

# Monthly Environmental Data July 2015

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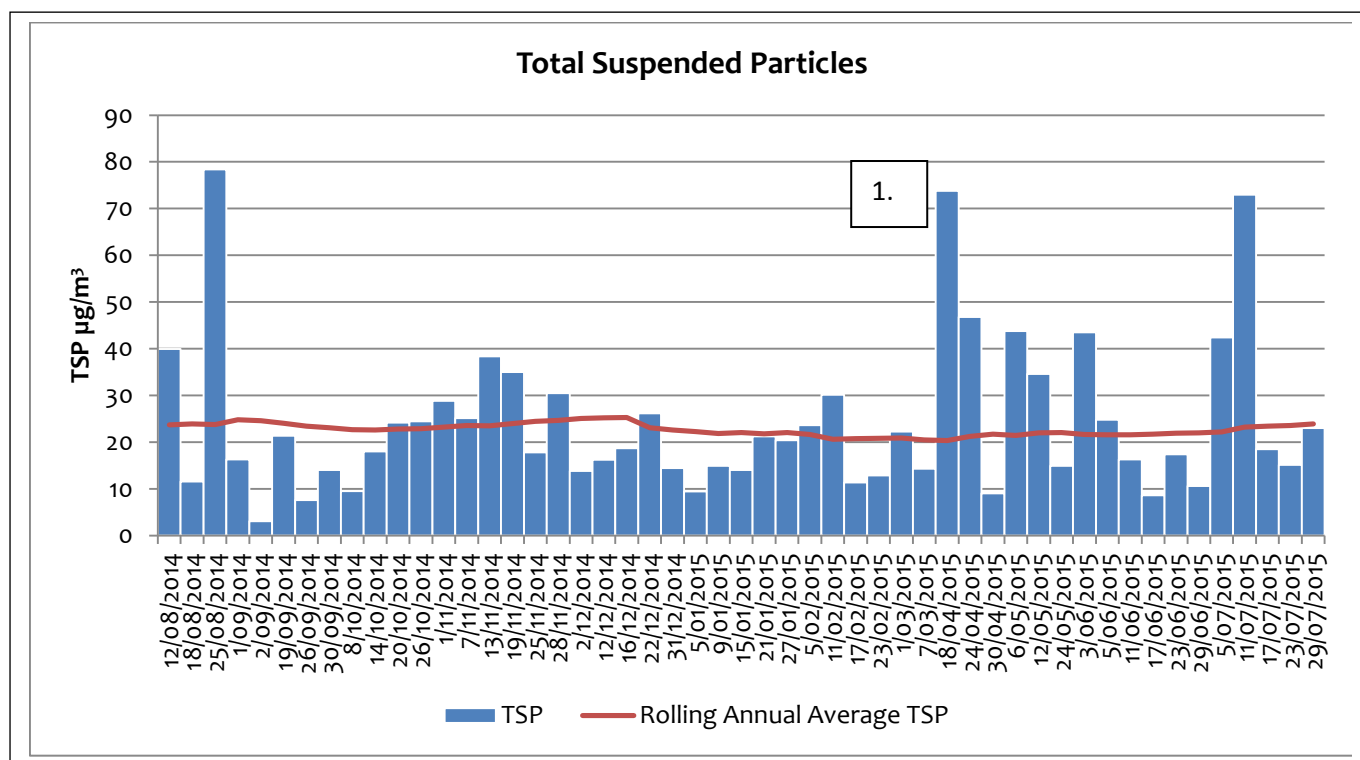
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# 1 Air Quality

