

Licence Variation

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Attention: Mr Stephen Hubert

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NOTICE OF VARIATION OF LICENCE NO. 4460

BACKGROUND

- A. MT OWEN PTY LIMITED (the licensee) is the holder of Environment Protection Licence No. 4460 (the licence) issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the Act). The licence authorises the carrying out of activities at HEBDEN ROAD, RAVENSWORTH, NSW, 2330 (the premises).
- B. On 07-Oct-2014 the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received an application for the variation of the licence.
- C. The EPA reviewed the licence variation application and made the requested amendments. A draft licence variation notice was sent to the licensee for review and comment.
- D. In response to comments from the licensee regarding the draft Notice of licence variation, the EPA has now amended the licence to reflect updated company name details.
- E. The variation does not authorise a significant increase in the environmental impacts of the activity authorised or controlled by the licence.

VARIATION OF LICENCE NO. 4460

- 1. By this notice the EPA varies licence No. 4460. The attached licence document contains all variations that are made to the licence by this notice.
- 2. The following variations have been made to the licence:
 - Condition A2 - the licence boundary description has been updated and now refers to the image provided with the licence variation application.
 - Licence Conditions L2, L3, M2.3, M3.2, M6, M7.1 - M7.3, P1.2, P1.3, R4.2, E1 and U1 which all relate to discharge, monitoring and reporting requirements under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme,

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have been deleted. The licensee has advised that there will be no discharge of saline water from the premises to the environment.

- The licensee's name has been altered from Xstrata Mt Owen Pty Limited to Mt Owen Pty Limited.
- PRP U1.1 - has been removed. The Pollution Reduction Program was not completed as no discharge events under the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme have occurred.

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Karen Marler
Unit Head
North - Hunter
(by Delegation)

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE

- This notice is issued under section 58(5) of the Act.
- Details provided in this notice, along with an updated version of the licence, will be available on the EPA's Public Register (<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeo/index.htm>) in accordance with section 308 of the Act.

Appeals against this decision

- You can appeal to the Land and Environment Court against this decision. The deadline for lodging the appeal is 21 days after you were given notice of this decision.

When this notice begins to operate

- The variations to the licence specified in this notice begin to operate immediately from the date of this notice, unless another date is specified in this notice.
- If an appeal is made against this decision to vary the licence and the Land and Environment Court directs that the decision is stayed the decision does not operate until the stay ceases to have effect or the Land and Environment Court confirms the decision or the appeal is withdrawn (whichever occurs first).

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Licence Details	
Number:	4460
Anniversary Date:	01-July

Licensee
MT OWEN PTY LIMITED
PO BOX 320
SINGLETON NSW 2330

Premises
MT OWEN COAL MINE
HEBDEN ROAD
RAVENSWORTH NSW 2330

Scheduled Activity
Coal Works
Mining for Coal

Fee Based Activity	Scale
Coal works	> 5000000 T handled
Mining for coal	> 5000000 T produced

Region
North - Hunter
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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:

MT OWEN PTY LIMITED
PO BOX 320
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 handled
Mining for Coal	Mining for coal	> 5000000 T produced

A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

- A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
MT OWEN COAL MINE
HEBDEN ROAD
RAVENSWORTH
NSW 2330
PREMISES BOUNDARY AS SHOWN ON DRAWING NO. GLD-ENV-0091 DATED 19/09/2014 TITLED "MOUNT OWEN PROPOSED EPL BOUNDARY 2014", EXCLUDING CROWN RESERVES, STATE FORESTS AND TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES. DRAWING PROVIDED TO THE EPA ON 7 OCTOBER 2014. DOC 14/225795.

A3 Other activities

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

Ancillary Activity
Railway Systems
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.

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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.

<i>Air</i>			
EPA identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
2	Ambient air monitoring - Particulates - deposited matter		At locations where dust deposition levels are representative of the levels experienced at residential properties, or other sensitive receivers, resulting from the operation of the mine.
3	Ambient air monitoring -Total suspended particles		At locations where the level of particulate matter being sampled is representative of emissions from the operation of the mine taking into account prevailing wind direction and the location of residential properties or other sensitive receivers.
4	Ambient air monitoring - PM10 continuous		At locations where the level of particulate matter being sampled is representative of emissions from the operation of the mine taking into account prevailing wind direction and the location of residential properties or other sensitive receivers.
5	Ambient Air Monitoring - PM10 every six days		At locations where the level of particulate matter being sampled is representative of emissions from the operation of the mine taking into account prevailing wind direction and the location of residential properties or other sensitive receivers.

