

# Licence

| Licence number              | L6210/1991/10  |  |
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| Licence holder              | Alcoa of Australia Limited   |  |
| ACN                         | 004 879 298  |  |
| Registered business address | 181-205 Davy Street<br>Booragoon WA 6154                                   |  |
| DWER file number            | 2010/002563-1  |  |
| Duration                    | 13/09/2013 to 12/09/2035   |  |
| Date of issue               | 05/09/2013   |  |
| Date of amendment           | 09/02/2021   |  |
| Premises details            | Huntly Mine Site<br>Part of AML70/1<br>North Spur Rd<br>DWELLINGUP WA 6213 |  |
|                             | As defined by the map in Schedule 1  |  |

| Prescribed premises category description<br>(Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> ) | Assessed production capacity         |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Category 5: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-<br>metallic ore.                                | 29,000,000 tonnes per annual period. |

This amended licence is granted to the licence holder, subject to the attached conditions, on

9 February 2021, by:

### A/MANAGER, RESOURCE INDUSTRIES REGULATORY SERVICES

an officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)

# **Licence history**

| Date       | Reference number | Summary of changes  |
|------------|------------------|---|
| 13/09/2005 | L6210/1991/8     | Licence renewed for three years.  |
| 13/09/2008 | L6210/1991/9     | Licence renewed for five years.   |
| 19/04/2013 | L6210/1991/9     | Amendment to allow the relocation of the crusher and associated infrastructure from McCoy to the Myara mining region.   |
| 13/09/2013 | L6210/1991/10    | Licence renewed for five years.   |
| 29/04/2016 | L6210/1991/10    | Notice of amendment to extend licence expiry date to 12/09/2035 in accordance with section 59(1)(k) of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> and DWER <i>Guidance statement: Licence Duration</i> .                        |
| 7/05/2015  | L6210/1991/10    | Amendment to allow for the operation of the upgraded McCoy treatment system and the new Myara treatment system constructed under works approval W5360/2013/1.   |
| 9/02/2021  | L6210/1991/10    | Department initiated amendment to clarify sources of<br>contaminated wastewater permitted to be treated through<br>the wastewater treatment plants on site, update the<br>licence template and make minor administrative changes. |

# Interpretation

In this licence:

- (a) the words 'including', 'includes' and 'include' in conditions mean "including but not limited to", and similar, as appropriate;
- (b) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or other grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (c) where tables are used in a condition, each row in a table constitutes a separate condition;
- (d) any reference to an Australian or other standard, guideline, or code of practice in this licence:
  - (i) if dated, refers to that particular version; and
  - (ii) if not dated, refers to the latest version and therefore may be subject to change over time;
- (e) unless specified otherwise, any reference to a section of an Act refers to that section of the EP Act; and
- (f) unless specified otherwise, all definitions are in accordance with the EP Act.

**NOTE:** This licence requires specific conditions to be met but does not provide any implied authorisation for other emissions, discharges, or activities not specified in this licence.

# **Licence conditions**

The licence holder must ensure that the following conditions are complied with:

### Infrastructure and equipment

1. The licence holder must ensure that the site infrastructure and equipment listed in Table 1 and located at the corresponding infrastructure location are maintained and operated in accordance with the corresponding operational requirement set out in Table 1.

| Site infrastructure and equipment             | Operational requirement   | Infrastructure<br>location                 |
|---|---|--|
| McCoy Wastewater<br>Treatment Plant<br>(WWTP) | <ul> <li>WWTP is approved to treat wastewater from the following sources only: <ul> <li>fuel bays;</li> <li>heavy vehicle wash down bay;</li> <li>heavy vehicle workshop;</li> <li>heavy vehicle silt drying beds;</li> <li>hydrocarbon contaminated water collected from onsite drainage sumps (wastewater within sumps as a result of firefighting activities must not be treated through WWTP);</li> <li>McCoy WWTP sludge drying beds; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>             | As depicted in<br>Schedule 1,<br>Figure 2. |
|   | <ul> <li>untreated wastewater from the Myara<br/>WWTP (when Myara WWTP is not in<br/>service).</li> </ul>   |  |
| Myara Wastewater<br>Treatment Plant<br>(WWTP) | <ul> <li>WWTP is approved to treat wastewater from the following sources only: <ul> <li>heavy vehicle fuel bay;</li> <li>light vehicle fuel bay;</li> <li>fuel delivery areas;</li> <li>hydrocarbon contaminated water collected from onsite drainage sumps (wastewater within sumps as a result of firefighting activities must not be treated through WWTP);</li> <li>contractor's workshops and laydown areas; and</li> <li>contractors refueling area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | As depicted in<br>Schedule 1,<br>Figure 3. |

- 2. The Licence Holder must install and maintain sufficient on-site storage capacity, such that in the event of wastewater treatment plant maintenance or breakdown, untreated wastewaters that exceed the limits specified in condition 7, Table 3 are not discharged to the environment.
- **3.** The Licence Holder must manage all wastewater treatment and storage ponds such that:
  - (a) overtopping of the ponds does not occur; and
  - (b) the integrity of the containment infrastructure is maintained.

