

GLENCORE

BAAL BONE COLLIERY

January to March 2020
Environmental Monitoring Summary



1. Introduction

In accordance with Schedule 5, Condition 9 of Project Approval 09_0178 this report provides a summary of environmental monitoring results for Baal Bone Colliery, for the period **1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020**. Baal Bone's licensed discharge and monitoring locations are identified in **Figure 7**.

2. Air quality

Monthly dust monitoring is carried out in accordance with Australian Standard AS3580.10.1, EPL requirements and Baal Bone's Air Quality Monitoring Program.

Sample analysis is undertaken by the ALS Group Environmental Division, a NATA Accredited laboratory.

Baal Bone maintains a network of dust deposition gauges:

- Sample location DM1 (EPL monitoring point No. 7);
- Sample location DM2 (EPL monitoring point No. 13);
- Sample location DM3 (EPL monitoring point No. 14);
- Sample location DM4 (EPL monitoring point No. 15)

Locations of the dust deposition gauges are shown in **Figure 7**.

Schedule 3, Condition 10 of Project Approval 09_0178 includes air quality impact assessment criteria for the project and are summarised in **Table 1**. The pollutants to be monitored include deposited dust, TSP and PM¹⁰.

In accordance with the DP&E approved Air Quality Monitoring Program, monitoring for TSP and PM₁₀ was discontinued in June 2012. The monitoring was discontinued following Baal Bone mining operations entering care and maintenance in September 2011, and the completion of coal washing and transporting of coal off-site in December 2011 and April 2012 respectively.

Table 1: Baal Bone Air Quality Impact Assessment Criteria

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion	
Deposited dust	Annual	Maximum increase	Maximum total
		2 g/m ² /month	4 g/m ² /month
TSP	Annual	90 µg/m ³	
PM ₁₀	24 hour	50 µg/m ³	
	Annual	30 µg/m ³	

The monthly results for each of the monitoring locations are summarised in

Table 2.

Figure 1 provides the monthly deposited dust results for the year to date. **Figure 2** provides the twelve month rolling average.

Table 2: Deposited dust monitoring results for 2020 (g/m²/month)

Collection Date	EPL Point 7 DM1	EPL Point 13 DM2	EPL Point 14 DM3	EPL Point 15 DM4
16/01/2020	6.8	7.2	8.2	12.1
17/02/2020	2.4	4.3	3.6	3.7
17/03/2020	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9

