

# **Duralie Coal CCC Meeting**

Presentation –
Company Report &
Overview of Activities

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### 1. Progress at the Mine

	Total Waste (BCM)	Total ROM Coal (T)
Q2 2021	322,000	45,000

#### Mining 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021

- Mining operations continued at Duralie in the Weismantel pit.
- First coal mined in April 2021.
- Railing is scheduled to commence 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- Rehabilitation works are planned to be continued in 2021 with bulk shaping and rehandle of the Clareval waste emplacement.



# 2. Environmental Reporting & Regulators

Management Area	Project	Status
Reporting	<ul> <li>Duralie Coal Mine Independent Environmental Audit</li> <li>Duralie Coal Mine Annual Review 2021</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The 3-yearly audit undertaken in December 2020 by Ken Holmes of Barnett &amp; May has been accepted by DPIE. Copies of the audit report have been distributed to the CCC members and made available on the Stratford website.</li> <li>The Duralie Coal Mine 2021 Annual Review is currently being prepared and is due for submission by 30 September 2021.</li> </ul>
Regulator	<ul> <li>Resources Regulator Rehabilitation Reform</li> <li>Landform Establishment TAP</li> <li>Mining Operations Plan &amp; Rehabilitation Management Plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Resource Regulator has released the rehabilitation reform which will require mine sites to comply with new planning and reporting standards. Duralie is required to prepare a new Rehabilitation Management Plan and Mine Closure Plan.</li> <li>The Resources Regulator conducted a Targeted Assessment Program - Landform Establishment in June 2021. Following the site visit, the Regulator provided a letter with observations and recommendations regarding Landform establish and broader mine closure planning actions. The recommendations will be addressed in the new Rehabilitation Management Plan.</li> <li>The current MOP establishes the rehabilitation and mine closure activities until December 2021. A new MOP will be prepared during 2021 and be provided for consultation with regulatory agencies and the CCC.</li> </ul>
	Environmental Management Plans	<ul> <li>DCPL is currently preparing a revision of Duralie Environmental Management Plans. The revised plans will reflect the current status of the DCM and the ongoing mining, rehabilitation and mine closure requirements. The revised plans will be progressively submitted to DPIE for approval.</li> </ul>



#### 3. Environmental Management Plans & Monitoring



- a) Air Quality Management
- b) Blast Management
- c) Noise Management
- d) Water Management
- e) Rehabilitation Management
- **Biodiversity Management**
- Mine Closure Planning



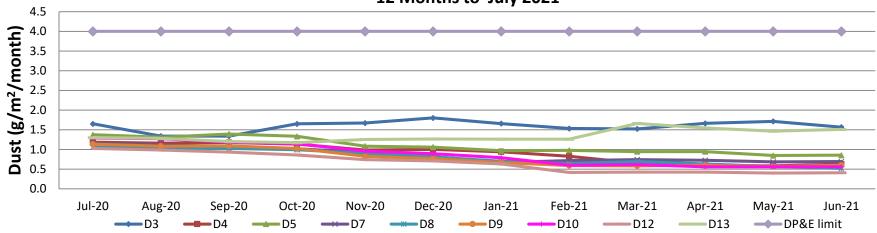
### **3a. Air Quality Management**

Management Area	Project	Status
Air quality monitoring	<ul> <li>Real-time air quality system</li> <li>HVAS &amp; dust gauge monitoring network.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The real-time air quality TEOM monitor on Martins Crossing Rd continues to operate.</li> <li>General ambient PM10 dust levels have been very low throughout Autumn/Winter due to increased rainfall.</li> <li>No triggers have been received relating to mining operations.</li> </ul>



#### 3a. Air Quality Management

#### Duralie Dust Gauge Monitoring - Annual Rolling Average 12 Months to July 2021



Jun-20 D3 Very Heavy - 10% Dirt, 90% Polysaccharide Slime

Aug-20 D3 Very Heavy - 40% Dirt, 10% insects, 50% Polysaccharide Slime

Sep-20 D3 Heavy - 20% Dirt, 80% Polysaccharide Slime

Jan-21 D13 Heavy deposition. 60% dirt and 40% Polysaccharide slime.

