

HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS

Hunter Valley Operations EPL Monitoring Data

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to provide a summary of environmental monitoring results for Hunter Valley Operations in accordance with Environment Protection Licence 640. This report includes all monitoring data collected in accordance with the aforementioned Licence for the period 1 August – 31 August 2018.

Monitoring in this report includes:

- Air quality monitoring;
- Surface water monitoring including mine water discharge; and
- Blast monitoring.

Monitoring locations are shown in Figure 1.

2 AIR QUALITY

In accordance with the requirements of Condition M2.2 (EPL 640), Hunter Valley Operations maintains a network of five PM₁₀ monitors. The following monitoring locations (EPA Monitoring Points 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17) are listed on the licence for the purpose of monitoring:

- EPA Identification Number 13 – Howick
- EPA Identification Number 14 – HC1
- EPA Identification Number 15 – Wandewoi
- EPA Identification Number 16 – Knodlers
- EPA Identification Number 17 – Golden Highway

Results of Particulates (PM₁₀) monitoring (EPA Monitoring Points 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17) are shown in Table 1. Results reported represent the 24hr average PM₁₀, derived from 10 minute average PM₁₀ values for the period midnight to midnight, for each calendar date during the reporting period. The last sampling date was 31 August 2018; the data was obtained on the 3 September 2018.

TABLE 1: PARTICULATE MATTER <10µM MONITORING

Date	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency & Capture	Monitoring Point				
			Howick	HC1	Wandewoi	Knodlers	Golden Highway
1/08/2018	µg/m ³	Continuous	30.6	110.9	17.6	25.7	25.9
2/08/2018	µg/m ³		51.6	115.7	38.3	28.4	43.7
3/08/2018	µg/m ³		29.6	134.5	23.2	22.2	31.2
4/08/2018	µg/m ³		45.6	82.9	42.2	42.8	47.6
5/08/2018	µg/m ³		29.5	77.5	28.0	26.9	39.6
6/08/2018	µg/m ³		21.0	95.8	15.4	21.2	70.3
7/08/2018	µg/m ³		34.1	57.3	19.9	37.5	21.8
8/08/2018	µg/m ³		12.6	62.2	6.8	25.4	5.6
9/08/2018	µg/m ³		17.6	#	13.2	12.3	13.6
10/08/2018	µg/m ³		25.5	66.1	12.2	18.7	26.5
11/08/2018	µg/m ³		25.2	151.2	17.5	33.4	54.8
12/08/2018	µg/m ³		8.6	68.4	4.3	15.6	9.6
13/08/2018	µg/m ³		15.5	50.4	6.3	19.3	14.1
14/08/2018	µg/m ³		22.7	85.4	5.2	14.9	16.4
15/08/2018	µg/m ³		28.7	330.3	7.8	40.0	20.5
16/08/2018	µg/m ³		25.1	291.5	18.4	47.8	22.8
17/08/2018	µg/m ³		21.5	86.4	9.1	32.8	25.2
18/08/2018	µg/m ³		24.1	198.0	15.8	57.6	26.0
19/08/2018	µg/m ³		16.1	223.0	9.8	43.1	14.4
20/08/2018	µg/m ³		13.2	52.6	9.0	25.2	17.3
21/08/2018	µg/m ³		25.6	92.0	8.5	43.4	16.8

22/08/2018	µg/m ³		34.5	79.0	13.3	30.5	21.0
23/08/2018	µg/m ³		41.3	132.7	25.3	26.7	52.2
24/08/2018	µg/m ³		37.2	30.2	31.1	20.0	27.5
25/08/2018	µg/m ³		26.3	36.8	18.2	18.6	28.4
26/08/2018	µg/m ³		15.1	23.2	9.5	15.6	31.5
27/08/2018	µg/m ³		16.1	26.4	10.7	12.6	25.3
28/08/2018	µg/m ³		27.1	26.8	17.3	17.2	34.0
29/08/2018	µg/m ³		27.0	46.8	15.0	15.9	22.9
30/08/2018	µg/m ³		33.8	65.8	20.9	17.7	19.9
31/08/2018	µg/m ³		31.5	58.5	25.5	23.3	25.6
Monthly Meaningful Data							
August	µg/m³	Minimum*	8.6	23.2	4.3	12.3	5.6
August	µg/m³	Mean*	26.3	98.6	16.6	26.8	27.5
August	µg/m³	Maximum*	51.6	330.3	42.2	57.6	70.3
August	µg/m³	Median*	25.6	78.3	15.4	25.2	25.3

