



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L4496/1988/11	Licence file number:	2010/003418-1
Licence holder:	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd		
ACN:	090 642 809		
Registered address:	Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA, 6000		
Reporting period:	01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023		

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required; and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required;• section E; and• sign the declaration at 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
5 – Processing or Beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	1,499,325 tonnes
6 – Mine Dewatering	957,886 tonnes
52 Electric power generation	69,903mW/h
63 – Class I inert landfill site	742.44 tonnes
85 – Sewage facility	87 cubic metres per day

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity	
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
5 – Processing or Beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	1,499,325
6 – Mine Dewatering	1,099 tonnes

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition
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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:	3	Date(s) of non-compliance:	1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023
Details of non-compliance			
A minimum freeboard of 500mm at the Bluebird Sewage Infrastructure ponds was not consistently maintained throughout the reporting period.			
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.			
Although the pond levels did not meet the minimum freeboard requirement, no environmental impact has been observed as the levels did not exceed the crest of the embankment.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The Bluebird camp experienced a surge in the number of residents in March, and the site experienced an unusually heavy rainfall event. This combination has resulted in an increase in the volume of wastewater flowing to the camp's sewage facility, along with an increase in rainwater entering the facility.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Additional monitoring and maintenance were conducted on the sewage ponds throughout the reporting period to ensure that water levels did not exceed the pond embankment. Before any clearing or construction activities can commence for the expansion of the sewage ponds, a heritage survey of the area must be undertaken. BBGO had scheduled a heritage survey of the pond footprint and surrounding area in 2023. However, the third-party heritage consultant was unable to schedule their services until November 2023. Upon receiving the survey findings, BBGO intends to construct the additional ponds to expand the current holding capacity, as approved under L4496/1988/11.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? No.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 29/11/2023	

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 particular. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.			
Signature ¹ :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	30/11/23	Date:	30/11/2023
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.

¹ AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence hold