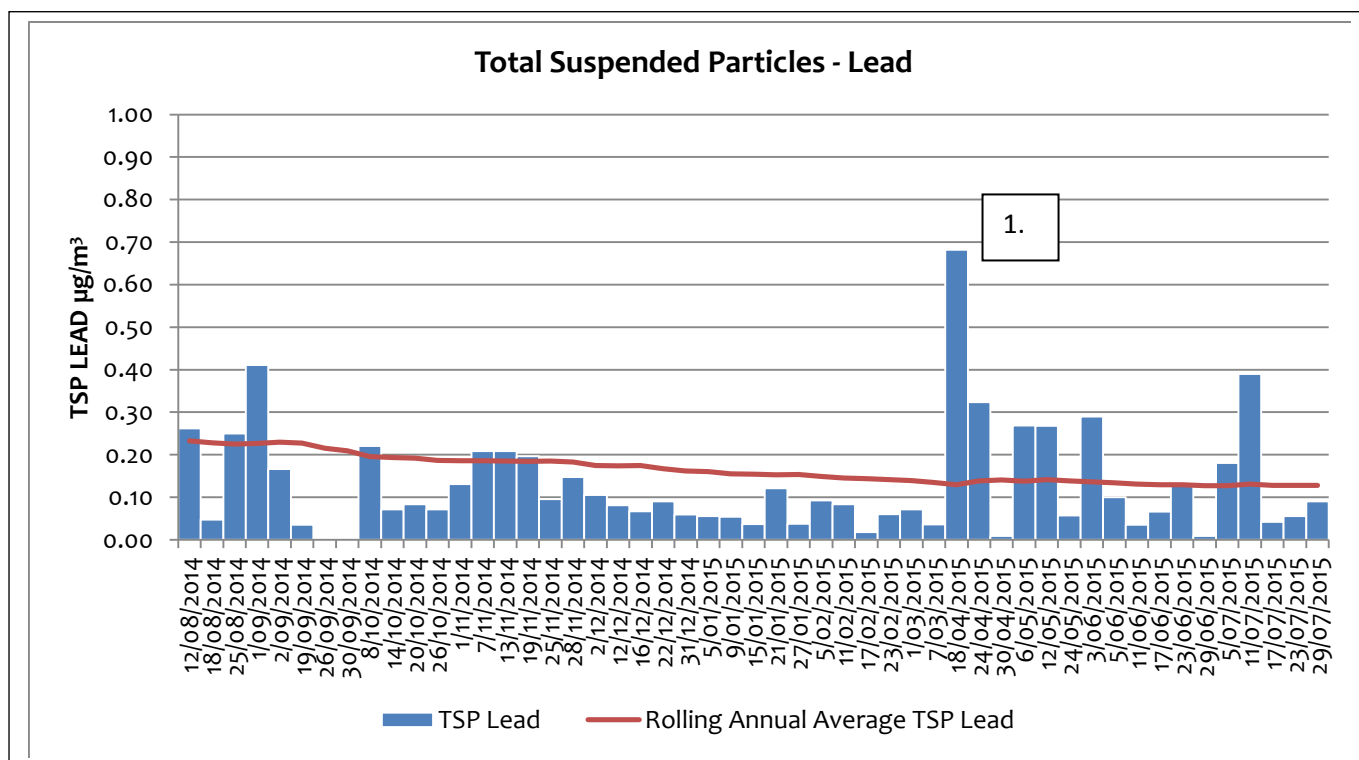
## 1.1 High Volume Air Samplers

### EPL10 - SILVER TANK - ON SITE

| DATE       | TSP ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Lead ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/07/2015  | 42.40                            | 0.18                              |
| 11/07/2015 | 73.00                            | 0.39                              |
| 17/07/2015 | 18.50                            | 0.04                              |
| 23/07/2015 | 15.10                            | 0.06                              |
| 29/07/2015 | 23.00                            | 0.09                              |



1. Spike on the 18<sup>th</sup> April was investigated. Lab QC was okay with no evidence of lab contamination. Wind conditions were not extraordinary and it rained. Field sampling methods have been checked to prevent any sample contamination. The spike on the 11<sup>th</sup> July also occurred when conditions were considered normal with 15km/h winds from a SE direction. Lab QC was okay, this may have been due to earthmoving activity (grading) in the local area.

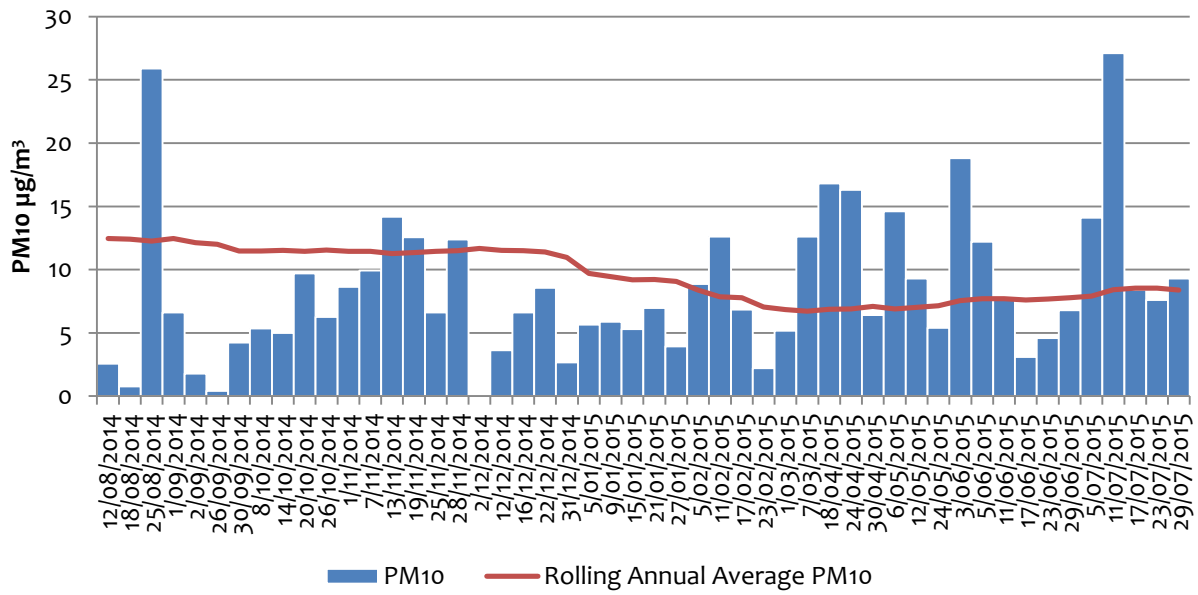


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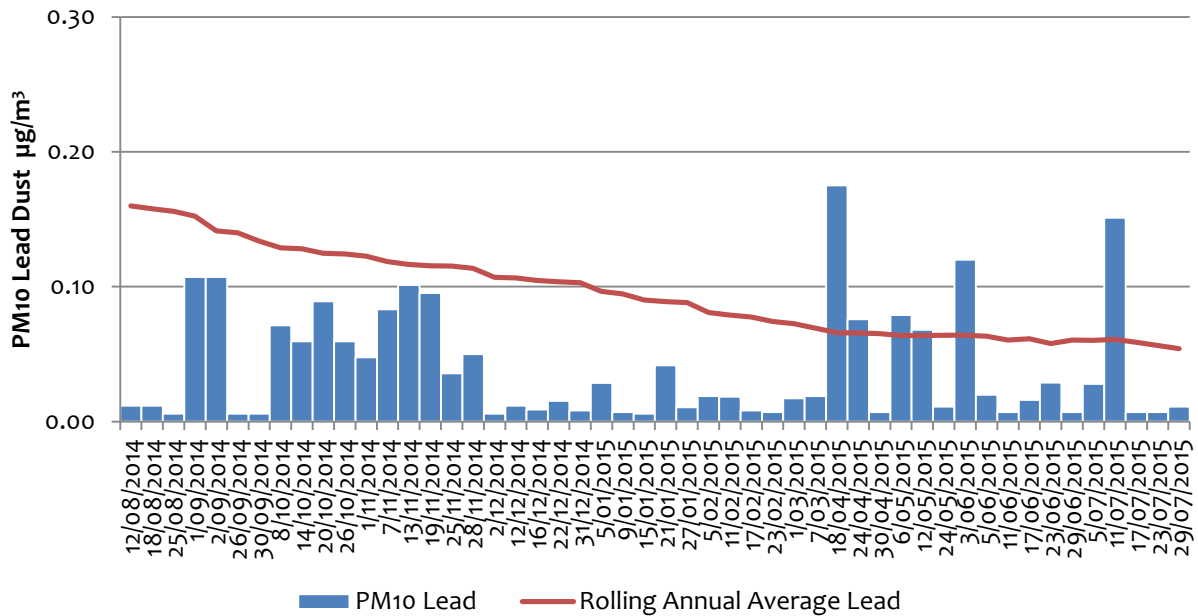
### ***EPL11 - Silver Tank - On Site***

| DATE       | PM10 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Lead (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5/07/2015  | 14.10                     | 0.03                      |
| 11/07/2015 | 27.10                     | 0.15                      |
| 17/07/2015 | 8.40                      | 0.01                      |
| 23/07/2015 | 7.60                      | 0.01                      |
| 29/07/2015 | 9.30                      | 0.01                      |

