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| Number: | 529 |
| Anniversary Date: | 01-January |

Licensee WAMBO COAL PTY LIMITED PRIVATE MAIL BAG 1 SINGLETON NSW 2330

| <u>Premises</u> |
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| WAMBO COAL MINE |
| 300 WATT STREET |
| WARKWORTH NSW 2330 |

| Scheduled Activity |
|----------------------------------|
| Coal works |
| Crushing, grinding or separating |
| Mining for coal |

| Fee Based Activity | <u>Scale</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Coal works | > 5000000 T annual handing capacity |
| Crushing, grinding or separating | > 2000000 T annual processing capacity |
| Mining for coal | > 5000000 T annual production capacity |

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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:

WAMBO COAL PTY LIMITED

PRIVATE MAIL BAG 1

SINGLETON NSW 2330

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 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Coal works | Coal works | > 5000000 T annual handing capacity |
| Crushing, grinding or separating | Crushing, grinding or separating | > 2000000 T annual processing capacity |
| Mining for coal | Mining for coal | > 5000000 T annual production capacity |

Note: In relation to this licence, the licensee must comply with:

- a) the activity scale limits imposed by this licence;
- b) the activity scale limits which apply for the reporting period specified in this licence; and
- c) the activity scale limits imposed by other legal instruments, such as approvals currently in force under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

| Premises Details | |
|------------------|--|
| WAMBO COAL MINE | |
| 300 WATT STREET | |
| WARKWORTH | |
| NSW 2330 | |

PREMISES MARKED AND SHOWN AS THE AREA WITHIN "PREMISES BOUNDARY (EPL529)" ON THE PLAN TITLED "WAMBO MINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE 529 PLAN OF PREMISES- MONITORING SITES", REVISION K_24/6/2021, DATED 24/6/2021, PREPARED BY MALCOM WALKER, REGISTERED MINE SURVEYOR (EPA REFERENCE: DOC21/818486); AND THE SHAPEFILES PROVIDED TO THE EPA ON 17/9/2021 (EPA REF. DOC21/818486-1).

A3 Other activities



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A3.1 This licence applies to all other activities carried on at the premises, including:

| Ancillary Activity |
|----------------------------|
| General chemicals storage |
| Petroleum products storage |
| Sewage treatment systems |

A4 Information supplied to the EPA

A4.1 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.

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.

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| EPA identi- fication no. | Type of Monitoring Point | Type of Discharge Point | Location Description |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 14 | Ambient air monitoring | | Bulga air quality monitoring point (AQ02), marked and shown as "EPA14" on the Plan. |
| 15 | Ambient air monitoring | | Redmanvale air quality monitoring point (AQ03), marked and shown as "EPA15" on the Plan. |
| 16 | Ambient air monitoring | | Moses Crossing air quality monitoring (AQ04), marked and shown as "EPA16" on the Plan. |
| 53 | Ambient air monitoring | | Warkworth air quality monitoring (AQ01), marked and shown as "EPA13" on the Plan. |

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.



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Water and land

| | | Water and land | |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| EPA Identi- | Type of Monitoring Point | Type of Discharge Point | Location Description |
| fication no. | | | |
| 4 | Discharge of saline water under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Discharge quality monitoring quality Volume monitoring | Discharge of saline water under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Discharge quality monitoring quality Volume monitoring | HRSTS Outlet from Eagles Nest Dam, marked and shown as "EPA4" on the Plan. |
| 19 | Discharge of saline water under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Discharge quality monitoring Volume monitoring | Discharge of saline water under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Discharge quality monitoring Volume monitoring | HRSTS Discharge from South Wambo Dam, marked and shown as "EPA19" on the Plan. |
| 24 | Ambient water monitoring | | Hunter River monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW1" on the Plan. |
| 25 | Ambient water monitoring | | Hunter River monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW2" on the Plan.1 |
| 26 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wollombi Brook monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW3" on the Plan. |
| 27 | Ambient water monitoring | | Hunter River monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW4" on the Plan. |
| 28 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wollombi Brook monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW5" on the Plan. |
| 29 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wambo Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW6" on the Plan. |
| 30 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wambo Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW7" on the Plan. |
| 31 | Ambient water monitoring | | Stony Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW8" on the Plan. |
| 33 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wollombi Brook monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW15" on the Plan. |
| 34 | Ambient water monitoring | | North Wambo Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW27a" on the Plan. |
| 36 | Ambient water monitoring | | North Wambo Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW32a" on the Plan. |
| 39 | Ambient water monitoring | | Waterfall Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW39" on the Plan. |
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| 40 | Ambient water monitoring | | Wollombi Brook monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW40" on the Plan. |
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| 41 | Ambient water monitoring | | Waterfall Creek monitoring point, marked and shown as "SW41" on the Plan. |
| 42 | | Discharge to utilisation area | Sewage Treatment Plant discharge to utilisation area, marked and shown as "STPD2" on the Plan. |
| 43 | Discharge to utilisation area Effluent quality monitoring | Discharge to utilisation area Effluent quality monitoring | Sewage Treatment Plant discharge to utilisation area, marked and shown as "STPD3" on the Plan. |
| 52 | Effluent quality monitoring | | Sewage Treatment Plant discharge, marked and shown as "STPD2" on the Plan. |
| 55 | | Discharge to utilisation area | Sewage Treatment Plant discharge to utilisation area, marked and shown as "STPD1" on the Plan. |
| 56 | Effluent quality monitoring | | Sewage Treatment Plant discharge, marked and shown as "STP1" on the Plan. |

