



**WILPINJONG COAL PTY LTD**

**Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 12425**

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**LICENCE MONITORING DATA  
MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT**

for

**1 June 2013 to 30 June 2013**

## **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.

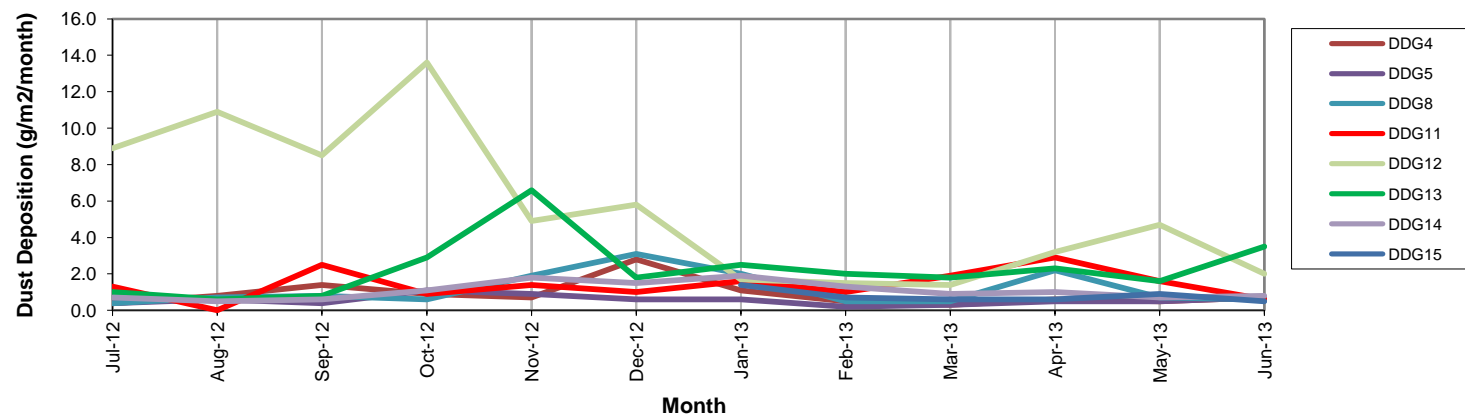
The location of the above monitoring equipment in relation to Wilpinjong Coal Mine is shown in Figure 10.

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

**Table 1**

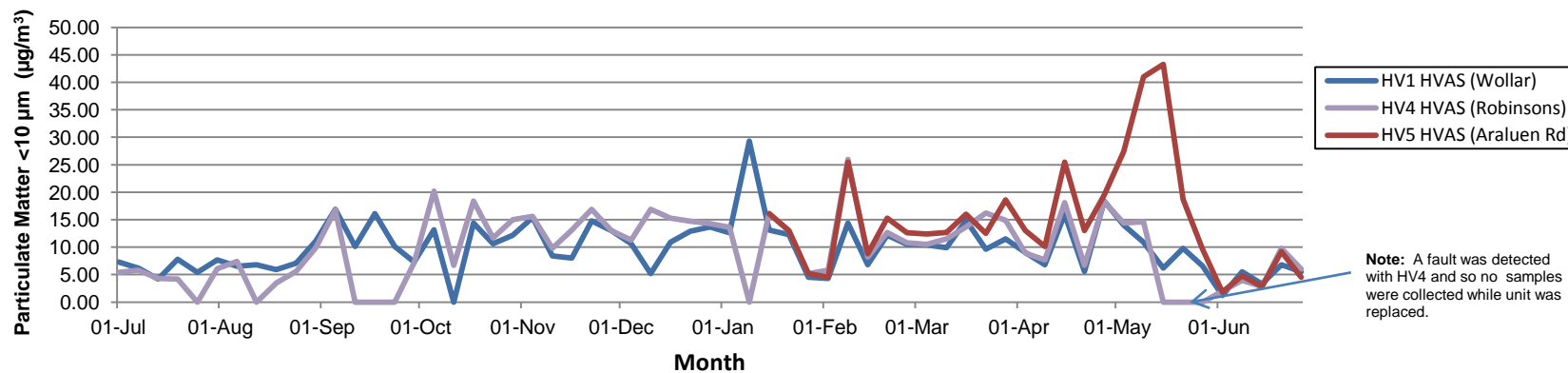
EPL ID No.	Monitoring Point ID.	Pollutant	Unit of Measure	Monitoring Frequency required by EPL	No. of times measured during month	Min. Value	Max. Value	Mean Value	Measurement	Annual Average	Limit	Exceed <sup>h</sup> (yes/no)	Date Last Sampled	Date Reported
3	DG4	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				0.7				27/06/13	11/07/13
4	DG5	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				0.7	0.5	4.0	No	27/06/13	11/07/13
6	DG8	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				0.6				27/06/13	11/07/13
9	DG11	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				0.6				27/06/13	11/07/13
10	DG12	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				2.0				27/06/13	11/07/13
11	DG13	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				3.5				27/06/13	11/07/13
12	DG14	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Special Frequency 1	1				0.8				27/06/13	11/07/13
17	DG15	Particulates - TSM	grams per square metre per month	Monthly	1				0.5				27/06/13	11/07/13
13	HV1	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	1.2	6.8	4.5					26/06/13	05/07/13
19	HV4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	2.0	9.8	4.9					26/06/13	05/07/13
20	HV5	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Every 6 days	5	1.8	9.2	4.6					26/06/13	05/07/13
22	TEOM3	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	100.0%	3.7	12.3	7.0						
23	TEOM4	PM10	micrograms per cubic metre	Continuous (24 Hr Average)	100.0%	3.5	28.3	8.8						