### PM10

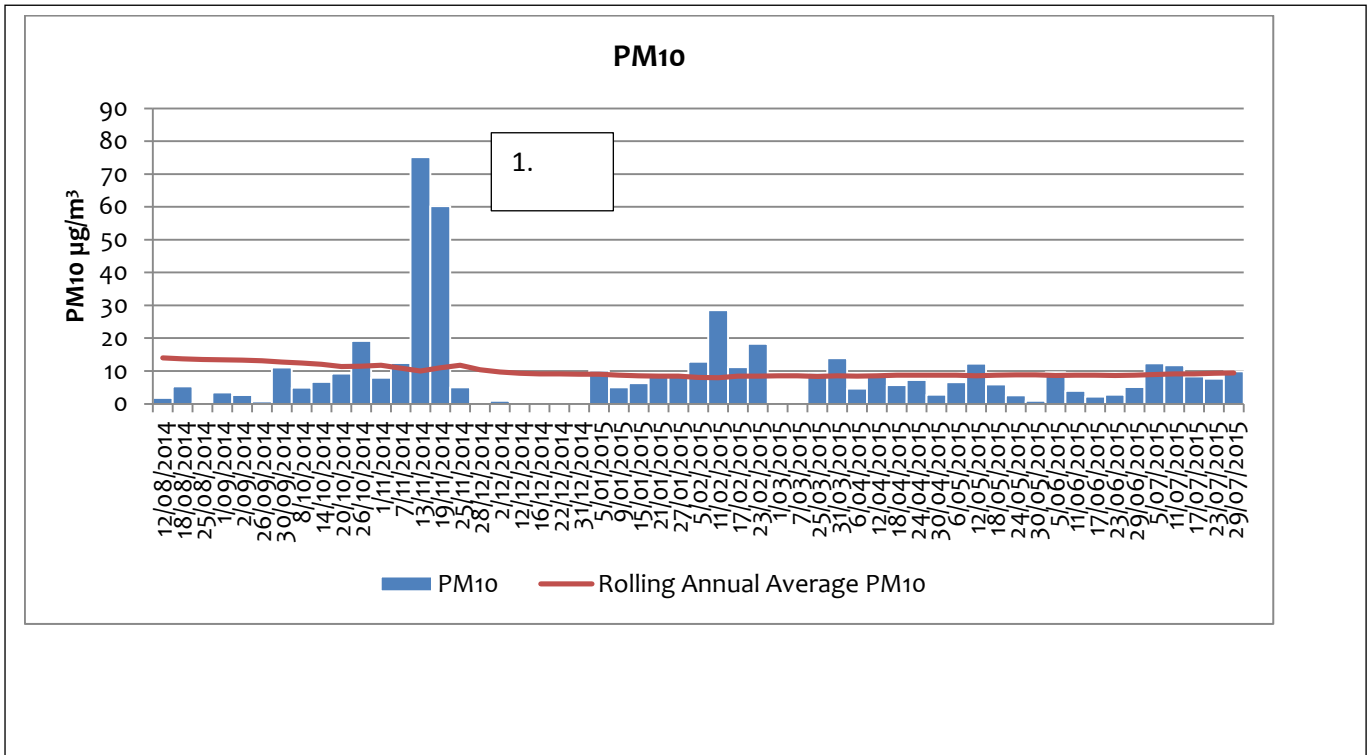


### PM10 Lead



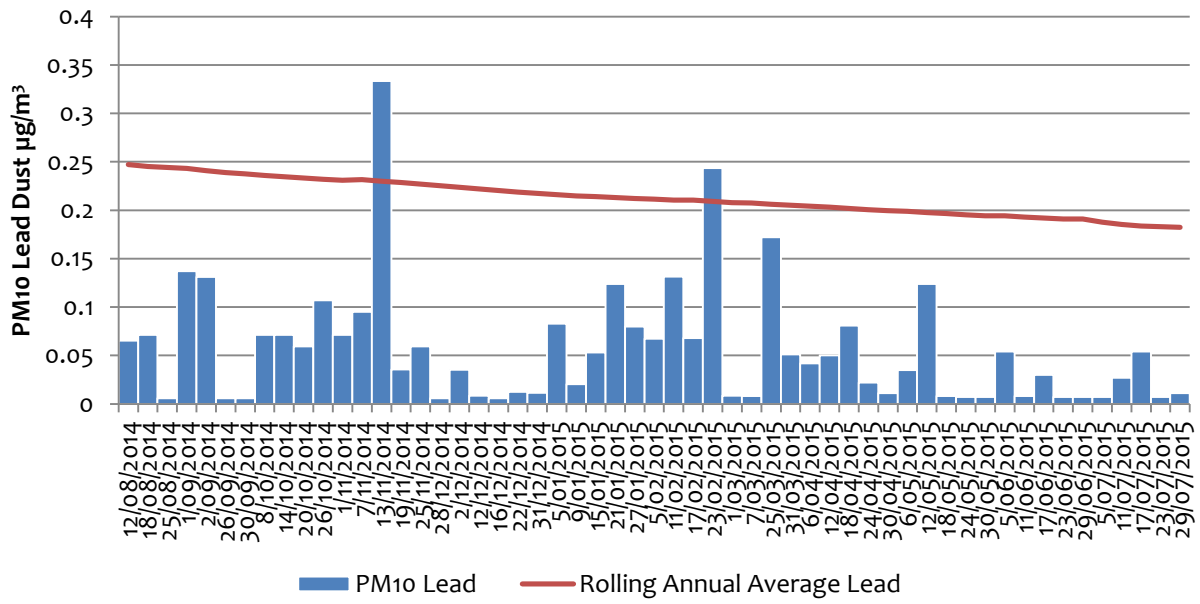
## EPL12 - Blackwoods Pit – On Site

| DATE       | PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Lead ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/07/2015  | 12.3                              | 0.007                             |
| 11/07/2015 | 11.8                              | 0.027                             |
| 17/07/2015 | 8.3                               | 0.054                             |
| 23/07/2015 | 7.7                               | 0.007                             |
| 29/07/2015 | 9.9                               | 0.011                             |



1. High dust values in November coincide with road works that were carried out by Broken Hill City Council on Federation Way in the vicinity of Blackwoods Pit.

