Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details				
Licence number:	L9123/2018/2	Licence file number:	DER2018/000478-1	
Licence holder name:	Elders Rural Services Australia Limited and Nutrien AG Solutions Limited			
Trading as:	Elders Rural Services Australia Limited and Nutrien AG Solutions Limited			
ACN:	Elders Rural Services: 004 045 121 Nutrien AG Solutions Limited: 008 743 217			
Registered business address:	Elders Rural Services: 27 Currie Street Level 10, Grenfell Street Adelaide WA 5000 Nutrien AG Solutions Limited: Level 10, 737 Bourke Street Docklands VIC 3008			
Reporting period:	01/10/2022 to 30/09/2023			

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)

- ☐ Yes please complete:
 - section C;
 - section D (if required); and
 - sign the declaration in Section F.
- ⋈ No please complete:
 - section C;
 - section D (if required);
 - section E; and
 - sign the declaration in Section F.

Section C - Statement of actual production

Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed premises category	Actual production quantity
55: Livestock Sale Yard or Holding Pen	70,000 (see Attachment 1)

Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached. Prescribed premises category Actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity Approximately 60,000L was cleaned out from the SST and disposed of at a licensed facility. Five (5) carcasses were taken offsite for disposal at a licensed facility.

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition

Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.

Condition no: Condition 7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	07/11/2022 and 09/06/2023
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Details of non-compliance:

Discharge from the SST was sampled in November 2022 and June 2023 in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 of the licence. The pH was compliant with the respective trigger values, however the Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and TSS exceeded the trigger value in both primary and duplicated samples.

Results are shown below in Table 1. No specific criteria have been set by DWER for TDS, TP and TN monitoring requirements for the discharge from the SST. However, regular cleaning of the SST is expected to considerably reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels.

Table 1: SST Discharge Physiochemical and Geochemical Parameters (Including QAQC)

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Sampling date	рН	TDS (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	5-Day BOD (mg/L)	TP (mg/L)	TN (mg/L)
Limit	6.0-8.5	-	<80	<50	-	-
07/11/2022 SST	7.9	1900	40	71	20	120
07/11/2022 QC1	-	2300	38	73	20	110
09/06/2023 SST	7.76	1700	290	400	15	250
09/06/2023 QC1	-	1700	260	430	14	220

What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?

NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.

No environmental impact resulting from TSS exceedance; although TSS parameters exceeded the trigger value, wastewater is irrigated onto a vegetated bio-filtration area, which traps the suspended particles within the soil matrix and is used by plants for nutrients.

The environmental risks associated with 5-Day BOD are not considered to be significant; effluent is discharged onto a vegetation bio-filtration area and does not directly discharge into a waterway or un-vegetated area.

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Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance: In March 2023, an incident due to a pump failure was responsible for transferring effluent from the cattle pens' gross pollutant trap (GPT) to the secondary sedimentation tank (SST). Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance: Due to these two incidents within the site, an Amended Licence was issued (26th September 2023) that requires the removal of all waste generated from the premises (until the interim wastewater design is constructed).

Onsite irrigation was suspended in July 2023.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
⊠ Yes, and			
⊠ Reported to DWER verbally	Date: March 2023 and August 2023		
☐ Reported to DWER in writing	Date: March 2023		

Section F – Declaration

I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	Chairman	Position:	Deputy Chairman
Date:	1/12/23	Date:	1/12/23
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.