater than 10% of foliage cover.	Weed control contractor to be engaged to spray or mechanically remove weeds. Selective herbicides should be used where possible to protect target species.	
	Continued exceedance of trigger values, over a 6-month period, for water quality, as defined in Section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.  In particular, 'downstream' water quality monitoring will record total suspended solids <50mg/L or within 10% of 'upstream' levels (whichever is the greater).	Source of the pollution to be investigated and remediated if the source of the pollution is on-site. This may include erosion and sediment controls in the case of elevated total suspended solids, spills and leaks of hydrocarbons to be investigated if detected etc.  Management procedures to be reviewed and amended as required in accordance with the results of any investigations.  Reports to be prepared and provided to EPA or DPIE as required in any consent or licence conditions.	
Harm to rehabilitation areas due to bushfire.	Excessive vegetation height during periods of high to extreme fire danger.	Fire breaks, where they exist, to be maintained by slashing.  Reduce fuel loads in vegetated areas by slashing or grazing where vegetation is sufficiently established to support such activities.	·

### 11 Review, Revision and Implementation

### 11.1 REVIEW OF THE PLAN

Table 28. Triggers for Review of the Rehabilitation Management Plan

Triggers	Process	Timing	Responsibility	Implementation/ Records		
Mining Regulation- Clause 11 of Schedule 8A						
The holder of a mining lease must a	mend the rehabilitation management plan for the i	mining lease as follow	ws—			
document with the version	The approved rehabilitation outcome document i.e. Rehabilitation Objective Statement, Rehabilitation Completion Criteria Statement or the Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan (spatial data) will replace any proposed (and unapproved) documents.	Within 30 days after the document is approved.	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.		
	The Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) will be reviewed and amended to ensure it is consistent with the approved rehabilitation outcome document.					
(b) as a consequence of an amendment made under clause 14 to a rehabilitation outcome document—within 30 days after the amendment is made,	The RMP will be reviewed and amended within 30 days if a rehabilitation outcome document is amended to ensure it is consistent with the approved rehabilitation outcome document.	Within 30 days after the amendment is made.	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.		
(c) to reflect any changes to the risk control measures in the prepared plan that are identified in a rehabilitation risk assessment— as soon as practicable after the rehabilitation risk assessment is conducted,	The RMP will be reviewed and amended as soon as practicable if a rehabilitation risk assessment determines that risk control measures must be changed.	As soon as practicable	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.		

Triggers	Process	Timing	Responsibility	Implementation/ Records
(d) whenever given a written direction to do so by the Secretary—in accordance with the direction.	The RMP will be reviewed and amended as soon as practicable if directed by the Secretary.	As soon as practicable	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.
Mining Regulation- Clause 13 of Schedule 8A- Forward Program and Annual Reporting	The RMP will be reviewed and amended as soon as practicable if the Annual Review identifies changes to the processes, risks, mining progress etc that are inconsistent with the current RMP.	As soon as practicable	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.
Modification to Development Consent DA No. 08-0326	The RMP will be reviewed and amended as soon as practicable after the approval of any modification to the development consent and be consistent with and requirements under the amended consent.	As soon as practicable	Mine Manager/ Environmental Manager	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.
Amendment to the Rehabilitation Management Plan	The amended RMP will be provided to staff and relevant contractors and acknowledgement of the changes from staff will be recorded.	As soon as practicable after document is amended.	Environmental Manager/ Site staff and contractors.	The amended RMP will be include a record of document versions, dates amended and a brief summary of the amendments.  Records of staff training and inductions are to be updated to include the amended RMP.

### 12 References

- Ref 1 DECC (2008) Managing Urban Stormwater Soils and Construction V1
- Ref 2 DECC (2009) Managing Urban Stormwater Soils and Construction V2E Mines and Quarries
- Ref 3 NSW DPE (2022) Land Zoning WMS
- Ref 4 NSW Resource Regulator (2021) Form and Way: Rehabilitation Management Plan for Large Mines
- Ref 5 NSW Resource Regulator (2021) Guideline: Rehabilitation Risk Assessment
- Ref 6 VGT Environmental Compliance Solutions Pty Ltd (2016) Mine Operations Plan for Andersons Clay Mine
- Ref 7 VGT Environmental Compliance Solutions Pty Ltd (2021) Annual Rehabilitation Report for Andersons Clay Mine



# Appendix A DA No. N72 432/95

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

BURY AND HUME DESIGNATED AREA TO AL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN No. 1 . h. Le to Applicant of Determination of Development Application Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 Section 92

Applicant's Name and Full Address

ALBURY-WODONGA (NSW) CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 913, ALBURY, NSW 2640.



ALBURY-WODON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- : Hume Highway Wedenga 3690
- : P.O. Box 913 Albury 2640

PERMIT NUMBER

N 72

Applicant's Reference

79/627

Pursuant to Section 92 of the Act, notice is hereby given of the determination by the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporatic as the Consent Authority, of the above development application as follows:—

Description of Land

PART PORTION 168. PARISH OF MUNGABARINA OFF SHAW STREET, LAVINGTON. For the Purpose of:

CLAY BRICK EXTRACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLAN.

The development application has been determined by:— (a) granting of consent unconditionally, (b) refusal of consent (c) granting of consent subject to conditions set out as follows:

SEE ATTACHED LIST.

