

# HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS

## Environment Protection Licence 640 Monitoring Data - August 2019

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<b>Name of Operation</b>	<b>Hunter Valley Operations</b>
<i>Environment Protection Licence</i>	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 August – 31 August 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 PM<sub>10</sub> 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 (PM<sub>10</sub>) monitoring (EPA Monitoring Points 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17) are shown in Table 1. Results reported represent the 24hr average PM<sub>10</sub>, derived from 10 minute average PM<sub>10</sub> values for the period midnight to midnight, for each calendar date during the reporting period. The last sampling date was 31 August 2019; the data was obtained on the 2 September 2019.

**Table 1: Particulate Matter <10µm Monitoring**

Date	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency & Capture	Monitoring Point				
			Howick	HC1	Wandewoi	Knodlers	Golden Highway
1/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Continuous	31.5	61.5	15.6	18.3	26.6
2/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		26.6	57.7	35.3*	17.6	31.4
3/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		24.5	140.3	14.6	29.4	48.6
4/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		45.5	83.7	21.6	34.4	65.0
5/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		21.8	65.0*	19.6	29.5	53.2
6/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		29.0	#	13.4	42.5	39.5
7/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		40.1	171.3	16.5	56.3	24.1
8/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		48.3	223.4	24.1	71.4	69.4
9/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		#	226.8	35.8	76.5	44.5
10/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		18.4	118.8	10.1	34.7	10.3*
11/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		12.8	65.3	6.3	24.8	9.0
12/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		13.9	74.8	4.9*	12.1	7.7*
13/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		24.9	60.4	11.2	14.2	36.2
14/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		32.7	99.0	11.2*	23.9	62.5
15/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		37.9	151.0	8.4	33.5	44.7
16/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		29.0	181.8	9.5	46.8	18.4
17/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		36.8	104.0	28.6	39.8	43.0
18/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		34.3	138.5*	44.1*	31.6	64.5
19/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		36.8	180.8*	23.6*	49.2	32.4*
20/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		22.8	124.5	8.0	24.9	13.0
21/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		25.9	242.0	9.5	27.2	12.8*
22/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		30.5	81.7	19.0	25.2	33.8

23/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		54.6	109.4	30.1	31.0	84.6
24/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		42.0	163.2	21.2*	51.9	48.9
25/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		41.1	95.7	23.1	58.1	39.1
26/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		42.5	40.1	24.3*	26.0	50.6
27/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		#	21.4	29*	18.9	28.5
28/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		15.2*	96.7	16.6	34.8	36.2
29/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		43.8	101.8	19.3	26.7	57.8
30/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		7.7	13.9	7.0	6.3	10.6
31/08/2019	µg/m <sup>3</sup>		6.8	10.3	6.5	6.9	18.3
<b>Monthly Meaningful Data</b>							
<b>August</b>	<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Minimum</b>	6.8	10.3	6.3	6.3	9.0
<b>August</b>	<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Mean</b>	30.8*	108.2*	16.3*	33.0*	40.8*
<b>August</b>	<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Maximum</b>	54.6	242.0	35.8	76.5	84.6
<b>August</b>	<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Median</b>	31.0*	99.0*	15.6*	29.5*	39.5*

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. The data was obtained on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 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
WN41LLD03A_ WS41ULD01A	1/08/2019 13:21	dB(L)	All Blasts 100%	115	120	94.4	99.8	93.9	92.2
RW32WHAC02A	2/08/2019 13:17	dB(L)		115	120	92.4	88.5	85.2	91.3
P208WK203A	2/08/2019 14:19	dB(L)		115	120	90.0	86.3	103.0	94.3
WS45UPG02A	3/08/2019 14:35	dB(L)		115	120	100.3	110.5	110.3	107.3
P123P0606A	5/08/2019 13:06	dB(L)		115	120	95.2	108.9	98.6	96.1
P204R0603A	6/08/2019 16:26	dB(L)		115	120	88.1	93.7	105.0	102.7
P121R0801A	6/08/2019 16:27	dB(L)		115	120	96.4	98.3	104.5	99.8
P206FCL04A	7/08/2019 16:32	dB(L)		115	120	88.7	107.9	100.0	103.3
WS41ULD01B	12/08/2019 13:29	dB(L)		115	120	85.8	109.4	108.7	98.1
WN47BAY02A	12/08/2019 13:30	dB(L)		115	120	90.1	103.8	107.2	97.5
RW29AFA03_ BFP01A	12/08/2019 15:08	dB(L)		115	120	85.9	97.0	106.3	105.1
RW32PRE02A	13/08/2019 13:13	dB(L)		115	120	93.7	107.4	104.8	102.8
WN43LAR05A	14/08/2019 13:06	dB(L)		115	120	88.2	97.2	96.6	101.1
P121R8P02A	14/08/2019 16:19	dB(L)		115	120	89.7	98.1	93.3	100.8
P204R0604A	16/08/2019 10:13	dB(L)		115	120	106.3	108.9	107.6	103.8



