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| Licence number              | L6453/1990/12   |  |
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| Licence holder<br>ACN       | BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd<br>004 184 598  |  |
| Registered business address | Level 41<br>125 St Georges Terrace<br>PERTH WA 6000   |  |
| DWER file number            | 2011/009443-1   |  |
| Duration                    | 27/04/2015 to 26/04/2030  |  |
| Date of amendment           | 28/11/2024  |  |
| Premises details            | Mt. Keith Operations<br>WILUNA WA 6646<br>Legal description -<br>Mining tenements M36/183-185, 246, 286, 288,<br>294, 399, 422, 467, 658, 677, M53/56-57, 165-167,<br>208, 215-218, 327-328, 489, General purpose<br>lease G53/11-14 and Miscellaneous licence<br>L36/206 |  |

| Prescribed premises category description<br>(Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i> ) | Assessed design capacity           |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Category 5: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-<br>metallic ore                                 | 13,500,000 tonnes per year         |
| Category 12: Screening etc. of material   | 1,000,000 tonnes per year          |
| Category 54: Sewage facility  | 510 m <sup>3</sup> per day         |
| Category 57: Used Tyre Storage  | 120 tyres                          |
| Category 64: Class II putrescible landfill  | 3,200 tonnes per year              |
| Category 73: Bulk storage of chemicals  | 13,500 m <sup>3</sup> in aggregate |

This amended licence is granted to the licence holder, subject to the attached conditions, on 28 November 2024 by:

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# Manager, Resource Industries INDUSTRY REGULATION

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

# Licence history

| Date       | Reference number | Summary of changes   |  |
|------------|------------------|--|--|
| 22/04/2010 | L6453/1990/11    | Licence re-issue   |  |
| 15/04/2013 | W5352/2013/1     | Works approval issued  |  |
| 18/11/2013 | W5517/2013/1     | Works approval issued  |  |
| 28/02/2014 | L6453/1990/11    | Licence amendment  |  |
| 23/04/2015 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence reissue and conversion to new format   |  |
| 21/01/2016 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment for Licence Holder administrative change<br>to AER/AACR submission date; correction also made to remove<br>limit on Standing Water Level due to previous error.  |  |
|            |                  | Licence amendment to alter condition 1.3.13 (c) to reduce the number of level alarms on the bulk diesel tank.  |  |
| 18/08/2016 | L6453/1990/12    | General conditions not considered enforceable have been removed from the Licence in accord with DER's <i>Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions,</i> October 2015.   |  |
| 04/05/2021 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment to include a mine dewater pipeline between<br>the Southern Dam at Mt Keith Nickel mine (NMK) to the turkey's<br>nest at Mt Keith Satellite operation (MKS). The premises<br>boundary is needed to accommodate the pipeline route.  |  |
| 25/05/2022 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment to increase the Category 64 Class II putrescible waste throughput capacity by 1,000 tonnes per year, from 2,200 tonnes per year to 3,200 tonnes per year.  |  |
| 26/08/2022 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment to include Category 12 Screening etc. of material capacity of 1,000,000 tonnes per year, and extension of the premises boundary to allow for the ongoing operation of the mobile crushing and screening plant at Mt Keith Satellite mine (MKS).  |  |
| 16/03/2023 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment to remove monitoring bores which will be<br>decommissioned and allow construction of replacement bores.<br>Amendment also to include administrative change to occupier<br>name as well as updating reporting requirement dates to align<br>with other BHP Nickel West Part V licences. |  |
| 28/11/2024 | L6453/1990/12    | Licence amendment to allow for discharge of excess stormwater<br>from the water storage area of the Central Discharge Tailings<br>Storage Facility to the J Stage open cut pit.  |  |

# 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 is maintained and operated in accordance with the corresponding operational requirement set out in Table 1.

| Site infrastructure and equipment  | Operational requirement  | Infrastructure<br>location         |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| TSF 1 and TSF 2 (TSF 2 also known as CDTSF)                              | Lined with clay sand to achieve a permeability of at least $<10^{-7}$ m/s.   |                                    |
| TSF 1 landfill area.   | Located within TSF 1 cell 1.   |                                    |
|  | No more than 3,200 tonnes of waste in total to be disposed to either the WRL landfill area or the TSF 1 landfill area per year.  |                                    |
|  | No putrescible waste is to be disposed at the TSF 1 landfill area.   |                                    |
|  | Designated asbestos (Special Waste Type 1) disposal area located within TSF 1 landfill area.   |                                    |
| Western Rock Landform<br>(WRL) landfill area                             | Located within the southern portion of the Western Waste Rock Landform.  |                                    |
|  | No more than 3,200 tonnes of waste in total to be disposed to either the approved WRL landfill area or the TSF 1 landfill area per year.   |                                    |
|  | All putrescible waste disposed to the WRL landfill area.   |                                    |
|  | Bunds constructed around the WRL landfill area to contain all potentially contaminated surface water run-off.  |                                    |
| Tyre disposal cell<br>Eastern Waste Rock                                 | Used tyre storage limited to no more than 120 tyres at any one time.   | As shown in<br>Schedule 1, Figures |
| landform   | Used tyres to be temporarily stored at the maintenance<br>and contractor workshop laydown area prior to being<br>disposed to the tyre disposal cell located within the<br>Eastern Waste Rock Landform. | 1, 2, 4 and 6                      |
| Return Water Pond  | Lined with HDPE material with a permeability of <10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s or equivalent.   |                                    |
| Nickel concentrate blending and storage                                  | Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore limited to no more than 13,500,000 tonnes per year.  |                                    |
| area   | The nickel concentrate stockpile and blending area perimeter embankments shall be constructed to a minimum height of 2.5 metres.   |                                    |
| Dewatering evaporation<br>ponds: North West Dam,<br>North turkey's nest, | North West Dam lined with clay material with a permeability of $<10^{-7}$ m/s.   |                                    |
| Southern turkey's nest,<br>Southern turkey's nest,<br>Southern dam.      | North turkey's nest – HDPE lined.  |                                    |
|  | Southern turkey's nest – clay material with a permeability of $<10^{-7}$ m/s.  |                                    |
|  | Southern dam – caprock material with a permeability of 5 x $10^{-6}$ m/s.  |                                    |