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.

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L2 Noise limits

L2.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits presented in the table below.

*Property reference numbers used in this table correspond to those used in the *Mount Owen Operations Environmental Impact Statement* prepared by Umwelt dated December 2003.

Location	Day LAeq(15 minute)	Evening LAeq(15 minute)	Night LAeq(15 minute)	Night LA1(1 minute)
29 - SP Nagle/ PL Partridge 55 - GG Bodiam	37	37	37	45
40 - GL Holmes 53 - RC Cullian/ BA Cullian 54 - JT Reid/ HJ Reid 90 - BG Wilson/ DJ Wilson 93 - BW Scott/ YE Scott	36	36	36	45
All other privately owned residences except those listed in Table 1 of the "Acquisition Upon Request" section of Development Consent DA-14-1-2004 (apart from 91 - Lancaster)	35	35	35	45

L2.2 For the purposes of Condition L4.1:

- 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

L2.3 Noise from the premises is to be measures at the most affected point or within the residential boundary or at the most affected point within 30m of the dwelling (rural situations) where the dwelling is more than 30m from the boundary to determine compliance with the LAeq(15 minute) noise limits in condition L4.1.

Where it can be demonstrated that direct measurement of noise from the premises is impractical, the EPA may accept alternative means of determining compliance. See Chapter 11 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

The modification factors presented in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy shall also be applied to the measured noise levels where applicable.

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- L2.4 To determine compliance with condition(s) L4.1 noise must be measured at, or computed for, 1 metre from the dwelling facade. A modifying factor correction must be applied for tonal, impulsive or intermittent noise in accordance with the "Environmental Noise Management - NSW Industrial Noise Policy (January 2000)".
- L2.5 The noise emission limits identified in this licence apply under all meteorological conditions except:
 - a) during rain and wind speeds (at 10m height) greater than 3m/s; and
 - b) under "non-significant weather conditions".

Note: Field meteorological indicators for non-significant weather conditions are described in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy, Chapter 5 and Appendix E in relation to wind and temperature inversions.

L3 Blasting

- L3.1 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed:
 - a) 115 dB (Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; and
 - b) 120 dB (Lin Peak) at any time.

At the most affected residence or noise sensitive location that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee as to an alternative overpressure level .
- L3.2 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:
 - a) 5mm/s for more than 5% of the total number of blasts carried out on the premises during each reporting period; and
 - b) 10 mm/s at any time.

At the most affected residence or noise sensitive location that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee as to an alternative ground vibration level .
- L3.3 The licensee must monitor all blasts carried out in or on the premises at or near the nearest residence or noise sensitive location (such as a school or hospital) that is likely to be most affected by the blast and that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee relating to alternative blasting limits.

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

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activity; and

b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:

a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and

b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

O3 Dust

O3.1 The premises must be maintained in a condition which minimises or prevents the emission of dust from the premises.

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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POINT 2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Particulates - Deposited Matter	grams per square metre per month	Once a month (min. of 4 weeks)	AM-19

POINT 3

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Total suspended particles	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	AM-15

POINT 4

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

POINT 5

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

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:

- any methodology which is required by or under the Act to be used for the testing of the concentration of the pollutant; or
- 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
- if no such requirement is imposed by or under the Act or by a condition of this licence, any methodology approved in writing by the EPA for the purposes of that testing prior to the testing taking place.

Note: The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010* requires testing for certain purposes to be conducted in accordance with test methods contained in the publication "Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW".

M4 Recording of pollution complaints

M4.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.

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- M4.2 The record must include details of the following:
- a) the date and time of the complaint;
 - b) the method by which the complaint was made;
 - c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
 - d) the nature of the complaint;
 - e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
 - f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.

M4.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

M4.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M5 Telephone complaints line

- M5.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.
- M5.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.
- M5.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after:
- a) the date of the issue of this licence or
 - b) if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation.

M6 Other monitoring and recording conditions

M6.1 Blasting Monitoring

The licensee must monitor all blasts carried out in or on the premises at or near the nearest residence or noise sensitive location (such as a school or hospital) that is likely to be most affected by the blast and that is not owned by the licensee or subject of a private agreement between the owner of the residence or noise sensitive location and the licensee relating to alternative blasting limits.

6 Reporting Conditions

R1 Annual return documents

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

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

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

Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.

R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

- a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and
- b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

- a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or
- b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

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

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

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

R2 Notification of environmental harm

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

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

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.

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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 reporting conditions

- R4.1 Blast Exceedence Reporting
- The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.

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

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premises.

