

Annual Audit Compliance Report form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence Number:	L6759/1996/12	Licence File Number:	DER2014/000866-1
Licence Holder:	Pilbara Iron Company (Services) Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Rio Tinto Iron Ore		
ACN:	107 210 248		
Registered address:	Level 18, Central Park. 152-158 St. Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000		
Reporting period:	1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions	
Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period?	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Sections C, D (if required) and sign the declaration in Section E
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please complete Sections C, D (if required), F and sign the declaration in Section E

Section C – Statement of actual production		
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period.*		
Category	Premises description	Actual production quantity (2023)
54	Sewage facility	226 cubic metres per day
61	Liquid waste facility	3,237 tonnes

*Supporting information provided in the relevant conditions of the 2022/2023 Biennial Environment Report

Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity		
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period.		
Category	Premises description	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity (2023)
Not Applicable – no categories relevant to Part 2 waste discharge quantity.		

Section E – Declaration	
I declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular ¹ .	
I consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.	

Position:	General Manager – Utilities, Iron Ore
Date:	19 April 2024

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.

Section F – 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 number:	1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	31 December 2023
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Details of non-compliance:

A total of 3,053 tonnes of septage was received at the facility during 2023 against a limit of 1,400 tonnes per annum. The septage was not received into the sludge pits but directly into Pond 1 as the pits were not upgraded as per Licence L6759/1996/12: Paraburdoo Wastewater Treatment Plant and Liquid Waste Facility– Environmental Compliance Report (our reference: RTIO-0980047) submitted on 3 February 2023.

What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?

There was no evidence of adverse environmental impact associated with the septage disposal and no emission or discharge limits were exceeded during the reporting period.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The construction of the new Western Ranges mine is generating significant septage waste which is currently being disposed of at the facility.

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

An investigation into the operating capacity of the existing facility to receive an increased quantity of septage is currently underway and expected to be complete in May. It is possible that licence amendment or upgrade of the facility will be recommended.

Was this non-compliance reported to the DWER?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Condition number:	5	Date(s) of non-compliance:	2 June 2022 and 19 July 2022
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Details of non-compliance:

An exceedance of *E.coli* was recorded in Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2022.

What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?

There was no evidence of adverse environmental impact associated with the *E. coli* exceedance. There have been no exceedances during 2023.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

Standard fluctuations in operating practices. *E. coli* levels have been within the preferred parameters since Quarter 4 2022.

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

Ongoing review monitoring data and minor changes of plant operation has occurred and all *E. coli* results since this period have been within limits since Quarter 4 2022.

Was this non-compliance reported to the DWER?

☐ Yes:

☐ Reported to DWER verbally Date:

☐ Reported to DWER in writing Date:

☒ No