P1.3 The following points referred to in the table below are identified in this licence for the purposes of weather and/or noise monitoring and/or setting limits for the emission of noise from the premises.

Noise/Weather

| EPA identi- fication no. | Type of monitoring point | Location description |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 17 | Meteorological Station – to determine meteorological conditions for noise monitoring | Wambo meteorological station, marked and shown as "EPA17" on the Plan. |
| 20 | Noise monitoring | Jerrys Plains noise monitoring for NMG1, marked and shown as "N16" on the Plan. |
| 21 | Noise monitoring | Redmanvale noise monitoring point for NMG2, marked and shown as "N20A" on the Plan. |
| 22 | Noise monitoring | Wambo South monitoring point for NMG3, marked and shown as "N21" on the Plan. |
| 23 | Noise monitoring | Redmanvale Road South monitoring point for NMG4, marked and shown as "N26" on the Plan. |

P1.4 For the purposes of conditions P1.1, P1.2 and P1.3:

- (i) "Plan" refers to the plan titled "Wambo mine Environment Protection Licence 529 Plan of Premises-Monitoring Sites", Revision K_24/6/2021, dated 24/6/2021, prepared by Malcom Walker, Registered mine Surveyor (EPA ref. DOC21/818486).
- (ii) "NMG" refers to "Noise Management Groups" defined in the document titled "Wambo Coal Mine Noise Monitoring Group- Noise Modelling Evaluation" dated 16 August 2019 (EPA ref. DOC19/704212).



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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.
- 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 Water and/or Land Concentration Limits

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| Pollutant | Units of Measure | 50 percentile concentration limit | 90 percentile concentration limit | 3DGM concentration limit | 100 percentile concentration limit |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| рН | рН | | | | 6.5 to 9.5 |
| Total suspended solids | milligrams per litre | | | | 120 |

L3 Volume and mass limits

- L3.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the volume/mass of:
 - a) liquids discharged to water; or;
 - b) solids or liquids applied to the area;

must not exceed the volume/mass limit specified for that discharge point or area.

| Point | Unit of Measure | Volume/Mass Limit |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 4,19 | megalitres per day | 250 |



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L3.2 The licensee must not discharge more than a combined total of 250 megalitres per day from the discharge points specified by Condition L3.1.

L4 Waste

L4.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste to be received at the premises, except the wastes expressly referred to in the column titled "Waste" and meeting the definition, if any, in the column titled "Description" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises must only be used for the activities referred to in relation to that waste in the column titled "Activity" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises is subject to those limits or conditions, if any, referred to in relation to that waste contained in the column titled "Other Limits" in the table below.

This condition does not limit any other conditions in this licence.

| Code | Waste | Description | Activity | Other Limits |
|------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| NA | General solid waste (non-putrescible and putrescible) | Compost waste to be used as soil ameliorant in mine rehabilitation | Waste disposal (application to land) | The licensee must comply with "The compost exemption 2016". |
| NA | General solid waste (non-putrescible) | Gypsum plaster board wastes to be used as soil ameliorant in mine rehabilitation | Waste disposal (application to land) | The licensee must comply with "The recovered plasterboard exemption 2014". |
| NA | General solid waste (non-putrescible and putrescible) | Certain organics, described as - pasteurised garden organics - to be used as soil ameliorant in mine rehabilitation | Waste disposal (application to land) | The licensee must comply with "The pasteurised garden organics exemption 2016". |
| NA | General solid waste (non-putrescible) | Recovered aggregate to be used on the mine for road making, building, landscape and construction | Waste disposal (application to land) | The licensee must comply with "The recovered aggregate exemption 2014". |

L4.2 The licensee must not dispose of waste generated on the premises, on the premises, unless authorised to do so by a condition of this licence.