Table 1: Infrastructure and equipment requirements

| Site infrastructure and equipment            | Operational requirement  | Infrastructure<br>location  |
|--|--|---|
| J Stage Pit                                  | Freeboard in the Stage J Pit is to be visually monitored to ensure water levels are not above 65.42 mbgl (460mRL)  |   |
|  | Under large rainfall events, or in preparation for large<br>rainfall events, water from the CDTSF Water storage area<br>(WSA), via the return water and process water pond or via<br>the decant pump station within the CDTSF WSA, is<br>permitted to be discharged to J Stage Pit to prevent an<br>uncontrolled discharge to the environment from the<br>CDTSF WSA. |   |
| Wastewater treatment ponds 1 and 2           | Sewerage facility limited to throughput of no more than 510 m <sup>3</sup> per day.<br>Lined with HDPE material with a permeability of <10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s or equivalent.  |   |
| Saline water pipelines<br>Tailings pipelines | Pipelines to be equipped with telemetry systems and pressure sensors and/or secondary containment.<br>Equipped with automatic cut-outs in the event of a pipe failure.   |   |
| Mobile crushing and screening plant          | Plant fitted with spray nozzles to minimise dust emissions<br>at the head drum, discharge point of the main conveyor<br>and at the feed point.   | Located at lower<br>working levels<br>either within the                   |
|  | Earthen bunds constructed as required to prevent<br>stormwater ingress into the mobile crushing and screening<br>plant operational areas.  | Waste Rock<br>Landform or within<br>the Run of Mine<br>area as denoted as |
|  | Mobile crushing and screening plant to be located:   | Mobile Crusher<br>Location 1 or   |
|  | At least 50 m from drainage lines  | Mobile Crusher  |
|  | At least 500 m from the boundary of the Wanjarri<br>Nature Reserve.  | <i>Location 2</i> in Figure 5 in Schedule 1.                              |

#### **2.** The licence holder must:

- a) Construct and/or install the infrastructure and/or equipment;
- b) In accordance with the corresponding design, construction and installation requirements; and
- c) All the corresponding infrastructure location,

as set out in Table 2.

#### **Table 2: Construction Requirements**

| Infrastructure  | Design, construction, and installation requirements   | Infrastructure Location   |
|---|---|---|
| Water Transfer Pipeline from<br>CDTSF water storage area to<br>J Stage Pit. | Pipeline and associated pumping<br>stations to be bunded to provide<br>secondary containment and/ or to<br>be fitted with telemetry and<br>automatic shut off valves. | Labelled as 'Indicative proposed<br>stormwater transfer pipeline ' in<br>Figure 8 |

# **Emissions and discharges**

- **3.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that any saline dewatering effluent shall only be managed in the following manner:
  - a) Used for dust suppression in a manner that minimises damage to the surrounding vegetation; and
  - b) Discharge to dewatering evaporation ponds listed in Table 1.
- **4.** The Licence Holder shall manage containment cells, dams, or ponds in Table 1 such that a minimum top of embankment freeboard of 300 mm or a 1 in 100 year/72-hour storm event (whichever is greater) is maintained.
- **5.** The Licence Holder shall manage the wastewater treatment ponds in a manner such as:
  - (a) There is no discernible seepage loss from the ponds; and
  - (b) Vegetation (emergent or otherwise) shall be prevented from growing in the pond wastewaters or on the inner pond embankments.
- 6. The Licence Holder shall manage the TSF's such that:
  - (a) A seepage collection system and recovery system is provided and used to capture seepage from the TSF; and
  - (b) Seepage is returned to the TSF or re-used in processing.
- 7. The Licence Holder shall manage the nickel concentrate blending and storage area on TSF 1 such that:
  - (a) the moisture content of the nickel concentrate is sufficient to prevent nickel concentrate dust generating from truck loading and unloading, blending, and stockpiling.
  - (b) the height of the nickel concentrate stockpiles will not exceed the height of the lowest perimeter embankment.
  - (c) stormwater is prevented from entering or exiting the bunded area of the blending and storage facility; and
  - (d) no water ponding occurs in the concentrate stockpile area for a length of time greater than the duration of the preceding rainfall event.
- **8.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that where wastes produced on the Premises are not taken off-site for lawful use or disposal, they are managed in accordance with the requirements in Table 3.

| Waste type <sup>1</sup> | Management<br>Strategy                  | Requirements <sup>2,3</sup>   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Inert waste type<br>1   | Receipt, handling, associated storage,  | No more than 3,200 tonnes per year of all waste types cumulatively shall be disposed of by landfilling.   |
| Inert waste type<br>2   | and disposal of waste<br>by landfilling | disposal of waste by landfilling shall only take place within the approved WRL landfill area and TSF 1 landfill area shown in Figure 4, Schedule 1. |
| Putrescible             |   | the separation distance between the base of the TSF 1 landfill area   |

#### Table 3 : Management of waste

| Waste type <sup>1</sup>                 | Management<br>Strategy                   | Requirements <sup>2,3</sup>   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| waste                                   |  | and the highest groundwater level shall not be less than 2m.  |  |
|   |  | Waste at both landfill areas shall be placed in a defined trench or within an area enclosed by earthen bunds; and   |  |
| Clean Fill                              |  | the Licence Holder shall ensure that the tipping area at both approved landfill areas is less than 30 metres in length.   |  |
|   |  | Ensure that no wind-blown waste escapes from the Premises and that wind-blown waste is collected on at least a fortnightly basis and returned to the tipping area.                                |  |
| Special Waste                           |  | Only to be disposed of into a designated asbestos disposal area within TSF 1 landfill area.   |  |
| Type 1 <sup>3</sup><br>(asbestos waste) |  | Not to be deposited within 2 metres of the final tipping surface of the landfill  |  |
|   |  | No works should be carried out on the landfill that could lead to the release of asbestos fibres  |  |
|   |  | Ensure soil is bioremediated by:  |  |
| Hydrocarbon contaminated                | Bioremediation                           | <ul> <li>maintaining a suitable soil thickness</li> <li>maintaining an appropriate moisture content and nutrient level within the soil which sustains biological activity</li> </ul>              |  |
| waste                                   |  | <ul> <li>at least quarterly soil aeration; and</li> <li>disposal of hydrocarbon contaminated waste shall only take place within the bioremediation area shown in Figure 4, Schedule 1.</li> </ul> |  |
| Sewage                                  | Physical and biochemical treatment       | No more than 510 m <sup>3</sup> per day with treated wastewater effluent discharged to the wastewater treatment pond and then to TSF 2.   |  |
|   |  | Dispose of sewage sludge in accordance with Western Australian guidelines for biosolids management (December 2012)  |  |
| Biosolids                               | Sludge from the                          | Sludge removed from the storage/evaporation ponds is temporarily stored on site within a hardstand area or approved drying bed with   |  |
| (Sewage sludge)                         | effluent<br>storage/evaporation<br>ponds | adequate bunding to prevent surface runoff of leachate from the sludge. Where possible the sludge leachate shall be returned to the effluent storage evaporation ponds.                           |  |
|   |  | Sludge that is not reused or recycled, excluding hazardous substances, shall be disposed of in a landfill located away from areas subject to erosion or flooding.                                 |  |

Note 1: Types of waste as defined in the Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the Department's website

Note 2: Requirements for landfilling tyres are set out in Part 6 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987.

