

HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS

Hunter Valley Operations EPL Monitoring Data

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Environment Protection Licence	640
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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 March – 31 March 2019.

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 March 2019; the data was obtained on the 1 April 2019.

TABLE 1: PARTICULATE MATTER <10µM MONITORING

Date	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency & Capture	Monitoring Point				
			Howick	HC1	Wandewoi	Knodlers	Golden Highway
1/03/2019	µg/m³	Continuous	38.0	17.6	19.4	13.1	13.4
2/03/2019	µg/m³		28.4	12.6	20.7	13.4	11.4
3/03/2019	µg/m³		33.3	21.2	21.3	11.9	12.8
4/03/2019	µg/m³		45.4	41.6	27.3	16.2	23.1
5/03/2019	µg/m³		35.1	73.8	40.3	25.9	32.2
6/03/2019	µg/m³		68.2	217.9	79.5	75.8	76.7
7/03/2019	µg/m³		39.9	30.2	28.3	26.9	31.8
8/03/2019	µg/m³		44.4	58.6	29.3	19.4	29.0
9/03/2019	µg/m³		35.0	93.2	31.7	28.0	27.6
10/03/2019	µg/m³		28.4	66.8	20.0	20.4	35.1
11/03/2019	µg/m³		70.3	128.8	51.1	63.2	75.8
12/03/2019	µg/m³		35.8	84.3	31.0	30.8	32.1
13/03/2019	µg/m³		56.8	38.9	54.3	25.2	28.9
14/03/2019	µg/m³		39.3	38.0	31.6	23.2	28.5
15/03/2019	µg/m³		36.4	17.8	15.5	18.9	31.6
16/03/2019	µg/m³		19.2	19.5	12.2	13.3	20.9
17/03/2019	µg/m³		8.0	13.5	5.6	6.2	8.1
18/03/2019	µg/m³		7.7	12.6	6.3	5.9	9.3
19/03/2019	µg/m³		15.4	17.7	10.5	9.3	19.2
20/03/2019	µg/m³		29.1	20.7	14.9	9.0	20.0
21/03/2019	µg/m³		22.6	26.5	13.0	7.9	21.6

22/03/2019	µg/m ³		22.9	10.6	14.8	27.1	7.8*
23/03/2019	µg/m ³		19.2	32.9	11.6	11.8	#
24/03/2019	µg/m ³		22.2	31.8	26.9	17.4	#
25/03/2019	µg/m ³		21.5	32.5	18.1	18.1	8.9*
26/03/2019	µg/m ³		35.2	68.0	28.7	30.3	34.8
27/03/2019	µg/m ³		35.2	29.1	26.5	19.2	32.5
28/03/2019	µg/m ³		33.7	32.6	24.1	16.4	22.6
29/03/2019	µg/m ³		41.9	60.9	23.9	16.7	27.2
30/03/2019	µg/m ³		18.6	22.5	13.2	20.5	13.1
31/03/2019	µg/m ³		65.1	119.6	49.0	55.0	64.2
Monthly Meaningful Data							
March	µg/m³	Minimum*	7.7	10.6	5.6	5.9	7.8
March	µg/m³	Mean*	33.9	48.1	25.8	22.5	27.6
March	µg/m³	Maximum*	70.3	217.9	79.5	75.8	76.7
March	µg/m³	Median*	35.0	32.5	23.9	18.9	27.2

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 – Jerrys 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 28th March 2019. The data was obtained on the 3rd April 2019.