L5 Noise limits

L5.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits presented in the table below. The noise limits in the table below represent the noise contribution from the premises.



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| Receiver Land Number | Day LAeq(15 minute) | Evening LAeq(15 minute) | Night LAeq(15 minute) | Night LA1(1 minute) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| EPA Point 20 in NMG1 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| EPA Point 21 in NMG2 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| EPA Point 22 in NMG3 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| EPA Point 23 in NMG4 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 50 |
| Residence 019 | 59 | 59 | 59 | |
| Residence 003 and 025 in NMG3 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| Residence 016 and 039 in NMG1 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| Residence 029, 042 and 345 in NMG4 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| Residence 033 and 320 in NMG2 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| Residence 006 and 007 in NMG3 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 50 |
| Residence 048 and 343 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 50 |
| Residence 017 in NMG1 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 50 |
| Residence 030, 035, 049, 075 and 379 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 50 |
| Residence 346 and 348 in NMG4 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 50 |
| Residence 344 in NMG2 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 50 |
| Residence 043, 163, 380 and 381 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 50 |
| All other privately owned residences in Appendix 4 of DA 305-7-2003 29 August 2019 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 50 |

- L5.2 For the purpose of condition L5.1:
 - 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; and
 - c) Night is defined as the period from 10pm to 7am Monday to Saturday and 10pm to 8am Sundays and Public Holidays.
- L5.3 The noise limits set out in condition L5.1 apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:
 - a) Wind speeds greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above the ground level;
 - b) Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10



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metres above ground level; or

- c) Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.
- L5.4 For the purposes of condition L5.3:
 - a) Data recorded by the closest and most representative meteorological station installed on the premises at identification Point 17 must be used to determine meteorological conditions; and
 - b) Temperature inversion conditions (stability category) are to be determined by the methods referred to in Fact Sheet D of the Noise Policy for Industry (2017).

Note: For the purposes of condition L5.1:

- Noise receiver locations and associated noise limits are defined in Appendix 4 of development consent DA 305-7-2003 dated 29 August 2019 (EPA ref. DOC19/1117963).
- Noise monitoring groups (NMG) are defined in the document titled *'Wambo Coal Mine Noise Monitoring Groups Noise Modelling Evaluation'* dated 16 August 2019 (EPA ref. DOC19/704212).

L6 Blasting

- L6.1 Blasting in or on the premises must only be carried out between 0900 hours and 1700 hours, Monday to Saturday. Blasting in or on the premises must not take place on Sundays or Public Holidays without lawful approval.
- L6.2 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed: 115 dB (Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; at either Point 10, 12 or 54 in condition P1.3.
- L6.3 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed: 120 dB (Lin Peak) at any time; at either Point 10, 12 or 54 in condition P1.3.
- L6.4 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:

5 mm/second for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; at either Point 10, 12 or 54 in condition P1.3.

L6.5 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:

10 mm/second at any time; at either Point 10, 12 or 54 in condition P1.3.

L6.6 Offensive blast fume must not be emitted from the premises.

Definition:

Offensive blast fume means post-blast gases from the detonation of explosives at the premises that by



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reason of their nature, duration, character or quality, or the time at which they are emitted, or any other circumstances:

- 1. are harmful to (or likely to be harmful to) a person that is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or 2. interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted.
- 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.

Sewage Treatment System

- O2.2 The licensee is responsible for the correct operation of the sewage treatment system on their premises.
- O2.3 Correct operation involves regular supervision and system maintenance. The licensee must be aware of the system management requirements and must ensure that the necessary service contracts are in place.
- O2.4 The sewage treatment system must be serviced by a suitably qualified and experienced wastewater technician at least once in each quarterly period and a minimum of four times per year.
- O2.5 The licensee must record each inspection and any actions required or recommended by the technician including all results of tests performed on the sewage treatment system by the technician as required in condition O2.4.
- O2.6 The licensee must prepare a sewage treatment system maintenance program. The program must include:
 - a) Certification from the system provider that the sewage treatment system is operating within its capacity;
 - b) Date, time and results of all routine maintenance procedures undertaken to the sewage treatment system; and
 - c) Provide written records of each quarterly inspection.