Mar-21 D5 Heavy - 50% Insects, 25% Vegetation, 20% Polysaccharide Slime and 5% Dirt.

Jun -21 D4 Heavy - 60% polysaccharide slime, 40% insects D9 Heavy - 20% polysaccharide slime, 40% insects

#### Guide to Descriptions used by Laboratory

Coal: Black sharp angled grains with glossy conchoidal fractures or dull with cellular features.

**Dirt/Minerals**: Subhedral to euhedral crystalline grains including fine sand, clay and other fine mineral particulates.

Insects: Whole insects such as spiders, ants, moths or outer parts of insects including wings, legs and exoskeletons.

Vegetation: Plant debris and algae including trichomes, decomposed organic matter and charred particulates showing characteristic cellular plant structures.

Polysaccharide Slime: Slimy gelatinous material including decomposed soft body parts of insects and vegetation.

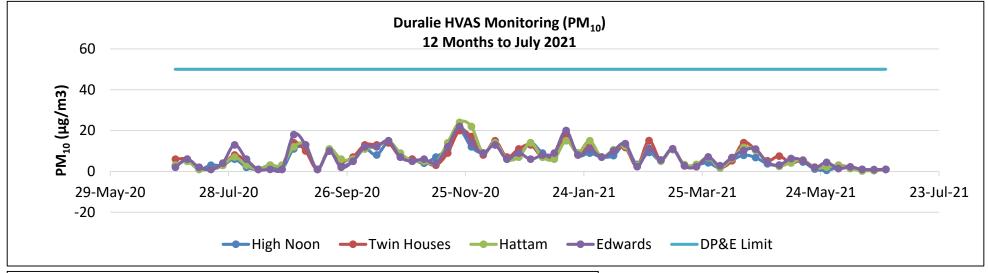
Copper Sludge: Blue-green subhedral to euhedral crystalline salts, commonly precipitated from the copper sulphate algaecide solution.

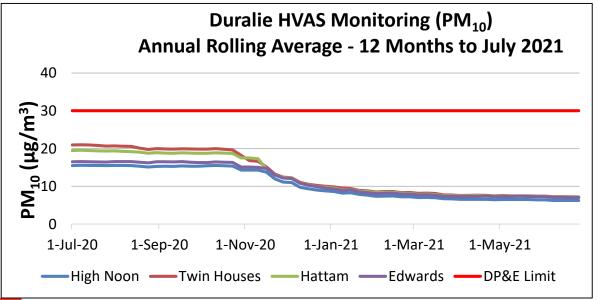
Contamination: Gelatinous material such as bird droppings

• Due to frequent contamination of dust gauges the HVAS results should also be used when interpreting results.



#### 3a. Air Quality Management





- All sites below DP&E limit. Typically low results during winter and higher during spring/summer.
- Steep decreasing trend during December 2020 due to elimination of bushfire affected results in 2019.
- HVAS results provide more reliable data compared to dust deposition results and should be referred to when interpreting dust emissions.



#### **3b. Blast Management**

Management Area	Project	Status
Blasting	Blast monitoring	<ul> <li>Blast activities at the DCM were recommenced on 17/3/2021</li> <li>Blasting will be undertaken in discrete periods during 2021 with only a limited number of blasts required.</li> </ul>

