

Annual Audit Compliance Report form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details

Licence Number:	L6950/1997/12	Licence File Number:	DER2014/000487
Licence Holder:	Pilbara Iron Company (Services) Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Rio Tinto Iron Ore		
ACN:	107 210 248		
Registered address:	Level 18, Central Park. 152-158 St. Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period?

- Yes ☐ Please complete **Sections C, D** (if required) and sign the declaration in **Section E**
- No ☒ Please complete **Sections C, D** (if required), **F** and sign the declaration in **Section E**

Section C – Statement of actual production

Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period.*

Category	Premises description	Actual production quantity (2022)
61	Liquid waste facility	11,315 tonnes
73	Bulk storage of chemicals, etc.	834 cubic metres
85	Sewage facility	30 cubic metres (avg. per day)

*Supporting information will be provided in the relevant conditions of the 2022/2023 Biennial Environment Report

Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity

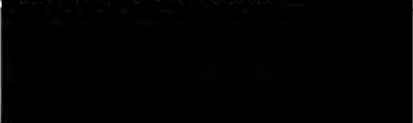

Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period.

Category	Premises description	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity (2022)
Not Applicable – no categories relevant to Part 2 waste discharge quantity.		

Section E – Declaration

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

Signature ² :			
Name: (printed)			
Position:	General Manager, Railways Maintenance – Iron Ore		
Date:	28/04/2023		

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.

Section F – 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 number:	1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	2022 Reporting Period
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Details of non-compliance:

The 7 Mile WWTP has an approved production capacity of 24m³/day for a maximum treatment capacity. For the 2022 reporting period (1 January – 31 December 2022) the average daily discharge was 30m³/day.

The facility operated within the licence limits for Q3 and Q4 of 2022. The elevated discharged volumes during Q1 and Q2 of 2022 resulted in an annual average higher than the approved production quantity.

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

There was no evidence of adverse environmental impacts associated with the elevated discharge volumes.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The cause of the increased production capacity is suspected to be as a result of increased personnel on site following Covid-19 and related travel restrictions.

The 7 Mile WWTP was granted a Part V Licence Amendment in 2019 to upgrade the WWTP to a Biomax facility treating 24m³/day. It is evident through our investigations and review of data management that:

- There has been a steady increase in personnel based at offices and workshops serviced by the 7 Mile WWTP following the easing in Covid-19 travel restrictions;
- There has been a steady increase in production capacity at the WWTP over the last two reporting periods (1 January – 31 December 2021 and 1 January – 31 December 2022); and
- The WWTP plant has been treating the increased inflow within desired criteria.

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

Maintenance investigations have commenced to ensure no deficient assets are contributing to increased inflow into the WWTP (none have been recorded at the time of this report).

The Licence Holder is in the process of gathering and preparing data for submission to DWER for the purposes of requesting a licence amendment for an increase in production capacity at the 7 Mile WWTP. Investigations will continue in the current reporting period (1 January – 31 December 2023) and include review of:

- WWTP treatment capacity data to determine trends in inflow; and
- Future planning for the area serviced by the WWTP.

Was this non-compliance reported to the DWER?

☐ Yes:

☐ Reported to DWER verbally Date:

☐ Reported to DWER in writing Date:

☒ No