### PM10 Lead

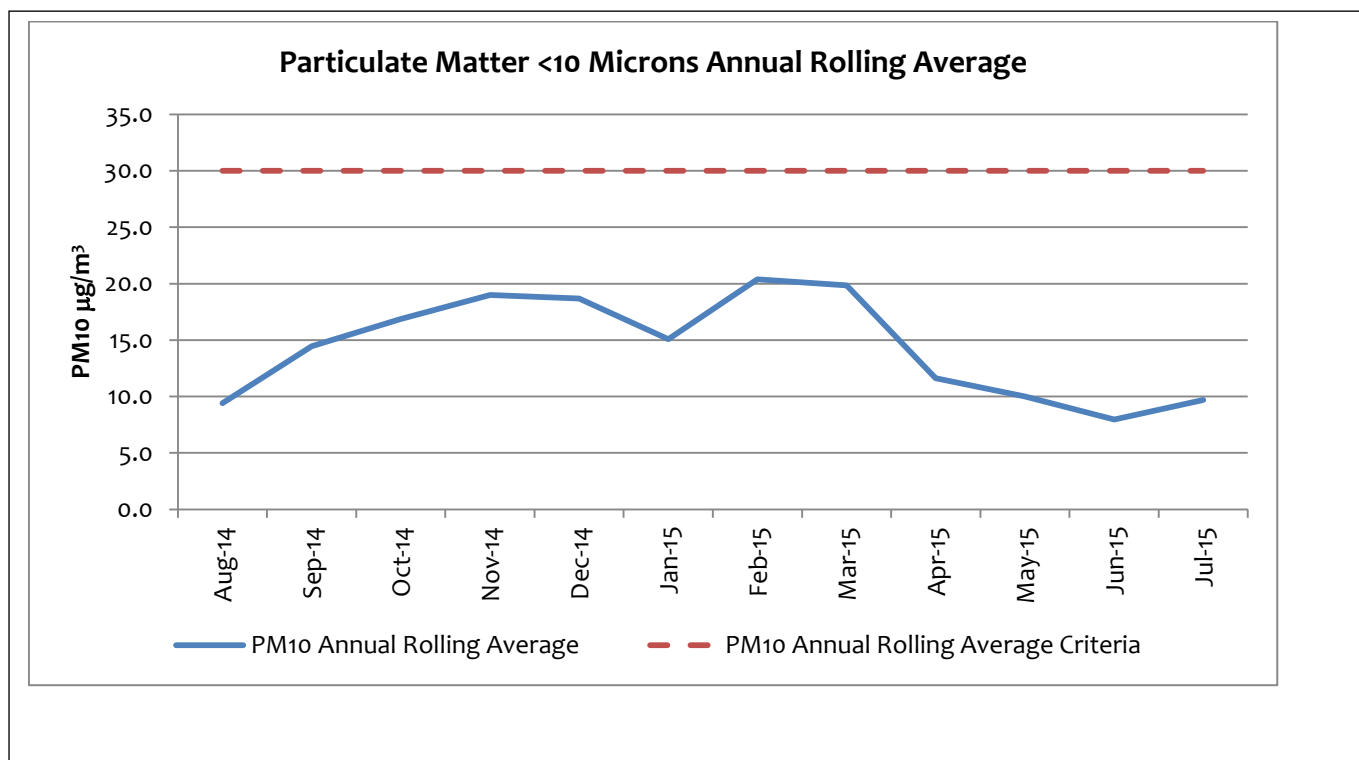
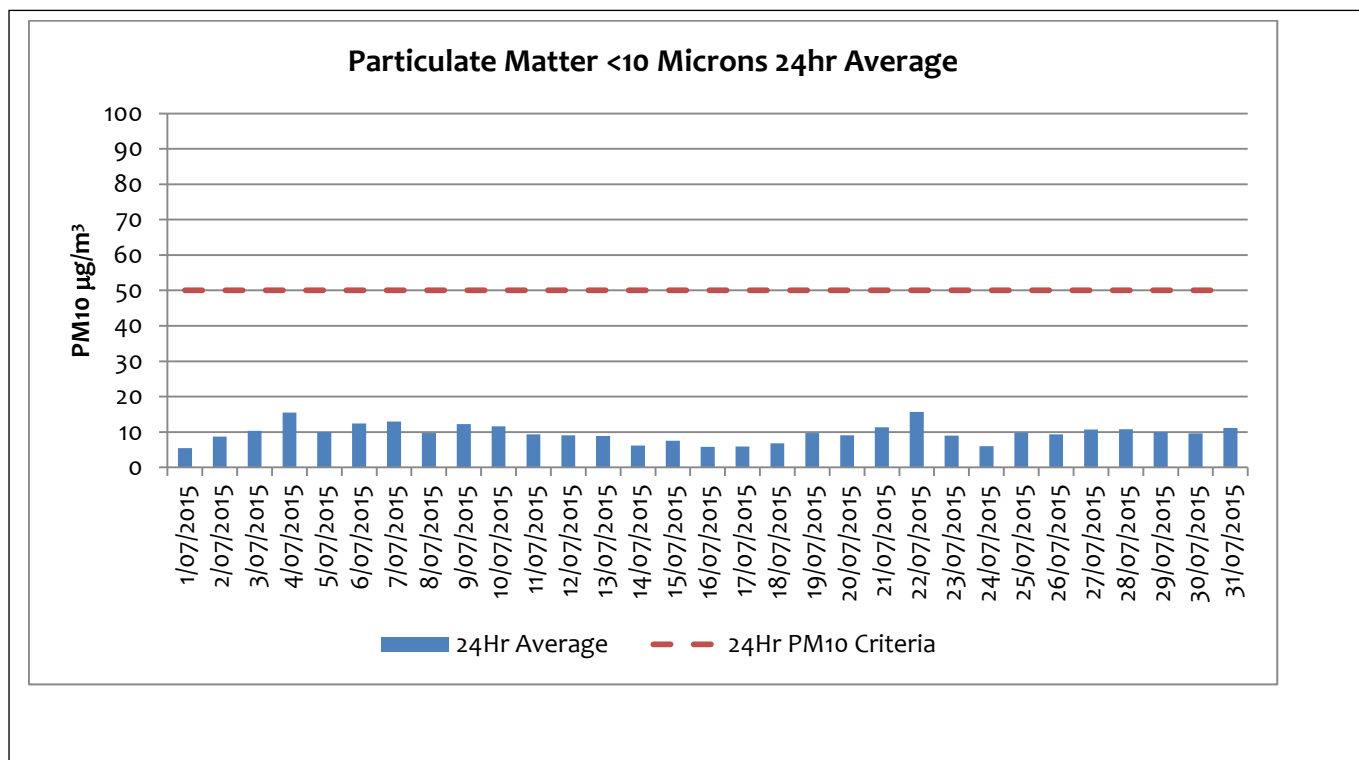


