

Annual Environmental Report

Licence L8945/2016/3

J4 Iron Ore Project

Reporting Period: 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

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1. Introduction

This Annual Environmental Report (AER) has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Operating Licence L8945/2016/3, issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), to Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd for the J4 Iron Ore Project.

In accordance with Condition 3.2 of the licence, this report covers the annual reporting period from 1 April 2025 until the 31 March 2026 and includes:

- An audit of compliance with all applicable Licence conditions during the reporting period;
- Submission of an Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR), in the approved form; and
- Submission of this Annual Environmental Report addressing the Licence conditions listed in Table 1-1, and providing information specified therein.

Table 1-1: Summary Licence Conditions

Licence Condition/Table	Requirement
-	Summary of any non-compliances
Table 2.1.1	Monitoring of inputs and outputs
Table 3.1.3	Complaints Summary

2. Site Overview

The J4 Iron Ore Project comprises of two (2) open pits, associated waste rock dumps (WRDs), run-of-mine pads (ROMs) and supporting infrastructure.

Operating Licence L8945/2016/3 allows for prescribed premises operation as summarised in Table 2-1. No amendments to the Licence were made during the reporting period.

Table 2-1: Prescribed Premises Summary

Category 6: Mine dewatering	450,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 12: Screening of materials	100,000 tonnes per annual period
Category 57: Used Tyre Storage	1,000 tyres
Category 64: Class II or III putrescible landfill site	780 tonnes per year

The Project remained in an operational pause during the reporting period, with no mining or production activities undertaken. Dewatering infrastructure and landfill were not utilised during the reporting period.

Environmental monitoring activities were undertaken on a limited and intermittent basis during the reporting period, reflecting the reduced operational risk.

Exploration is being undertaken under separate approvals to inform future mine planning, no timeframe has been established for the recommencement of mining activities.

3. Environmental Incidents

There were no environmental incidents, and no failures or malfunctions of pollution control equipment, during the reporting period.

4. Premise Operation

4.1. Mine Dewatering

During the reporting period no dewatering activities were undertaken due to an operational pause. As a result, flow meters and dewatering pipeline were not monitored.

4.2. Discharge to Groundwater

As no dewatering activities being undertaken during the reporting period, no discharges to groundwater occurred during the reporting period.

5. Landfill Facility

5.1. Waste Acceptance

No waste was disposed of onto the landfill facility during the reporting period.

6. Compliance

6.1. Dewatering Pipelines

Daily inspections of the mine dewatering pipeline were not undertaken during the reporting period in accordance with licence requirements.

The site remained in an operational pause for the full reporting period, and no dewatering activities were undertaken. The pipeline was not in use and did not convey water at any time.

No leaks, failures or environmental impacts associated with the dewatering pipeline were identified during the reporting period. Given the pipeline remained inactive, the environmental risk associated with not undertaking daily inspections was considered low.

6.2. Annual Audit Compliance Report

The Annual Audit Compliance Report for L8945/2016/3 is provided in Appendix A. Non-compliances identified during the reporting period are summarised in Sections 6.1 of this report.

7. Licence Condition Review

The proponent considers that certain monitoring and reporting requirements may not appropriately reflect the level of environmental risk during periods when the project is not operational.

In particular, the requirement for daily inspection of mine dewatering pipeline during periods when dewatering is not occurring is not considered to be risk-based, given the absence of flow and associated environmental risk.

It is proposed that the relevant licence condition reviewed and amended to require daily pipeline inspection only during periods when mine dewatering is active.

This amendment would better align monitoring requirements with operational risk, improve the practical implementation of compliance obligations, and maintain appropriate environmental protection outcomes.

8. Complaints

Yilgarn Iron received no complaints in relation to the Windarling Range Mine Operations during the 2025 reporting period.

Appendix A – Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR)



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L8945/2016/3	Licence file number:	INS-0003126
Licence holder:	Yilgarn Iron Investments Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Yilgarn Iron Pty Ltd		
ACN:	686 388 063		
Registered address:	12 Kings Park Road West Perth WA 6008		
Reporting period:	01/04/25 to 31/03/2026		

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.

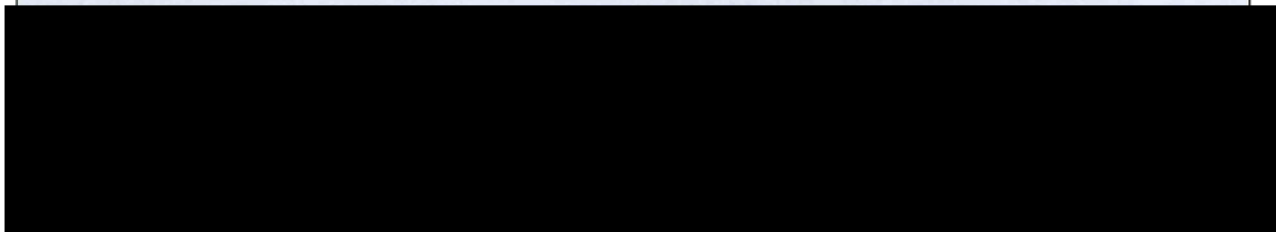
Section C – Statement of Actual Production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
Category 6 – Mine Dewatering	0.00 tonnes
Category 12 – Screening	0.00 tonnes
Category 57 – Used tyre storage	0.00
Category 64 – Class II or III putrescible landfill	0.00 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
N/A	N/A

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:	Condition 1.1.3 (a) Table 1.1.1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	1/04/2025 to 31/03/2026
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Daily inspections of the mine dewatering pipeline were not undertaken for the reporting period, resulting in non-compliance with Condition 1.1.3(a), Table 1.1.1 of the licence.</p> <p>The project remained in an operational pause for the entirety of the reporting period, and no mine dewatering activities were undertaken. The dewatering pipeline was not in use and did not convey water at any time.</p> <p>No leaks, failures, or environmental impacts associated with the pipeline were identified. Further details are provided in the Annual Environmental Report.</p>			
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>No actual environmental impact was identified.</p> <p>The environmental risk associated with the dewatering pipeline is considered low, as no water was conveyed during the reporting period.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>The non-compliance occurred due to the project being in an operational pause for the entire reporting period. As no dewatering activities were undertaken, the pipeline remained inactive and daily inspections required under the Licence were not conducted.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
<p>No adverse environmental effects were identified as the dewatering pipeline was not in use during the reporting period.</p> <p>To address the non-compliance, the applicability of monitoring requirements during periods of operational pause have been reviewed. A request to amend the relevant Licence condition to better reflect operational risk has been submitted to the Regulator within the Annual Environmental Report.</p> <p>Monitoring and inspection regimes will be updated in accordance with the regulator’s determination.</p>			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER? No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

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 Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.



Date:	8 APRIL 2026	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.