24 hour data unavailable due to equipment or communications issue causing one or more missing 10 minute values

*Data calculated with missing 10 minute values due to equipment or communication issue

3 SURFACE WATER

3.1 Mine Water Discharge Monitoring

HVO participates in the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS), and maintains six monitoring locations associated with this scheme (EPA Monitoring Points 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Condition M2.3) as follows:

- EPA Identification Number 3 – Discharge Pipe from Dam 11N
- EPA Identification Number 4 – Discharge end of outlet pipe on Parnell's Dam
- EPA Identification Number 5 – At the discharge end of the alluvial lands discharge pipeline
- EPA Identification Number 6 – In Farrell's Creek within 100m, and upstream of the confluence of flow from POINT 3
- EPA Identification Number 7 – In Farrell's Creek within 100m, and downstream of the confluence of flow from POINT 3
- EPA Identification Number 8 – Outlet of discharge pipe from Lake James storage dam

The location of these sampling points can be viewed in Figure 1.

Hunter Valley Operations did not receive any discharge opportunities in the reporting period and no water was discharged. As such, no samples were collected at Monitoring Points 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 during the reporting period (shown in Table 2 below).

TABLE 2: MINE WATER DISCHARGE MONITORING

Discharge Point	Date	Pollutant	unit of measure	Licence Limits	No. of samples required by licence	No. of samples you collected and analysed
Dam 11N Discharge / EPL Point 3	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	-	0	0
		pH	pH	6.5 - 9.5	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	120	0	0
Parnell's Dam Discharge / EPL Point 4	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	-	0	0
		pH	pH	6.5 - 9.5	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	120	0	0
Alluvial Lands Discharge / EPL Point 5	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	400	0	0
		pH	pH	-	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	-	0	0
Farrell's Creek Upstream / EPL Point 6	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	-	0	0
		pH	pH	-	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	-	0	0
Farrell's Creek Downstream / EPL Point 7	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	-	0	0
		pH	pH	-	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	-	0	0
Lake James Discharge / EPL Point 8	N/A	Electrical Conductivity	microsiemens per centimetre	-	0	0
		pH	pH	6.5 - 9.5	0	0
		Total Suspended Solids	milligrams per litre	120	0	0

4 BLAST MONITORING

In accordance with the requirements of Condition M8.1, Hunter Valley Operations maintains a network of blast monitors to measure airblast overpressure and ground vibration for all blasts carried out at HVO. The following monitoring locations (EPA Monitoring Points 9, 10, 11 and 12) are listed on the Licence for the purpose of assessing compliance with the airblast overpressure and ground vibration criteria as follows:

- EPA Identification Number 9 – Jerry's Plains
- EPA Identification Number 18 – Moses Crossing
- EPA Identification Number 11 – Warkworth
- EPA Identification Number 12 – Maison Dieu

The location of these monitors can be found in Figure 1. The last date sampled was the 31st August 2018. The data was obtained on the 7 September 2018.

Blast monitoring results are detailed in Table 3 (Airblast Overpressure) and Table 4 (Ground Vibration).

TABLE 3: BLAST MONITORING (AIRBLAST OVERPRESSURE)