**Figure 1. DDG Results - 12 Month Trend**



Note: DDG15 commenced Jan 2013

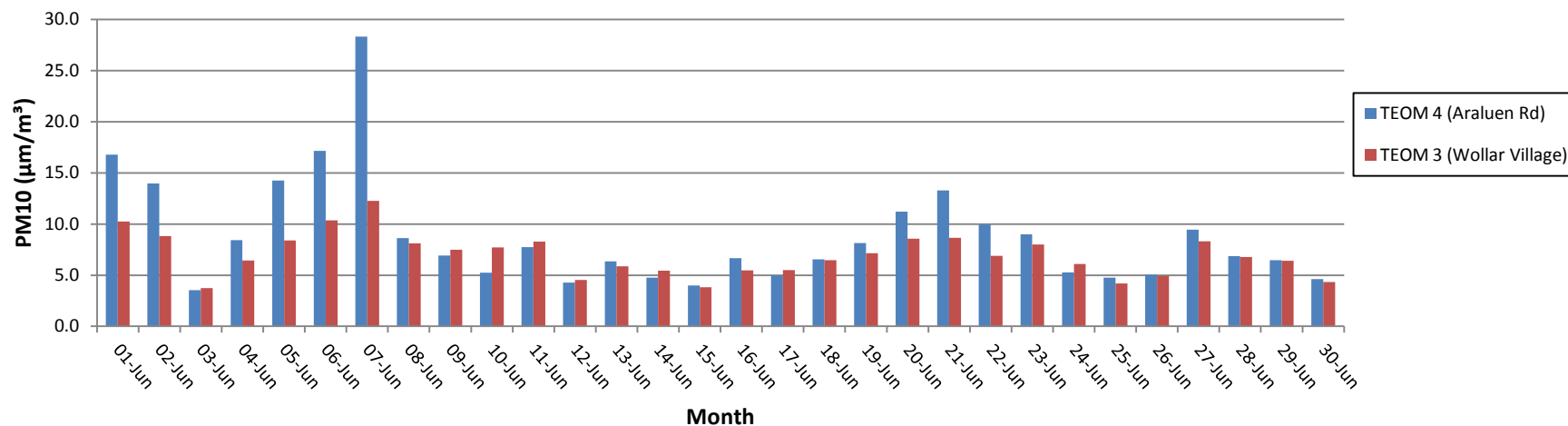
**Figure 2. HVAS Results - 12 Month Trend**



Note: A fault was detected with HV4 and so no samples were collected while unit was replaced.

Notes: HV5 installed and commenced 10 January 2013. HV5 also influenced by dust from Araluen Road.

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



**Note:** TEOM 4 is influenced by dust from Araluen Road

## 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 10.

A summary of the monitoring results for the month are provided in Table 2 and also shown in Figures 4 to 7.

### Table 2

In June there was no discharge 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 11.