Note 3: Additional requirements for the acceptance and landfilling of controlled waste (including asbestos and tyres) are set out in the *Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004.* 

**9.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that cover is applied and maintained on landfilled wastes in accordance with Table 4 and that sufficient stockpiles of cover are maintained on site at all times.

| Table 4: | Cover | requirements |
|----------|-------|--------------|
|----------|-------|--------------|

| Waste Type         | Cover requirements  |
|--------------------|---|
| Putrescible wastes | To be covered fortnightly with sufficient quantities of Type 1 inert waste, clean fill or other appropriate cover material to prevent the spread of fire and harbouring of disease vectors. |

| Inert Waste Type 1                          | No cover required   |
|---|---|
| Inert Waste Type 2<br>(Tyres <sup>1</sup> ) | To be covered by as per the current waste rock dumping schedule with sufficient quantities of Type 1 inert waste or clean fill to prevent the spread of fire and harbouring of disease vectors. |
| Special Waste<br>Type 1 <sup>2</sup>        | Covered with a minimum of 300mm of inert waste type 1 or clean fill as soon as practicable after deposit and prior to compaction and by no later than the end of the working day.               |

Note 1: Additional requirements for final cover of tyres are set out in Part 6 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations* 1987. Note 2: Asbestos waste to be disposed as per the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) regulations 2004

- **10.** The Licence Holder shall not burn vehicle tyres except for emergency response training. No more than 20 vehicle tyres may be burnt for emergency response training in any annual period. The Licence Holder must notify the CEO at least 24 hours prior to any planned emergency response training.
- **11.** The Licence Holder shall:
  - (a) not store more than 6,225 kL of diesel in the bulk diesel storage tank at any time.
  - (b) maintain a compound at the bulk diesel storage, designed to contain at least 6,847.5 kL.
  - (c) maintain the level alarms which will be triggered at 15% and 67% of the maximum capacity of the bulk diesel storage tank; and
  - (d) measure the bulk diesel storage tank volume daily and maintain a logbook to record the measurements.

# Monitoring

- **12.** The Licence Holder shall:
  - (a) undertake inspections as detailed in Table 5.
  - (b) where any inspection identifies that an appropriate level of environmental protection is not being maintained, take corrective action to mitigate adverse environmental consequences as soon as practicable; and
  - (c) maintain a record of all inspections undertaken.

#### Table 5: Inspection of infrastructure

| Scope of inspection   | Type of inspection                 | Frequency of inspection   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Tailings pipelines  | Visual                             | 12 hourly   |
| Return water lines  | Visual                             | 12 hourly   |
| Dewater or saline water pipelines                                 | Visual                             | 24 hourly   |
| External walls of the TSF   | Visual                             | 24 hourly   |
| Borefield pipelines, pump stations                                | Visual                             | 24 hourly   |
| Contingency tailings delivery pipeline 291 and associated bunding | Visual check of physical integrity | Prior to discharge of tailings into pipeline<br>291 and 6 hourly while in operation |

| Bunding and stormwater management controls for the mobile crushing and screening plant | Visual check of physical integrity  | Following a significant rainfall event (a 20% AEP event over 24 hours)     |
|--|---|--|
| J Stage Pit  | Visual check for compliance<br>with freeboard as outlined in<br>Condition 1 | Weekly when discharge of water from CDTSF Water Storage Area is occurring. |

- **13.** The Licence Holder shall 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.
  - (c) all groundwater sampling is conducted in accordance with AS/NZS 5667.11.
  - (d) all laboratory samples are submitted to and tested by a laboratory with current NATA accreditation for the parameters being measured.
- **14.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that:
  - (a) monthly monitoring is undertaken at least 15 days apart.
  - (b) quarterly monitoring is undertaken at least 45 days apart;
  - (c) Six monthly monitoring is undertaken at least 5 months apart; and
  - (d) annual monitoring is undertaken at least 9 months apart.
- **15.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that all monitoring equipment used on the Premises to comply with the conditions of this Licence is calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, and the requirements of the Licence.
- **16.** The Licence Holder shall, where the requirements for calibration cannot be practicably met, or a discrepancy exists in the interpretation of the requirements, bring these issues to the attention of the CEO accompanied with a report comprising details of any modifications to the methods.
- **17.** The Licence Holder shall undertake the monitoring in Table 6 according to the specifications in that table.

| Process<br>description    | Parameter  | Units            | Frequency | Method            |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                           | Volumes of tailings deposited into the TSF                                 |                  |           |                   |
| Toilingo                  | Volumes of water recovered from the TSF                                    |                  |           |                   |
| Tailings<br>deposition    | Volumes of seepage recovered   | m <sup>3</sup> N | Monthly   | None<br>specified |
|                           | Volumes of treated wastewater effluent deposited onto the TSF              |                  |           |                   |
| Mine Dewatering<br>Re-use | Volume of mine dewater sourced from Nickel West<br>Cliffs Underground Mine | m <sup>3</sup>   | Monthly   | None              |
| Re-use                    | Volume of dewater using in dust suppression                                |                  |           | specified         |

#### **Table 6: Process monitoring**

| Water from the<br>CDTSF Water<br>Storage Area | Volume of water discharged to J Stage Pit  | m <sup>3</sup> | Continuous<br>while<br>discharging           | None<br>specified |
|---|--|----------------|--|-------------------|
|   | pH <sup>1</sup>  | -              | Spot sample at commencement                  | None<br>specified |
|   | Total dissolved solids, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium, and zinc | mg/L           | of each<br>discharge event<br>to J Stage Pit | specified         |

Note 1: In-field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted

**18.** The Licence Holder shall undertake the monitoring in Table 7 and Table 8 according to the specifications in that table and record and investigate results that do not meet any limit specified.

| Monitoring point reference and location | Parameter  | Limit | Units        | Averaging period | Frequency |
|---|--|-------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| KMB03-06,<br>KMB03-23,<br>KMB03-61,     | Standing water level<br>(SWL) <sup>1</sup> or artesian<br>pressure level <sup>1</sup> as<br>applicable | -     | mAHD<br>mbgl | Spot sample      | Quarterly |
| KMB04-14,                               | pH <sup>2</sup>  | 6 - 9 | -            |                  |           |
| KMB04-42,                               |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB05-25,                               |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB05-50,<br>KMB06-13,                  |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB06-59,                               |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB07-25,                               |  |       | mg/L         | Spot sample      | Annually  |
| KMB07-77,                               |  | -     |              |                  |           |
| KMB08S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB08D-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB10S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB10I-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB10D-FY23,                            | Total dissolved solids,<br>Selenium, copper, zinc,   |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB11S-FY23,                            | nickel   |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB11D-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB12S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB12D-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB13S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB13D-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB14S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB14D-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB15-33,                               |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB15-70,                               |  |       |              |                  |           |
| KMB16S-FY23,                            |  |       |              |                  |           |

