

## Appendix 2

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# ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE 12957

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## Licence Details

Number:	12957
Anniversary Date:	15-December

## Licensee

NAMOI MINING PTY. LTD.

PO BOX 600

GUNNEDAH NSW 2380

## Premises

SUNNYSIDE COAL PROJECT

259 COOCOBOONAH LANE

GUNNEDAH NSW 2380

## Scheduled Activity

Coal Works

Mining for Coal

## Fee Based Activity

### Scale

Coal works	0-2000000 T handled
Mining for coal	0-500000 T produced

## Region

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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:

<b>NAMOI MINING PTY. LTD.</b>
<b>PO BOX 600</b>
<b>GUNNEDAH NSW 2380</b>

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 development work listed below at the premises listed in A2:

Construction of surface infrastructure including but not limited to access roads, intersection and surface facilities prior to mining.

A1.2 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

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

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Coal Works	Coal works	0 - 2000000 T handled
Mining for Coal	Mining for coal	0 - 500000 T produced

A1.3 The licensee must not carry on any scheduled activities until the scheduled development works are completed, except as elsewhere provided in this licence.

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

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
SUNNYSIDE COAL PROJECT
259 COOCOBOONAH LANE
GUNNEDAH
NSW 2380
LOT 1 DP 393755, LOT 3 DP 611154, LOT 12 DP 755503

### 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

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the issuing of this licence.

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

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

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

<i>Air</i>			
EPA identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Ambient Air Monitoring		Deposited dust location labelled 'SD1' on property Ferndale identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 December 2008.
2	Ambient Air Monitoring		Deposited dust location labelled 'SD3' on property PlainView identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 Dec 2008.
4	Ambient Air Monitoring		Deposited dust location labelled 'SD5' on property Ivanhoe identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 December 2008.
5	Ambient Air Monitoring		Deposited dust location labelled 'SD6' on property Illili identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 December 2008.
6	Ambient Air Monitoring		Deposited dust location labelled 'SD7' on property Innisvale identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 December 2008.
7	Ambient Air Monitoring		PM10 location labelled 'SA1' on property Illili identified on Figure titled "Sunnyside Coal Mine - Air Quality Monitoring Network and Sunnyside Meteorological Station, 10 December 2008" submitted to DECC in email dated 12 December 2008.



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

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

## *Water and land*

EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
9	Wet weather discharge Discharge water quality monitoring	Wet weather discharge Discharge water quality monitoring	Discharge point from Storage Dam 3 located on northern side of premises labelled "SD3" on figure titled "Proposed Wet Weather Discharge Monitoring Points" submitted with licence variation application dated 14 May 2009.
10	Wet weather discharge Discharge water quality monitoring	Wet weather discharge Discharge water quality monitoring	Discharge point from Storage Dam 4 located on northern side of premises labelled "SD4" on figure titled "Proposed Wet Weather Discharge Monitoring Points" submitted with licence variation application dated 14 May 2009.
11	Ambient water quality monitoring		Monitoring point on Coochooonah Creek upstream of project site labelled "CCUS" on figure titled "Proposed Wet Weather Discharge Monitoring Points" submitted with licence variation application dated 14 May 2009.
12	Ambient water quality monitoring		Monitoring point on Coochooonah Creek downstream of project site labelled "CCDS" on figure titled "Proposed Wet Weather Discharge Monitoring Points" submitted with licence variation application dated 14 May 2009.

## 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

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- L2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified in the table\ below (by a point number), the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, or applied to that area, must not exceed the concentration limits specified for that pollutant in the table.
- L2.2 Where a pH quality limit is specified in the table, the specified percentage of samples must be within the specified ranges.
- L2.3 To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any pollutant other than those specified in the table\.
- L2.4 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

## POINT 9,10

Pollutant	Units of Measure	50 percentile concentration limit	90 percentile concentration limit	3DGM concentration limit	100 percentile concentration limit
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	-	-	-	10
pH	pH	-	-	-	6.5 - 8.5
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	-	-	-	50

- L2.5 The Total Suspended Solids concentration limits specified for Points 9 and 10 may be exceeded for water discharged provided that:
- (a) the discharge occurs solely as a result of rainfall measured at the premises that exceeds 38.4 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 run off from a 38.4 millimetre, 5 day rainfall event.

Note: 38.4 mm equates to the 5 day 90%ile rainfall depth for Gunnedah sourced from Table 6.3a Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Volume 1: 4th edition, March 2004.

## L3 Waste

- L3.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.
- L3.2 This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal of waste at the premises if those activities require an environment protection licence.