## 1.2 Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance Sampling (TEOM)

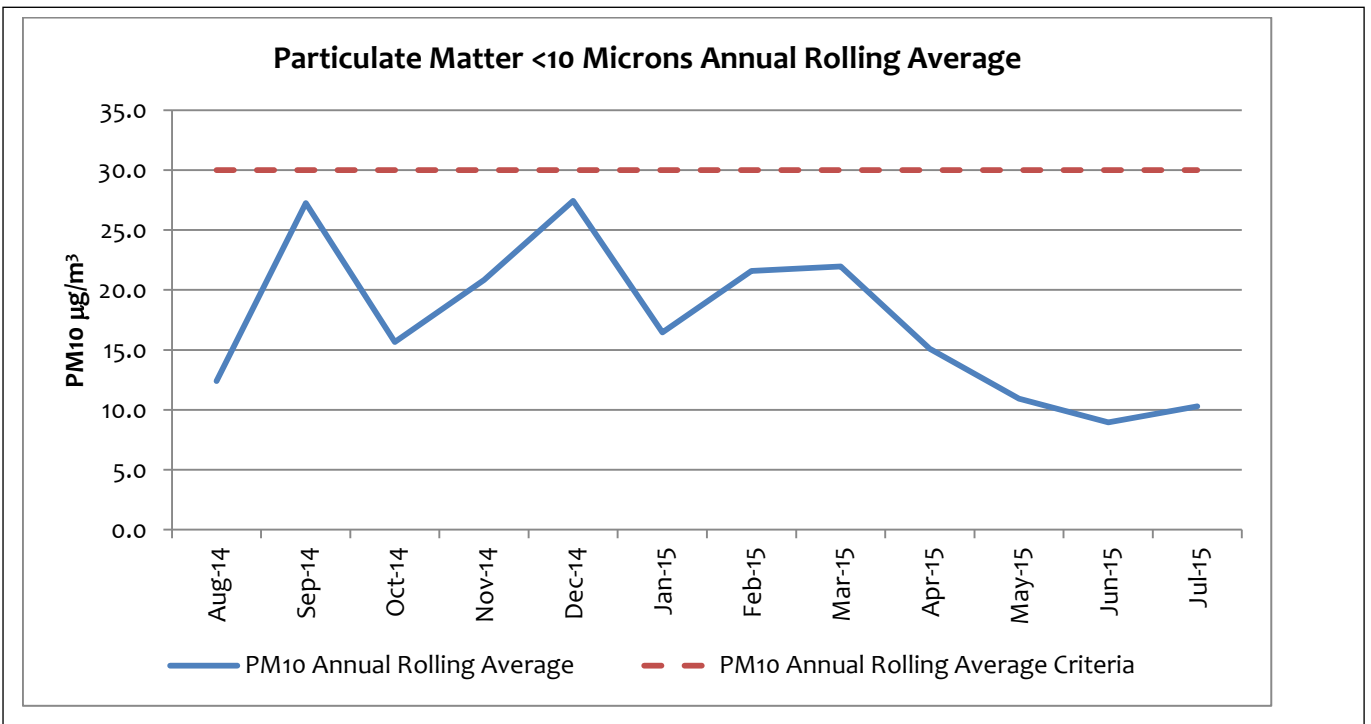
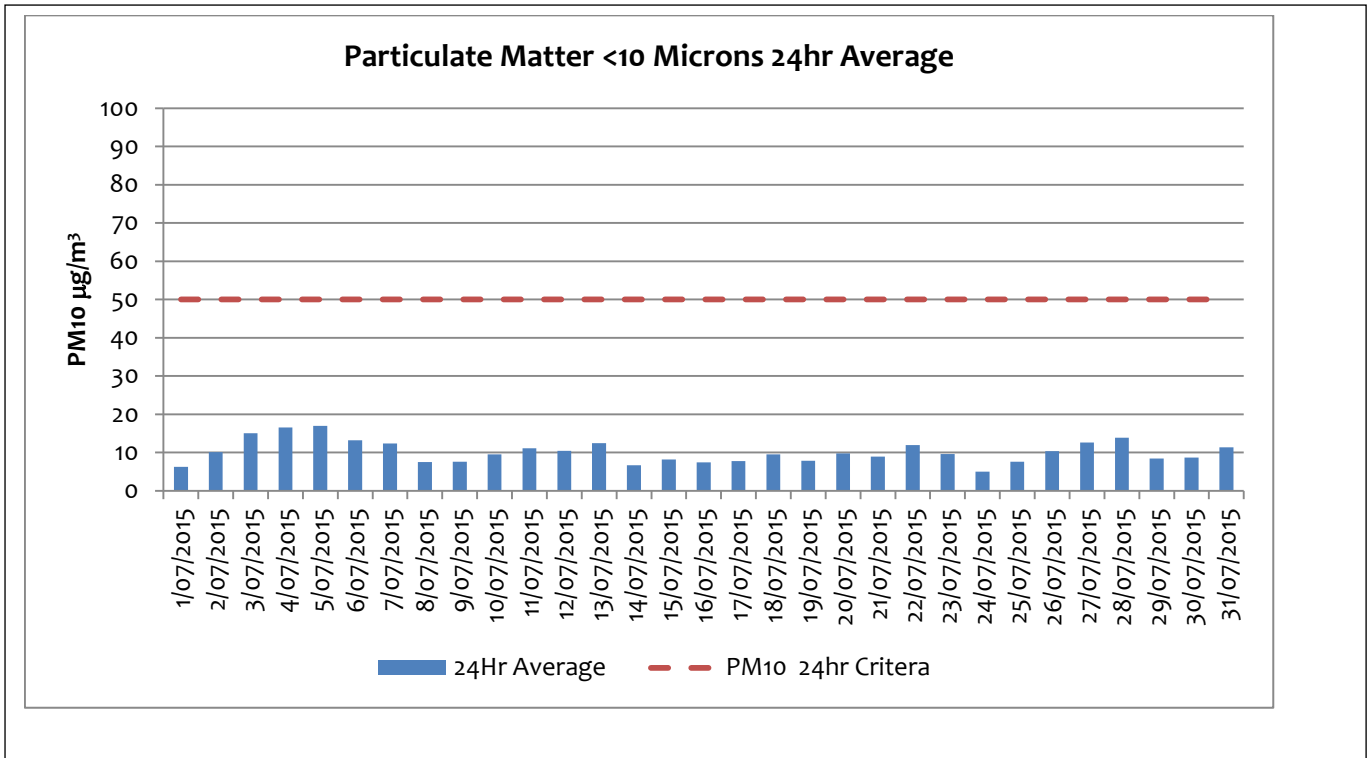
| Particulate Matter <10 Microns 24Hr Average |                                                                            |                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                        | TEOM 1 - EPL 13 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )<br>Essential Water – Off Site | TEOM 2 – EPL 14 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )<br>Blackwoods Pit – On Site |
| 1/07/2015                                   | 5.44                                                                       | 6.28                                                                     |
| 2/07/2015                                   | 8.67                                                                       | 10.13                                                                    |
| 3/07/2015                                   | 10.30                                                                      | 15.05                                                                    |
| 4/07/2015                                   | 15.53                                                                      | 16.54                                                                    |
| 5/07/2015                                   | 9.98                                                                       | 16.99                                                                    |
| 6/07/2015                                   | 12.38                                                                      | 13.21                                                                    |
| 7/07/2015                                   | 12.94                                                                      | 12.38                                                                    |
| 8/07/2015                                   | 9.67                                                                       | 7.54                                                                     |
| 9/07/2015                                   | 12.25                                                                      | 7.64                                                                     |
| 10/07/2015                                  | 11.62                                                                      | 9.50                                                                     |
| 11/07/2015                                  | 9.32                                                                       | 11.11                                                                    |
| 12/07/2015                                  | 9.08                                                                       | 10.42                                                                    |
| 13/07/2015                                  | 8.92                                                                       | 12.44                                                                    |
| 14/07/2015                                  | 6.20                                                                       | 6.66                                                                     |