Location	Date	Time	Schult	z (AB1)	Fisher-V (AA	Vebster AB3)	Moylan (	(AAAB4)	Weisma		Site	"Cumulative	Ground Vibration Site Exceedance <sup>1</sup>	Ground Vibration "Cumulative Exceedance" 1	Monitored Blasts <sup>1</sup>	Fume Rating
		24hr	mm/s	dBL	mm/s	dBL	mm/s	dBL	mm/s	dBL	%		%			
Weismantel Strip 16	17-Mar-21	13:22:00	<0.22	<110.0	<0.22	<110.0	0.52	101.7	<0.22		0.0%	0	0.0%	0	1	Nil
Weismantel Strip 16	31-Mar-21	16:15:00	<0.22	<110.0	<0.22	<110.0	0.44	100.4	<0.22		0.0%	0	0.0%	0	2	Nil
Weismantel Strip 16	30-Apr-21	13:04:00	<0.22	<110.0	<0.22	<110.0	0.06	104.6	<0.22		0.0%	0	0.0%	0	3	Nil
Weismantel Strip 17	19-May-21	13:13:00	<0.22	<110.0	0.4	107.0	<0.22	<110.0	<0.22		0.0%	0	0.0%	0	4	Nil
Weismantel Strip 17	13-Jul-21	11:56:00	<0.22	<110.0	0.22	114.2	0.25	109.1	1.14		0.0%	0	0.0%	0	5	Nil

- Note: Blast Compliance: No more than 5% of total blasts for annual monitoring period to exceed an overpressure of 115 dBL or ground vibration of 5 mm/s. No blast is to exceed an overpressure of 120 dBL or ground vibration of 10 mm/s.
- Note: Where no trigger is recorded the results indicate <0.22mm/s and <110.0dBL corresponding to the blast monitor settings.



### **3c. Noise Management**

Management Area	Project	Status
Noise Monitoring	Routine Monitoring	<ul> <li>Quarterly monitoring continued during Q2 2021. All results were compliant with noise criteria.</li> <li>Noise reports are made available on the Duralie Coal website.</li> <li>Routine quarterly noise monitoring of operations has continued in 2021, to monitor noise emissions from mining day works.</li> </ul>
Noise Management Plan	Real-Time Noise Management	<ul> <li>Real-Time Noise Monitoring recommenced in accordance with the Noise Management Plan requirements.</li> <li>The operating mining day shift (6:30am – 5:00pm) is operating for 1 hour within designated 'night shift' period as defined by EPL 11701.</li> <li>The integrated real-time noise management system analyses monitoring data from the noise units, the weather station and the inversion towers and records times when either the noise criteria is likely to be exceeded or when noise enhancing weather conditions are present. The system will then provide alarms to staff to implement additional noise mitigation measures where required.</li> </ul>