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## L4 Noise limits

L4.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits in the table below.

Locality and Location	Day- LAeq (15 minute)	Evening- LAeq (15 minute)	Night- LAeq (15 minute)	Night- LA1 (1 minute)
All surrounding residences	35	35	35	45

L4.2 For the purpose of the table above:

- a) Day is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sundays and Public Holidays;
- b) Evening is defined as the period from 6pm to 10pm;
- c) Night is defined as the period from 10pm to 7am Monday to Saturday and 10pm to 8am Sundays and Public Holidays.

## L4.3 Determining Compliance

To determine compliance:

- a) with the Leq(15 minute) noise limits in the Noise Limits table, the noise measurement equipment must be located:
  - i) approximately on the property boundary, where any dwelling is situated 30 metres or less from the property boundary closest to the premises; or
  - ii) within 30 metres of a dwelling façade, but not closer than 3m, where any dwelling on the property is situated more than 30 metres from the property boundary closest to the premises; or, where applicable
  - iii) within approximately 50 metres of the boundary of a National Park or a Nature Reserve.
- b) with the LA1(1 minute) noise limits in the Noise Limits table, the noise measurement equipment must be located within 1 metre of a dwelling façade.
- c) with the noise limits in the Noise Limits table, the noise measurement equipment must be located:
  - i) at the most affected point at a location where there is no dwelling at the location; or
  - ii) at the most affected point within an area at a location prescribed by part (a) or part (b) of this condition.

L4.4 The noise limits set out in the Noise Limits table apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- a) Wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- b) Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or
- c) Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

For the purposes of this condition:

- a) Data recorded by the meteorological station identified as EPA Identification Point(s) W1 must be used to determine meteorological conditions; and
- b) Temperature inversion conditions (stability category) are to be determined by the sigma-theta method referred to in Part E4 of Appendix E to the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

L4.5 For the purposes of determining the noise generated at the premises the modification factors in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy must be applied, as appropriate, to the noise levels measured by the

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noise monitoring equipment.

L4.6 The noise limits set by this licence do not apply where a current legally binding agreement exists between the licensee and the occupant of a residential property that:

- a) agrees to an alternative noise limit for that property; or
- b) provides an alternative means of compensation to address noise impacts from the premises.

A copy of any agreement must be provided to the EPA before the licensee can take advantage of the agreement.

## L5 Blasting

- L5.1 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 115dB (Lin Peak) at any noise sensitive locations for more than five per cent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.2 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 120dB (Lin Peak) at any time at any noise sensitive locations. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.3 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 5mm/sec at any noise sensitive locations for more than five per cent of the total number of blasts over each reporting period. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.4 Ground vibration peak particle velocity from the blasting operations at the premises must not exceed 10mm/sec at any time at any noise sensitive locations. Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure this are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.

## L6 Hours of operation

- L6.1 Construction activities covered by this licence must only be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1800 hrs Monday to Friday and between 0700 and 1600 hrs Saturday and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- L6.2 Mining operations covered by this licence (other than transport of coal from the premises and blasting) must only be carried out between the hours of 0700 and 2200 hrs Monday to Friday, and 0700 and 1800 hrs Saturday, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- L6.3 Transportation of coal from the premises must only be carried out between the hours of 0700 and 1800 (Eastern Standard Time) hrs Monday to Friday, and 0700 and 2000 hrs (Eastern Summer Time) Monday to Friday, and 0700 to 1600 hrs on Saturdays, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.

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- L6.4 Blasting in or on the premises must only be carried out between the hours of 1000 and 1700 hours Monday to Friday, and 1000 and 1400 hrs on Saturdays, and no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- L6.5 Conditions L6.1, L6.2, L6.3 and L6.4 do not apply to the delivery of material, and mining operation, if required by police or other authorities for safety reasons; and/or the operation or personnel or equipment are endangered. In such circumstances notification must be provided to the EPA and affected residents as soon as practicable.
- L6.6 The hours of operation specified in conditions L6.1, L6.2, L6.3 and L6.4 may be varied with written consent if the EPA is satisfied that the amenity of the residents in the locality will not be adversely affected.

## L7 Other limit conditions

### L7.1 Extraction limits

The maximum tonnage of extraction of ROM coal at the premises during the reporting period must not exceed 1 million tonnes

## 4 Operating Conditions

### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

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

This includes:

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

### 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.

O3.2 Trucks transporting coal from the premises must be covered immediately after loading to prevent wind blown emissions and spillage. The covering must be maintained until immediately before unloading the trucks.