| Monitoring point reference and location | Parameter   | Limit | Units       | Averaging period   | Frequency |
|---|---|-------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| KMB16D-FY23,                            |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB17S-FY23,                            |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB17D-FY23,                            |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB18S-FY23,                            |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB18D-FY23,                            |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB25,                                  |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB26,                                  |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB27 and                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB32                                   |   |       |             |                    |           |
|   | pH <sup>2</sup>   | 6 - 9 | -           |                    |           |
|   | Total dissolved solids  | 6000  | mg/L        | - Spot sample      | Annually  |
| Howards Well and Two                    | Copper  | 0.5   | mg/L        |                    |           |
| Tanks Well                              | Zinc  | 20    | mg/L        |                    |           |
|   | Selenium  | 0.02  | mg/L        |                    |           |
|   | Nickel  | 1     | mg/L        |                    |           |
| Tailings decant pond water              | pH <sup>2</sup><br>TDS, arsenic, cadmium,<br>chromium, copper, lead,<br>nickel, selenium, and zinc. | -     | mg/L        | Spot sample        | Annually  |
| KMB03-06,                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB03-23,                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB03-61,                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB04-14,                               | Arsenic   | -     | mg/L        | Spot sample        | Quarterly |
| KMB04-42,                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB05-25,                               |   |       |             |                    |           |
| KMB05-50                                |   |       |             |                    |           |
|   | Standing water level (SWL)  | -     | mAHD        |                    |           |
| MKRC725<br>MKRC731                      |   |       | mbgl        |                    |           |
|   | рН²   | -     | pH<br>units | Spot sample Quarte | Quarterly |
|   | Total dissolved solids  | -     | mg/L        |                    |           |

Note 1: SWL to be determined prior to collection of water samples. Note 2: pH can be measured in the field.

#### Table 8: Pit lake monitoring

| Monitoring point | Parameter  | Unit | Frequency   |
|------------------|--|------|-------------|
| J Stage Pit      | рН <sup>1</sup>  | -    | Six monthly |
|                  | Total dissolved solids, arsenic, cadmium,<br>chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium,<br>and zinc | mg/L |             |

Note 1: In-field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted

# **Records and reporting**

- **19.** The Licence Holder shall conduct an annual assessment of the risk associated with seepage from tailings storage facilities and if necessary, install and operate additional seepage recovery measures to ensure vegetation impact is minimised during operation and after closure.
- **20.** The Licence Holder must record the following information in relation to complaints received by the licence holder (whether received directly from a complainant or forwarded to them by the Department or another party) about any alleged emissions from the premises:
  - (a) the name and contact details of the complainant, (if provided);
  - (b) the time and date of the complaint.
  - (c) the complete details of the complaint and any other concerns or other issues raised; and
  - (d) the complete details and dates of any action taken by the licence holder to investigate or respond to any complaint.
- **21.** 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 30 September an Annual Audit Compliance Report in the approved form.
- **22.** 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.
  - (b) monitoring programmes undertaken in accordance with conditions 12 to 18 of this licence; and
  - (c) complaints received under condition 20 of this licence.
- **23.** The books specified under condition 22 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.

**24.** The Licence Holder shall submit to the CEO, an Annual Environmental Report (AER), by no later than 30 September. The AER shall contain the information listed in Table 9 in the format or form specified in that table.

| Condition or table (if relevant) | Parameter   | Format or form  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
|                                  |   |   |
| -                                | Summary of any failure or malfunction<br>of any pollution control equipment and<br>any environmental incidents that have<br>occurred during the annual period and<br>any action taken | None specified  |
|                                  |   | None specified for categories 5,12, 54 and 73   |
| -                                | Total throughput for categories 5, 12, 54, 64 and 73 for the reporting period.  | Total throughput for category 64 to be reported<br>in graph format separated into waste types (as<br>defined in the <i>Landfill Waste Classification and</i><br><i>Waste Definitions 1996</i> - as amended from time<br>to time and published on the department's<br>website) disposed to both the WRL landfill area<br>and the TSF 1 landfill area in tonnes per year. |
| Condition 19                     | Annual assessment of the risk associated with seepage from TSFs.  | None specified  |
| Table 6                          | Process monitoring  | Graph showing trend compared to past years and table listing data for current year  |
| Tables 7 and 8                   | Ambient groundwater quality   | None specified  |
| Condition 21                     | Compliance  | Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR)   |
| Condition 20                     | Complaints summary  | None specified  |

 Table 9: Annual environmental report

**25.** The Licence Holder shall submit the information in Table 10 to the CEO, according to the specifications in that table.

#### Table 10: Non-annual reporting

| Condition or<br>table<br>(if relevant) | Parameter   | Reporting<br>period | Reporting<br>date (after<br>end of the<br>reporting<br>period) | Format or<br>form  |
|--|---|---------------------|--|--|
| -                                      | Copies of original monitoring reports submitted to the Licence Holder by third parties  | Not Applicable      | Within 14 days<br>of the CEOs<br>request                       | As received<br>by the<br>Licence<br>Holder from<br>third parties |
| -                                      | Decision and reason to operate the<br>contingency tailings delivery pipeline 291,<br>monitoring of pipeline 291 as per Table 3,<br>and the intended duration of use | Duration of use     | Next business<br>day   | None<br>specified  |
| -                                      | Follow up report of length of operation of the contingency tailings delivery pipeline 291, and monitoring of pipeline 291 as per table 3                            | The length of use   | Next business<br>day after<br>cessation                        | None<br>specified  |

| Condition-10 | The Licence Holder shall inform the CEO prior to undertaking emergency response training using tyres. | Not Applicable | 24 hours prior to the training | None<br>specified |
|--------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|--------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|

**26.** The Licence Holder shall ensure that the parameters listed in Table 11 are notified to the CEO in accordance with the notification requirements of that table.

#### Table 11: Notification requirements

| Condition or table<br>(if relevant) | Parameter                                    | Reporting period   | Format or form |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| -                                   | Breach of any limit specified in the Licence | Part A: As soon as practicable<br>but no later than 5pm of the next<br>usual working day<br>Part B: As soon as practicable | N/A            |

- **27.** The licence holder must within 30 days of the item of infrastructure required by condition 2 being constructed:
  - (a) undertake an audit of their compliance with the requirements of condition 2; and
  - (b) prepare and submit to the CEO an Environmental Compliance Report on that compliance.
- **28.** The Environmental Compliance Report required by condition 27 must include as a minimum the following::
  - a) Certification by a suitability qualified person that the items of infrastructure or component(s) thereof, as specified in condition 2, have been constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in condition 2; and
  - b) Be signed by a person authorised to represent the Licence Holder and contains the printed name and position of that person within the company.

# **Definitions**

In this licence, the terms in Table 12 have the meanings defined.