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O3 Dust

- O3.1 The premises must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the premises.
- O3.2 All trafficable areas, coal storage areas and vehicle manoeuvring areas in or on the premises must be maintained, at all times, in a condition that will minimise the generation, or emission from the premises, of wind-blown or traffic generated dust.
- O3.3 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.

O4 Effluent application to land

- O4.1 Effluent application must not occur in a manner that causes ponding or surface runoff.
- O4.2 Spray from effluent application must not drift beyond the boundary of the effluent discharge utilisation area.
- O4.3 The quantity of effluent/solids applied to the utilisation area must not exceed the capacity of the area to effectively utilise the effluent/solids.
 - For the purpose of this condition, 'effectively utilise' include the use of the effluent/solids for pasture or crop production, as well as the ability of the soil to absorb the nutrient, salt, hydraulic load and organic material.
- O4.4 The licensee must ensure that the effluent discharge utilisation area perimeter is fenced and signposted "Effluent Re-Use Area Keep Out" and controlled in a manner to ensure exclusion of persons from that area.

O5 Emergency response

Note: The licensee must maintain, and implement as necessary, a current Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) for the premises in accordance with the requirements in Part 5.7A of the Act and Chapter 4 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2022.

O6 Processes and management

- O6.1 The licensee must ensure that any liquid or non-liquid wastes generated at the premises are assessed and classified in accordance with the EPA Waste Classification Guidelines as in force from time to time.
- O6.2 The licensee must ensure that waste identified for recycling is stored separately from other waste.
- O6.3 All above ground tanks containing material that is likely to cause environmental harm must be bunded or have an alternative spill containment system in place.
- O6.4 Bunds must:
 - a) have walls and floors constructed of impervious materials;
 - b) be of sufficient capacity to contain 110% of the volume of the tank (or 110% volume of the largest tank



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where a group of tanks are installed);

- c) have floors graded to a collection sump; and
- d) not have a drain valve incorporated in the bund structure,

or be constructed and operated in a manner that achieves the same environmental outcome.

O7 Other operating conditions

Mine Water Transfer

- O7.1 The licensee is authorised to transfer saline mine water to the United Coal Mine (as defined in Environment Protection Licence 3141) and the Hunter Valley Operations Coal Mine (as defined in Environment Protection Licence 640).
- O7.2 The licensee is authorised to receive saline mine water from the United Coal Mine (as defined in Environment Protection Licence 3141) and the Hunter Valley Operations Coal Mine (as defined in Environment Protection Licence 640) to be stored and used on the premises for activities authorised by the licence.

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:
- M2.2 Air Monitoring Requirements



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| Pollutant | Units of measure | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| PM10 | micrograms per cubic metre | Continuous | AM-22 |

M2.3 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

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| Pollutant | Units of measure | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Conductivity | microsiemens per centimetre | Continuous during discharge | A probe designed to measure the range 0 to 10,000 uS/cm |
| рН | рН | Continuous during discharge | In line instrumentation |
| Total suspended solids | milligrams per litre | Daily during any discharge | Grab sample |
| Turbidity | nephelometric turbidity units | Continuous during discharge | In line instrumentation |

POINT 24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,33,34,36,39,40,41

| Pollutant | Units of measure | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Electrical conductivity | microsiemens per centimetre | Monthly | Grab sample |
| рН | рН | Monthly | Grab sample |
| Total suspended solids | milligrams per litre | Monthly | Grab sample |

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| Pollutant | Units of measure | Frequency | Sampling Method |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Faecal Coliforms | colony forming units per 100 millilitres | Quarterly during discharge | Grab sample |
| рН | рН | Quarterly during discharge | Grab sample |

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



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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.
- 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.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2022* 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".