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4. The Licence Holder must treat contaminated or potentially contaminated wastewater prior to discharge to the McCoy Sumps MC1, MC2 and MC3 and/or Myara Batching Tanks US1, US2 and US3.

# Monitoring

- 5. The Licence Holder must ensure that:
  - (a) all water samples are collected and preserved in accordance with AS/NZS 5667.1;
  - (b) all wastewater sampling is conducted in accordance with AS/NZS 5667.10; and
  - (c) all samples are submitted to a laboratory with current NATA accreditation for the parameters to be measured.
- 6. The Licence holder must undertake the wastewater monitoring in Table 2 according to the specifications in that table.

| Monitoring point   | Parameter  | Units | Frequency   |
|--|--|-------|---|
| McCoy WWTP   | рН   | N/A   | Prior to each   |
| Sump MC1<br>Sump MC2<br>Sump MC3<br><u>Myara WWTP</u><br>Batching Tank US1 | Total dissolved solids,<br>surfactants (as MBAS),<br>total phosphorus, oil &<br>grease, TRH, PAH,<br>chromium, copper and zinc | mg/L  | discharge of<br>wastewater unless<br>there has been no<br>addition of treated<br>wastewater to the<br>sumps or batching<br>tanks since the last |
| Batching Tank US2  |  |       | sampling event.   |
| Batching Tank US3  | Discharge volume   | kL    | Continuous  |

#### Table 2: Wastewater monitoring program

7. The Licence Holder must not cause or allow the discharge of wastewater to the environment with parameters greater than the limits listed in Table 3.

#### Table 3: Wastewater discharge limits.

| Emission source                              | Parameter              | Limit (including units)        | Averaging<br>period |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| McCoy WWTP<br>Sump MC1;                      | рН                     | Within the range of 5.5 to 9.0 | Spot sample         |
| Sump MC2; and<br>Sump MC3                    | Total dissolved solids | 1,000 mg/L                     |                     |
|  | Oil & grease           | 5 mg/L                         |                     |
| Myara WWTP                                   | Surfactants (as MBAS)  |                                |                     |
| Batching Tank US1;<br>Batching Tank US2; and | Zinc                   |                                |                     |
| Batching Tank US3                            | Total phosphorus       | 2 mg/L                         |                     |
| 0  | Chromium               | 0.06 mg/L                      |                     |
|  | Copper                 | 1 mg/L                         |                     |

**8.** The Licence Holder must dispose of wastewater that exceeds the limits specified in condition 7 to a facility licensed to accept the wastewater.

### **Records and reporting**

- **9.** The Licence Holder must notify the CEO in writing as soon as is practicable upon becoming aware of any discharge of wastewater to the environment that exceeds any limit specified in condition 7 including:
  - (a) the date, time and probable reason for the exceedance;
  - (b) an estimate of the period over which the exceedance occurred; and
  - (c) an estimate of the extent of the discharge over that period and indication of known or potential environmental impacts.
- **10.** The Licence Holder must provide a report on its investigations into any exceedance reported under condition 9 within 7 usual working days of becoming aware of the exceedance, and it shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) the date, time and reason for the exceedance;
  - (b) the period over which the exceedance occurred;
  - (c) the extent of the discharge over that period and potential or known environmental consequences;
  - (d) corrective action taken or planned to mitigate adverse environmental consequences; and
  - (e) corrective action taken or planned to prevent a recurrence of the exceedance.
- **11.** The licence holder must maintain accurate and auditable books including the following records, information, reports, and data required by this licence:
  - (a) the calculation of fees payable in respect of this licence; and
  - (b) monitoring programmes undertaken in accordance with condition 6 of this licence.
- **12.** The books specified under condition 11 must:
  - (a) be legible;
  - (b) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original version(s) and any subsequent amendments remain legible and are capable of retrieval;
  - (c) be retained by the licence holder for the duration of the licence; and
  - (d) be available to be produced to an inspector or the CEO as required.
- **13.** The licence holder must:
  - (a) undertake an audit of their compliance with the conditions of this licence during the preceding annual period; and
  - (b) prepare and submit to the CEO by no later than 31 March after the end of that annual period an Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR) in the approved form.
- **14.** The Licence Holder must submit to the CEO by no later than the 31 March after the end of each annual period, an annual environmental report for that annual period for the conditions listed in Table 4, and which provides information in accordance with the corresponding requirement set out in Table 4:

