



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

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

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square
PERTH WA 6850

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L8402/2009/2	Licence file number:	DER2014/001263-1
Licence holder:	DC Mines Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	DC Mines		
ACN:	653 339 627		
Registered address:	C/- Warriedar Resources Limited, Ground Floor, 41-47 Colin Street West Perth 6005 Western Australia		
Reporting period:	01 /01 / 2023 to 31 / 12 / 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
Category 5	Nil – plant in care and maintenance

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
Category 5	Nil – no tailings deposition in 2023

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity			
Category 64		Approximately 20 tonnes	
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:	1.1.5	Date(s) of non-compliance:	2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Inspections were undertaken, however not at the designated frequency and not logged appropriately. The site is in Care & Maintenance and processing infrastructure is not in operation and associated environmental risks are minimal, however the licence condition remains valid.			
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.			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The inspection requirements of the licence are aimed at minimizing and managing environmental risks during Operations. However, the site is in Care & Maintenance, processing infrastructure is not operating and environmental risks have changed, making the frequency and target of inspections inappropriate.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A revised and updated Care & Maintenance Environmental Management Plan (C&M EMP) is proposed for development during Q2 of 2024, to include an appropriate inspection schedule, procedure and checklists for implementation during the (current) ongoing period of care and maintenance. DWER will be consulted during this process, and a licence amendment subsequently prepared and submitted to adjust licence conditions accordingly.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
X Yes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 29/02/2023 – previous 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:	1.1.7	Date(s) of non-compliance:	March 2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Waste at the Landfill was not covered at the required intervals (monthly), and bunding was not effective at diverting all storm-water away from waste – observed during March 2023 environmental inspection and audit conducted by external consultant.			
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.			
<p>The site is in Care & Maintenance, with low personnel numbers on-site and waste requiring disposal. Some additional windblown waste may have been generated due to waste at the landfill remaining uncovered longer, however impacts are expected to be low.</p> <p>Storm-water settled in some of the earthen bunds containing recyclable, hydrocarbon (oils etc) and/or contaminated waste for off-site disposal. Storm-water also settled in a low-point behind these bunded cells and the current (also previous) landfill cells. Some surface soil in the bunded cells impacted by hydrocarbon spills, however impacts are expected to be low, restricted to this localised area only, and able to be cleaned up effectively. The open landfill tipping cell (at March 2023) was sufficiently bunded to divert stormwater.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Staff changes through summer period and following DC takeover of site - supervisor at the time (March 2023) not understanding landfill covering and management requirements.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>Advice provided at the time of the inspection (March 2023) to Site Management regarding clean-up the site plus improved bunding and general landfill management – to comply with licence conditions. Recommendations and advice also provided in report prepared following the environmental inspection & audit.</p> <p>Landfill management requirements, including covering procedure to be included in the revised and updated Care & Maintenance Environmental Management Plan (C&M EMP), proposed for development during Q2 of 2024 (as above).</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
X No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date:	

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:	3.1.1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Licence limit exceedances during 2023 were not reported as required by Condition 3.1.1.			
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.			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Previously investigated and reported.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>An investigation was conducted during 2016 into TSF seepage that had been identified, with the report provided to DWER with the TSF Cell C Commissioning Report. The investigation concluded that seepage was occurring, however it was unlikely to cause negative environmental impact or contribute to environmental harm. It was recommended that, to further reduce the residual risk presented by seepage the existing monitoring network should be expanded to include the newly constructed monitoring bores. Sampling of groundwater within the expanded monitoring network should continue to be conducted quarterly with all samples tested for general water quality and dissolved metals as previously.</p> <p>Seepage was the source of the exceedances in T3D, T12D & T12s, however 2023 monitoring results indicate that TDS, the lead indicator due to saline process water (from Silverstone pit) is reducing in T3D, reducing towards background levels in T12D, and stable (though elevated) in T12S.</p> <p>Deposition of tailings ceased in July 2019 and seepage is naturally reducing as the TSF dries out. Lateral seepage at the TSF toe is no longer visible, and toe-drains collecting this lateral seepage have been dry during 2023 (apart from rainfall events). Monitoring and review of results continues as recommended.</p> <p>T12S has a solar driven pump installed, with bore water containing seepage pumped back into the TSF. The pump was out of service during 2023, however is planned to be repaired and re-instated during Q2 2024.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
X Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
X Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 25 / 11 /2016	

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:	General Manager Corporate and General Counsel	Position:	
Date:	29 February 2024	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.