



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L6942/1997/13	Licence file number:	DER2013/000329
Licence holder name:	BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd		
ACN:	008 700 981		
Registered business address:	Level 1, City Square Brookfield Place 125 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025		

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	17,400,000 tonnes
63 – Class 1 inert Landfill	3,645.6 tonnes
85 – Sewage Facility	8.9 m ³ /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
6 – Mine dewatering	7.1 GL

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:	19 (Table 5/Table 13)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	FY2025
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Details of non-compliance:

The Eastern Ridge bioremediation facility does not meet the required design specifications stipulated in the Licence. The bioremediation facility cell liner does not meet the permeability requirements of $\leq 10^{-9}$ m/s. Additionally the design of the cell is such that there is potential for contaminated stormwater runoff.

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.

There was no actual (or suspected) environmental impact identified as a result of the non-compliance. The bioremediation facility is characterised by a flat/gentle sloped area, is located a minimum 50 m away from surface water bodies, the groundwater is greater than 3 m below the facility and there is sufficient distance away from potential discharge pathways.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The bioremediation facility was not constructed to the specified requirements stipulated in the Licence, with a facility cell liner permeability of $\leq 10^{-9}$ m/s.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

Engineering and design drawings for a new bioremediation facility to be located at Whaleback have been completed in the FY2025 reporting period. The project is pending tollgate into Execution. Additionally, operational guidance documents have been developed for the new facility and are currently pending finalisation.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

Reported to DWER verbally

Date:

Reported to DWER in writing

Date: FY2024 AER

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 4(a)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Aug – Nov 2024
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Details of non-compliance:

The Licence requires a rate of 90% or more for the Average Monthly Availability of ‘Boom Sprays on Stackers’ and ‘Bulk Ore Conditioning (BOC) sprays’. During the FY2025 reporting period, the Average Monthly Availability did not achieve the rate of 90% or more for boom sprays on stackers in August 2024 (24.99%), September 2024 (57.3%), October 2024 (87.9%) and November 2024 (83.3%). Additionally, the Average Monthly Availability did not achieve the rate of 90% or more for the BOC sprays in September (89.88%).

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 actual (or suspected) environmental impact expected as there was no discernable increase in dust exceedance events during these periods.



Above: Boom sprays on a stacker.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The identified cause of the non-compliance was due to the boom sprays on stackers being run in the incorrect operational mode (run in maintenance more rather than in auto mode). Additionally, the BOC spray Average Monthly Availability was below 90% due to the valve at the pump upstream not operating as required as a result of the incorrect setting being selected.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

The Licence requirements were communicated to the remote operations team and the control system was reviewed and aligned to ensure performance was in line with our licence operating requirements. A licence amendment was granted on 23 October 2024 which included a change to the Performance criteria from Average Monthly Availability to Average Monthly Performance (Time in Auto) for Stacker Sprays. This amendment clarified the performance criteria, and the process control was amended to meet the licence requirements.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

Reported to DWER verbally

Date:

Reported to DWER in writing

Date:

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition

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Condition no:	Condition 29 (Table 7)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Q1 and Q2
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Details of non-compliance:

Monitoring point location D06, which is the contingency discharge from the OB25 TPS tank overflow to Homestead Creek, was not sampled for quarter one and quarter two during discharge events as required by the Licence, which stipulates a spot sample to be taken from the OB25 TPS tank quarterly when discharging. It was identified that the monitoring point where samples were being collected from was not in accordance with the location specified in the Licence.

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.

There is no actual or suspected environmental impact from this event. Monitoring point D06 is a dewatering overflow sampling point, discharge only occurs as a contingency event.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The cause of the non-compliance was due to an administrative error. There was an incorrect change in the groundwater monitoring schedule resulting in the required monitoring points being missed for sampling

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

Relevant teams were consulted and the naming of discharge locations D01 and D07 were reviewed and aligned within the Licence and the internal water database system. The contractor sampling schedule was also updated to reflect the changes to ensure consistency of naming criteria.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

Reported to DWER verbally

Date:

Reported to DWER in writing

Date:

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Condition no:	Condition 29 (Table 7)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Q2
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Details of non-compliance:

Monitoring point location D01, which is the groundwater abstraction direct discharge to Ophthalmia Dam over existing rip-rap disposal area, was not sampled for water quality parameters in quarter two as required by the Licence, which stipulates a spot sample to be taken quarterly when discharging.