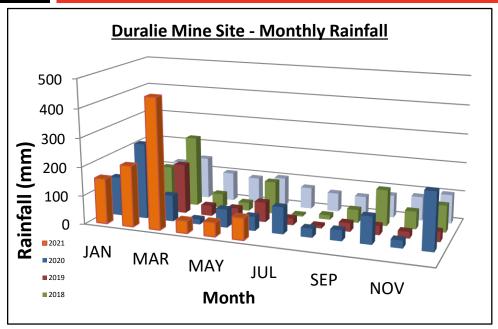


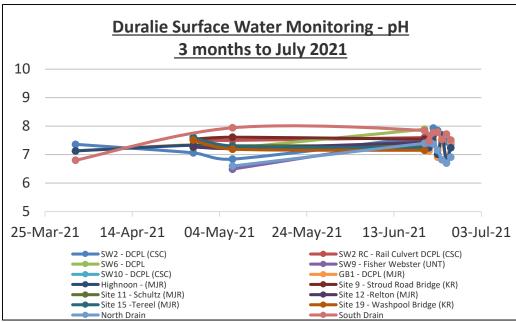
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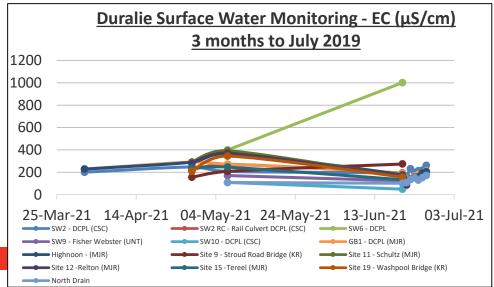
Management Area	Project	Status
Site Water Management	Annual water balance review.	<ul> <li>The 2020 annual site water balanced has been prepared. A summary will be included in the Annual Review 2020/21 and will be available on the Duralie Coal website.</li> </ul>
Surface Water	Routine monitoring	<ul> <li>Average rainfall has been received during Q2 2021.</li> <li>Routine and event surface water monitoring has been completed. All sites generally within Duralie water quality performance indicators. No obvious trending towards performance indicators.</li> </ul>
	• Irrigation	No irrigation has been undertaken in the first flush irrigation areas since 2018.
Groundwater	Routine monitoring	<ul> <li>Routine monitoring has been completed and the results continue to indicate consistency with the model trends in the Environmental Assessment.</li> </ul>

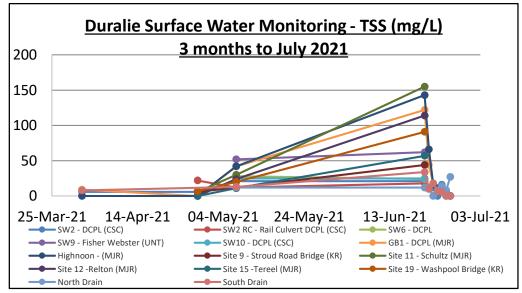


#### 3d. Water Management









#### 3e. Rehabilitation Management

Management Area	Project	Status
Rehabilitated Waste emplacements	<ul><li>Rehabilitation Works</li><li>Rehabilitation Planning</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Currently rehabilitation works involve bulk shaping to achieve final landform designs.     Bulk shaping of 5 hectares above the water fill point has been completed.</li> <li>The next stages of rehabilitation will include rehandle and bulk shaping of the Clareval waste emplacement area.</li> </ul>
	Rehabilitation maintenance	<ul> <li>Slashing of the Duralie pasture rehabilitation and removal of acacia regrowth was completed in Q2 2021.</li> <li>Weed control in the established native rehabilitation was completed in June 2021.</li> </ul>



Photo: Rehandle and bulk shaping commencing on the Clareval waste emplacement, July 2021.



Photo: Completed rehabilitation at Weismantel waste emplacement, taken May 2021.



### **3f. Biodiversity Management**

Management Area	Project	Status
Biodiversity Offset	Revegetation works	<ul> <li>2021 Revegetation planting has been completed. Approximately 36,100 native tubestock over 114 hectares on the eastern side of Johnsons Creek Road have been planted during H1 2021 in the biodiversity offset area along Johnsons Creek Road.</li> </ul>
	Vegetation Monitoring	<ul> <li>Annual vegetation monitoring within the biodiversity offset and enhancement areas was completed in February 2021. A summary of the monitoring will be included in the DCM Annual Biodiversity Report and the Annual Review 2021. Both reports are available on the Duralie website.</li> </ul>



Photo: 2021 completed planting areas, Duralie Biodiversity Offset.

### **3f. Biodiversity Management**

Management Area	Project	Status
Flora/Fauna	Nest Box Program	<ul> <li>An additional 28 nestbox were installed in the established Duralie native rehabilitation area during May 2021. Reporting will be included in the Annual Review 2021</li> <li>Quarterly Nest box monitoring was undertaken during June 2021. A summary of the nest box progress will be included in the next Annual Review. Approximately 90% occupancy in the rehabilitation area in the first 12 months.</li> <li>Annual monitoring is scheduled in September 2021.</li> </ul>
Weed Control	Weed spraying program	<ul> <li>Weed spraying ceased in the Duralie Biodiversity Area and Duralie Mining Lease areas in May 2021.</li> <li>Manual weed control works were undertaken in the Duralie native rehabilitation area in June 2021 targeting Tobacco bush, Privet and Lantana.</li> </ul>





Photo: Wild dogs detected during 2020 wild dog trapping program.