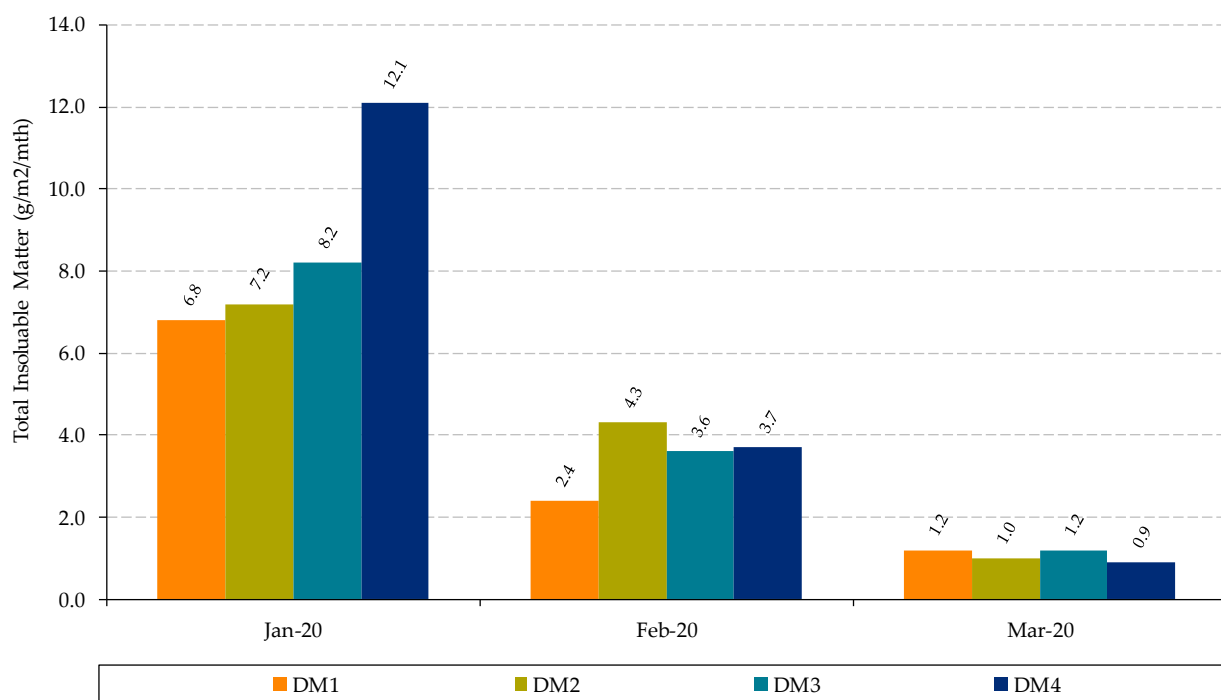


Figure 1: Monthly Total Insoluble Matter

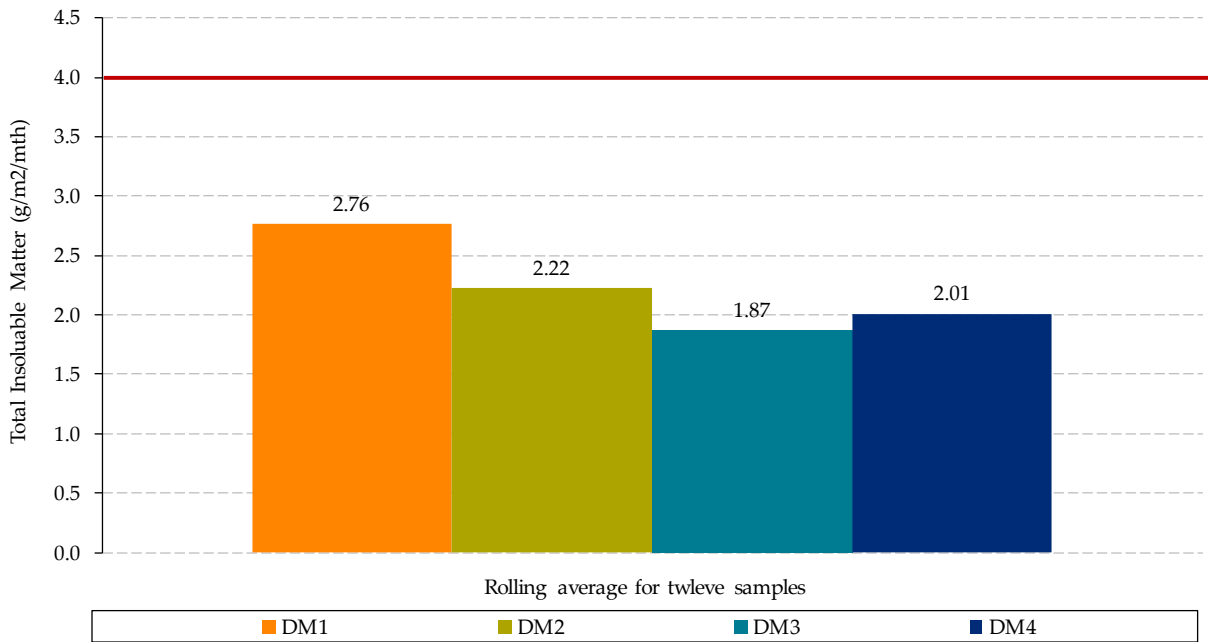


Figure 2: Rolling Average Total Insoluble Matter (12 samples until March 2020)

3. Surface Water

Condition L2 of EPL 765 outlines water concentration limits for oil and grease, pH, total suspended solids and total iron. These limits are presented below in **Table 3**.