Note: the description of land relating to this permit should have read:

Part Portion 168 & 69 Parish of Mungabarina Off Shaw Street, Lavingt

Amended 1/8/90

John Alkèr-Jones

Principal Planner

The reasons for the imposition of the conditions/t其文际代码。are:—

TO MAINTAIN A HIGH AMENITY STANDARD.

NOTE Appeals: An appeal against any or all of the conditions imposed may be lodged with the N.S.W. Land & Environment Court. For further information in this matter please contact the Corporation's Town Planning Division.

The development consent granted above becomes effective from the date below but becomes void fter two years from this date unless development is commenced by that time. See Corporation for further details.

Date of consent 17/8/83 Acting Firmerpu

Acting Principal

### CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

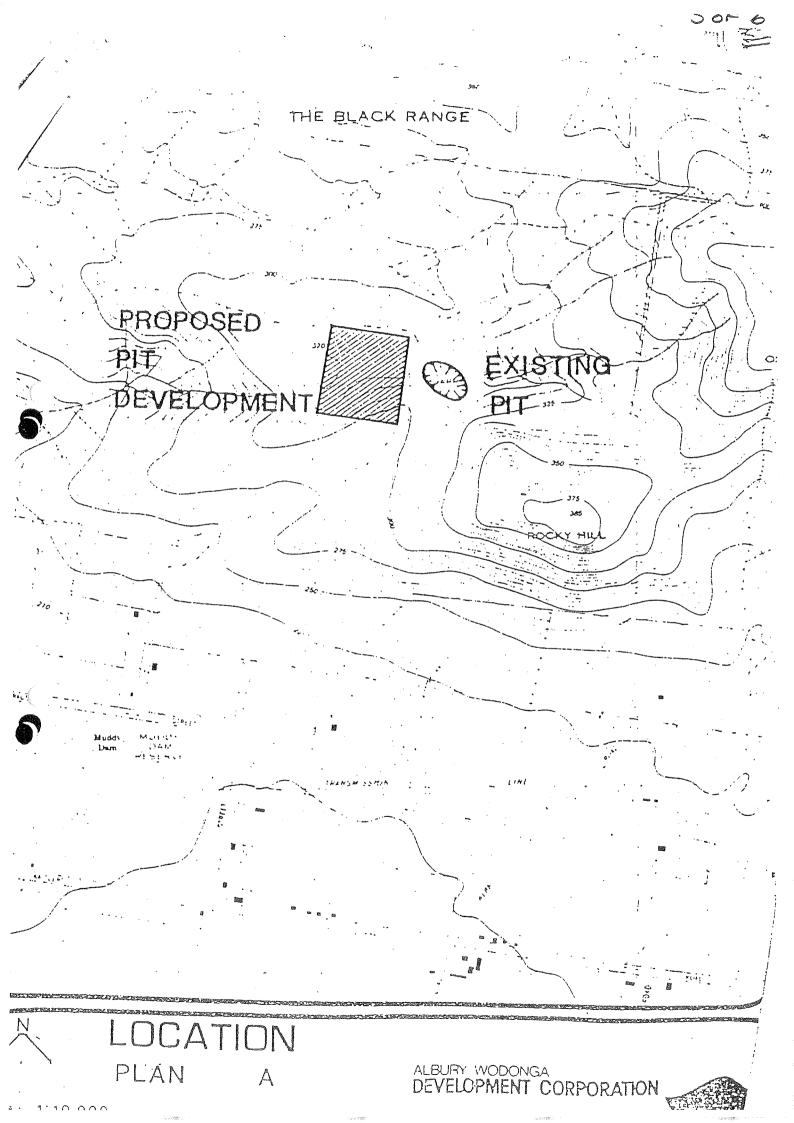
- 1. The permit holder shall, subject to the following permit conditions, operate the quarry in accordance with the Approved Working Plan and the Approved Working proposal. No approved procedures shall be varied without the prior approval of the Corporation.
- 72. The permit holder shall at least once in every twelve months submit a Revised Working Plan based upon the situation prevailing in the quarry at the time the plan is submitted and incorporating requirements of and compliance with, the conditions of the permit. A report shall accompany the plan to qualify any situation which cannot be illustrated.
- 3. The permit holder shall ensure that all derelict and redundant plant, vehicles, machinery and equipment shall be disposed of in a location and manner approved by the Corporation.
- 4. The permit holder shall ensure that all mobile plant and vehicles and engine-powered equipment are fitted with effective silencers and spark arrestors, which shall be so maintained as to be fully effective at all times.
- 5. The permit holder shall ensure that no fixed plant or buildings are erected on the permit area without the prior approval of the Corporation.
- 6. (i) The permit holder shall ensure that all water discharged from the permit area first passes through settling dams to ensure that only clear water is discharged. Water discharged into any adjacent watercourse shall be done in such a manner and be of such quality as to meet any requirements of the State Water Resources Commission and Soil Conservation Service.
  - (ii) The settling dams shall be regularly cleared of sludge which shall be disposed of in such a manner as not to pollute any drains or water courses.
  - (iii) Additional drainage works shall be carried out as directed by, and to the satisfaction of the Corporation.
- 7. The permit holder shall ensure that excavated material does not spill on to public roads as a result of improper loading and shall ensure that on hot, dry or windy days the loads are thoroughly wetted or adequately covered with a tarpaulin.
- 8. The permit holder shall ensure that dust resulting from the operations, including excavation, loading, transport and stockpiling, shall be controlled to the satisfaction of the Corporation.
- 9. The permit holder shall ensure that all roads are located, properly formed, adequately drained, surface treated and maintained to the satisfaction of the Corporation. Further any dust nuisance originating from the roads shall also be controlled to the satisfaction of the Corporation.
- 10. The permit holder shall provide parking facilities within the permitted working area for all vehicles used in connection with the operation, including private vehicles used by employees and visitors, and the parking area shall be properly formed, drained and surface treated in a manner approved by the Corporation.

