## Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

# Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to <a href="mailto:info@dwer.wa.gov.au">info@dwer.wa.gov.au</a>, or to the below postal address:

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Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L8249/2008/03	Licence file number:	2011/05901-2
Licence holder name:	Focus Operations Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Focus Minerals Ltd		
ACN:	115 821 255		
Registered business address:	Level 5, 8 St George Terrace, Perth WA 6000		
Reporting period:	01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024		

# 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
<b>05</b> Processing or Beneficiation of Metallic or non-metallic ore	944,747 tonnes processed 2023/24
06 Mine Dewatering	No dewatering discharge this period.
89 Putrescible Landfill Site	72.9 tonnes

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	
Water to allow mining and processing of ore. Tailings.	1,459,330 m <sup>3</sup>	

## 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:	8	Date(s) of non- compliance:	Spill 1: 07/08/2023
				Spill 2: 07/08/2023
			Spill 3: 06/10/2023	

#### Details of non-compliance:

#### Spill 1:

 Approximately 195kL of hypersaline water released to ground. Occurred and reported on 7 August 2023.

#### Spill 2:

 Approximately 10kL of hypersaline water released to ground. Occurred and reported on 7 August 2023.

#### Spill 3:

 Approximately 50kL of hypersaline water released to ground. Occurred and reported on 6 October 2023.

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.

Limited local impact to flora due to high salinity levels. No observed tree deaths and clear evidence of dilution and dispersion with rainfall.

Monthly aerial images attached.

Please note, due to resourcing constraints, the images for November were not able to be captured.

#### Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

#### Spill 1:

Float valve failure.

### Spill 2:

- Breather valve failure.

#### Spill 3:

Pipe connector failure.

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

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# Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition Saline spills:

- Failed parts replaced immediately.
- Regulators notified within 24 hours
- Focus dedicated a fulltime resource to monitor the bore field.
- Remote telemetry system installed to allow flow data to be sent instantly to site personnel.
- 12 months of aerial photography collected to assess any local flora impacts (none observed).

observed).		
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?		
⊠ Yes, and		
Reported to DWER verbally		
	Spill 1: 07/08/2023	
Reported to DWER in writing	Spill 2: 07/08/2023	
	Spill 3: 06/10/2023	

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:	31	Date(s) of non- compliance:	Prior to 2023: GAM8 replaced. 2023: GAM12 dry when sampled. TMHMB07-9 inaccessible.
Details of non-com	pliance:		
Impacted groundwater monitoring:  - GAM8  - Blocked.  - GAM 7 recommissioned in November 2021.  - GAM7 has been reported from AACR 2021-22 onwards, as replacement for GAM8.  - GAM12  - Has not yielded sufficient volume for a sample.  - TMHMB07-09  - Impacted by active mining operations.			
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the no	n-compliance?
	h maps or diagrams to provide i		
No observable imp	acts.		
Cause (or suspecte	ed cause) of non-compliance		
GAM8 - Active mining operations. GAM12 - Dry bore. TMHMB07-09 - Active mining operations.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
GAM8  - GAM7 was installed nearby to allow continued monitoring. This change will be reflected in the Prescribed Premise Licence when it is next amended.  GAM12  - Focus will continue to dip this bore as scheduled.  TMHMB7-9  - New bores to be installed in 2025.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☐ Yes, and			
Reported to DWER verbally Date:			
☐ Reported to	DWFR in writing	Date:	

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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 <sup>1</sup> .			
I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.			
Signature <sup>2</sup> :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:	20 August 2024	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.