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
WS45LED03A	1/03/2019 13:10	dB(L)	All Blasts 100%	115	120	99.4	95.8	111.4	99.9
P121R0602A	2/03/2019 13:20	dB(L)		115	120	98.9	107.9	95.9	103.2
RW27BFA01A	4/03/2019 13:14	dB(L)		115	120	100.8	101.0	100.1	100.7
P123M0804A	5/03/2019 13:21	dB(L)		115	120	93.4	87.8	104.0	89.5
WN45MPG01A	7/03/2019 13:06	dB(L)		115	120	102.0	98.2	110.0	89.0
WS40LLD01A	8/03/2019 13:31	dB(L)		115	120	96.0	84.7	90.0	98.2
P119BAC03A	11/03/2019 13:15	dB(L)		115	120	98.9	93.8	103.4	102.7
WS40LLD02A	13/03/2019 13:30	dB(L)		115	120	107.6	104.2	106.7	94.4
WS43LPG12A_ WS43UAA11A	13/03/2019 13:31	dB(L)		115	120	103.1	102.1	106.5	95.5
P123P6P04A	14/03/2019 13:37	dB(L)		115	120	85.2	90.0	87.0	98.7
RW27BFA01B	15/03/2019 13:09	dB(L)		115	120	102.1	102.6	109.0	98.0
WN45LPG01A	19/03/2019 13:04	dB(L)		115	120	76.3	80.0	84.5	93.0
WN45MPG02A	19/03/2019 16:06	dB(L)		115	120	88.1	89.6	99.9	90.9
P204R6P03A	21/03/2019 13:10	dB(L)		115	120	84.2	84.0	95.7	93.9
P206M0107A	23/03/2019 13:20	dB(L)		115	120	85.5	94.4	91.6	92.5
WS45LEC01A	25/03/2019 9:07	dB(L)		115	120	91.7	93.9	91.2	95.2
P123M0805A	27/03/2019 13:27	dB(L)		115	120	98.1	107.1	110.6	90.6

P204R0103A	28/03/2019 13:17	dB(L)		115	120	95.5	90.6	92.7	93.0
WN41ULP01A	28/03/2019 15:09	dB(L)		115	120	95.4	110.3	106.4	89.8
Monthly Meaningful Data									
Minimum	March	dB(L)		115	120	76.3	80.0	84.5	89.0
Mean	March	dB(L)		115	120	94.8	95.7	99.8	95.2
Maximum	March	dB(L)		115	120	107.6	110.3	111.4	103.2
Median	March	dB(L)		115	120	96.0	94.4	100.1	94.4

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
WS45LED03A	1/03/2019 13:10	mm/s	All Blasts 100%	5	10	0.19	0.10	0.17	0.12
P121R0602A	2/03/2019 13:20	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.10	0.27	0.45
RW27BFA01A	4/03/2019 13:14	mm/s		5	10	0.45	0.12	0.10	0.34
P123M0804A	5/03/2019 13:21	mm/s		5	10	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.13
WN45MPG01A	7/03/2019 13:06	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.19
WS40LLD01A	8/03/2019 13:31	mm/s		5	10	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.10
P119BAC03A	11/03/2019 13:15	mm/s		5	10	0.14	0.07	0.19	0.25
WS40LLD02A	13/03/2019 13:30	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.22
WS43LPG12A_ WS43UAA11A	13/03/2019 13:31	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.18	0.10	0.21
P123P6P04A	14/03/2019 13:37	mm/s		5	10	0.07	0.05	0.22	0.22
RW27BFA01B	15/03/2019 13:09	mm/s		5	10	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.13
WN45LPG01A	19/03/2019 13:04	mm/s		5	10	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.17
WN45MPG02A	19/03/2019 16:06	mm/s		5	10	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.20
P204R6P03A	21/03/2019 13:10	mm/s		5	10	0.10	0.05	0.40	0.26
P206M0107A	23/03/2019 13:20	mm/s		5	10	0.10	0.03	0.09	0.10
WS45LEC01A	25/03/2019 9:07	mm/s		5	10	0.36	0.12	0.08	0.05
P123M0805A	27/03/2019 13:27	mm/s		5	10	0.11	0.04	0.09	0.15

P204R0103A	28/03/2019 13:17	mm/s		5	10	0.10	0.03	0.30	0.23
WN41ULP01A	28/03/2019 15:09	mm/s		5	10	0.22	0.29	0.15	0.16
Monthly Meaningful Data									
Minimum	March	mm/s		5	10	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05
Mean	March	mm/s		5	10	0.15	0.08	0.14	0.19
Maximum	March	mm/s		5	10	0.45	0.29	0.40	0.45
Median	March	mm/s		5	10	0.10	0.06	0.09	0.19