- 11. The permit holder shall ensure that no operations, including cartage of material, shall take place outside the daytime hours between 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday inclusive, nor on a Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday, except for essential plant maintenance.
- 12. (i) The permit holder shall ensure that a 1.2m high stockproof fence to Corporation specifications shall be erected and maintained along the boundaries of both the existing and proposed quarried areas. The fencing shall be completed within one month of the date of permit issue and gates of a similar standard to the fence shall also be provided.
  - (ii) Stock shall be kept out of the quarried area to assist in the regeneration of native vegetation and so that planted vegetation is protected.
- 13. (i) The permit holder shall ensure that no extraction takes place within 15 metres of the boundary of the permit area. Within one month of the date of permit issue, the licensee shall erect squared wooden posts 8cm x 8cm, painted yellow, to stand not less than 0.75m in height at intervals of 30m on the above limit of the excavation.
  - (ii) Where encroachment has occurred within the above limit of excavation, such backfilling and/or battering and other reclamation measures shall be carried out as directed by the Corporation.
  - 14. (i) The permit holder shall ensure that all working faces are maintained on a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 2 horizontal. Existing faces are to be reclaimed by battering or back filling to form a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 2 horizontal.
    - (ii) When extraction has ceased, and not later than one month before expiry of the permit, terminal faces are to be battered from natural ground level into the pit at a slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 5 horizontal for a minimum horizontal distance of 10 metres. For this purpose battering may commence at a point 10 metres outside of the excavation limit, or in accordance with a landscape restoration plan.

In carrying out this work, no vegetation is to be effected within the remaining 10 metres of the buffer-zone. The terminal faces are to be covered with a minimum of 30 cm of topsoil and planted with suitable vegetation. All reclamation works shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Corporation who may specify at that time that additional works are to be undertaken.

- 15. The permit holder shall ensure that only those trees impeding the proper working of the quarry should be removed or disturbed after prior consultation with the Corporation.
- A landscape development plan shall be submitted to the Corporation for approval. The reclamation and planting shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Corporation within one month of the date of permit issue. All vegetation shall be maintained during the term of the permit and the buffer strips generally retained in a neat and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

- 17. (i) As the quarried area progresses, restoration is to be progressively carried on, in areas where quarrying is completed.
  - (ii) All residues, including topsoil is to be returned to the excavations and topsoil is to be retained at all times on the quarried sites.
- The permit holder shall ensure that topsoil is only stripped in stages sufficient for one year's extraction or 2 ha. in area which ever is the lesser. Topsoil which is disturbed, shall be removed separately and placed in dumps. Soil required to comply with the requirements of condition 14 (ii) is to be stored within the excavation area and excess topsoil should be placed as far as possible along the southern boundary of the current and proposed mining operations. This is to be sown with grasses to prevent erosion and so as to provide an aesthetic and effective screen on approach from Albury. All top soil storage to be located and designed to the satisfaction of the Corporation.
- No stock piling of clay is to be allowed on site except for two week's normal production.
- 20. Restoration of the existing pit for possible future recreation use shall be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Corporation and shall include the lowering of the existing road in accordance with drawing S5499/1 and the maintenance of the access through the existing workings.
- On non-compliance with any of the above requirements, the A.W.D.C. may cause the required works to be completed at the permit holder's cost.



City of Excellence

001/006883 REFERENCE: 30906 RG: mv

CONTACT:

11 September 2001

Boral Bricks Pty Ltd PO Box 507 LAVINGTON NSW 2641

Dear Gary

#### SUBJECT: 721 SHAW STREET, SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS

I refer to your enquiry regarding boundaries relating to Anderson's Pit located with the abovementioned property.

Perusal of Council's files indicates that:

- a) The Development Consent (No. N72) boundary for the pit has dimensions, 274m by 330m.
- The title boundary of Lot 2 DP856969 which contains the pit has, approximate dimensions b) 399m x 375m.

For your information, use of overlays indicates that the western end of the pit is approximately fifty (50) metres from the development consent boundary. This figure should however be confirmed by onsite measurements.

Attached, are copies of the overlays to assist you in the preparation of any overall plan, a copy of which would be appreciated for Council's files.

It is hoped that the above information is of assistance to you. Should any further information be required Council's Area Town Planner, will be pleased to oblige on (02) 6023 8285.