| 15/07/2015                                  | 7.58                                                                       | 8.16                                                                     |
| 16/07/2015                                  | 5.79                                                                       | 7.45                                                                     |
| 17/07/2015                                  | 5.90                                                                       | 7.80                                                                     |
| 18/07/2015                                  | 6.83                                                                       | 9.56                                                                     |
| 19/07/2015                                  | 9.74                                                                       | 7.83                                                                     |
| 20/07/2015                                  | 9.10                                                                       | 9.77                                                                     |
| 21/07/2015                                  | 11.29                                                                      | 8.98                                                                     |
| 22/07/2015                                  | 15.69                                                                      | 11.98                                                                    |
| 23/07/2015                                  | 8.98                                                                       | 9.58                                                                     |
| 24/07/2015                                  | 5.98                                                                       | 4.99                                                                     |
| 25/07/2015                                  | 9.83                                                                       | 7.61                                                                     |
| 26/07/2015                                  | 9.36                                                                       | 10.33                                                                    |
| 27/07/2015                                  | 10.72                                                                      | 12.64                                                                    |
| 28/07/2015                                  | 10.80                                                                      | 13.85                                                                    |
| 29/07/2015                                  | 9.99                                                                       | 8.47                                                                     |
| 30/07/2015                                  | 9.60                                                                       | 8.70                                                                     |
| 31/07/2015                                  | 11.15                                                                      | 11.37                                                                    |