M4 Weather monitoring

M4.1 At the point(s) identified below, the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the parameters specified in Column 1 of the table below, using the corresponding sampling method, units of measure, averaging period and sampling frequency, specified opposite in the Columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

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| Parameter | Sampling method | Units of measure | Averaging period | Frequency |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Rainfall | AM-4 | millimetres | 1 hour | Continuous |
| Wind Speed at 10 metres | AM-2 & AM-4 | metres per second | 15 minutes | Continuous |
| Wind Direction at 10 metres | AM-2 & AM-4 | Degrees | 15 minutes | Continuous |
| Temperature at 2 metres | AM-4 | Celsius | 15 minutes | Continuous |
| Temperature at 10 metres | AM-4 | Celsius | 15 minutes | Continuous |
| Sigma theta | AM-2 & AM-4 | Degrees | 15 minutes | Continuous |
| Total Solar Radiation | AM-4 | Watts per square metre | 15 minutes | Continuous |

M5 Recording of pollution complaints

- M5.1 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.
- M5.2 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;



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- 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.
- M5.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.
- M5.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M6 Telephone complaints line

- M6.1 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.
- M6.2 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.
- M6.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after: the date of the issue of this licence.

M7 Requirement to monitor volume or mass

- M7.1 For each discharge point or utilisation area specified below, the licensee must monitor:
 - a) the volume of liquids discharged to water or applied to the area;
 - b) the mass of solids applied to the area;
 - c) the mass of pollutants emitted to the air;
 - at the frequency and using the method and units of measure, specified below.

POINT 4,19

| Frequency | Unit of Measure | Sampling Method |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Continuous | megalitres per day | In line instrumentation |

M8 Other monitoring and recording conditions HRSTS Monitoring

- M8.1 The licensee must continuously operate and maintain communication equipment which makes the conductivity and flow measurements, taken at Points 4 and 19 available to the "Service Coordinator" within one hour of those measurements being taken and makes them available in the format specified in the report titled "Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme Discharge Point Telemetry Specification Rev V1.0 Released 4 October 2018" as published by WaterNSW.
- M8.2 The licensee must ensure that all monitoring data is within a margin of error of 5% for conductivity



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measurements and 10% for discharge flow measurement.

M8.3 The licensee must mark Points 4 and 19 with a sign which clearly indicates the name of the licensee, whether the monitoring point is up or down stream of the discharge point(s) and that it is a monitoring point for the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme.

Requirement to Monitor Particulate Matter

- M8.4 The licensee must record the average PM10 concentration at Points 14, 15, 16 and 53 at intervals of 10 minutes. These data must be made available upon request to any EPA authorised officer who requests to see it.
- Note: For the purpose of the ambient air monitoring required in respect of Points 14, 15, 16 and 53, the EPA's "Ambient air monitoring guidance note" provides general information to licensees to reference when undertaking ambient air monitoring.

M9 Noise monitoring

M9.1 To assess compliance with the noise limits specified within this licence, the licensee must undertake operator attended noise monitoring at each specified noise monitoring point in accordance with the table below.

POINT 20,21,22,23

| Assessment period | Minimum frequency in a reporting period | Minimum duration within assessment period | Minimum number of assessment period |
|-------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Night | Monthly | 15 minutes | 1 operation day |

- M9.2 To assess compliance with condition L5.1, attended noise monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with conditions L5.4 to L5.6:
 - a) at the Points 20,21,22 and 23 identified in condition P1.3;
 - b) occur every calendar month in a reporting period; and
 - c) occur during one night time period as defined in the Noise Policy for Industry 2017 for a minimum of 15 minutes at each location from a), and when relevant b) during the night.
- M9.3 For the purposes of compliance monitoring and determining the noise generated at the premises the modification factors in the EPA's Fact Sheet C of the Noise Policy for Industry (2017) must be applied, as appropriate, to the noise levels measured by noise monitoring equipment.

Definitions

Noise refers to 'sound pressure levels' for the purpose of sections L5 and M9.



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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.
- 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



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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 they became aware of the incident.

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, 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 notifications

Notification of Pollution of Waters



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- R4.1 The licensee must notify the EPA by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555 immediately after the licensee becomes aware of any contravention or potential contravention of condition L1.1.
- R4.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within seven days of the date of the notification by email to info@epa.nsw.gov.au

Noise Exceedance Notification and Reporting

- R4.3 The licensee must report any exceedance of licence noise limits to the EPA by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555 as soon as practicable after the exceedance becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.
- R4.4 Within seven days of notifying the EPA of an exceedance of licence noise limits, the licensee must provide the EPA a report in writing that explains the cause of the exceedance and the actions taken to prevent future exceedances of noise limits to info@epa.nsw.gov.au.
- R4.5 An authorised officer of 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 at condition R4.4. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

R5 Other reporting conditions

Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Reporting

R5.1 The licensee must compile a written report of the activities under the Hunter River Salinity rading Scheme (HRSTS) for each scheme year. The scheme year shall run from 1 July to 30 June each year. The written report must be submitted to info@epa.nsw.gov.au within 60 days after the end of each scheme year and be in a form and manner approved by the EPA. The information will be used by the EPA to compile an annual HRSTS report.

