



WILPINJONG COAL PTY LTD

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 12425

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**LICENCE MONITORING DATA
MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT**

for

1 February 2014 to 28 February 2014

Air Monitoring

Air quality surrounding the Wilpinjong Coal Mine is monitored using:

1. tapered element oscillating microbalances (TEOM);
2. high volume air samplers (HVAS); and
3. dust deposition gauges (DG).

In terms of the above equipment:

1. the TEOM and HVAS measure fine dust particles up to 10 microns in diameter (i.e. PM10); and
2. the DG measure the total dust deposited in the gauge during the sample period.

All are influenced by mining as well as non mining activities in the local area.

The location of the above monitoring equipment in relation to Wilpinjong Coal Mine is shown in Figure 9.

A summary of the monitoring results for the month are provided in Table 1 and also shown in Figures 1 to 3.

Table 1

EPL ID No.	Monitoring Point ID.	Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency required by EPL	No. of times measured during month	Min. Value	Max. Value	Mean Value	Measurement	Annual Average	Limit	Exceed ⁿ (yes/no)	Date Last Sampled	Date Reported
3	DG4	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.5				28/02/14	14/03/14
4	DG5	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.0	0.7	4.0	No	28/02/14	14/03/14
6	DG8	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				2.2				28/02/14	14/03/14
9	DG11	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.5				28/02/14	14/03/14
10	DG12	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				2.5				28/02/14	14/03/14
11	DG13	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				4.3				28/02/14	14/03/14
12	DG14	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				2.8				28/02/14	14/03/14
17	DG15	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				1.5				28/02/14	14/03/14
13	HV1	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	13.1	20.3	15.8					27/02/14	07/03/14
19	HV4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	12.5	26.5	19.2					27/02/14	07/03/14
20	HV5	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	15.0	27.8	20.0					27/02/14	07/03/14
22	TEOM3	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	100.0%	3.7	36.5	17.2						
23	TEOM4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	100.0%	3.1	49.1	17.4						

Figure 1. DDG Results - 12 Month Trend

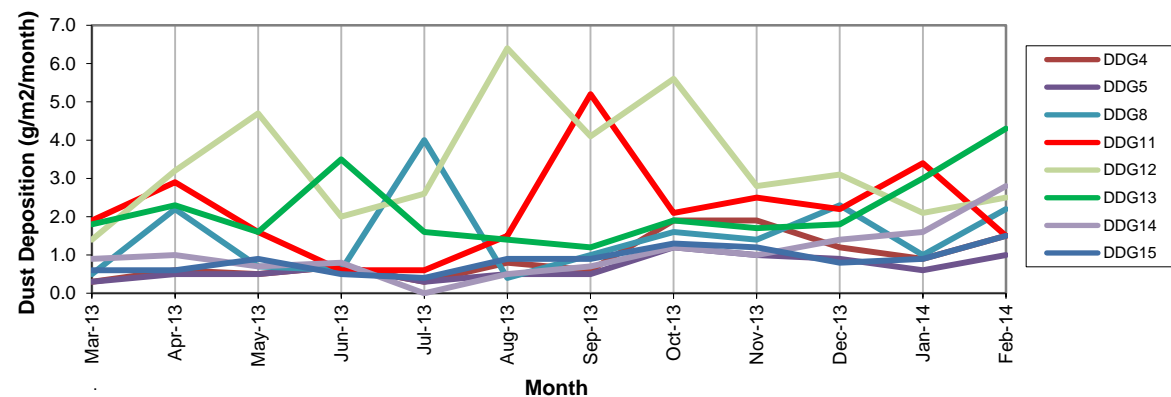
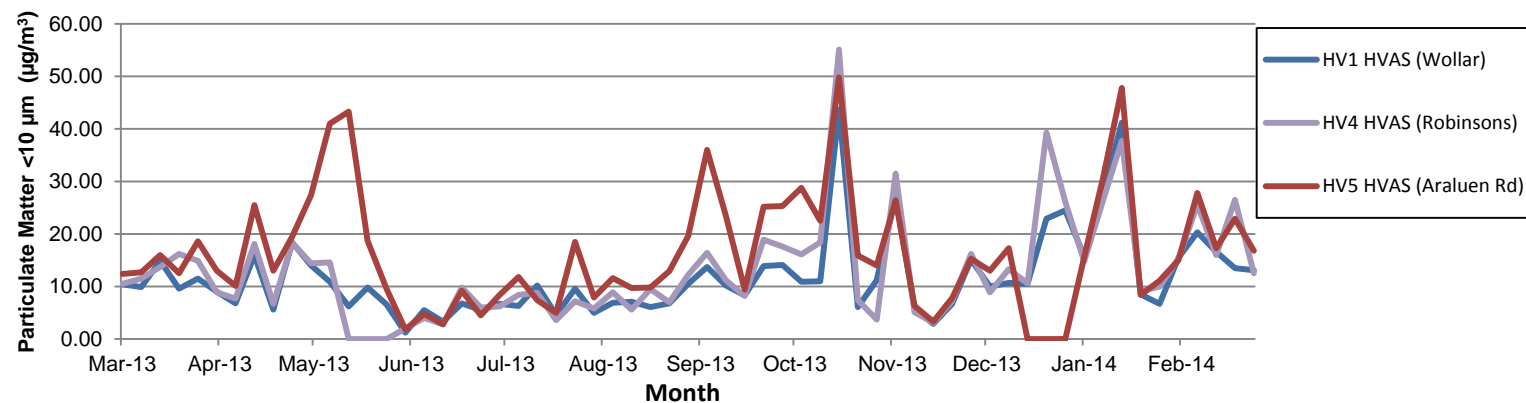