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

Table 4.2  $L_{Aeq,15 \text{ minute}}$  dB GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - JUNE 2013

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s <sup>8,9</sup>	VTG °C per 100m <sup>6,8,9</sup>	Criterion dB <sup>7</sup>	Criterion Applies? <sup>1,5</sup>	WCP $L_{Aeq}$ , 15min dB <sup>2,3</sup>	Exceedance <sup>4,5,7</sup>
<b>Evening</b>							
N4	17/06/13 21:50	1.3	1.0	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	17/06/13 21:23	1.9	0.0	35	Y	IA	N
N7	19/06/13 18:21	0.8	2.9	NA	N	21	NA
N9	17/06/13 20:47	1.8	-0.2	NA	N	36	NA
N12	17/06/13 19:47	4.0	-0.3	NA	N	20	NA
<b>Night</b>							
N4	17/06/13 22:05	1.4	2.2	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	17/06/13 22:45	2.8	1.7	35	N	IA	NA
N7	18/06/13 00:06	0.0	0.0	NA	N	35	NA
N9	17/06/13 23:21	1.1	2.1	NA	N	36	NA
N12	18/06/13 00:49	0.0	0.0	NA	N	34	NA
<b>Evening</b>							
N4	18/06/13 21:44	0.0	2.2	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	18/06/13 21:11	0.7	2.9	35	Y	IA	N
N7	18/06/13 20:00	2.4	0.9	NA	N	30	NA
N9	18/06/13 20:40	1.1	0.5	NA	N	32	NA
N12	18/06/13 18:57	1.5	-0.5	NA	N	31	NA
<b>Night</b>							
N4	18/06/13 22:05	0.8	2.8	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	18/06/13 22:35	0.0	3.1	35	N	IA	NA
N7	18/06/13 23:35	0.0	2.6	NA	N	32	NA
N9	18/06/13 23:06	0.0	3.3	NA	N	31	NA
N12	19/06/13 00:13	0.0	2.2	NA	N	39	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;
- NM denotes audible but not measurable, IA denotes inaudible;
- Bolded results in red are those greater than the relevant criterion (if applicable);
- Y denotes Yes, N denotes No;
- 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;
- Atmospheric data is sourced from the WCP weather station; and
- Criterion may or may not apply due to rounding of meteorological data values.

Table 4.3  $L_{A1,1 \text{ minute}}$  dB GENERATED BY WCP AGAINST IMPACT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - JUNE 2013

Location	Date and Time	Wind Speed m/s <sup>8,9</sup>	VTG °C per 100m <sup>6,8,9</sup>	Criterion dB <sup>7</sup>	Criterion Applies? <sup>1,5</sup>	WCP $L_{A1}$ , 1 min dB <sup>2,3</sup>	Exceedance <sup>4,5,7</sup>
<b>Night</b>							
N4	17/06/13 22:05	1.4	2.2	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	17/06/13 22:45	2.8	1.7	45	N	IA	NA
N7	18/06/13 00:06	0.0	0.0	NA	N	44	NA
N9	17/06/13 23:21	1.1	2.1	NA	N	41	NA
N12	18/06/13 00:49	0.0	0.0	NA	N	38	NA
<b>Night</b>							
N4	18/06/13 22:05	0.8	2.8	NA	N	IA	NA
N6	18/06/13 22:35	0.0	3.1	45	N	IA	NA
N7	18/06/13 23:35	0.0	2.6	NA	N	38	NA
N9	18/06/13 23:06	0.0	3.3	NA	N	44	NA
N12	19/06/13 00:13	0.0	2.2	NA	N	46	NA

Notes:

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## **Findings from Noise Consultants Report**

Environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the evening periods on 17, 18 and 19 June and night periods on 17/18 and 18/19 June 2013. 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 May / June 2013 monitoring period.

**Global Acoustics Pty Ltd**

Noise report released to Wilpinjong Coal on the 6 August 2013.

## 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. Figures 8 and 9 show the actual overpressure and vibration levels recorded during the month.