Yours faithfully

MANAGER DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS



# Appendix B Mine Lease Conditions

### **INSTRUMENT OF RENEWAL**

LEASE:

Mining Lease No 1229 (Act 1973)

**HOLDER:** 

Boral Bricks (NSW) Pty Ltd (ACN 001 145 473)

DATE OF LEASE:

24 August 1990

**EXPIRY DATE OF LEASE:** 

23 August 2011

PERIOD OF RENEWAL UNTIL: 23 August 2032

AREA:

7.975 hectares

AS SHOWN BY PLAN NO D6985-02

SURFACE EXCEPTION:

Nil

**DEPTH RESTRICTION:** 

Whole 50 metres

MINERALS:

Clay/shale, structural clay

**METHODS** 

Open cutting

**ROYALTY PAYABLE:** 

At the rate which, from time to time, may be

prescribed.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE:

- (a) All the Conditions contained in the lease prior to the renewal have been deleted.
- (b) The lease is now subject to the attached Mining Lease Conditions 2010 numbered:

1 to 7 (inclusive), 9 to 15 (inclusive), 17 to 19 (inclusive), 23 and 24.

Conditions 2 to 8 and 12 to 16 (if included in the mining lease) are identified as conditions relating to environmental management for the purposes of Section 378D of the *Mining Act 1992*.

Note: Conditions 2 to 8 and 12 to 16 of this mining lease are imposed pursuant to sections 238 and 239 of the Mining Act 1992. Clause 7 of Schedule 12 of the Mining Regulation 2010 saves higher penalties for a breach of condition imposed by or under sections 238 or 239 of the Act.

We, Boral Bricks (NSW) Pty Ltd (ACN 001 145 473), hereby accept the renewal of this Lease and agree to be bound by the conditions specified.

Boral Bricks (NSW) Pty Ltd

(ACN 001 145 473)

Renewed this

14th

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by delegation from the Minister.

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### Note: Exploration Reports (Geological and Geophysical)

### **Definition:**

"Director-General" means the Director-General of the Department of Trade and Investment; Regional Infrastructure and Services

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### **MINING LEASE CONDITIONS 2010**

### 1. Notice to Landholders

- (a) Within a period of three months from the date of grant/renewal of this lease or within such further time as the Minister may allow, the lease holder must serve on each landholder of the land a notice in writing indicating that this lease has been granted/renewed and whether the lease includes the surface. An adequate plan and description of the lease area must accompany the notice.
- (b) If there are ten or more landholders affected, the lease holder may serve the notice by publication in a newspaper circulating in the region where the lease area is situated. The notice must indicate that this lease has been granted/renewed; state whether the lease includes the surface and must contain an adequate plan and description of the lease area.

### 2. Environmental Harm

- (a) The lease holder must implement all practicable measures to prevent and/or minimise any harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation or rehabilitation of any activities under this lease.
- (b) For the purposes of this condition:
  - (i) environment means components of the earth, including:
    - (A) land, air and water, and
    - (B) any layer of the atmosphere, and
    - (C) any organic or inorganic matter and any living organism, and
    - (D) human-made or modified structures and areas, and includes interacting natural ecosystems that include components referred to in paragraphs (A)–(C).
  - (ii) harm to the environment includes any direct or indirect alteration of the environment that has the effect of degrading the environment and, without limiting the generality of the above, includes any act or omission that results in pollution, contributes to the extinction or degradation of any threatened species, populations or ecological communities and their habitats and causes impacts to places, objects and features of significance to Aboriginal people.

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### 3. Mining Operations Plan

- (a) Mining operations must not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with aMining Operations Plan (MOP) which has been approved by the Director-General.
- (b) The MOP must:
  - (i) identify areas that will be disturbed by mining operations;
  - (ii) detail the staging of specific mining operations;
  - (iii) identify how the mine will be managed to allow mine closure;
  - (iv) identify how mining operations will be carried out in order to prevent and or minimise harm to the environment;
  - (v) reflect the conditions of approval under:
    - the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
    - the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
    - and any other approvals relevant to the development including the conditions of this lease; and
    - have regard to any relevant guidelines adopted by the Director-General.
- (c) The leaseholder may apply to the Director-General to amend an approved MOP at any time.
- (d) It is not a breach of this condition if:
  - (i) the operations constituting the breach were necessary to comply with a lawful order or direction given under the Mining Act 1992, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, Mine Health and Safety Act 2004 / Coal Mine Health and Safety Act 2002 and Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007 / Coal Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2006 or the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000; and
  - (ii) the Director-General had been notified in writing of the terms of the order or direction prior to the operations constituting the breach being carried out.
- (e) A MOP ceases to have effect 7 years after date of approval or other such period as identified by the Director-General.

### 4. Environment Management Report

- (a) The lease holder must lodge Environmental Management Reports (EMR) with the Director-General annually or at dates otherwise directed by the Director-General.
- (b) The EMR must:
  - (i) report against compliance with the MOP;
  - (ii) report on progress in respect of rehabilitation completion criteria;
  - (iii) report on the extent of compliance with regulatory requirements; and
  - (iv) have regard to any relevant guidelines adopted by the Director-General;

### 5. Environmental Incident Report

- (a) The lease holder must report any environmental incidents. The report must:
  - (i) be prepared according to any relevant Departmental guidelines;
  - (ii) be submitted within 24 hours of the environmental incident occurring:
- (b) For the purposes of this condition, environmental incident includes:
  - (i) any incident causing or threatening material harm to the environment
  - (ii) any breach of Conditions 1 to 9 and 11 to 24;
  - (iii) any breach of environment protection legislation; or,
  - (iv) a serious complaint from landholders or the public.
- (c) For the purposes of this condition, harm to the environment is material if:
  - (i) it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
  - (ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000, where loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

### 6. Additional Environmental Reports

Additional environmental reports may be required from time to time as directed in writing by the Director-General and must be lodged as instructed.