P208WK204A	17/08/2019 13:16	dB(L)		115	120	94.9	97.6	108.4	98.9
RW32PRE02B	20/08/2019 10:06	dB(L)		115	120	87.0	112.5	111.0	93.6
WN47BAY02B	20/08/2019 13:07	dB(L)		115	120	110.5	100.0	110.6	103.9
P207M0101A P206FCL05A	23/08/2019 11:01	dB(L)		115	120	92.6	95.6	105.4	103.5
WS45UPG03A	24/08/2019 9:59	dB(L)		115	120	100.9	94.6	102.8	103.5
RW34PRE02A	26/08/2019 9:24	dB(L)		115	120	99.8	103.7	105.9	91.7
WN41BAR01A	27/08/2019 15:02	dB(L)		115	120	78.9	93.4	86.2	86.3
P123P0607A	28/08/2019 13:56	dB(L)		115	120	99.5	105.4	108.7	92.0
P204R8P01A	28/08/2019 13:57	dB(L)		115	120	89.5	107.2	105.8	100.6
RW34WHA01A	29/08/2019 13:47	dB(L)		115	120	100.8	104.3	109.2	96.7
P207M0101B	31/08/2019 16:54	dB(L)		115	120	94.1	93.0	97.1	93.5
<b>Monthly Meaningful Data</b>									
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>dB(L)</b>		115	120	78.9	86.3	85.2	86.3
<b>Mean</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>dB(L)</b>		115	120	93.6	100.9	102.9	98.5
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>dB(L)</b>		115	120	110.5	112.5	111.0	107.3
<b>Median</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>dB(L)</b>		115	120	93.1	99.9	105.2	99.4

**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
WN41LLD03A_W S41ULD01A	1/08/2019 13:21	mm/s	All Blasts 100%	5	10	0.13	0.10	0.14	0.17
RW32WHAC02A	2/08/2019 13:17	mm/s		5	10	0.15	0.04	0.08	0.14
P208WK203A	2/08/2019 14:19	mm/s		5	10	0.12	0.05	0.19	0.33
WS45UPG02A	3/08/2019 14:35	mm/s		5	10	0.09	0.03	0.07	0.12
P123P0606A	5/08/2019 13:06	mm/s		5	10	0.10	0.04	0.10	0.16
P204R0603A	6/08/2019 16:26	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.03	0.16	0.67
P121R0801A	6/08/2019 16:27	mm/s		5	10	0.28	0.13	0.29	0.42
P206FCL04A	7/08/2019 16:32	mm/s		5	10	0.07	0.02	0.09	0.35
WS41ULD01B	12/08/2019 13:29	mm/s		5	10	0.15	0.08	0.10	0.20
WN47BAY02A	12/08/2019 13:30	mm/s		5	10	0.13	0.07	0.09	0.15
RW29AFA03_ BFP01A	12/08/2019 15:08	mm/s		5	10	0.32	0.21	0.13	0.24
RW32PRE02A	13/08/2019 13:13	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.05	0.10	0.15
WN43LAR05A	14/08/2019 13:06	mm/s		5	10	0.16	0.17	0.10	0.08
P121R8P02A	14/08/2019 16:19	mm/s		5	10	0.31	0.23	0.32	0.40
P204R0604A	16/08/2019 10:13	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.03	0.18	0.10
P208WK204A	17/08/2019 13:16	mm/s	5	10	0.13	0.05	0.23	0.37	

RW32PRE02B	20/08/2019 10:06	mm/s		5	10	0.23	0.07	0.08	0.16
WN47BAY02B	20/08/2019 13:07	mm/s		5	10	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.06
P207M0101A P206FCL05A	23/08/2019 11:01	mm/s		5	10	0.14	0.06	0.35	0.50
WS45UPG03A	24/08/2019 9:59	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.03	0.06	0.07
RW34PRE02A	26/08/2019 9:24	mm/s		5	10	0.29	0.05	0.08	0.15
WN41BAR01A	27/08/2019 15:02	mm/s		5	10	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.06
P123P0607A	28/08/2019 13:56	mm/s		5	10	0.08	0.03	0.09	0.54
P204R8P01A	28/08/2019 13:57	mm/s		5	10	0.18	0.09	0.88	0.70
RW34WHA01A	29/08/2019 13:47	mm/s		5	10	0.22	0.06	0.09	0.22
P207M0101B	31/08/2019 16:54	mm/s		5	10	0.15	0.07	0.43	0.78
<b>Monthly Meaningful Data</b>									
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>mm/s</b>		5	10	0.07	0.02	0.06	0.06
<b>Mean</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>mm/s</b>		5	10	0.16	0.08	0.18	0.28
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>mm/s</b>		5	10	0.32	0.23	0.88	0.78
<b>Median</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>mm/s</b>		5	10	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.19