#### Table 12: Definitions

| Term  | Definition   |
|---|--|
| ACN   | Australian Company Number  |
| AEP   | Annual exceedance probability  |
| 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).   |
| annual period                               | a 12-month period commencing from 1 July until 30 June of the immediately following year.  |
| Asbestos fibres                             | has the meaning defined in the Guidelines for Assessment, Remediation and<br>Management of Asbestos Contaminated Sites, Western Australia, (DOH,<br>2009)                            |
| 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   |
| AS/NZS 5667.11                              | means the Australian Standard AS/NZS 5667.11 Water Quality – Sampling – Guidance on sampling of groundwaters   |
| averaging period                            | means the time over which a limit is measured or a monitoring result is obtained   |
| Biosolids                                   | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste<br>Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the<br>Department's website                   |
| books                                       | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.  |
| CDTSF                                       | Central Discharge Tailings Storage Facility (also called TSF2)   |
| CEO   | means Chief Executive Officer of the Department.   |
|   | "submit to / notify the CEO" (or similar), means either:   |
|   | Director General<br>Department administering the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i><br>Locked Bag 10<br>Joondalup DC WA 6919   |
|   | or:  |
|   | info@dwer.wa.gov.au  |
| clean fill                                  | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the Department's website                         |

| Term   | Definition   |
|--|--|
| controlled waste   | has the definition in <i>Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste)</i><br>Regulations 2004   |
| 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)   |
| EP Regulations   | Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA)   |
| freeboard  | means the distance between the maximum water surface elevations and the top of retaining banks or structures at their lowest point   |
| hardstand  | means a surface with a permeability of 10 <sup>-9</sup> metres/second or less  |
| HDPE   | means high density polyethylene  |
| Inert Waste Type<br>1  | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste<br>Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the<br>Department's website   |
| Inert Waste Type<br>2  | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste<br>Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the<br>Department's website   |
| Landfill Definitions   | means the document titled "Landfill Waste Classification and Waste<br>Definitions 1996" published by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department<br>of Environment as amended from time to time.           |
| 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.   |
| mAHD   | means elevation in metres with respect to the Australian Height Datum  |
| mbgl   | means meters below ground level  |
| Minimum<br>Construction<br>Requirements for<br>Water Bores in<br>Australia | means the document titled "Minimum Construction Requirements for Water<br>Bores in Australia", fourth edition, published by the National Uniform Drillers<br>Licensing Committee, 2020                       |
| NATA   | means 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  |

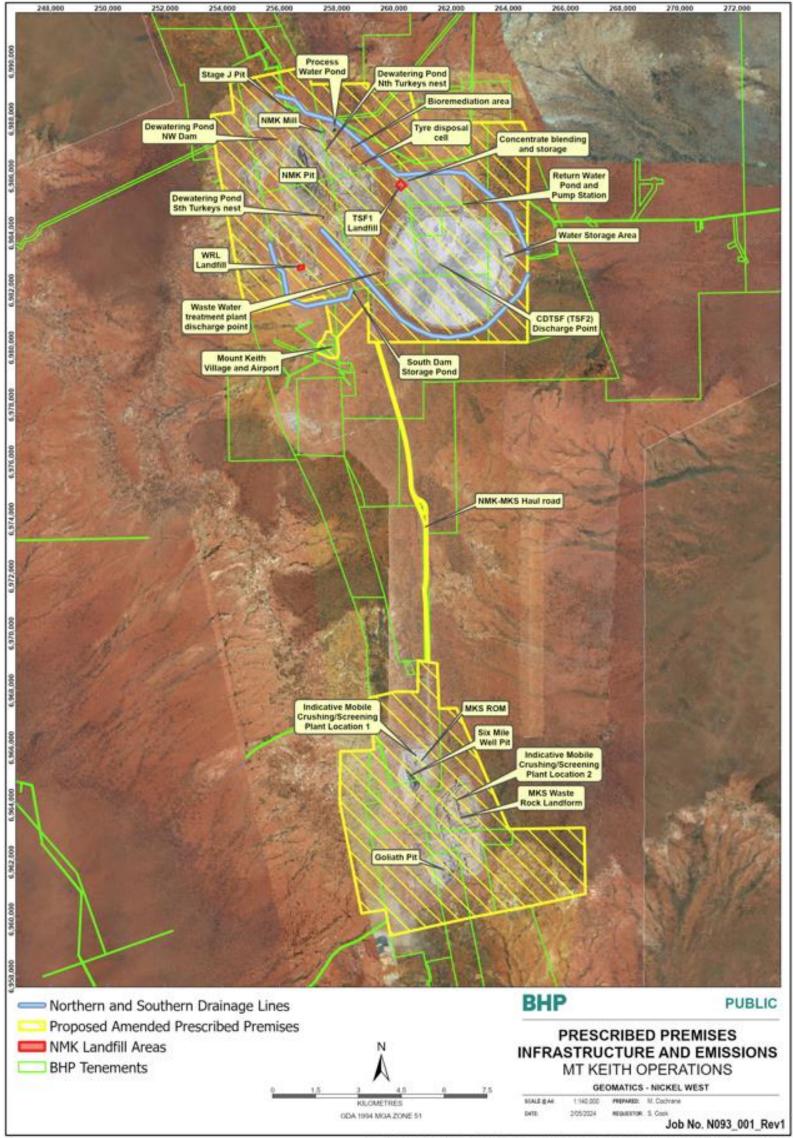
| Term                    | Definition  |
|-------------------------|---|
| premises                | refers to the premises to which this licence applies, as specified at the front<br>of this licence and as shown on the premises map in Schedule 1 to this<br>licence. |
| prescribed<br>premises  | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.   |
| Putrescible Waste       | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the Department's website          |
| quarterly               | means the 4 inclusive periods from 1 January to 31 March, 1 April to 30 June, 1 July to 30 September, 1 October to 31 December  |
| Special Waste<br>type 1 | has the meaning defined in Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 - as amended from time to time and published on the Department's website          |
| spot sample             | means a discrete sample representative at the time and place at which the sample is taken   |
| TSF                     | means an engineered containment pond or dam used to store tailings  |
| usual working day       | means 0800 – 1700 hours, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in<br>Western Australia   |
| waste                   | has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.   |