Table 3: EPL 765 concentration limits

	LD2 EPL Monitoring Point 2	LDP1 EPL Monitoring Point 16
Oil and grease (mg/L)	-	10
pH	-	6.5-8.5
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	-	50
Dissolved Iron (mg/L)	-	1.0

The monthly results for each of the monitoring locations are summarised in

Table 4.

Figure 3 to **Figure 6** provide monthly results for each pollutant.

Table 4: EPL Water quality results for 2020

EPL Point	Month	EC	O&G	SO ₂₋₄	Fe	TSS	pH	BOD	Faecal Coliforms	N	P
		µS/cm	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	-	mg/L	cos/100mls	mg/L	mg/L
EPL Point 2 (LD2 ^a)	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EPL Point 16 (LDP1)	Jan	1018	11	370	0.06	<5	7.9	-	-	-	-
	Feb	980	<5	354	0.05	<5	6.9	-	-	-	-
	Mar	1025	<5	382	0.06	<5	7.3	-	-	-	-

Notes (a) No samples taken at LD2 during 2020 to date as sample location was dry

Legend

BOD = Biological oxygen demand

O & G = Oil and Grease

EC = Electrical conductivity

P = Phosphorus

Fe = Iron (dissolved iron)

SO₂₋ = Sulfate₄

N = Nitrogen

TSS = Total suspended solids

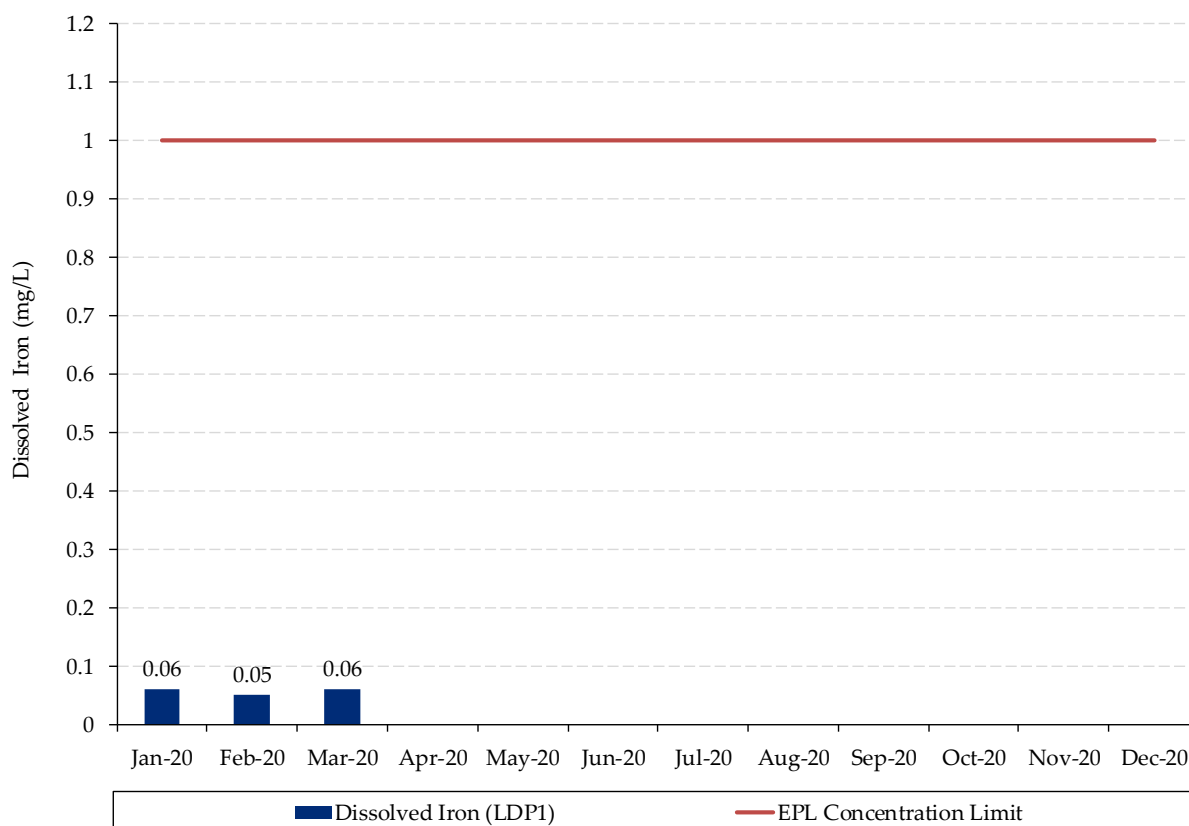


Figure 3: Monthly Dissolved Iron

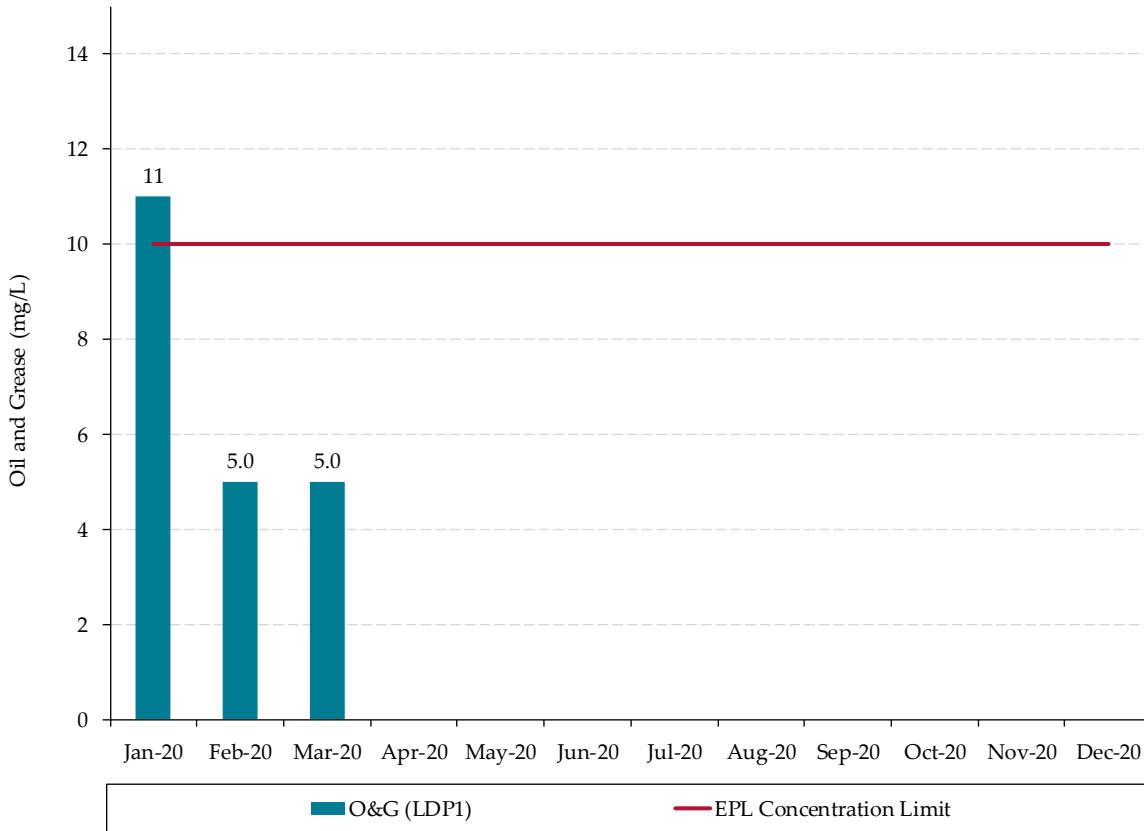


Figure 4: Monthly Oil and Grease

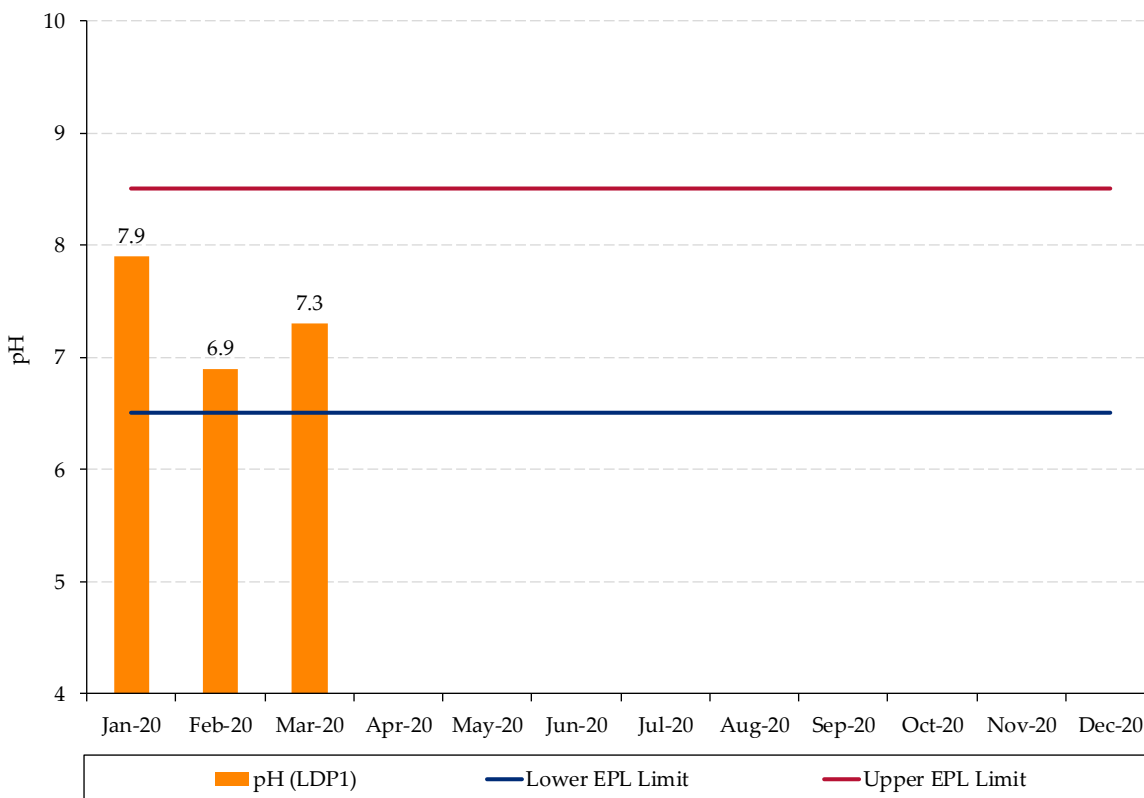


Figure 5: Monthly pH

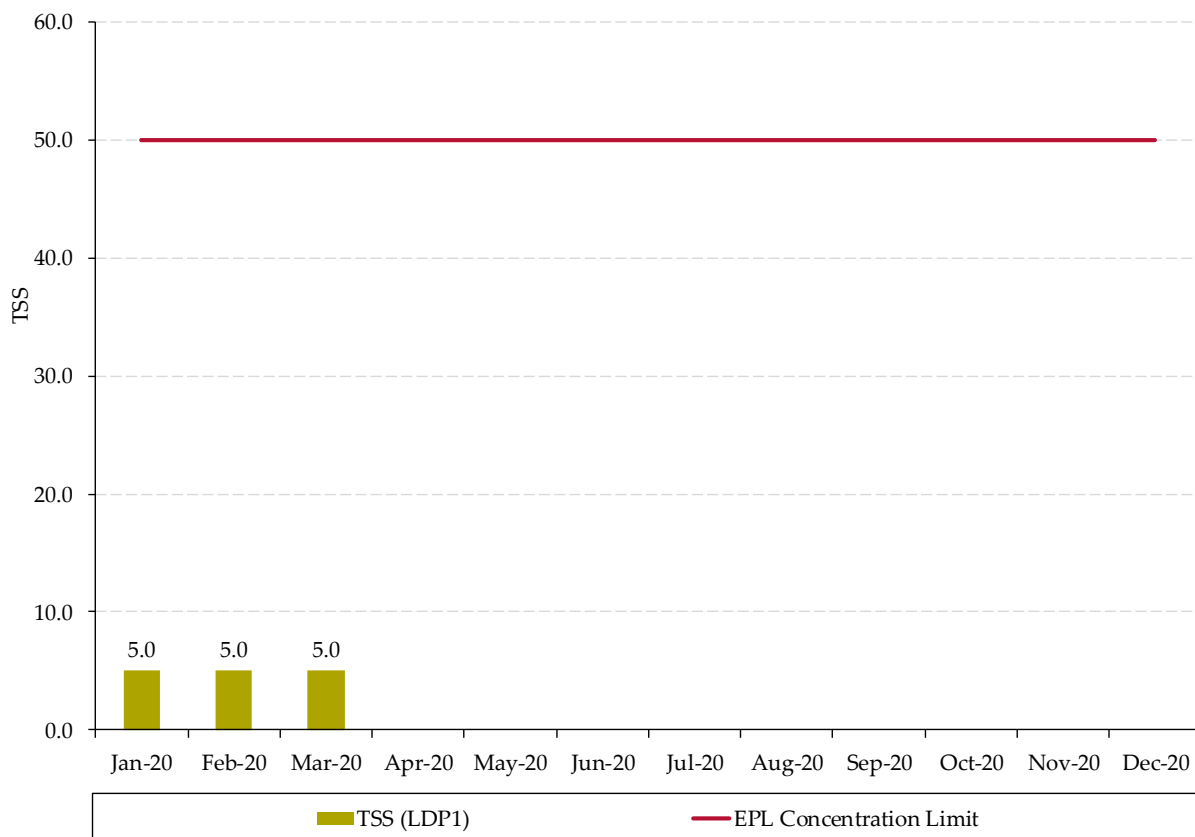


Figure 6: Monthly Total Suspended Solids

A summary of monitoring results for EPL discharge and monitoring points (those with specified concentration limits) can be found below for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020:

- All dissolved iron samples were well below the concentration limit of 1 mg/L;
- All samples returned pH results that were within the upper and lower EPL limits (8.5 and 6.5 respectively);
- All monthly TSS results were below the EPL concentration limit of 50 mg/L;
- Oil and grease levels in January 2020 exceeded the EPL concentration limit of 10mg/L, with a result of 11 mg/L. Oil and grease results for February and March 2020 were <5mg/L.

