

Annual Audit Compliance Report form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details

Licence Number:	L6950/1997/12	Licence File Number:	DER2014/000487
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 ☐ Please complete **Sections C, D** (if required) and sign the declaration in **Section E**

No ☒ 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)
61	Liquid waste facility	6,741 tonnes
73	Bulk storage of chemicals, etc.	969.5 cubic metres
85	Sewage facility	26.7 cubic metres per day

*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 particular¹.

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

Position: General Manager, Railways Maintenance – Iron Ore

Date: 29/04/2024

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:	Q1 – Q3 2023
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Details of non-compliance:

The 7 Mile WWTP has an approved production capacity of 24m³/day for a maximum treatment capacity. For the 2023 reporting period (1 January – 31 December 2023) the average daily discharge was 26.7m³/day.

The facility operated within the licenced production capacity for average daily discharge in Q4. However, there were elevated volumes during Q1, Q2, and Q3, resulting in an annual average higher than the approved production quantity.

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

There was no evidence of adverse environmental impacts associated with the elevated treatment volumes as the treated wastewater was discharged to a clay-lined evaporation pond.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

The 7 Mile WWTP was granted a Part V Licence Amendment in 2019 to upgrade the WWTP to a Biomax facility treating 24m³/day. It is evident through investigations that there has been a steady increase in personnel based at offices and workshops serviced by the 7 Mile WWTP.

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

There were no adverse effects associated with the non-compliance requiring mitigation. Further investigations into assets that report to the WWTP have confirmed that the cause of increased production is due to increased personnel at 7 Mile. The License Holder is currently investigating if the current capacity of the facility is sufficient for future needs or whether the facility and/or licence limits needs to be upgraded.

Was this non-compliance reported to the DWER?

☐ Yes:

☐ Reported to DWER verbally Date:

☐ Reported to DWER in writing Date:

☒ No