| PM10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 12 Month Rolling Average |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                                        | Aug-14 | Sep-14 | Oct-14 | Nov-14 | Dec-14 | Jan-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | May-15 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 |
| <b>TEOM 1 EPL13<br/>Essential Water<br/>Off Site</b>   | 9.4    | 14.4   | 16.9   | 19.0   | 18.7   | 15.1   | 20.4   | 19.8   | 11.6   | 10.0   | 8.0    | 9.7    |
| <b>TEOM 2 EPL14<br/>Blackwoods Pit<br/>On Site</b>     | 12.4   | 27.2   | 15.7   | 20.8   | 27.4   | 16.5   | 21.6   | 22.0   | 15.1   | 10.9   | 9.0    | 10.3   |

## EPL13 – Essential Water – Off Site

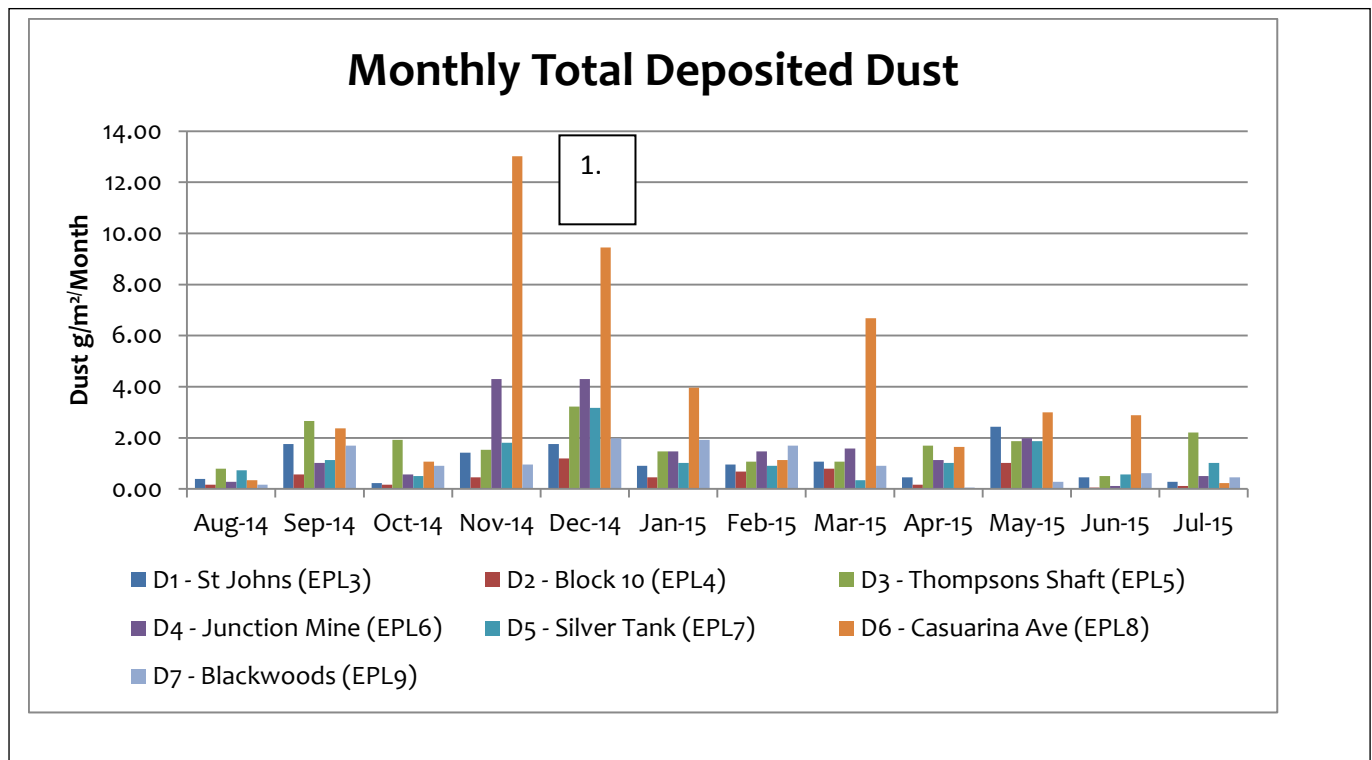






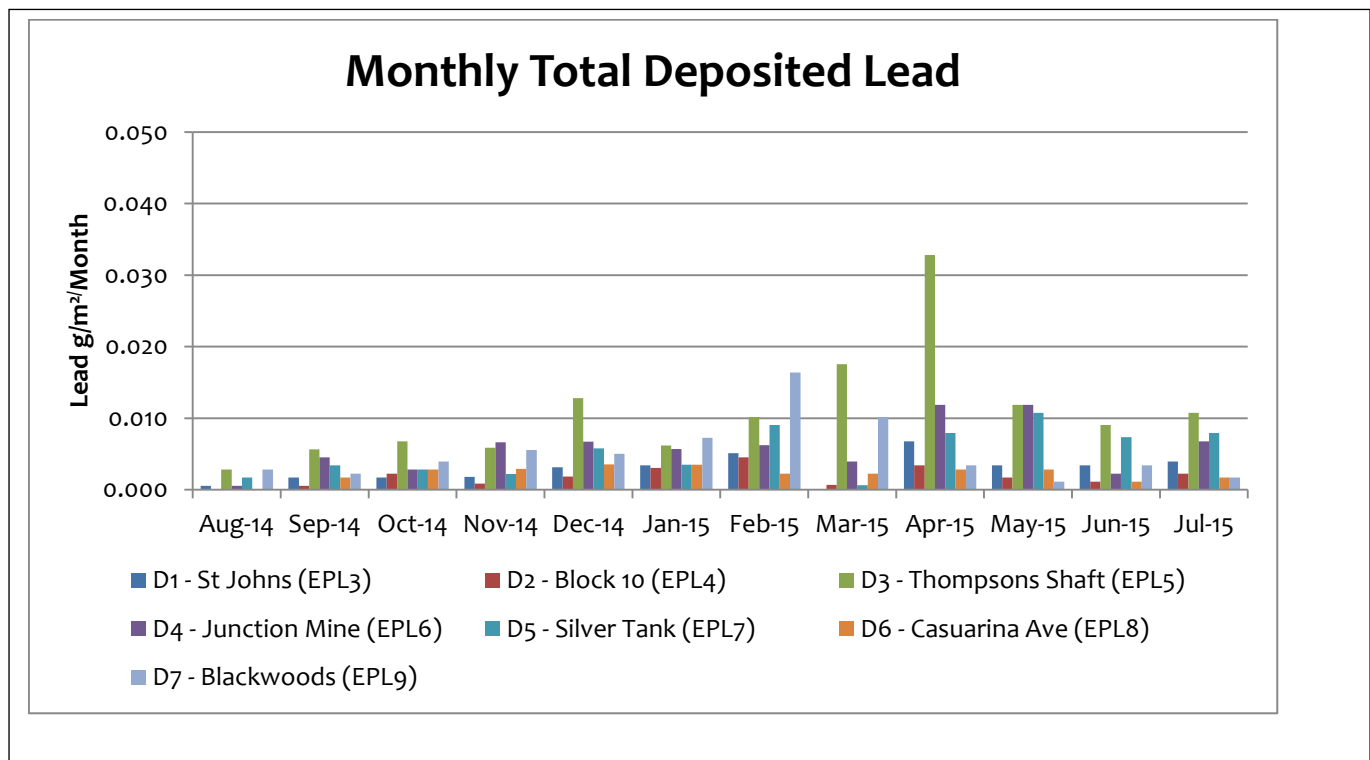
### 1.3 Dust Deposition Sampling

| Total Deposited Dust (g/m <sup>2</sup> /Month) |                  |      |      |      |      |                  |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------------------|------|
| Date                                           | D1<br>(off site) | D2   | D3   | D4   | D5   | D6<br>(off site) | D7   |
| July 2015                                      | 0.28             | 0.11 | 2.21 | 0.51 | 1.02 | 0.23             | 0.45 |
| Background Average                             | 4.0              | 3.1  | 4.3  | 5.7  | n/a  | 5.8              | n/a  |



1. Samples at Casuarina Ave appear to have been tampered with in November and December 2014 as well as March 2015. These jars when picked up had large volumes of water present.

| Total Deposited Lead (g/m <sup>2</sup> /Month) |                  |       |        |        |        |                  |        |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Date                                           | D1<br>(Off Site) | D2    | D3     | D4     | D5     | D6<br>(Off Site) | D7     |
| July 2015                                      | 0.004            | 0.002 | 0.011  | 0.007  | 0.008  | 0.002            | 0.002  |
| Background Average                             | 0.0000           | 0.001 | 0.0018 | 0.0040 | 0.0010 | 0.0020           | 0.0100 |



## 2 Blasting (Vibration and Overpressure)

**Note:** *Vibration is recorded in Peak Particle Velocity (ppv), Overpressure is recorded in Decibels (dBL)*

Block 7 will not have 12 months of data until May next year, therefore no calculation on percentage of blasts over 5mm/sec can be given.