| Condition | Requirement   |
|-----------|---|
| -         | an overview of the operations and processes carried out on the premises together with the quantity of ore processed during the annual period.   |
| 6         | Results of wastewater monitoring in accordance with condition 6 including wastewater flow as a monthly cumulative volume.   |
| 6 and 7   | An assessment of wastewater monitoring results obtained in accordance with condition 6 against previous monitoring results and the limits specified in condition 7.   |
| 9         | A summary table of exceedances reported under condition 9 together with details relating to actions taken to minimise the likelihood of re-occurrence.  |
| -         | A table cross referencing the quantity of the wastes (sludge) generated<br>from the wastewater treatment plants during the annual period and the total<br>annual volume of treated wastewater discharged from the treatment plants<br>(McCoy Sumps MC1, MC2 and MC3 or Myara Batching Tanks US1, US2<br>and US3). |
| 13        | Summary of compliance with licence conditions (AACR) <sup>1</sup>   |

### Table 4: Annual Environmental report

Note 1: Annual Audit Compliance Report form can be found on the Departments website.

# **Definitions**

In this licence, the terms in Table 5 have the meanings defined.

#### Table 5: Definitions

| Term  | Definition  |
|---|---|
| ACN   | Australian Company Number   |
| Annual Audit<br>Compliance<br>Report (AACR) | means a report submitted in a format approved by the CEO (relevant guidelines and templates may be available on the Department's website).  |
| AS/NZS 5667.1                               | means the Australian Standard AS/NZS 5667.1 Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance of the Design of sampling programs, sampling techniques and the preservation and handling of samples.   |
| AS/NZS 5667.10                              | means the Australian Standard AS/NZS 5667.10 Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance on sampling of waste waters.   |
| annual period                               | a 12-month period commencing from 1 January until 31 December of the immediately following year.  |
| books                                       | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.   |
| CEO   | <pre>means Chief Executive Officer of the Department. "submit to / notify the CEO" (or similar), means either:     Director General     Department administering the Environmental Protection Act 1986     Locked Bag 10     Joondalup DC WA 6919 or:     info@dwer.wa.gov.au</pre> |
| Department                                  | means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> (WA) and designated as responsible for the administration of the EP Act, which includes Part V Division 3.  |
| discharge                                   | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.   |
| emission                                    | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.   |
| EP Act                                      | Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)  |
| licence                                     | refers to this document, which evidences the grant of a licence by the CEO under section 57 of the EP Act, subject to the specified conditions contained within.  |
| licence holder                              | refers to the occupier of the premises, being the person specified on the front<br>of the licence as the person to whom this licence has been granted.  |
| mg/L  | means milligrams per litre.   |
| MBAS  | means methylene blue active substances.   |

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| Term                   | Definition   |
|------------------------|--|
| ΝΑΤΑ                   | means the body known as the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia.  |
| NATA accredited        | means in relation to the analysis of a sample that the laboratory is NATA accredited for the specified analysis at the time of the analysis.                                     |
| premises               | refers to the premises to which this licence applies, as specified at the front<br>of this licence and as shown on the premises map (Figure 1) in Schedule 1<br>to this licence. |
| prescribed<br>premises | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.  |
| РАН                    | means polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons   |
| Spot sample            | means a discrete sample representative at the time and place at which the sample is taken.   |
| TRH                    | means total recoverable hydrocarbons   |
| usual working day      | means 0800 – 1700 hours, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in Western Australia.  |

#### END OF CONDITIONS

# Schedule 1: Maps

# **Premises map**

The boundary of the prescribed premises is shown in the map below (Figure 1). The brown line depicts the Premises boundary.