# **END OF CONDITIONS**

# Schedule 1: Maps

# **Premises map**

The boundary of the prescribed premises is shown in yellow in Figure 1 below

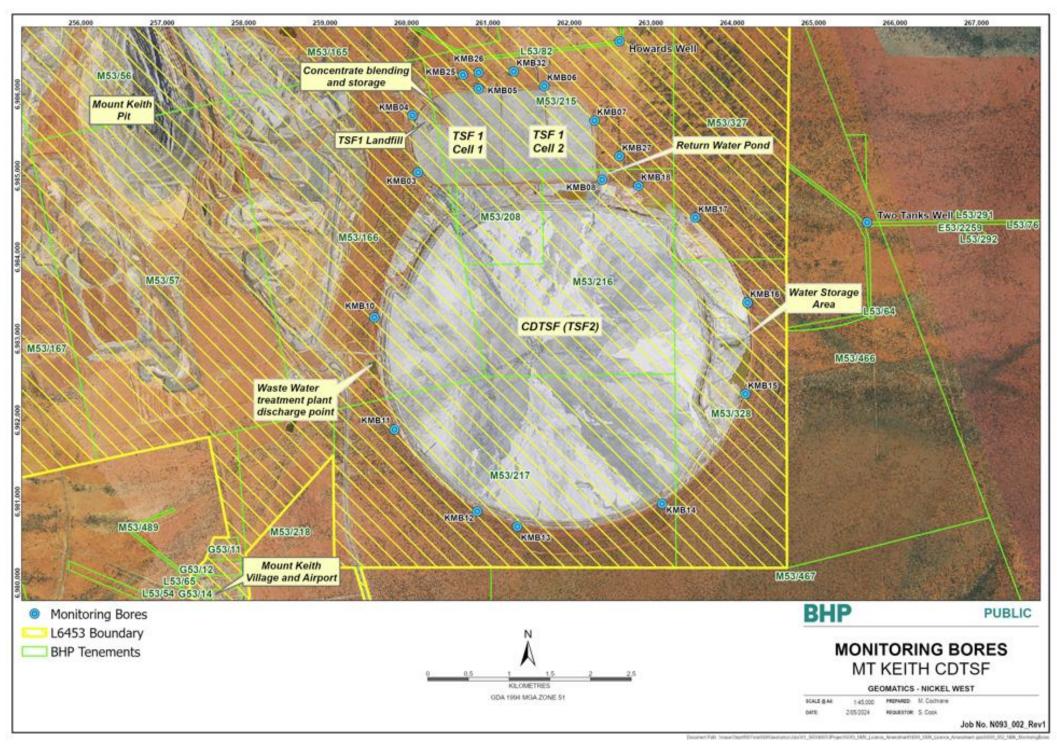


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#### Figure 1: Map of the boundary of the prescribed premises

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# **Monitoring map**



The location of monitoring points defined in Table 7, are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3 below

Figure 2: Map of ambient monitoring locations

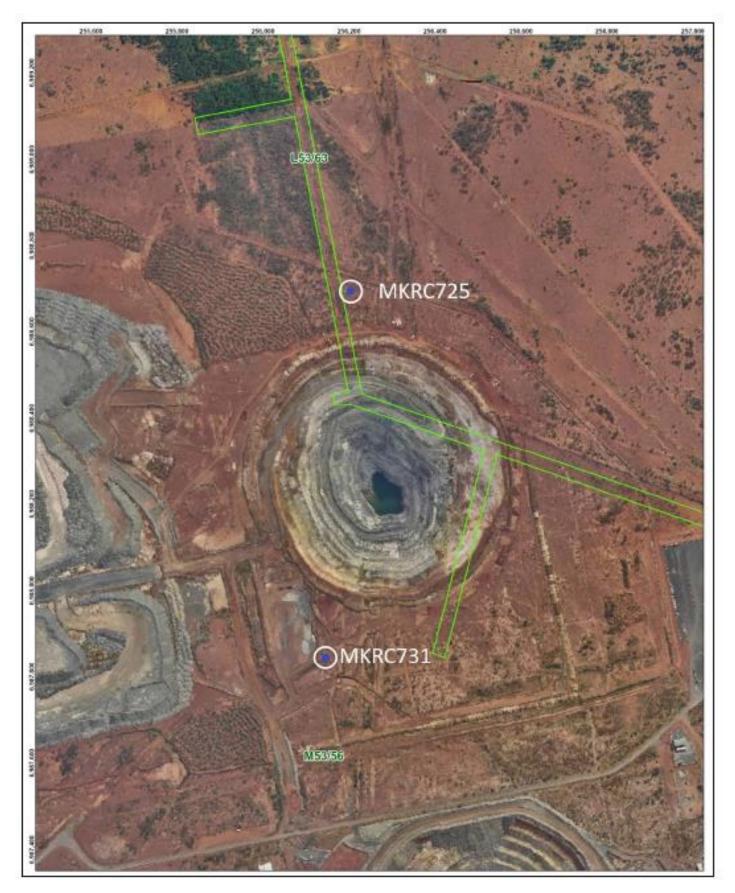
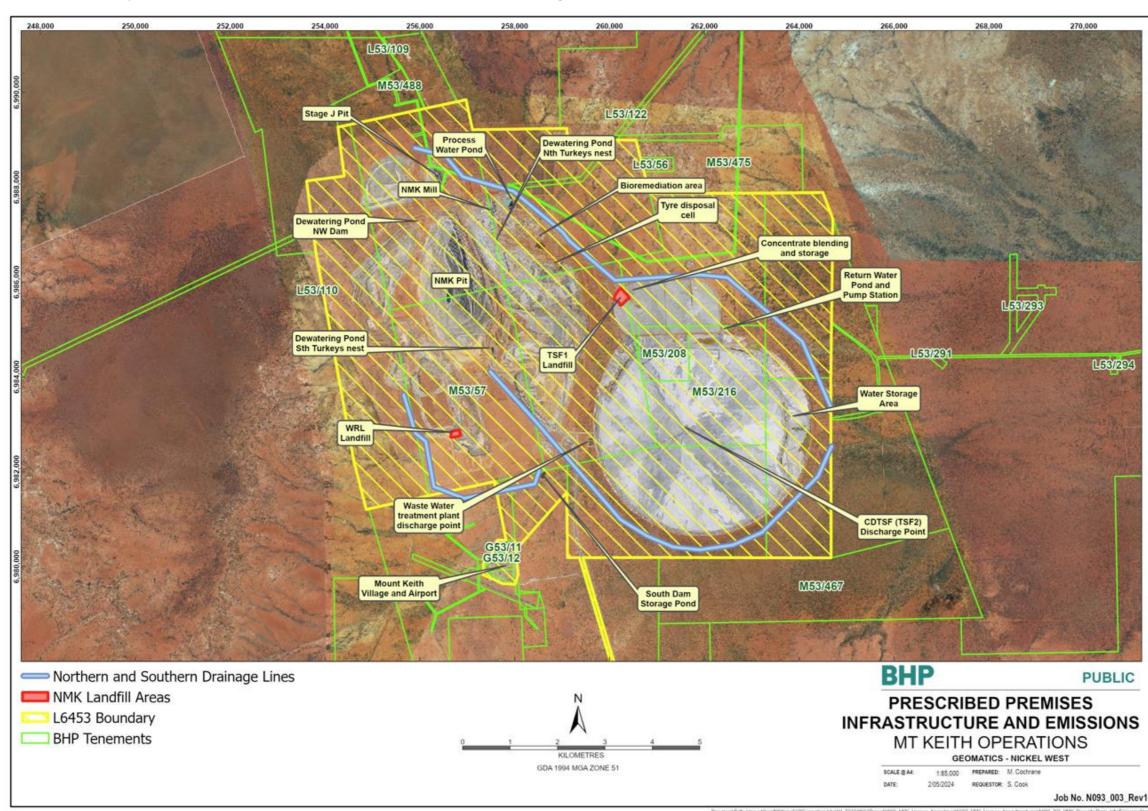