Turbidity Report

R5.2 The licensee must include a report with the Annual Return that shows graphical analysis of turbidity measured at Points 4 and 19 for the length of any discharges from Points 4 and 19 against discharge volume that includes the two hour period prior to the commencement of any discharge from Point 4 and 19 and the two hour period after any discharge from Points 4 and 19.

Sewage Treatment System Report

- R5.3 The sewage treatment system maintenance program required by condition O2.6 must be submitted annually to the EPA with the Annual Return.
- R5.4 The licensee must retain a copy of each report required by condition O2.5 for 3 years from the date each record is made.

Noise Compliance Assessment Report

R5.5 A report containing the monitoring results of noise compliance monitoring specified in this Licence must be



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submitted annually with the Annual Return. The report must include, for each monitoring period and monitoring location:

- a) the contribution noise level from the premises as measured or determined at the monitoring location (s); and
- b) a description of the method used to determine or estimate the contribution noise level from the premises that is consistent with the Noise Policy for Industry.

Water Quality Monitoring Report

- R5.6 The licensee must provide the EPA with its Annual Return an annual water quality monitoring report prepared by an appropriately qualified and experienced person that includes the following:
 - a) for the monitoring required by the licence during the reporting period to which the Annual Return relates:
 - (i) a summary of results for all ambient water quality monitoring required by the licence in table form and graphical form;
 - (ii) total daily rainfall records from the premises meteorological monitoring required by the licence on the day that the sampling was undertaken in table form;
 - (iii) total daily continuous rainfall records in graphical form; and
 - (iv) a plan with the monitoring locations.
 - b) A graphical presentation of the trends of monitoring results required by the licence for the reporting period to which the Annual Return relates and the preceding data for the period of record the licensee has monitoring results for the licensed location.
 - c) A graphical representation of total daily continuous rainfall records required by the licence for the record that matches the ambient water quality results, if available.

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.

G2 Other general conditions

G2.1 Completed Programs

| Program Description | Completed Date |
|---------------------|----------------|
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| Requires licensee to conduct a site specific Best Management Practice (BMP) | Groundwater Investigation | regarding the identification of possible sources of elevated electrical conductivity in groundwater | 06-October-2011 |
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| | Best Practice – Disturbing & Handling Overburden under Adverse Weather | address the handling of overburden during | 15-August-2014 |



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| Particulate Matter Control Best Practice - Trial of Best Practice Measures for Disturbing & Handling Overburden | Investigation to establish best practice measures for the handling of overburden | 31-July-2014 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Coal Mine Wind Erosion of Exposed Land Assessment | Assessment of predicted vs actual exposed lands | 09-October-2015 |
| Dredging of HRSTS Staged Discharge Dam to prevent scouring of coal fines to Wollombi Brook during HRSTS Discharge | Dredging of HRSTS Staged Discharge Dam to prevent scouring of coal fines to Wollombi Brook during HRSTS Discharge | 14-January-2021 |

8 Special Conditions

E1 Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme

- E1.1 This licence authorises the discharge of saline water into the Hunter River Catchment from an authorised discharge point (or points), in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2002.
- E1.2 For the purposes of clause 23 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2002 the licensee must apply the conversion factor of 0.6.
- E1.3 Under this licence the licensee may only discharge saline water into Wollombi Brook when the flow in the brook exceeds 500 ML/day, measured at the Bulga gauging station.
- E1.4 The licensee must not exceed the hourly volume discharge limit calculated using the following formula, at all discharge point(s) on this licence titled "Discharge of saline water under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS)":

H = V / RRT

Where:

- **H** is the hourly volume discharge limit (in megalitres per hour);
- **V** is the licence holder's volume discharge limit for the block (in megalitres) calculated in accordance with clause 23 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme) Regulation 2002; and

RRT is the difference between the discharge stop and start times shown on the river register for that block (in hours)

- *Note 1:* The intent of this condition is to prevent spikes of saline water in the Hunter River as a result of discharges of less than the duration permitted by the river register.
- Note 2: A river register is issued by the Service Co-ordinator and allows participants of the Hunter River



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Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) to discharge saline to the Hunter River during a discharge period.