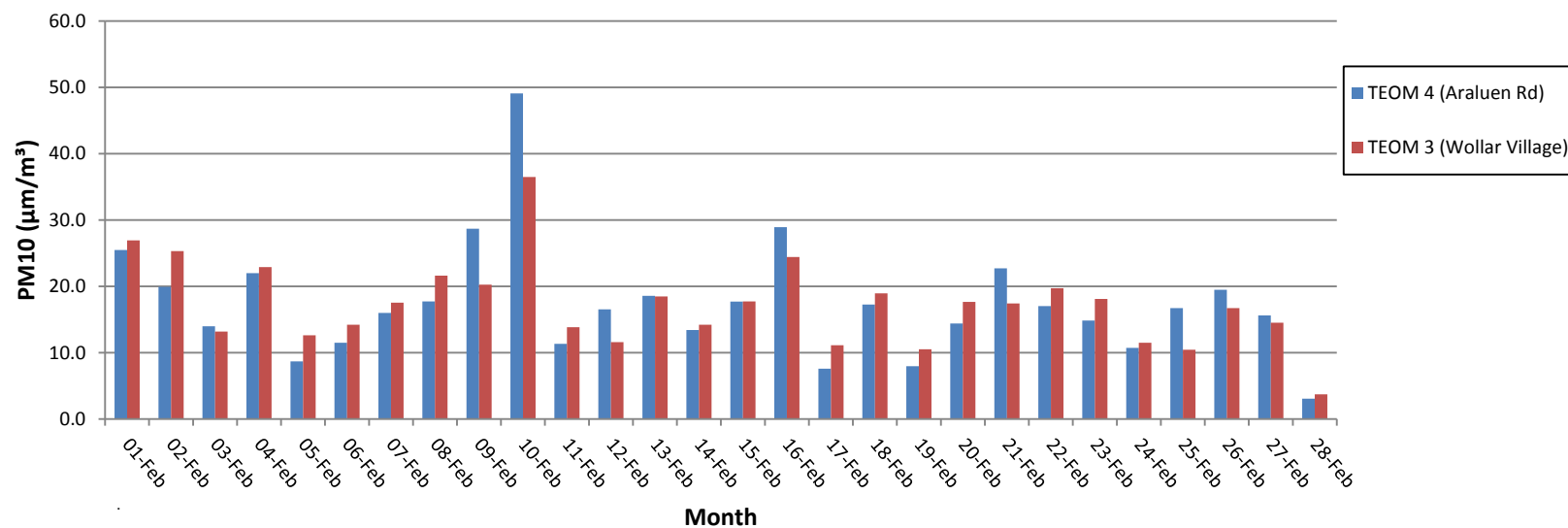
Figure 2. HVAS Results - 12 Month Trend



Notes:

1. In October, December & January higher dust levels recorded as a results of lower average rainfall and regional bushfires.
2. In May a fault was discovered with HV4 so samples were not taken until HV4 replaced in June 2013.
3. In December a fault was discovered with HV5 so samples were not taken until HV5 replaced in January 2014.

Figure 3. TEOM - 24 Hour Average PM10 Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)



Surface Water Monitoring

Surface water runoff is isolated and diverted around disturbed areas through the construction of water diversion bunds. Runoff from disturbed areas is diverted into on-site water retention dams.

A Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant treats all water from the retention dams before it is discharged to Wilpinjong Creek. The EPL specifies limits for the quantity and quality of water that may be discharged from the site.

The location of the monitoring point in relation to Wilpinjong Coal Mine is shown in Figure 9.

A summary of the monitoring results for the month are provided in Table 2.

Table 2

In February there was no discharge from the RO Plant to Wilpinjong Creek. As such, there is no water monitoring data to report.

Noise Monitoring

Environmental noise monitoring (“monitoring”) is carried out on a bi-monthly basis.

The purpose of the monitoring is to assess whether mining operations are consistent with the objectives of the EPL and the development consent conditions.

In terms of this monitoring, it is undertaken:

1. by an independent noise consultant;
2. during the evening and night-time; and
3. at the sites shown in Figure 10.

On pages 8 and 9 are the noise levels and findings from the consultant’s report.

Table 4.1: MEASURED NOISE LEVELS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

Location	Start Date and Time	L _{Amax} dB	L _{A1} dB	L _{A10} dB	L _{A50} dB	L _{Aeq} dB	L _{A90} dB	L _{Amin} dB
Evening								
N4	24/02/2014 20:53	47	43	43	41	41	39	36
N6	24/02/2014 20:26	54	42	35	30	33	28	26
N7	24/02/2014 19:36	84	82	59	30	69	28	26
N9	24/02/2014 19:59	63	48	35	32	38	31	28
N12	24/02/2014 19:03	86	80	61	41	65	29	25
Night								
N4	24/02/2014 22:39	46	42	41	41	41	39	36
N6	24/02/2014 23:06	45	39	34	26	30	25	22
N7	24/02/2014 23:56	47	41	37	34	35	31	27
N9	24/02/2014 23:32	43	29	25	24	24	23	21
N12	25/02/2014 00:29	50	37	34	32	32	30	28
Evening								
N4	25/02/2014 20:18	53	49	47	44	44	40	36
N6	25/02/2014 19:50	70	58	47	45	48	41	36
N7	25/02/2014 19:05	52	47	39	30	36	28	25
N9	25/02/2014 19:26	59	50	41	32	39	29	25
N12	25/02/2014 18:35	65	56	41	30	43	28	24
Night								
N4	26/02/2014 00:25	46	45	45	44	44	42	38
N6	26/02/2014 00:53	50	31	26	23	25	22	21
N7	26/02/2014 01:42	45	38	36	33	34	29	23
N9	26/02/2014 01:20	47	31	25	22	24	20	18
N12	26/02/2014 02:12	52	37	33	31	32	29	26

Note: Noise levels in this table are not necessarily the result of activities at WCP.