Figure 3: Ambient Groundwater Monitoring locations for J Stage Pit

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### Infrastructure location map

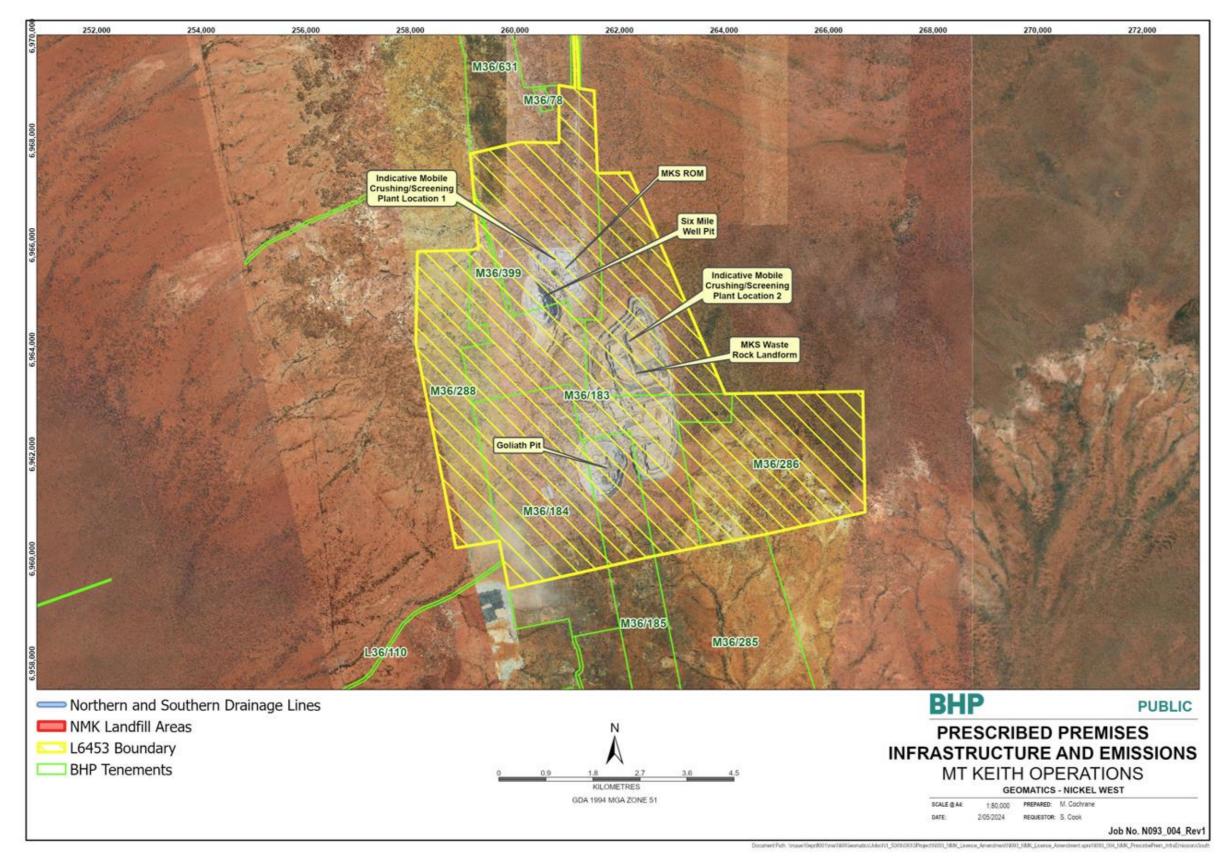


The location of key infrastructure as defined in Tables 1, 5 and 6 is shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5 below

Figure 4: Mt Keith nickel mine infrastructure and emission locations

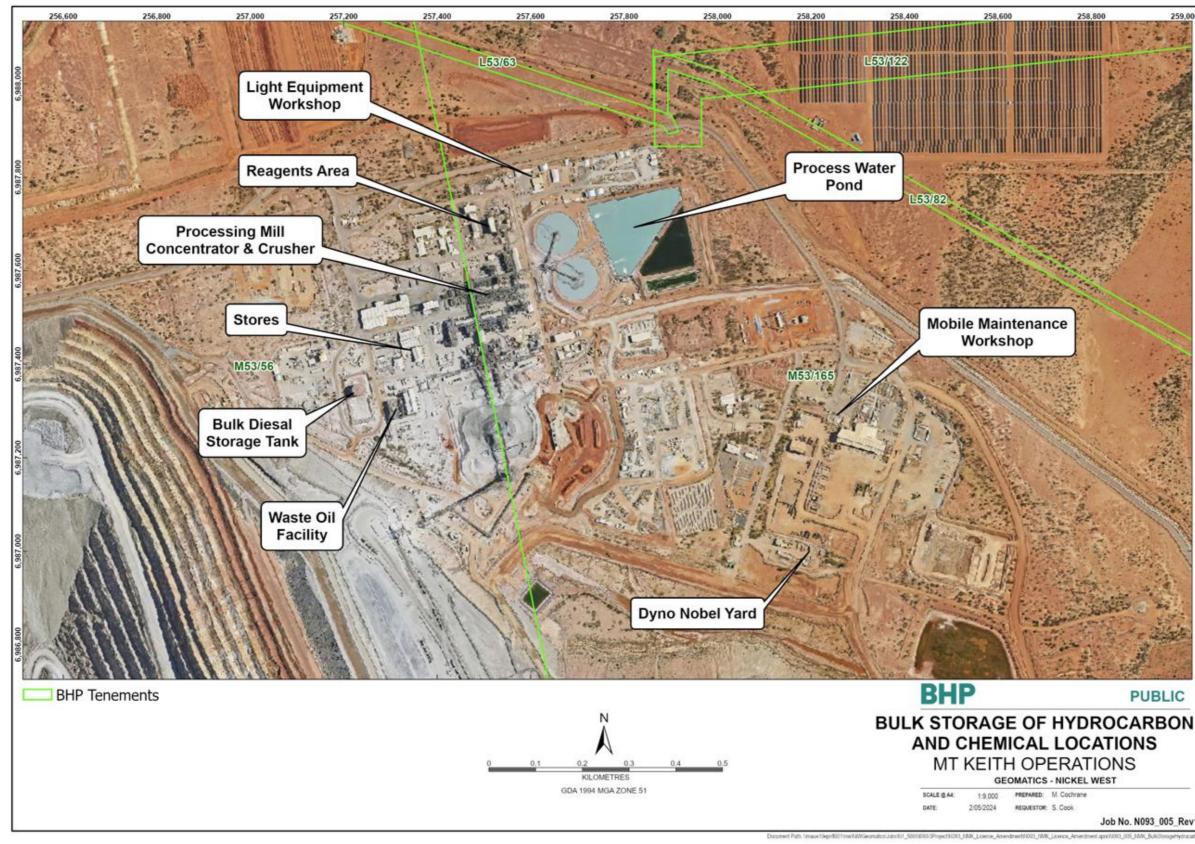
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#### Figure 5: Mt Keith satellite mine infrastructure and emission locations