### **3g. Mine Closure Planning**

Note: \*Refer to Duralie Mining Operations Plan & Rehabilitation Management Plan Table 13 Mine Closure Planning Schedule. \*Further detail on mine closure planning progress is included in the Annual Review 2019/20.

Management Area	Project	Status
Mine Closure Planning General	Stakeholder engagement	• Communications with the community consultative committee (CCC) have been established regarding mine closure planning. This presentation will continue to be updated to provide relevant information through the CCC forum.
Rehabilitated Landforms	<ul> <li>Landform design and stability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DCPL have continued to prepare the detailed final landform designs for the waste emplacement areas.</li> <li>Preparation of a geotechnical assessment and specifications for the final void design have continued to ensure the long-term void is safe and stable.</li> </ul>
Final Voids	<ul> <li>Water management and final void water balance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review of the final void site water balance completed in Q4 2020 to ensure the balance incorporates the final landform design, surface water inflows and outflows to/from final void.</li> <li>Further review work and remodelling is required.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Groundwater Model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Post-mining groundwater model verification completed in Q4 2020 to incorporate final void design. This work was undertaken in conjunction with the final void water balance. Further review work and remodelling is required.</li> </ul>
Rehabilitation Resources	Topsoil Resources	• A topsoil stockpile update was undertaken in June 2021 to ensure adequate topsoil is available for rehabilitation. The use of topsoil continues to be tracked.
Water Management	Mine Water Dams	<ul> <li>Preparation of a strategy for decommissioning of the mine water dams was completed in February 2021. DCPL has engaged an independent dams engineer to assist with preparing plans for the decommissioning of the prescribed dams. Consultation with NSW Dam Safety is ongoing.</li> <li>Auxiliary Dam 1 has been dewatered and decommissioning and rehabilitation was completed in Q1 2020.</li> <li>Preparations have commenced for pumping mine water to the Clareval void.</li> </ul>
Coal Shaft Creek	CSC reconstruction	<ul> <li>Re-construction of the lower reaches of Coal Shaft Creek is required following the completion of mining activities. A conceptual Coal Shaft Creek Reconstruction Plan was prepared in 2012.</li> <li>A consultant has been engaged to prepared the detailed design for the reconstruction of Coal Shaft Creek.</li> <li>Removal of the ROM coal stockpile in the CSC corridor has been completed. Bulk shaping of the final creek landform has commenced.</li> </ul>

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Management Area	Project	Status
Environmental Management Plans	EMP reviews for closure stage	<ul> <li>During 2021 the EMPs will be progressively reviewed and updated as required, to reflect the current stage of operations and the ongoing rehabilitation and mine closure requirements.</li> <li>Identify post-closure environmental monitoring and maintenance requirements.</li> <li>Prepare detailed performance and completion criteria for mine closure.</li> </ul>
Final land use	Potential final land-use planning	Draft plan prepared in 2017.



## 4. Community Complaints

#### **Duralie Complaint Summary**

Period: 01/04/2021 - 31/6/2021

Period: 3 Months

Total No. of Complaints: 0 (0 noise, 0 blast, 0 air quality, 0 other)

Total No. of Complainants: 0

Date/Time of Complaint	Complainant Location	Method of Complaint	Nature of Complaint	Investigation/Outcome



# **5. Community Programs**

Management Area	Project	Status
Support Programs	Stratford Coal Community Support Program	The Stratford Coal Community Support Program will run again in 2022. Applications will open in October 2021.
	Stratford Coal Education Support Fund	<ul> <li>The Stratford Coal Education Support Fund will be running again during 2021 and applications are available from Gloucester High School or the MidCoast Council Gloucester office. Applications will open in December 2021.</li> </ul>