Table 4.2: L_{Aeq,15minute} GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{4,6}	VTG °C per 100m ^{4,6}	Criterion dB ⁵	Criterion Applies? ¹	WCP L _{Aeq,15min} dB ^{2,3}	Exceedance ⁵
Evening							
N4	24/02/2014 20:53	4.3	-0.7	NA	No	<25	NA
N6	24/02/2014 20:26	3.3	-0.3	35	No	IA	NA
N7	24/02/2014 19:36	2.9	-0.3	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	24/02/2014 19:59	2.3	-0.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	24/02/2014 19:03	3.0	-0.3	NA	No	IA	NA
Night							
N4	24/02/2014 22:39	2.2	-0.3	NA	No	<25	NA
N6	24/02/2014 23:06	2.5	-0.5	35	Yes	IA	No
N7	24/02/2014 23:56	2.1	-0.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	24/02/2014 23:32	2.6	-0.3	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	25/02/2014 00:29	2.0	0.0	NA	No	30	NA
Evening							
N4	25/02/2014 20:18	0.0	1.0	NA	No	27	NA
N6	25/02/2014 19:50	0.8	0.3	35	Yes	IA	No
N7	25/02/2014 19:05	1.3	-0.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	25/02/2014 19:26	1.0	0.3	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	25/02/2014 18:35	0.6	-1.2	NA	No	IA	NA
Night							
N4	26/02/2014 00:25	0.0	6.0	NA	No	IA	NA
N6	26/02/2014 00:53	0.6	6.2	35	No	IA	NA
N7	26/02/2014 01:42	0.6	3.4	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	26/02/2014 01:20	0.0	5.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	26/02/2014 02:12	0.6	3.4	NA	No	30	NA

- Notes:
- Noise emission limits apply for winds up to 3 metres per second (at a height of 10 metres, or, vertical temperature gradients of up to 3 degrees/100m with wind speed up to 2 m/s;
 - These are results for WCP in the absence of all other noise sources;
 - Bolded results in red are those greater than the relevant criterion (if applicable);
 - Wind speed is sourced from WCP weather station, Vertical Temperature Gradient (VTG) is sourced from the WCP inversion tower;
 - NA in criterion column means the criteria are not applicable at this location, NA in exceedance column means atmospheric conditions outside conditions specified in development consent and so criterion is not applicable or criterion not specified; and
 - Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values.

Table 4.3: $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$ GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

Location	Start Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s ^{4,6}	VTG °C per 100m ^{4,6}	Criterion dB ⁵	Criterion Applies? ¹	WCP $L_{A1,1\text{min}}$ dB ^{2,3}	Exceedance ⁵
Night							
N4	24/02/2014 22:39	2.2	-0.3	NA	No	34	NA
N6	24/02/2014 23:06	2.5	-0.5	45	Yes	IA	No
N7	24/02/2014 23:56	2.1	-0.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	24/02/2014 23:32	2.6	-0.3	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	25/02/2014 00:29	2.0	0.0	NA	No	37	NA
Night							
N4	26/02/2014 00:25	0.0	6.0	NA	No	IA	NA
N6	26/02/2014 00:53	0.6	6.2	45	No	IA	NA
N7	26/02/2014 01:42	0.6	3.4	NA	No	IA	NA
N9	26/02/2014 01:20	0.0	5.2	NA	No	IA	NA
N12	26/02/2014 02:12	0.6	3.4	NA	No	37	NA

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Findings from Noise Consultants Report

Environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the evening and night periods of 24/25 and 25/26 February 2014. Attended noise monitoring was conducted at five sites. The duration of all measurements was 15 minutes.

Wind speed and/or estimated temperature inversion conditions resulted in criteria not always being applicable, as indicated in Table 4.2 and Table 4.3.

Wilpinjong Coal Project (WCP) complied with noise limits at the monitoring locations during the January / February 2014 monitoring period.

Global Acoustics Pty Ltd

Wilpinjong Coal received report from Global Acoustics on 8 May 2014.

Blasting

Monitoring is carried out near sensitive locations during blasting activities to determine the vibration in the air (overpressure) and earth (ground vibration). A summary of the results of this monitoring, and the limits specified in the EPL, are shown in Tables 3 and 4. Figure 8 shows the actual overpressure and vibration levels recorded during the month.