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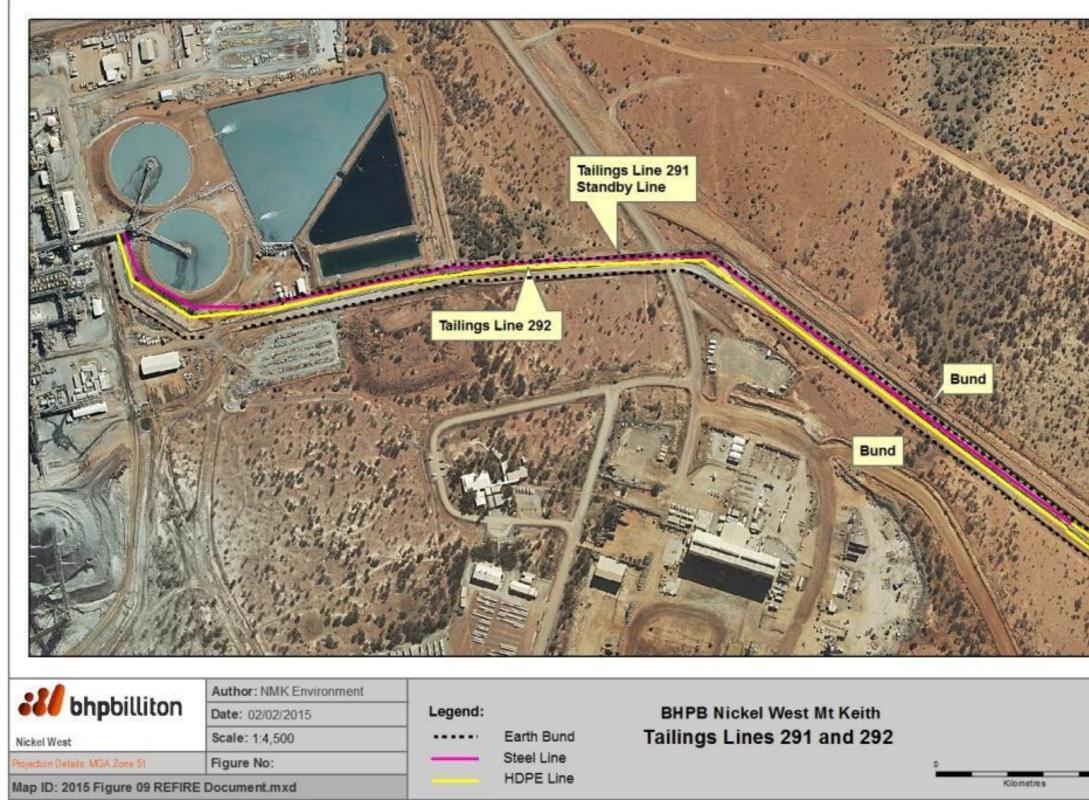


#### Figure 6: Bulk storage containment locations

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The location of contingency tailings delivery pipelines defined in Table 5 are shown in Figure 7 below



### Figure 7: Contingency pipeline location

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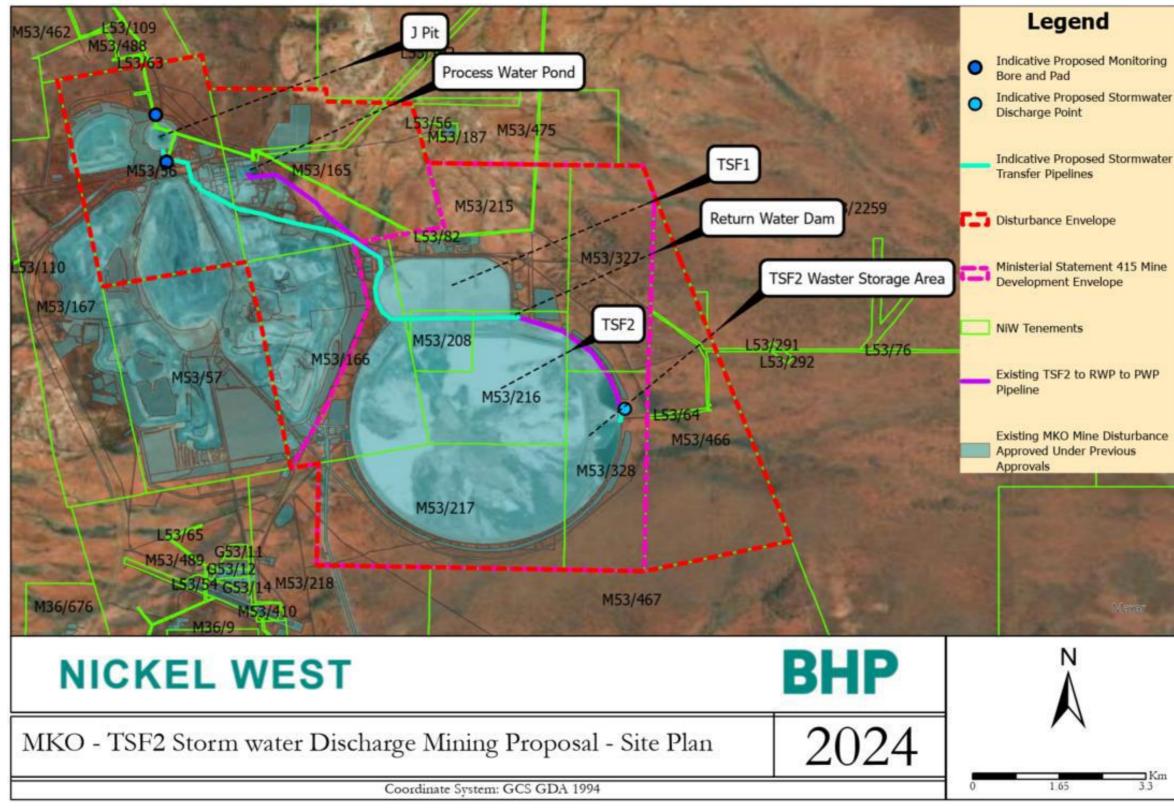


Figure 8: Indicative J Stage Pit Stormwater Transfer Pipeline