### **July Summary Block 7, Zinc Lode:**

- 0 production firings
- 62 development firings
- 0 Blasts recorded a ppv of >3mm/s
- 0 Blasts recorded a ppv of >10mm/s
- 0 Blasts recorded an over pressure level over 115dBL
- 0 Blasts recorded an over pressure above 120dBL

### **July Summary Rest of Mine, Western Mineralisation and Main Lode:**

- 7 production firings
- 136 development firings
- 3 Blasts recorded a ppv of >5mm/s
- 0 Blasts recorded a ppv of >10mm/s
- 0 Blasts recorded an over pressure level over 115dBL
- 0 Blasts recorded an over pressure above 120dBL

### **12 Month Summary Rest of Mine, Western Mineralisation and Main Lode:**

- % of all blasts over 5mm/sec = **0.40%** (licence requirement <5%) calculated from 1st September 2014 until August 17, 2015.

### **3 Noise**

Quarterly noise monitoring is continuing as per the Pollution Reduction Program on EPL 12559. Two noise assessments have been undertaken since November last year. EMGA Mitchell McLennan Pty Limited (EMM) completed the analysis for both assessments. The latest report concluded as follows:

“EMM has completed a noise monitoring assessment of operational noise from RASP Mine activities as per the site's EPL (12559). The monitoring assessment for this second quarterly survey found that noise limits were inapplicable due to meteorological conditions, notwithstanding noise from RASP Mine operations (including the crushing plant) were below the noise limits at most locations, and for most measurements. Subsequent additional attended measurements identified site noise to be below the relevant noise limits hence reaffirming compliance at all locations.”

The report is published in full on the CBH website. The latest round of noise monitoring is now mostly complete, however EMM has indicated there may need to be some supplementary monitoring to get accurate data for analysis

## 4 Water

### 4.1 Ground Water Sampled 15/7/2015

|                                             |         | Underground | Shaft 7 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| pH Value                                    | pH Unit | 6.36        | 6.69    |
| Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C              | µS/cm   | 10200       | 11700   |
| Total Dissolved Solids @180°C               | mg/L    | 8480        | 8080    |
| Hydroxide Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>   | mg/L    | <1          | <1      |
| Carbonate Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>   | mg/L    | <1          | <1      |
| Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> | mg/L    | 10          | 29      |
| Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>       | mg/L    | 10          | 29      |
| Sulfate as SO <sub>4</sub> - Turbidimetric  | mg/L    | 5130        | 5940    |
| Chloride                                    | mg/L    | 816         | 1240    |
| Calcium                                     | mg/L    | 461         | 516     |
| Magnesium                                   | mg/L    | 212         | 276     |
| Sodium                                      | mg/L    | 1180        | 1430    |
| Cadmium                                     | mg/L    | 2.06        | 2.2     |
| Lead                                        | mg/L    | 0.119       | 2.26    |
| Manganese                                   | mg/L    | 268         | 380     |
| Zinc                                        | mg/L    | 973         | 1040    |
| Iron                                        | mg/L    | 0.42        | <0.05   |

## 4.2 Surface Water

Insufficient rainfall for opportunistic surface water sampling during June 2015

### *Surface Water Table Nov 2014 to Nov 2015*

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| EPA Identification Number | Frequency                        | Comment                       |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EPL29                     | 2 x Per year when contains water | Insufficient water for sample |
| EPL30                     | 2 x Per year when contains water | Insufficient water for sample |
| EPL31                     | 2 x Per year when contains water | Sampled during January        |
| EPL32                     | 2 x Per year when contains water | Insufficient water for sample |
| EPL33 Horwood Dam         | 2 x Per year when contains water | Sampled in May                |
| EPL34 Upstream            | 2 x Per year when contains water | Insufficient water for sample |
| EPL35 Downstream          | 2 x Per year when contains water | Insufficient water for sample |

## 5 Weather Data

BHOP – Automatic Weather Station was unavailable for June. The new weather station was installed on June 15. The weather station continuously monitors the following parameters as per point 55 of the Environmental Protection Licence.

### POINT 55

| Parameter                   | Sampling method | Units of measure                                 | Averaging period | Frequency  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Temperature at 10 metres    | AM-4            | degrees Celsius                                  | 15 minutes       | Continuous |
| Wind Direction at 10 metres | AM-4            | Degrees in a clockwise direction from True North | 15 minutes       | Continuous |
| Wind Speed at 10 metres     | AM-4            | metres per second                                | 15 minutes       | Continuous |
| Rainfall                    | AM-4            | millimetres                                      | 1 hour           | Continuous |
| Sigma theta                 | AM-2 & AM-4     | Degrees                                          | 15 minutes       | Continuous |

The continuous data can be viewed at any time at the following web site using the username and password.

[www.loggermonitor.com/login](http://www.loggermonitor.com/login)

user: CBHAdmin

pass: brokenhill

Summary data was also obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology Broken Hill on the following page:





## 6 Data Log

| Sample                           | Date sent to lab | Result Received | Date Published |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Hi Volume Samples                | 3/8/2015         | 12/8/2015       | 24/8/2015      |
| TEOM                             | Real time        | -               | 24/8/2015      |
| Dust Deposition                  | 31/7/2015        | 10/8/2015       | 24/8/2015      |
| Water                            | 22/7/2015        | 28/7/2015       | 24/8/2015      |
| Blast Vibration and overpressure | Real Time        | -               | 24/8/2015      |

## 7 Correction Log July 2015

There are no data corrections for July 2015. However there have been some improvements in the reported data. Concentrations of dust and lead as a component of dust in the hi vol analysis are now NATA accredited. Concentration was previously calculated in house from reported totals on the filter papers. This calculation is now performed by the laboratory.