

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken. If you should have any queries or require any photographs taken on the Elmstead Hall site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Elmstead Hall

File Ref: 14.421.39.2

Operator: David Hunter

Site Representative: Joanna Bradley SRC (JB).

Visit also attended by T Burns (TB) (ECC)

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 14/03/24

Time on site: 08:50

Time off site: 09:40

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/105/21/TEN

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Windy / Rain / Snow
- Noise (Officer perception) - **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A –
- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty / Wet / **Damp/Muddy** / Flooded
- Ground: **Combination** of: Dry / Dusty / Wet / **Damp / Muddy** / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper /**none** N/A
- Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**

- Machinery: **Working** / Not working (**Front loader in yard servicing processing plant and visiting HGV's; 1 no excavator and dumptruck in extraction area**).
- In correct position: Yes / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height = Acceptable - **see appraisal**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit remain the same as from last monitoring visit:

- Condition 7 requires action. **Update: No action.**
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as notified. **Update: Kept on as reminder.**
- Separation of stockpiles from perimeter soil bunding. **Update: Stockpiles mostly back from bunding but separation would assist cross contamination of the soils/minerals.**
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored. **Update: To be monitored by operator.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site entrance with bellmouth, office and weighbridge clean at time of visit. Internal track surface consolidated although some potholing now occurring.
- Perimeter mounds on northern side have been stimed on tops.
- Lagoons on far western side now continue to have establishing vegetation both within and on perimeter banking.
- Lagoons in central area of site comprises principally two larger main water holding areas and one smaller to the west. Following slippage of clay bunding on northern side of the lagoon complex, water is being pumped over to the eastern side of the lagoons for removal. Access once the ground dries to allow remediation works on the clay batters.
- Excavations have now been completed within the north eastern corner where backfilling has brought the base level up above the adjoining lagoon water level. New excavation void opened up on south western corner to beginning working towards the plant site. Void comprises at the moment one base and about 3 metres deep.
- Sump on far eastern side empty. Eastern bunding shows signs of some grading/levelling on its northern side. Not clear why this disturbance took place.
- Central graded stockpile of overburden remains in place with further loose tipped overburden in piles placed above.
- Within processing plant area, plant producing larger number of gravel/stone product with the stockpiles separated from fill material stocking by small valley feature.
- Sand stockpile adjacent processing plant considerably down on previous visits.
- Central band of mineral remains to be worked.

- Constant, during period of visit, flow of visiting HGC's of SRC; Silverton and Gordon livery.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No:7 Boundary Markers

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to peg out extraction areas and maintain pegs during site operating period.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:13 Topographical Surveys

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Surveys to be provided every 12 months.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:30 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to submitted surveys on three monthly basis.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:53 Annual Report

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator to submit scheme when soils moved for restoration purposes.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit and carried over from last visit:

- Condition 7 requires action.
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as agreed.
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored.

Date of next scheduled monitoring visit: 15th May @ 12:15

Date of report: 14/03/24

Note: The actions noted in this report are required in order to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.