



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

*Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3*

### Section A – Licence details

|                              |  |                      |                |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| Licence number:              | L6942/1997/13  | Licence file number: | DER2013/000329 |
| Licence holder name:         | BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd   |                      |                |
| Trading as:                  | BHP Iron Ore Pty Ltd   |                      |                |
| ACN:                         | 008 700 981  |                      |                |
| Registered business address: | Level 1, City Square Brookfield Place<br>125 St Georges Terrace<br>PERTH WA 6000 |                      |                |
| Reporting period:            | 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024   |                      |                |

### 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)

☐ Yes – please complete:

- section C;
- section D (if required); and
- sign the declaration in Section F.

☒ No – please complete:

- 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 |
|---|----------------------------|
| 5 – Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore | 19.1 Mt                    |
| 63 – Class 1 inert Landfill                                     | 649.95 t                   |
| 85 – Sewage Facility  | 10.7 m <sup>3</sup> /day   |

### 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 |
|------------------------------|--|
| 6 – Mine dewatering          | 8.2 GL                                 |

## 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: | Table 13, Row 5 | Date(s) of non-compliance: | 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|

Details of non-compliance:

The Eastern Ridge bioremediation facility does not meet the required design specifications:

- cell liner does not meet the permeability requirement of  $<10^{-9}$  m/s;
- potential for contaminated stormwater runoff from the treatment cells not contained within the bioremediation treatment area.

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 Eastern Ridge bioremediation facility has the following site characteristics to minimize potential risk to the environment:

- Flat/gently sloping site;
- At least 50 m from surface water bodies;
- Separation from the treatment cell to groundwater is greater than 3 m;
- Sufficient distance from potential discharge pathways i.e. drains.

Based on the above site characteristics and site inspection evidence, no known or suspected environmental impact has occurred.



Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

Bio-remediation facility does not meet design specifications.

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

BHP continued undertaking a detailed review of the functionality and management practices of the Eastern Ridge bioremediation area in FY2024.

Landfarm compliance project is underway which is designing a new facility at a centralized location in Whaleback for Newman Operations.

The bioremediation facility operational procedure is being updated.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

☒ Yes, and

☒ Reported to DWER verbally

Date: 02/08/2023

☐ Reported to DWER in writing

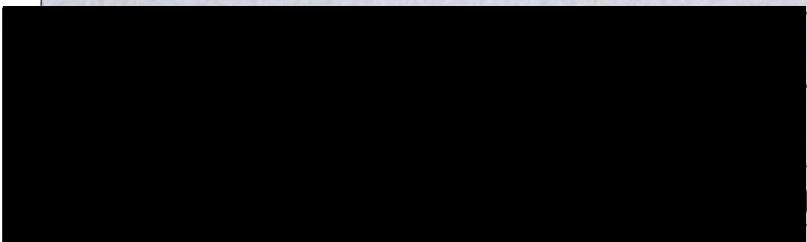
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| Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition   |    |                            |            |
|--|----|----------------------------|------------|
| Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.   |    |                            |            |
| Condition no:  | 18 | Date(s) of non-compliance: | 13/02/2024 |
| Details of non-compliance:   |    |                            |            |
| FY2024 Q2 Quarterly Dust report had not been received by the DWER by 14 February 2024 as required under Schedule 5 of the L4503/1975/19 (MWB) and L6942/1997/13 (ER) licenses. |    |                            |            |
| 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.   |    |                            |            |
| No known or suspected environmental impact has occurred.   |    |                            |            |
| Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:  |    |                            |            |
| Administrative error.  |    |                            |            |
| Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:   |    |                            |            |
| Report and data were sent to DWER for the second quarter. In future, BHP will send reports in small batches and confirm with DWER that they have received it.                  |    |                            |            |
| Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?   |    |                            |            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  |    |                            |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally   |    | Date:                      |            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing  |    | Date: 10/05/2024           |            |

## 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 particular<sup>1</sup>.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

|   |            |            |  |
|---|------------|------------|--|
|  |            | Signature: |  |
|   |            | (Printed)  |  |
|   |            | Position:  | Asset President Western Australian Iron Ore (WAIO) |
| Date:   | 26/09/2024 | Date:      |  |
| Seal (if signing under seal):   |            |            |  |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.