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### 7. Rehabilitation

Any disturbance as a result of activities under this lease must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

### 9. Working Requirement

The lease holder must:

(a) ensure that at least 2 competent people are efficiently employed in relation to the mining process or mining operations on the lease area

OR

(b) expend on operations carried out in the course of prospecting or mining the lease area, an amount of not less than \$35,000 per annum whilst the lease is in force.

The Minister may at any time or times, by instrument in writing served on the lease holder, increase or decrease the expenditure required or the number of people to be employed.

### 10. Blasting

### (a) Ground Vibration

The lease holder must ensure that the ground vibration peak particle velocity generated by any blasting within the lease area does not exceed 10 mm/second and does not exceed 5 mm/second in more than 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months at any dwelling or occupied premises as the case may be, unless determined otherwise by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

### (b) Blast Overpressure

The lease holder must ensure that the blast overpressure noise level generated by any blasting within the lease area does not exceed 120 dB (linear) and does not exceed 115 dB (linear) in more than 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months, at any dwelling or occupied premises, as the case may be, unless determined otherwise by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

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### 11. Safety

Operations must be carried out in a manner that ensures the safety of persons or stock in the vicinity of the operations. All drill holes shafts and excavations must be appropriately protected, to the satisfaction of the Director-General, to ensure that access to them by persons and stock is restricted. Abandoned shafts and excavations opened up or used by the lease holder must be notified in writing to the Department and filled in or otherwise rendered safe to a standard acceptable to the Director-General.

### 12. Prevention of soil erosion and pollution

Prospecting operations must be carried out in a manner that does not cause or aggravate air pollution, water (including groundwater) pollution, soil contamination or erosion, unless otherwise authorised by a relevant approval, and in accordance with an accepted Mining Operations Plan.

### 13. Transmission lines, Communication lines and Pipelines

Operations must not interfere with or impair the stability or efficiency of any transmission line, communication line, pipeline or any other utility on the lease area without the prior written approval of the Director-General and subject to any conditions stipulated.

### 14. Roads and Tracks

- (a) The lease holder must pay to the relevant roads authority in control of the road or track the reasonable costs incurred by the roads authority in making good any damage to roads or tracks caused by operations carried out under this lease less any amount paid or payable from the Mine Subsidence Compensation Fund.
- (b) During wet weather the use of any road or track must be restricted so as to prevent damage to the road or track.
- (c) Existing access tracks should be used for all operations where reasonably practicable. New access tracks must be kept to a minimum and be positioned in order to minimise damage to the land, watercourses or vegetation.
- (d) Temporary access tracks must be rehabilitated and revegetated to the satisfaction of the Director-General as soon as reasonably practicable after they are no longer required under this lease.

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### 15. Trees and Vegetation

- (a) The lease holder must not fell trees, strip bark or cut timber on any land subject of this lease without the consent of the landholder who is entitled to the use of the timber.
- (b) The lease holder must contact Forests NSW and obtain any required permit, licence or approval before taking timber from any Crown land within the lease area.

Note: Any clearing not authorised under the Act must comply with the requirements of the Native Vegetation Act 2003. Any clearing or taking of timber on Crown land is subject to the requirements of the Forestry Act 1916.

### 17. Resource Recovery

- (a) Notwithstanding any description of mining methods and their sequence or of proposed resource recovery contained within the Mining Operations Plan, if at any time the Director-General is of the opinion that minerals which the lease entitles the lease holder to mine and which are economically recoverable at the time are not being recovered from the lease area, or that any such minerals which are being recovered are not being recovered to the extent which should be economically possible or which for environmental reasons are necessary to be recovered, notice in writing to the lease holder may be given requiring the holder to recover such minerals.
- (b) The notice shall specify the minerals to be recovered and the extent to which they are to be recovered, or the objectives in regard to resource recovery, but shall not specify the processes the lease holder shall use to achieve the specified recovery.
- (c) The lease holder must, when requested by the Director-General, provide such information as the Director-General may specify about the recovery of the mineral resources of the lease area.

### 18. Indemnity

The lease holder must indemnify and keep indemnified the Crown from and against all actions, suits, claims and demands of whatsoever nature and all costs, charges and expenses which may be brought against the lease holder or which the lease holder may incur in respect of any accident or injury to any person or property which may arise out of the construction, maintenance or working of any workings now existing or to be made by the lease holder within the lease area or in connection with any of the operations

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notwithstanding that all other conditions of this lease shall in all respects have been observed by the lease holder or that any such accident or injury shall arise from any act or thing which the lease holder may be licensed or compelled to do.

### 19. Security

A security in the sum of \$60,000 must be given and maintained with the Minister by the lease holder for the purpose of ensuring the fulfilment by the lease holder of obligations under this lease.

### 23. Suspension of Mining Operations

The holder of a mining lease may not suspend mining operations in the mining area other than in accordance with the consent of the Minister.