Table 3 – Overpressure Monitoring Results

Location	Month	Number of Blasts	Minimum overpressure (dB(L))	Maximum overpressure (dB(L))	Median overpressure (dB(L))	EPL overpressure Limits (dB(L))	Exceedance (yes/no)
Wollar Public School	February	15	83.2	104.2	91.7	115dB (95% blasts) 120 dB (100% blasts)	no

Table 4 – Vibration Monitoring Results

Location	Month	Number of Blasts	Minimum vibration (mm/sec)	Maximum vibration (mm/sec)	Median vibration (mm/sec)	EPL vibration Limits (mm/sec)	Exceedance (yes/no)
Wollar Public School	February	15	0.04	0.24	0.12	5 mm/s (95% blasts) 10 mm/s (100% blasts)	no

Figure 8. Overpressure (dBL) and Vibration (mm/sec) recorded during Month

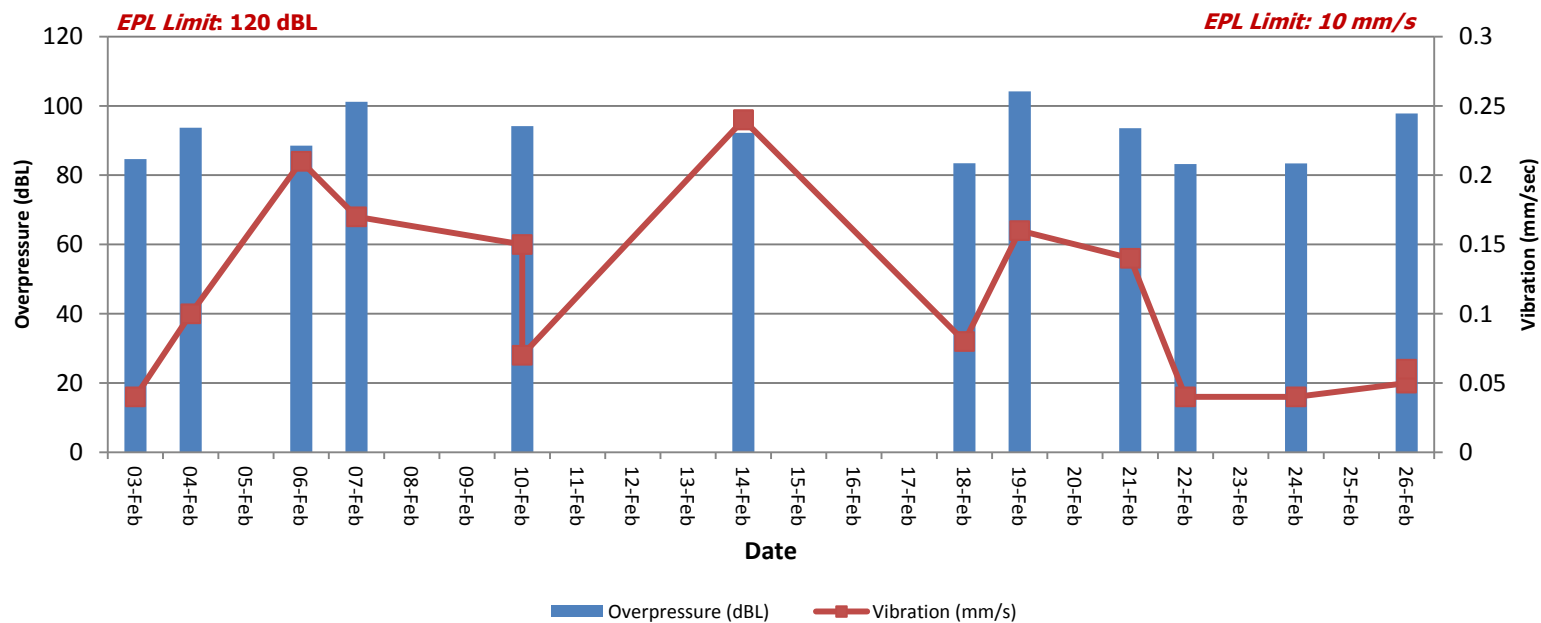


Figure 9 – Air & Water Monitoring Locations



Figure 10 – Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