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 actual (or suspected) environmental impact from this event. D01 is a dewatering overflow sampling point. Previous and subsequent sampling results are within the internal trigger values.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

An administrative error resulted in the sampling contractor not scheduling sampling of site D01 in this period.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

To prevent recurrence, a review process for schedule changes will be implemented. This process will ensure that all changes are clearly identified and confirmed with internal relevant stakeholders to ensure the schedule is aligned with the Licence requirements.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

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Date:

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition

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Condition no:	Condition 19 (Table 5)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	19/11/2024 and 28/03/2025
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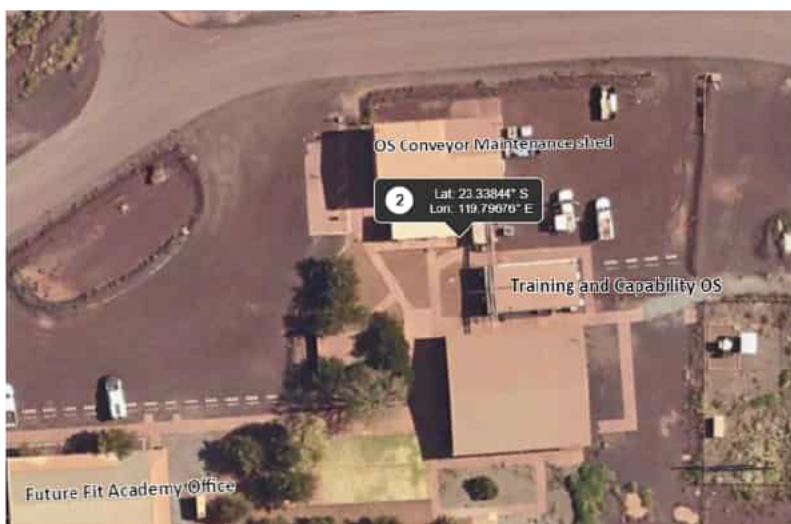
Details of non-compliance:

During the FY2025 reporting period, there were two events where effluent was discharged not in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Table 5/Table 8 of the Licence.

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.

There was no actual or suspected environmental impact, the unauthorised discharge was contained to the sealed area and cleaned up once identified.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The cause of the two unauthorised discharge events was due to equipment fault, where the sewage pump failed causing the sewage to discharge into the surrounding environment.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

The spills were contained and cleaned up and the faulty equipment (pump and floats) were replaced.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

Reported to DWER verbally

Date:

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Date:

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Condition no:	Condition19 (Table 5)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	11/03/2025
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Details of non-compliance:

There was an unauthorised discharge of effluent from the Orebody 24 Administration Waste Water Treatment Plant discharge point. The Licence states that sewage is only to be 'discharged in accordance with Table 8 and Table 13 of Schedule 4'.

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.

There was no actual or suspected environmental impact as a result of the tank overflow as discharge was contained to the area and no runoff to nearby receptors was identified.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The cause of the non-compliance was due to faulty equipment. Further investigation identified a faulty float and broken inspection shaft cover, causing the unauthorised discharge to occur.

Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:

The spill was contained and cleaned up and the pit was manually pumped out. The concrete inspection shaft and faulty float were replaced.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

Yes, and

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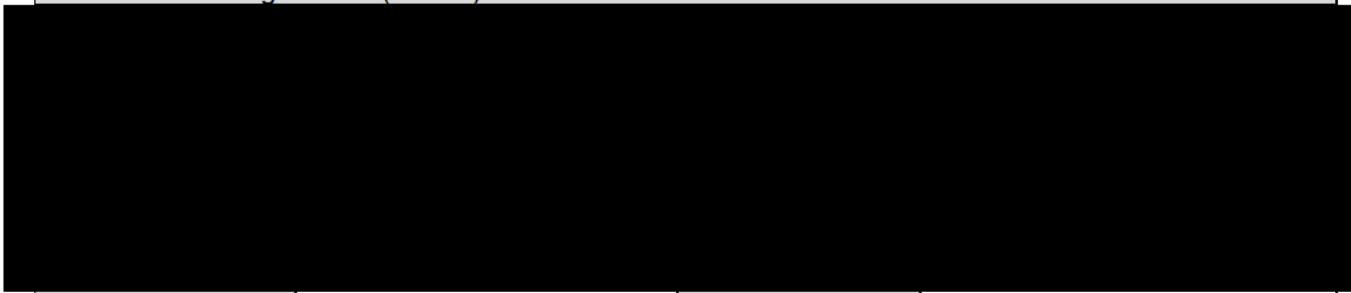
Date:

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Date:

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.



Date:	10/09/2025	Date:	
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.