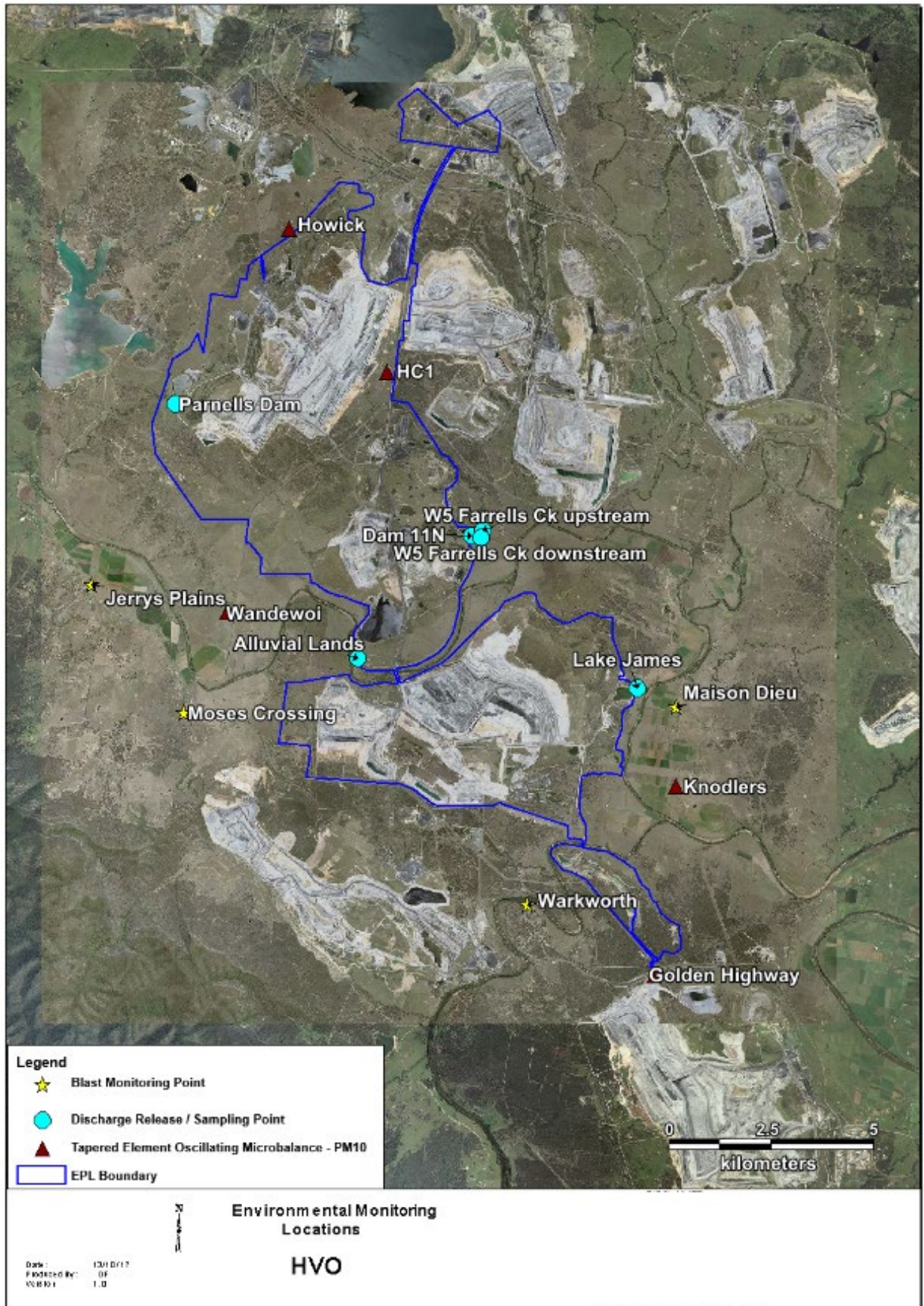


Figure 1 : Hunter Valley Operations Environmental Monitoring Locations