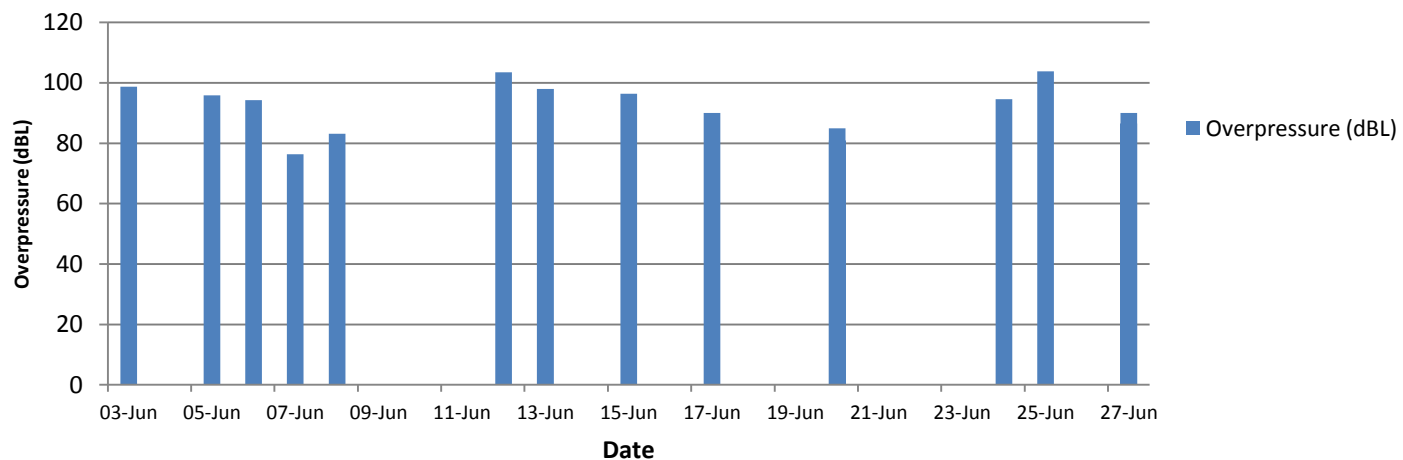
**Table 3 – Overpressure Monitoring Results**

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	June	17	76.4	103.8	90.00	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	June	17	0.02	0.21	0.07	5 mm/s (95% blasts) 10 mm/s (100% blasts)	no

**Figure 8. Overpressure (dBL) recorded during Month**



**Figure 9. Vibration (mm/sec) recorded during Month**

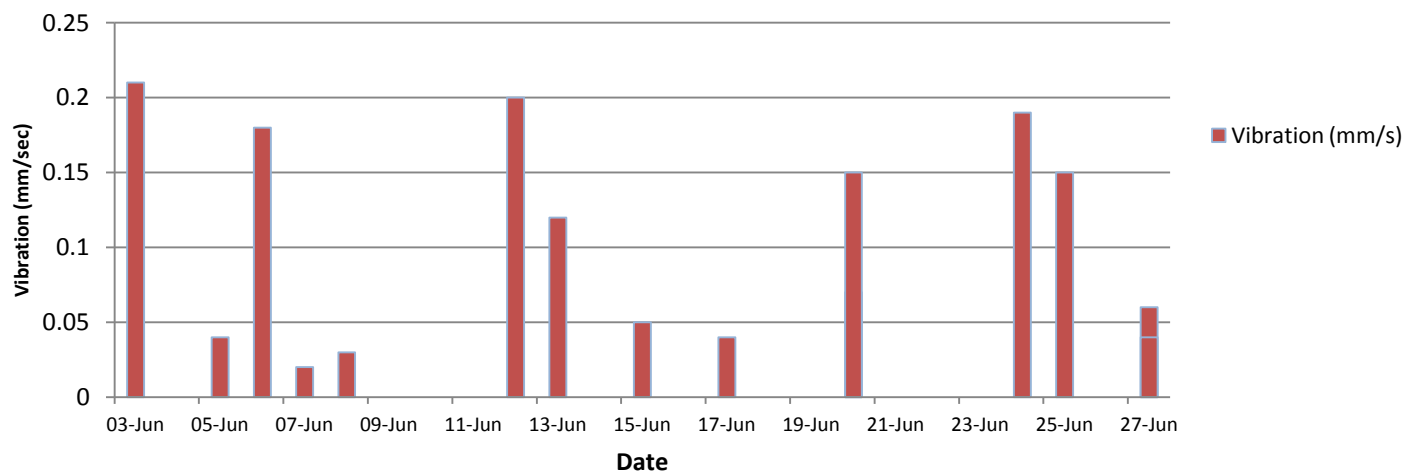




Figure 10 – Air & Water Monitoring Locations





Figure 11 – Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