Blast ID	Date and Time	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency & Capture	EPL Limits		Monitoring Point			
				95% of Blasts	100% of Blasts	Moses Crossing	Jerrys Plains	Maison Dieu	Warkworth
WS40ULD01A	1/08/2018 13:08	dB(L)	All Blasts 100%	115	120	106.0	100.7	109.5	106.6
P204P0601A	2/08/2018 12:41	dB(L)		115	120	92.0	93.1	100.7	95.5
CE11BR601A	3/08/2018 14:54	dB(L)		115	120	105.8	110.5	113.4	101.6
P204P0301A	4/08/2018 15:10	dB(L)		115	120	82.9	98.9	111.9	91.9
WN45LEC03A WN43LPG02B	9/08/2018 16:08	dB(L)		115	120	89.2	92.2	87.9	82.9
WN45LEC02A	9/08/2018 16:15	dB(L)		115	120	87.9	87.2	85.8	87.7
CE11BR602A	13/08/2018 13:11	dB(L)		115	120	88.5	109.7	102.6	104.5
P204P0301B	14/08/2018 12:09	dB(L)		115	120	97.5	102.2	110.2	105.5
WN40BAR01A	17/08/2018 13:07	dB(L)		115	120	102.9	106.1	115.3	97.6
WS44MPG01A	20/08/2018 16:11	dB(L)		115	120	88.4	95.3	91.9	104.6
WN45LEC06A WN45LEP03A	20/08/2018 16:11	dB(L)		115	120	92.4	90.6	96.7	104.6
RW26AFA02A RW27WHG03A	22/08/2018 13:22	dB(L)		115	120	96.3	104.1	92.4	100.4
WN45LEC08A	24/08/2018 15:58	dB(L)		115	120	92.9	101.6	101.2	94.3
P119R6P03A	25/08/2018 13:12	dB(L)		115	120	84.0	78.9	99.7	92.0
RW26AFA02B	28/08/2018 14:13	dB(L)		115	120	98.4	92.9	92.5	95.3

RW27WHG03B	28/08/2018 14:29	dB(L)		115	120	101.9	109.1	100.7	103.9
WW27BAR02A	29/08/2018 14:56	dB(L)		115	120	96.8	98.9	113.6	93.5
WS44MPG03A	30/08/2018 13:04	dB(L)		115	120	91.4	87.1	93.0	95.3
Monthly Meaningful Data									
Minimum	August	dB(L)		115	120	82.9	78.9	85.8	82.9
Mean	August	dB(L)		115	120	94.2	97.7	101.1	97.6
Maximum	August	dB(L)		115	120	106.0	110.5	115.3	106.6
Median	August	dB(L)		115	120	92.6	98.9	100.7	96.5

TABLE 4: BLAST MONITORING (GROUND VIBRATION)

Blast ID	Date and Time	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency & Capture	EPL Limits		Monitoring Point			
				95% of Blasts	100% of Blasts	Moses Crossing	Jerrys Plains	Maison Dieu	Warkworth
WS40ULD01A	1/08/2018 13:08	mm/s	All Blasts 100%	5	10	0.25	0.23	0.11	0.25
P204P0601A	2/08/2018 12:41	mm/s		5	10	0.04	0.04	0.24	0.20
CE11BR601A	3/08/2018 14:54	mm/s		5	10	0.11	0.21	0.13	0.14
P204P0301A	4/08/2018 15:10	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.10
WN45LEC03A WN43LPG02B	9/08/2018 16:08	mm/s		5	10	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.09
WN45LEC02A	9/08/2018 16:15	mm/s		5	10	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.09
CE11BR602A	13/08/2018 13:11	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.08
P204P0301B	14/08/2018 12:09	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.10
WN40BAR01A	17/08/2018 13:07	mm/s		5	10	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.22
WS44MPG01A	20/08/2018 16:11	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.03	0.08	0.33
WN45LEC06A WN45LEP03A	20/08/2018 16:11	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.11	0.08	0.08
RW26AFA02A RW27WHG03A	22/08/2018 13:22	mm/s		5	10	0.24	0.06	0.06	0.32
WN45LEC08A	24/08/2018 15:58	mm/s		5	10	0.20	0.19	0.14	0.38
P119R6P03A	25/08/2018 13:12	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05
RW26AFA02B	28/08/2018 14:13	mm/s		5	10	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.09

RW27WHG03B	28/08/2018 14:29	mm/s		5	10	0.79	0.12	0.12	0.34
WW27BAR02A	29/08/2018 14:56	mm/s		5	10	0.07	0.12	0.04	0.36
WS44MPG03A	30/08/2018 13:04	mm/s		5	10	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.46
Monthly Meaningful Data									
Minimum	August	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.05
Mean	August	mm/s		5	10	0.15	0.09	0.08	0.20
Maximum	August	mm/s		5	10	0.79	0.23	0.24	0.46
Median	August	mm/s		5	10	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.17



Figure 1 : Hunter Valley Operations Environmental Monitoring Locations