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Department of **Environment Regulation**

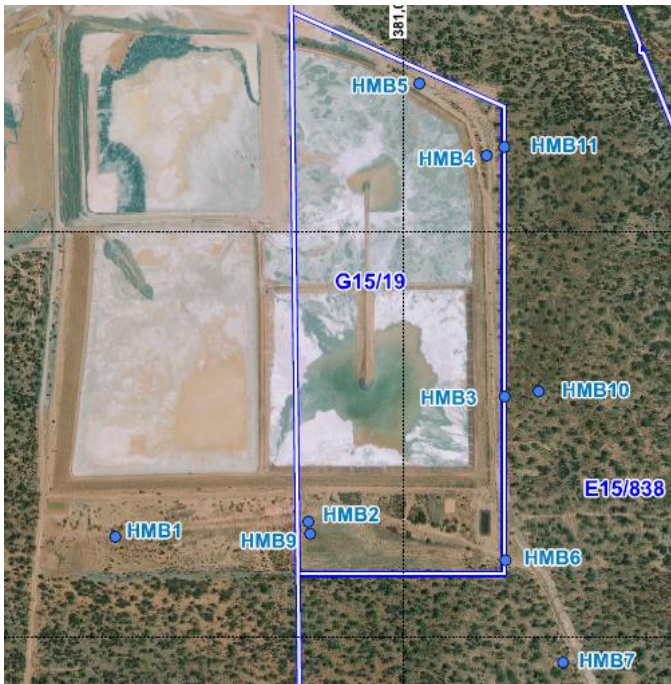
Annual Audit Compliance Report Form
Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L9155/2018/1	Licence file number:	2018/001153
Licence holder:	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Westgold Resources Limited		
ACN:	103547217		
Registered address:	Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	01/07/2017 to 30/06/2018		

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
Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	1,232,183 (dry tonnes)

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
Mine dewatering	28,477kL
Sewage facility	117 cubic meters per day

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:	3.3.1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Monthly throughout 2017 - 2018
Details of non-compliance:			
There were 35 exceedances of the Standing Water Level (SWL) of 4mbgl in the Tailings Storage Facility monitoring bores: 12 in HMB2, 12 in HMB3 and 11 in HMB4.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p> <p>The environmental impact of the non-compliances is minimal insofar as the surrounding area is already disturbed and the Higginsville Gold Operation is the only current user of the impacted groundwater. Seepage is also recovered via a seepage recovery system and returned to the tailings storage facility cell 3.</p>			
			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
The cause of the non-compliance is considered to be seepage originating from the Tailings Storage Facility. Inadequate return from the TSF is also a contributing factor.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			

Avoca Mining has scheduled upgrades/replacement of the air operated seepage recovery bore pumps to low flow electric pumps. Maintenance and upgrades to the seepage trench will also be conducted and additional sumps (with decant structures) will be installed to intercept seepage in the hope of lowering the SWL. Pumps will be upgraded to improve water return from the TSF and a new seepage recovery dam will be constructed with increased capacity. Investigations into the use of thickened tails has is currently underway.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DER?

☒ Yes, and

☐ Reported to DER verbally

Date: / /

☒ Reported to DER in writing

Date: Monthly throughout 2017 - 2018

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:	3.5.1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Quarterly throughout 2017 - 2018
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Details of non-compliance:

There were two exceedances of the WAD cyanide limit of 0.5 mg/L in the Tailings Storage Facility monitoring bores, both from HMB3.

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.

The environmental impact of the non-compliance is minimal insofar as the surrounding area is already disturbed and the Higginsville Gold Operation is the only current user of the impacted groundwater. Seepage is also recovered with bore pumps and returned to the mill.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The cause of the non-compliance is considered to be seepage originating from the Tailings Storage Facility. Inadequate return from the TSF is also a contributing factor.

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

Avoca Mining has scheduled upgrades/replacement of the air operated seepage recovery bore pumps to low flow electric pumps. Maintenance and upgrades to the seepage trench will also be conducted and additional sumps (with decant structures) will be installed to intercept seepage in the hope of lowering the SWL. Pumps will be upgraded to improve water return from the TSF and a new seepage recovery dam will be constructed with increased capacity. Investigations into the use of thickened tails has is currently underway.

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Section F – Declaration

I/We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Environment Regulation's (DER) website.

Signature²:



Signature:

Department of Environment Regulation

Name: (printed)	Cheryl Low	Name: (printed)	
Position:	Environment Group Manager	Position:	
Date:	30/09/2018	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.