### 24. Cooperation Agreement

The lease holder must make every reasonable attempt, and be able to demonstrate their attempts, to enter into a cooperation agreement with the holder(s) of any overlapping title(s). The cooperation agreement should address but not be limited to issues such as:

- access arrangements
- operational interaction procedures
- dispute resolution
- information exchange
- well location
- timing of drilling
- · potential resource extraction conflicts and
- rehabilitation issues.

### Note: Exploration Reports (Geological and Geophysical)

The lease holder must lodge reports to the satisfaction of the Director-General in accordance with section 163C of the Mining Act 1992 and in accordance with clause 57 of the Mining Regulation 2010.

Reports must be prepared in accordance with <u>Exploration Reporting: A guide for reporting on exploration and prospecting in New South Wales</u> (Department of Trade and Investment; Regional Infrastructure and Services 2010).

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# **Appendix C EPA Licence**



Licence - 20938

Licence Details			
Number:	20938		
Anniversary Date:	21-June		

### **Licensee**

**PGH BRICKS & PAVERS PTY LIMITED** 

**LOCKED BAG 1345** 

**NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** 

### **Premises**

ANDERSONS QUARRY

253 SHAW STREET

SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS NSW 2641

### **Scheduled Activity**

Mining for minerals

Fee Based Activity	<u>Scale</u>
Mining for minerals	> 50000-100000 T annual production capacity

### Region

Regional West - Griffith

Suites 7-8, Level 1 Griffith City Plaza, 130-140 Banna Avenue

**GRIFFITH NSW 2680** 

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**GRIFFITH NSW 2680** 



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### 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);
- 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).



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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:

**PGH BRICKS & PAVERS PTY LIMITED** 

**LOCKED BAG 1345** 

**NORTH RYDE NSW 1670** 

subject to the conditions which follow.



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### 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
Mining for minerals	Mining for minerals	> 50000 - 100000 T annual production capacity

A1.2 Notwithstanding A1.1, the scale of the Scheduled Activity authorised under this licence must not exceed 100000 tonnes per annum, being the amount equivalent to the extraction limit approved by the development consent granted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the premises specified in A2.

### A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
ANDERSONS QUARRY
253 SHAW STREET
SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS
NSW 2641
LOT 2 DP 856969

### 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:

- a) 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
- b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.



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## 2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land

### P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas

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.

#### Air

EPA identi- fication no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
2	DG 1: Dust deposition monitoring		Southern boundary of premises
4	DG 2: Dust deposition monitoring		North-east corner of premises

- P1.2 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.
- P1.3 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.

#### Water and land

EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1		Water quality discharge point	Energy dissipator/level spreader at in-pit sedimentation dam
3	Monitoring prior to discharge		In-pit sedimentation dam

### 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\s below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.



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- 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 Air Concentration Limits

#### **POINT 2**

Pollutant	Units of measure	100 percentile concentration limit	Reference conditions	Oxygen correction	Averaging period
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	4			Annual

L2.5 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

#### **POINT 1**

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 Percentile concentration limit	90 Percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
TSS	milligrams per litre				50

- L2.6 The Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentration limits specified in the table above may be exceeded for water discharged from the sediment basins provided that:
  - a) the discharge occurs solely as a result of rainfall measured at the premises that exceeds 35.2 millimetres over any consecutive 5 day period immediately prior to the discharge occurring; and
  - b) all practical measures have been implemented to dewater all sediment dams within 5 days of rainfall such that they have sufficient capacity to store runoff from a 35.2 millimetre, 5-day rainfall event.

Note: A 35.2 millimetre rainfall depth is defined by the *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soil and Construction - Volume 1 (Landcom 2004)* guidelines as the rainfall depth in millimetres for a 90th percentile 5-day rainfall event for the Albury region consistent with the storage capacity (recommended minimum design criteria) for Type D or F sediment retention basins defined in the *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction - Volume 2E Mines and Quarries (DECC 2008)* guidelines.

### 4 Operating Conditions



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### 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.

### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

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

### O3 Dust

O3.1 All operations and activities occurring at the premises must be carried out in a manner that will minimise the emission of dust from the premises.

### 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:
  - a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
  - b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
  - c) 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:
  - a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
  - b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
  - c) the point at which the sample was taken; and
  - d) 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:



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M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

#### POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	AM-19

#### M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

#### POINT 1

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
TSS	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample

M2.4 Special Frequency 1 - For the purpose of this licence "Special Frequency 1" means "monitoring prior to discharge"

#### 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:
  - a) any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
  - b) 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
  - c) 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.
- 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".
- 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.

#### M4 Recording of pollution complaints



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- 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:
  - a) the date and time of the complaint:
  - b) the method by which the complaint was made;
  - c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
  - d) the nature of the complaint;
  - e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
  - f) 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 the date of the issue of this licence.

### 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:
  - 1. a Statement of Compliance,
  - 2. a Monitoring and Complaints Summary,
  - 3. a Statement of Compliance Licence Conditions,
  - 4. a Statement of Compliance Load based Fee,
  - 5. a Statement of Compliance Requirement to Prepare Pollution Incident Response Management Plan,
  - 6. a Statement of Compliance Requirement to Publish Pollution Monitoring Data; and
  - 7. a Statement of Compliance Environmental Management Systems and Practices.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee notification that the Annual Return is due.

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



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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 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 via eConnect *EPA* or 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 Statements 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.