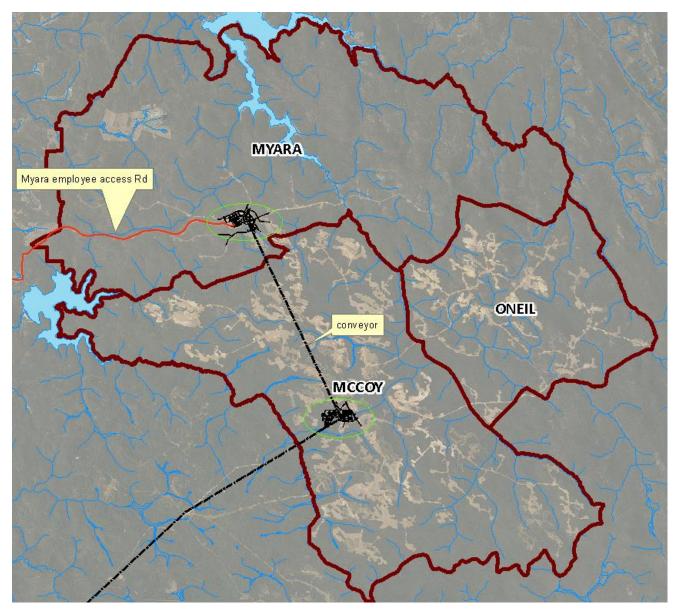
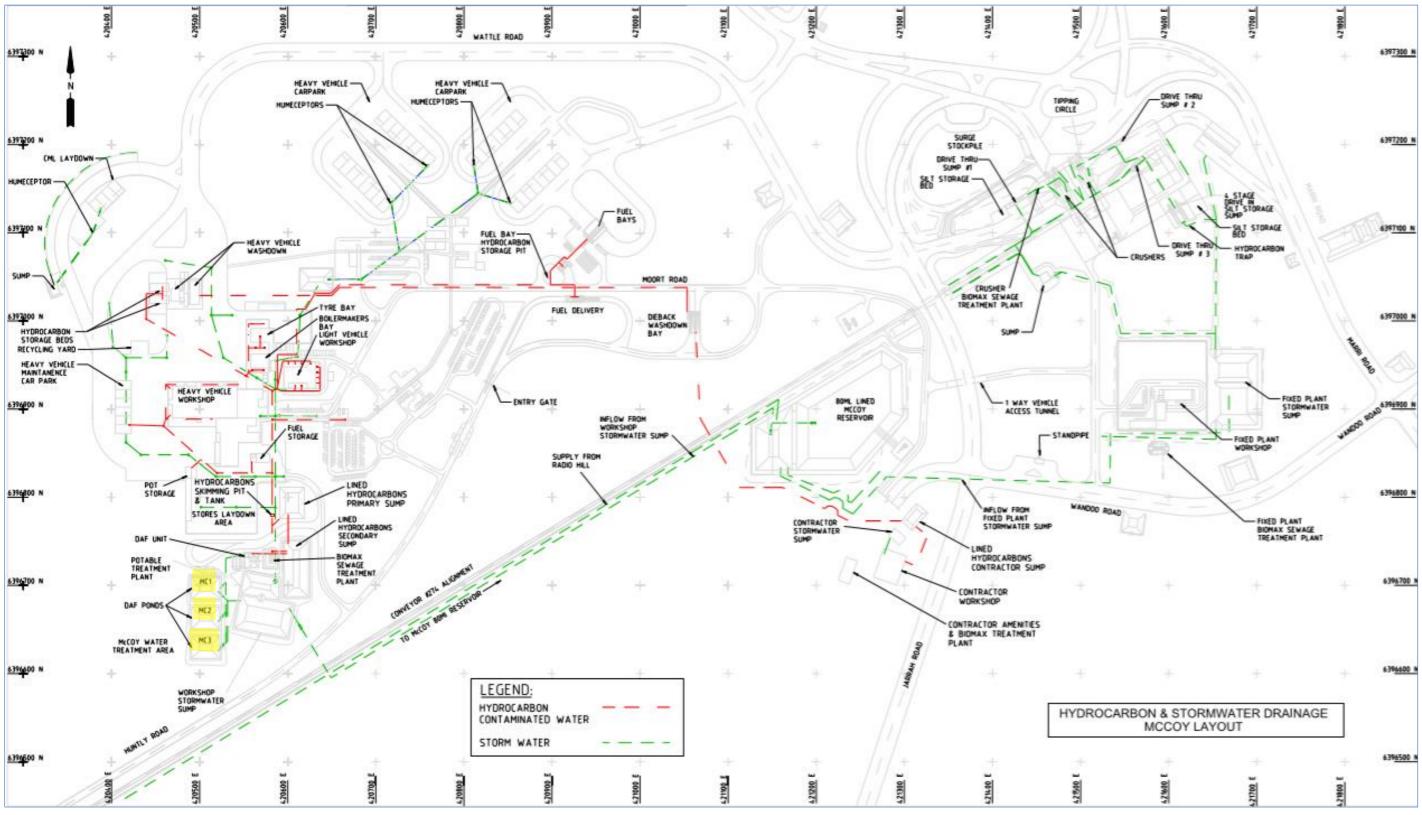


Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the prescribed premises.