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## 5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

### M1 Monitoring records

M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.

M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:

- in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
- kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
- produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:

- the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
- the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
- the point at which the sample was taken; and
- the name of the person who collected the sample.

### M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

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

M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements

**POINT 1,2,4,5,6**

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

**POINT 7**

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	AM-18

M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

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Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	Special Frequency 1	In situ
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
pH	pH	Special Frequency 1	In situ
Total organic carbon	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample

## POINT 11,12

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	Special Frequency 2	In situ
Oil and Grease	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 2	Grab sample
pH	pH	Special Frequency 2	In situ
Total organic carbon	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 2	Grab sample
Total suspended solids	milligrams per litre	Special Frequency 2	Grab sample

M2.4 For the purposes of the table(s) above Special Frequency 1 means the collection of samples as soon as practicable after each discharge commences and in any case not more than 12 hours after each discharge commences.

M2.5 For the purposes of the table(s) above Special Frequency 2 means the collection of samples quarterly (in the event of a flow during the quarter) at a time when there is flow and as soon as practicable after each wet weather discharge from points 9 and 10 commences and in any case not more than 12 hours after each discharge commences.

Note: Water monitoring requirements will be included as part of a licence variation following completion of construction works of the approved site water management plan as documented in the report "Site Water Management Plan for the Sunnyside Coal Mine, Namoi Mining Pty. Ltd., 8/8/2008"

Note: Groundwater monitoring points have not been formally included in the licence. However, the licensee is required to undertake groundwater monitoring in accordance with a Department of Planning approved Water Management Plan required under Schedule 3, condition 2 Project Approval 06-0308 dated 24 May 2008. The licensee has submitted the document "Site Water Management Plan for the Sunnyside Coal Mine, Namoi Coal Mining Pty Ltd, 2008." This document has been approved by Planning following consultation by the licensee with the EPA. The results of this monitoring are required to be reported in the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) and submitted to the EPA under the conditions of approval.

## 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

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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**

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 after:



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- a) the date of the issue of this licence or
- b) if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation.

## M6 Blasting

M6.1 To determine compliance with condition(s) L5.1, L5.2, L5.3 and L5.4:

- a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels experienced at the following noise sensitive locations must be measured and recorded for all blasts carried out in or on the premises;
  - and electronically recorded at receptors R1, R2, R4 and R6
- b) Instrumentation used to measure the airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must meet the requirements of Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006.

Note: A breach of the licence will still occur where airblast overpressure or ground vibration levels from the blasting operations at the premises exceeds the limit specified in this licence at any "noise sensitive locations" other than the locations identified in the above condition.

M6.2 For the purpose of conditions M8.1 and M9.1, the noise monitoring locations are described as:

EPA identification number	Description of location
R1	Property 'Innisvale' residence
R2	Property 'Ivanhoe' residence
R4	Property 'Illili' residence
R5	Property "Ferndale" residence
R6	Property 'Plain View' residence

Note: The location, frequency of monitoring and the parameters to be monitored may be varied by the EPA once the variability of the noise impact is established.

## 6 Reporting Conditions

### R1 Annual return documents

- R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:
- a) a Statement of Compliance; and
  - b) a Monitoring and Complaints Summary.

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

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

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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 by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

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

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

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

## R2 Notification of environmental harm

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.

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

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

## 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

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

- R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.
- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
- 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.

## R4 Other reporting conditions

### R4.1 BLAST REPORTING

- R4.2 The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.
- R4.3 The results of the blast monitoring required by this licence must be submitted to the EPA at the end of each reporting period.
- R4.4 A noise compliance assessment report must be submitted to the EPA within thirty (30) days of the completion of the quarterly noise monitoring. The assessment must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced acoustical consultant and include:
- a) an assessment of compliance with noise limits detailed in the limit conditions of this licence; and
  - b) an outline of any management actions taken within the monitoring period to address any exceedences of the limits detailed in the limit conditions of this licence.

## 7 General Conditions

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## 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.

## 8 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

### U1 Coal Mine Wind Erosion of Exposed Land Assessment

- U1.1 The licensee must undertake the following steps:
1. Calculate the wind erosion exposed surface area (in hectares) within the premises as of 31 July 2015.
  2. Determine the wind erosion exposed surface area (in hectares) predicted as at 31 July 2015 within the licensee's Environmental Assessment for the premises.
  3. Compare the areas calculated in steps 1 and 2.
  4. Submit a written report to the EPA at [armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au) containing the analysis required in steps 1 to 3, by 31 August 2015.