#### R2 Notification of environmental harm

- R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.
- Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.
- 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.

#### 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 the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,



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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:
  - a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
  - c) 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;
  - d) 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;
  - e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
  - f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
  - g) 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.

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

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#### 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

Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

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 Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

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

assification (General) Regulation 2009.

general solid waste Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act

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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 Environmen t Operations Act

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

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

Means the premises described in condition A2.1

public authority

premises

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

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 Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.



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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

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#### **End Notes**

2 Licence varied by notice 1600558 issued on 01-Feb-2021



# Appendix D Blue Book Calculations

#### 1. Erosion Hazard and Sediment Basins

Site Name: Andersons

Site Location:

Precinct/Stage:

Other Details:

Site area	Sub-	catchm	ent or	Name (	Notes	
Site area	Pit	Dam 2				Notes
Total catchment area (ha)	4.7	1				
Disturbed catchment area (ha)	4.7					

Soil analysis (enter sediment type if known, or laboratory particle size data)

Sediment Type (C, F or D) if known:	D	D			From Appendix C (if known)
% sand (fraction 0.02 to 2.00 mm)					Enter the percentage of each soil fraction. E.g. enter 10 for 10%
% silt (fraction 0.002 to 0.02 mm)					
% clay (fraction finer than 0.002 mm)					
Dispersion percentage					E.g. enter 10 for dispersion of 10%
% of whole soil dispersible					See Section 6.3.3(e). Auto-calculated
Soil Texture Group	D	D			Automatic calculation from above

#### Rainfall data

Design rainfall depth (no of days)	5	5				
Design rainfall depth (percentile)	90	90			See Section 6.3.4 and, particularly, Table 6.3 on pages 6-24 and 6-25.	
x-day, y-percentile rainfall event (mm)	35.2	35.2				
Rainfall R-factor (if known)					Only mood to outor one or the other house	
IFD: 2-year, 6-hour storm (if known)	6.02	6.02			Only need to enter one or the other here	

#### **RUSLE Factors**

Rainfall erosivity ( <i>R</i> -factor)	1020	1020					Auto-filled from above
Soil erodibility (K-factor)	0.05	0.05					
Slope length (m)	150	150					
Slope gradient (%)	6	6					RUSLE LS factor calculated for a high
Length/gradient (LS-factor)	2.15	2.15					rill/interrill ratio.
Erosion control practice (P-factor)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	
Ground cover (C-factor)	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Sediment Basin Design Criteria (for Type D/F basins only. Leave blank for Type C basins)

Storage (soil) zone design (no of months)	2	2	2	2	2	2	Minimum is generally 2 months
Cv (Volumetric runoff coefficient)	0.64	0.64					See Table F2, page F-4 in Appendix F

**Calculations and Type D/F Sediment Basin Volumes** 

Soil loss (t/ha/yr)	142	142			
Soil Loss Class	1	1			See Table 4.2, page 4-13
Soil loss (m³/ha/yr)	110	110			Conversion to cubic metres
Sediment basin storage (soil) volume (m³)	86				See Sections 6.3.4(i) for calculations
Sediment basin settling (water) volume (m³)	1059	225			See Sections 6.3.4(i) for calculations
Sediment basin total volume (m³)	1145				



# Appendix E Weed Management Plan

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#### **Environmental Management Plan – Weed & Pest Management**

#### **PURPOSE**

This is a management plan for the control of weeds and pests at the PGH Albury operations. The site is a quarry as well as a brick processing facility.

This management plan identifies the weed and pest issues associated with the site and provides a planned program of control where necessary.

The most effective way to manage the weeds at the site is to undertake primary control, followed up with ongoing control in subsequent years or seasons to deplete the plant's ability to reproduce. In some cases, weed seeds can be viable in the soil for long periods of time, well beyond a decade in same cases. In order to break the weed cycle ongoing timely annual or seasonal control is necessary.

Controlling pests on site is more reactive and only requires attention if large numbers are seen or suspected on the premises. A comprehensive list of pests is attached however the more common pests to the Thomastown site are kangaroos, goats, rabbits and hares which generally originate from the grasslands to the north and east.

This plan takes into consideration all these factors and provides a holistic approach to management of weeds and pests on the site.

#### **SCOPE**

This management plan covers the PGH Albury brick site. Via a site inspection with Ben King (NSW Raw Materials Supervisor) and Richard Mason (PGH Environmental Manager) the following weeds have been identified as the most common found on site:



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#### 1 - Pattersons Curse (Echium plantagineum)



3 - Spear Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)



5 - Prickly Pear (Opuntia)



2 - Artichoke Thistle (Cynara cardunculus)



4 - Horehound (Marrubium vulgare)



6 - Sweet Briar (Rosa rubiginosa)



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#### 7 - Boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum)







#### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

**DPIE** – NSW government

Greater Hume Council – Responsible for the local weed management

Local Residents – Any significant increase in vermin levels could impact the local residents

Employees – All employees have responsibilities for preventing the introduction of weeds on site

Contractors – All contractors have responsibilities for preventing the introduction of weeds on site and the transfer of weeds on/off site through transportation of plant and equipment

#### **PROCEDURE**

#### **Management**

This section of the plan outlines the program for primary and follow up management at the site ongoing until a change is required for any reason. The schedule has been developed based on the types of weeds on the site and the best time of the year to poison the weeds for the best result. For best results weed management at any site should be ongoing. Sustained management which keeps weeds under control will also reduce the financial burden over the long term.