# Maps of monitoring points, WWTPs and source infrastructure locations.



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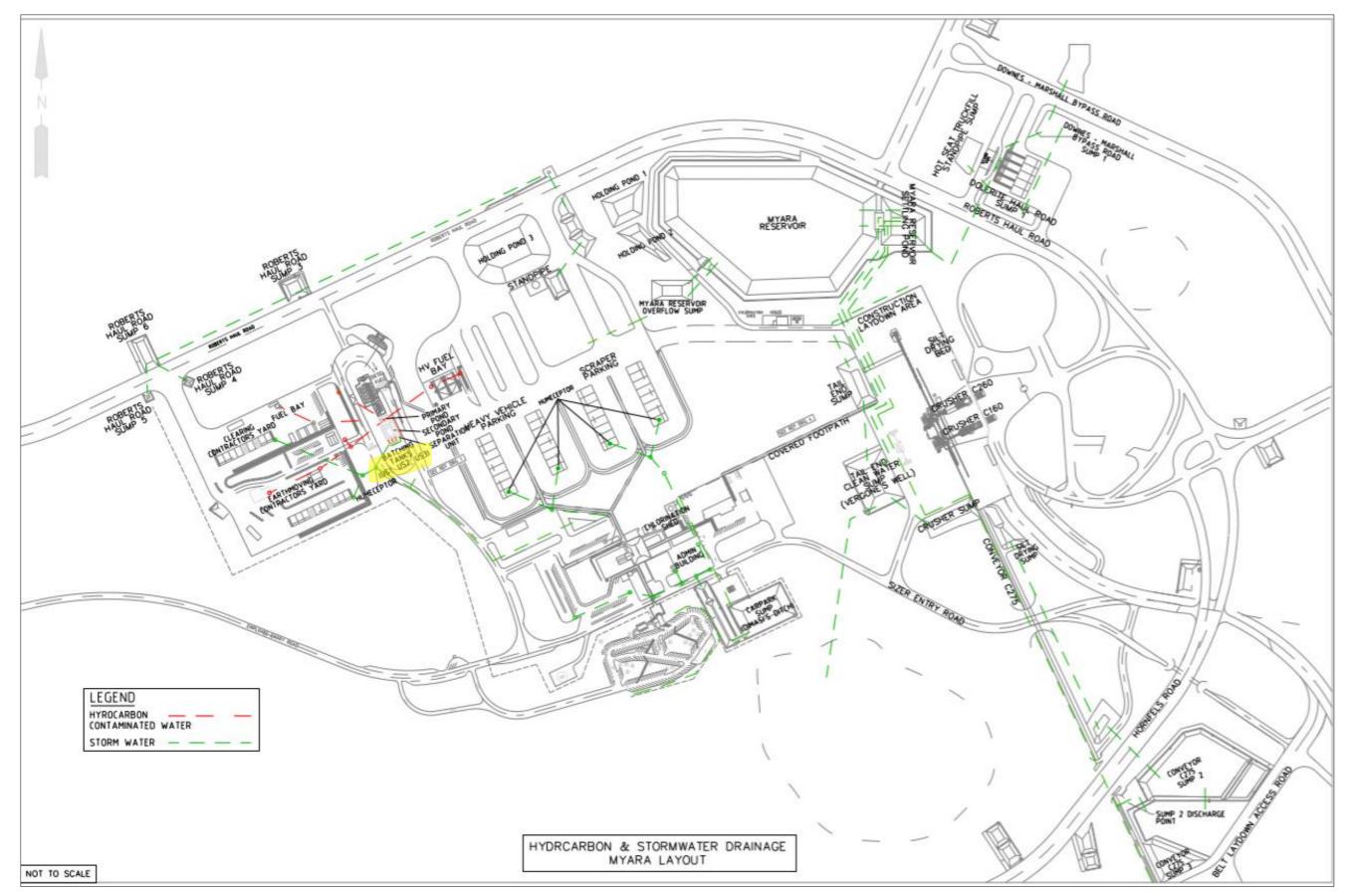


Figure 3: Myara operations area. Myara monitoring points highlighted in yellow.

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