The report submitted to the EPA must be accompanied by spatial data to confirm the wind erosion exposed surface area calculations. The following data is required:

- Shapefiles showing the premises boundary.
- Shapefiles showing the wind erosion exposed area within the premises as of 31 July 2015
- Shapefiles showing areas classified as stabilised surface as of 31 July 2015
- Details of any studies undertaken to verify that the areas of stabilised surface meet the definition.

#### U1.2 Definitions:

*Environmental Assessment means any environmental assessment document prepared in order to gain approval or consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979) under which the licensee currently operates at the premises. If the predictions made in this document do not correspond to the current year of mine operation, the licensee should extrapolate between predictions.*

*Stabilised Surface means any previously disturbed surface area which shows visual or other evidence of surface crusting and is resistant to wind-driven fugitive dust and is demonstrated to be stabilised.*

*Stabilisation can be determined in accordance with one or more of the applicable test methods contained in the Rule 403 Implementation Handbook located at:*

*[www.capcoa.org/Docs/SCAQMD%20r403%20handbook.doc](http://www.capcoa.org/Docs/SCAQMD%20r403%20handbook.doc).*

*Wind Erosion Exposed Surface Area means the portion of the premises surface which has been physically moved, uncovered, destabilised or otherwise modified from its natural state, thereby increasing the potential for fugitive particulate matter emissions, but excluding areas which have been:*

- paved or covered by a permanent building or structure;
- maintained with a vegetative ground cover of at least 50% of ground cover for particular areas.

*Vegetative ground cover can be determined in accordance with the standardised procedure for revegetation assessment contained in Atyeo C. & Thackway R. (2009) located at:*

*[http://data.daff.gov.au/data/warehouse/pe\\_brs90000004196/revegetationManual200906\\_20100410\\_ap14](http://data.daff.gov.au/data/warehouse/pe_brs90000004196/revegetationManual200906_20100410_ap14)*

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*.pdf or  
· classified as a stabilised surface.*

## 9 Special Conditions

### E1 Discontinuation of Mining

Note: The EPA understands that the licensee has ceased coal mining and handling activities at the premises. It is the EPA's intention to include Pollution Reduction Programs requiring the licensee to implement a number of best practice measures to address wheel-generated dust and the handling of overburden to reduce particulate emissions from coal mining activities, if coal mining recommences.

E1.1 The licensee must notify the EPA's Manager, Armidale Region in writing 1 month prior to mining or handling any coal on the premises.

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## Dictionary

### General Dictionary

<b>3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]</b>	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
<b>Act</b>	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>activity</b>	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>actual load</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>AM</b>	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>AMG</b>	Australian Map Grid
<b>anniversary date</b>	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.
<b>annual return</b>	Is defined in R1.1
<b>Approved Methods Publication</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>assessable pollutants</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>BOD</b>	Means biochemical oxygen demand
<b>CEM</b>	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>COD</b>	Means chemical oxygen demand
<b>composite sample</b>	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.
<b>cond.</b>	Means conductivity
<b>environment</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>environment protection legislation</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
<b>EPA</b>	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
<b>fee-based activity classification</b>	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
<b>general solid waste (non-putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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<b>flow weighted composite sample</b>	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
<b>general solid waste (putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>grab sample</b>	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
<b>hazardous waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>licensee</b>	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
<b>load calculation protocol</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>local authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>material harm</b>	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>MBAS</b>	Means methylene blue active substances
<b>Minister</b>	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>mobile plant</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>motor vehicle</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>O&amp;G</b>	Means oil and grease
<b>percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]</b>	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.
<b>plant</b>	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
<b>pollution of waters [or water pollution]</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>premises</b>	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
<b>public authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>regional office</b>	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
<b>reporting period</b>	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.
<b>restricted solid waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>scheduled activity</b>	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>special waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>TM</b>	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

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<b>TSP</b>	Means total suspended particles
<b>TSS</b>	Means total suspended solids
<b>Type 1 substance</b>	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>Type 2 substance</b>	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>utilisation area</b>	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
<b>waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>waste type</b>	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

- 1 Licence varied by notice 1103274, issued on 18-Aug-2009, which came into effect on 18-Aug-2009.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1126972, issued on 13-Jul-2011, which came into effect on 13-Jul-2011.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1503266 issued on 20-Dec-2011
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1503675 issued on 15-Jun-2012
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1510436 issued on 21-Mar-2013
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1513053 issued on 18-Apr-2013
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1518195 issued on 17-Dec-2013
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1522248 issued on 19-Nov-2014