**Timing** – The correct timing of weeding measures is important to ensure the best possible result. Some species have quite restricted times for control due to their growth patterns and habits, whereas others have broader timeframes for treatment. In many cases different control methods are applied to suit the timing of control.

The weeding program is performed twice per annum. Once in Autumn (March/April) when the weeds are sprouting from seeds, spraying at this time will kill the weed in its infancy. The second spraying will be performed in late spring or early summer (November/December) when the weeds are in full growth but have not yet flowered so cannot spread their seeds.

**Method** – There are many methods used for weeding. The methods recommended below are based on varying factors. These include the weed type, location, level of infestation and control options, efficiency and effectiveness.



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The primary methods of control to be employed in this management program include:

**High Volume spraying** – is generally a vehicle mounted spray unit with a large tank (400-600L) with hose reels. This technique is generally used to treat large weed populations which can be foliar sprayed. It is used in situations where the UAV can't access or is not economical to use. It is also suited to more scattered weed populations.

**Basal Bark spraying** – This technique is generally used on particular woody stemmed weeds to chemically ring bark them. This method is best suited to specific species and application on isolated plants or plants that can't be foliar sprayed with herbicide.

**Direct Application (Cut and Paint, Stem injection)** – This involves cutting woody weeds down at the base or drilling into or scraping the stem at the base and then applying high concentration herbicide. This technique may be used where the risk is too high or when foliar application may not be effective. This technique may be used in similar circumstances to basal bark spraying.

**Mechanical** – involves the use of machinery such as slashers, scrub mulchers, dozers and the like, to remove the above ground biomass of the plant, and in some cases the roots as well. This is best used where there is a large monoculture of one species, such as African olive, to remove large sections of biomass as well as to create access through these areas for other weeding works.

As the Thomastown site does not have large areas of infestation the main method of spraying will be high volume spraying in localised areas of weed growth.

#### Action Plan 2020-2022:

Due to the low risk and low quantity of weeds on the premises, an annual weeding program to address all areas of the site has been adopted. A weeding contractor is to be engaged to spray all areas and all species of weeds twice per year to prevent spread and re-growth of weeds.

#### Requirements

All landowners have legal obligations regarding the management of declared noxious weeds and pest animals on their land. Specifically, landowners must take all reasonable steps to eradicate regionally prohibited weeds, prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds, and prevent the spread of - and as far as possible eradicate - established pest animals on their land.

Any plants brought onto site must be in a healthy condition and free from disease

All machinery, their implements or any other equipment must be thoroughly cleaned (ie. removing soil, organic matter and/or weed seeds or growing parts) prior to coming onto the site and must be similarly cleaned before moving to new locations.

All quarry machinery must be washed/cleaned down before moving on or off site.



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#### **MONITORING & REPORTING**

Internal reporting is to be completed at the end of each weed management activity. This reporting is to include the following details:

- Date/s of works;
- Weeds treated and method. Daily pesticide application records to be included;
- Area (Management Unit) where works have been undertaken;
- Notes and comments on the weeding activities;
- Details of the next stage of works to be undertaken.

Monitoring is essential for the ongoing effective management of the weeds on site. Monitoring will determine the effectiveness of works completed, as well as inform that which is to come, including primary and follow up works. This procedure and action plan is to be reviewed every 3 years.

#### **FACTORY PROCESSES**

- All mobile plant transferred on and off site is be washed thoroughly before transported to remove all dirt which could contain seeds or weeds and spread weeds to another site
- No weed products to be brought onto site for disposal via waste bins by employees or contractors
- Review of the weeding plan annually to assess progress of weed eradication
- Observations during inspections are made to assess if pests are present on the property. If seen in numbers a pest control specialist is called to eradicate the pests

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Noxious weed	noxious weed means—	
	(a) a State prohibited weed; or	
	(b) a regionally prohibited weed; or	
	(c) a regionally controlled weed; or	
	(d) a restricted weed;	
Land	land includes soil, water, vegetation and fauna on	
	land but excludes a mineral within the	
	meaning of the Mineral Resources	
	(Sustainable Development) Act 1990	
Land Owner	land owner means—	
	(a) the registered proprietor of an estate in fee simple in land under the Transfer	
	of Land Act 1958	

#### **REFERENCES**

Compliance Guide SHE-071-CG Ecosystem Protection, Biodiversity and Biosecurity Compliance Guide SHE-075-CG Environmental Aspects and Impacts



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#### **DOCUMENTATION**

- Workplace Inspection Roster Schedules housekeeping inspections
- Environmental Inspection Checklist Inspections of all environmental related items
- Site Improvement Plan
- Spray records
- · Pest eradication records

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. The Operations Manager is responsible for ensuring the weed management plan is updated and implemented.
- 2. All employees are responsible for reporting pests observed on the property.

#### **REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

This procedure, including records and associated attachments will be reviewed through the audit process to ensure relevance and compliance to WHSE system requirements.

Relevant WHSE system documentation shall be reviewed if they are associated with an incident, change in legislation, standards, codes of practice and the like or when the revision date is reached.

This procedure will be reviewed annually, or earlier if required.

#### **APPENDICES**





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