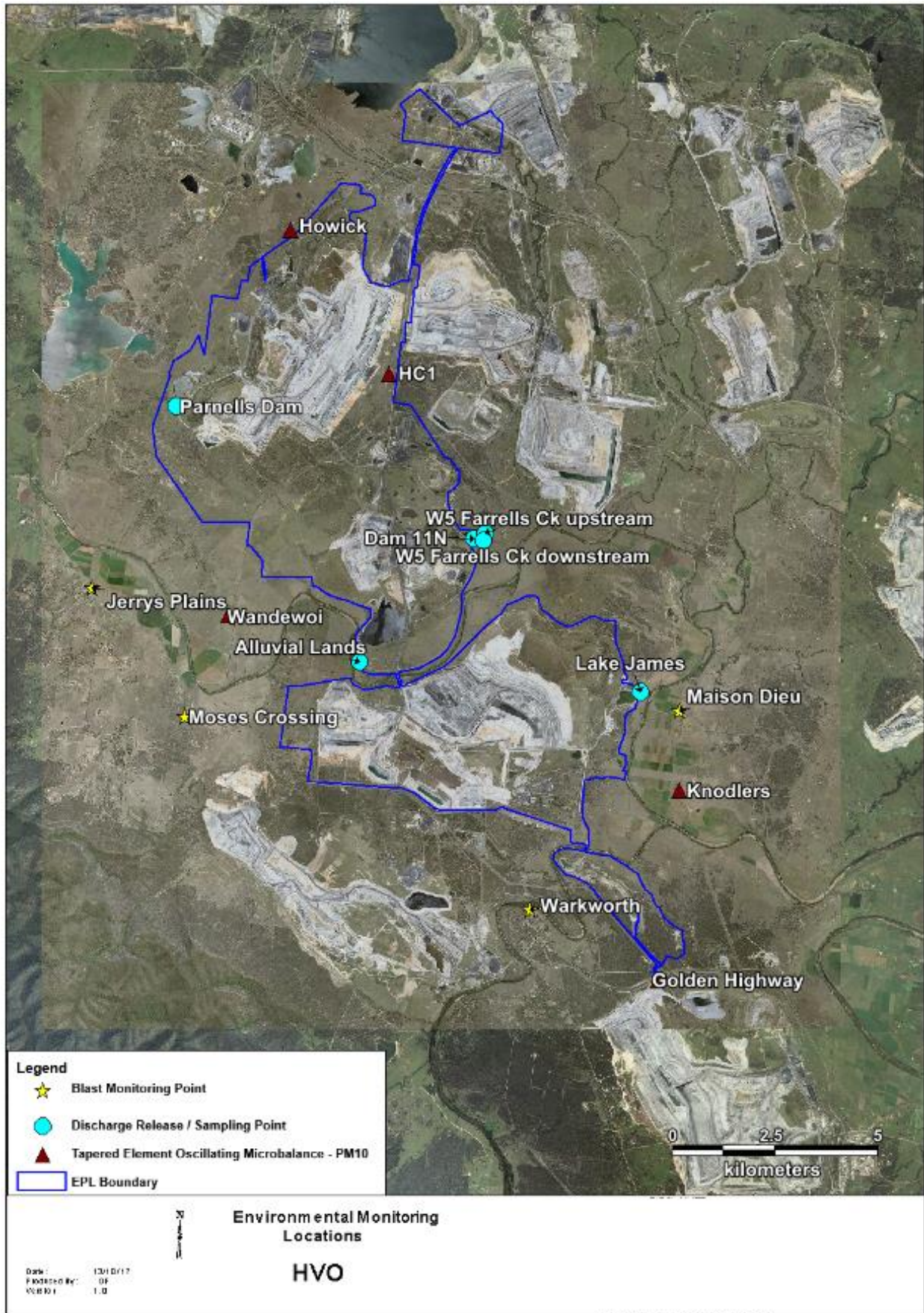


Figure 1 : Hunter Valley Operations Environmental Monitoring Locations