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 (General) Regulation 2009.

(General) Regulation 200

general solid waste(non-putrescible)

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 1997 |
| 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 1997 |
| 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 |
| premises | Means the premises described in condition A2.1 |
| public authority | 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 1997 |
| 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 |

Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the

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| TSP | Means total suspended particles |
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| 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 |
| Wellhead | Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021. |

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(By Delegation)

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End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice 1003035, issued on 06-Dec-2000, which came into effect on 31-Dec-2000.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1004883, issued on 19-Jul-2001, which came into effect on 13-Aug-2001.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1012237, issued on 05-Nov-2001, which came into effect on 30-Nov-2001.
- 4 Condition HRSTS Dis Note varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 5 Licence varied by notice 1013420, issued on 07-Dec-2001, which came into effect on 01-Jan-2002.
- 6 Licence varied by Change of Contact, issued on 10-Jan-2002, which came into effect on 10-Jan-2002.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1025562, issued on 25-Mar-2003, which came into effect on 19-Apr-2003.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1033342, issued on 06-Aug-2004, which came into effect on 31-Aug-2004.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1040601, issued on 01-Dec-2004, which came into effect on 16-Dec-2004.
- 10 Licence varied by notice 1043278, issued on 03-Feb-2005, which came into effect on 28-Feb-2005.
- 11 Licence varied by notice 1045879, issued on 19-May-2005, which came into effect on 13-Jun-2005.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1053155, issued on 27-Feb-2006, which came into effect on 24-Mar-2006.
- 13 Licence varied by notice 1070157, issued on 13-Mar-2007, which came into effect on 13-Mar-2007.
- 14 Licence varied by notice 1070979, issued on 21-May-2007, which came into effect on 21-May-2007.
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1075603, issued on 31-Jul-2007, which came into effect on 31-Jul-2007.
- 16 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1099792, issued on 03-Jun-2009, which came into effect on 03-Jun-2009.
- 18 Licence varied by notice 1104176, issued on 18-Nov-2009, which came into effect on 18-Nov-2009.



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| 19 | Licence varied by notice 1 22-Nov-2010. | 1119500, issued on 22-Nov-2010, which came into effect on |
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| 20 | Licence varied by notice | 1501497 issued on 10-Oct-2011 |
| 21 | Licence varied by notice | 1502467 issued on 02-Dec-2011 |
| 22 | Licence varied by notice | 1504505 issued on 23-Feb-2012 |
| 23 | Licence varied by notice | 1507485 issued on 20-Jul-2012 |
| 24 | Licence varied by notice | 1507752 issued on 31-Aug-2012 |
| 25 | Licence varied by notice | 1509790 issued on 28-Nov-2012 |
| 26 | Licence varied by notice | 1510444 issued on 21-Mar-2013 |
| 27 | Licence varied by notice | 1516122 issued on 05-Sep-2013 |
| 28 | Licence varied by notice | 1518780 issued on 16-Oct-2014 |
| 29 | Licence fee period change | ed by notice 1527138 on 11-Dec-2014 |
| 30 | Licence varied by notice | 1529809 issued on 13-Apr-2015 |
| 31 | Licence varied by notice | 1531512 issued on 13-Jul-2015 |
| 32 | Licence varied by notice | 1535895 issued on 24-Oct-2016 |
| 33 | Licence varied by notice | 1551053 issued on 03-Aug-2017 |
| 34 | Licence varied by notice | 1555279 issued on 17-Aug-2017 |
| 35 | Licence varied by notice | 1569885 issued on 05-Mar-2019 |
| 36 | Licence varied by notice | 1577742 issued on 01-Apr-2019 |
| 37 | Licence varied by notice | 1578160 issued on 26-Apr-2019 |
| 38 | Licence varied by notice | 1579003 issued on 19-Jul-2019 |
| 39 | Licence varied by notice | 1585659 issued on 13-Dec-2019 |
| 40 | Licence varied by notice | 1590221 issued on 27-Mar-2020 |
| 41 | Licence varied by notice | 1597593 issued on 29-Sep-2020 |
| 42 | Licence varied by notice | 1602831 issued on 03-Dec-2020 |
| 43 | Licence varied by notice | 1605142 issued on 04-Feb-2021 |
| 44 | Licence varied by notice | 1610118 issued on 30-Sep-2021 |
| 45 | Licence varied by notice | 1650191 issued on 07-Aug-2025 |