8 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

U1 Particulate Matter Control Best Practice Implementation – Trial of Best Practice Measures for Disturbing and Handling Overburden

U1.1 The Licensee must submit a report documenting an investigation and trial of best practice measures for the control of particulate matter from the use of equipment on overburden and the loading and dumping of overburden. Best practice measures may include, but should not be limited to, the following:

- use of foggers;
- use of water sprays; and
- reduction of drop heights.

The report must document the investigation and trial of each best practice measure. It must quantify the particulate matter control effectiveness and discuss the practicability of each best practice measure.

The report must be submitted by the Licensee to the Environment Protection Authority Regional Manager Hunter, at PO Box 488G, NEWCASTLE by 14 April 2014.

U2 Coal Mine Wind Erosion of Exposed Land Assessment

U2.1 The licensee must undertake the following steps:

1. Calculate the wind erosion exposed surface area (in hectares) within the premises as of 31 December 2014.
2. Determine the wind erosion exposed surface area (in hectares) predicted as at 31 December 2014 within the licensee's Environmental Assessment for the premises.
3. Compare the areas calculated in steps 1 and 2.
4. Submit a written report to the EPA at hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au containing the analysis required in steps 1 to 3, by 31 March 2015.

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

- Shapefiles showing the premises boundary.
- Shapefiles showing the wind erosion exposed area within the premises as of 31 December 2014.
- Shapefiles showing areas classified as stabilised surface as of 31 December 2014.
- Details of any studies undertaken to verify that the areas of stabilised surface meet the definition.

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

Stabilised Surface means any previously disturbed surface area which shows visual or other evidence of

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surface crusting and is resistant to wind-driven fugitive dust and is demonstrated to be stabilised. Stabilisation can be determined in accordance with one or more of the applicable test methods contained in the Rule 403 Implementation Handbook located at:

www.capcoa.org/Docs/SCAQMD%20r403%20handbook.doc.

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

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

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

http://data.daff.gov.au/data/warehouse/pe_brs90000004196/revegetationManual200906_20100410_ap14.pdf or

- classified as a stabilised surface.

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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 <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
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 <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
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 solid waste (non-putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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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 Environment 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
TM	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

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TSP	Means total suspended particles
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

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End Notes

- 1 Licence varied by notice 1003027, issued on 06-Dec-2000, which came into effect on 31-Dec-2000.
- 2 Licence varied by notice 010750, issued on 08-Aug-2000, which came into effect on 02-Sep-2000.
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1008498, issued on 24-Sep-2001, which came into effect on 24-Sep-2001.
- 4 Licence varied by notice 1012303, issued on 05-Nov-2001, which came into effect on 30-Nov-2001.
- 5 Condition HRSTS Dis Note varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 6 Licence varied by notice 1013419, issued on 07-Dec-2001, which came into effect on 01-Jan-2002.
- 7 Licence varied by notice 1025551, issued on 25-Mar-2003, which came into effect on 19-Apr-2003.
- 8 Licence varied by notice 1040314, issued on 06-Oct-2004, which came into effect on 31-Oct-2004.
- 9 Licence varied by notice 1043273, issued on 07-Mar-2005, which came into effect on 30-Mar-2005.
- 10 Licence transferred through application 143347, approved on 01-Apr-2005, which came into effect on 01-Apr-2005.
- 11 Licence fee period changed by notice 1065975 approved on 09-Oct-2006.
- 12 Licence varied by notice 1067160, issued on 14-Dec-2006, which came into effect on 14-Dec-2006.
- 13 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 14 Licence varied by notice 1106347, issued on 27-Nov-2009, which came into effect on 27-Nov-2009.
- 15 Licence varied by notice 1109537, issued on 01-Dec-2009, which came into effect on 01-Dec-2009.
- 16 Licence varied by notice 1109741, issued on 08-Dec-2009, which came into effect on 08-Dec-2009.
- 17 Licence varied by notice 1110500, issued on 08-Jan-2010, which came into effect on 08-Jan-2010.
- 18 Licence varied by notice 1501355 issued on 16-Nov-2011

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19	Licence transferred through application 1502790 approved on 16-Nov-2011 , which came into effect on 21-Nov-2011	
20	Licence varied by notice	1502881 issued on 22-Dec-2011
21	Licence varied by notice	1510459 issued on 25-Mar-2013
22	Licence varied by notice	1516174 issued on 05-Sep-2013
23	Licence varied by notice	1524152 issued on 13-Aug-2014
24	Licence varied by notice	1524947 issued on 16-Oct-2014