A notification was sent to the Environment Protection Agency and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 24/02/2020 regarding the oil and grease exceedance. An investigation was undertaken into this exceedance which included an immediate inspection of the area which showed no signs of hydrocarbons being present. Routine inspections with no noticeable signs had also been undertaken in this area on 6 January 2020, 20 January 2020 and 4 February 2020.

There has been no record of recent exceedances with a review of oil and grease levels back to 2014 all identifying results under 5 milligrams per litre. The results appear to be an anomaly, however as rainfall had recently occurred after an extended dry period it is possible that this was a contributing factor. There had been 40.44mm of rain the week leading up to the sampling and

21mm of this was received three days prior. There had also been a bushfire move through the area in the previous month which resulted in large equipment moving through the site to establish fire breaks.

Baal Bone Colliery has contacted the laboratory who conducted the analysis to determine if they knew of anything that may assist. Of interest was that they noted that another site who sample on the same day also had a high oil and grease result. They suggested that potential contributors may have been the extended dry spell and recent rainfall, the bushfires moving through the area as well as vehicles and machinery on site.

Monthly EPL reporting can be accessed at:

<http://www.glencore.com.au/en/who-we-are/energy-products/baal-bone/Pages/epl-reporting.aspx>

4. Noise

Noise Impact Assessment Criteria

Schedule 3, Condition 4 of Project Approval 09_0178 includes long term noise impact assessment criteria. **Table 5** outlines the assessment criteria.

Table 5: Long term noise impact assessment criteria

Location	All periods dB(a) LAeq(15 min)	Night dB(a) LA1(1 min)
R1	46	47
R2	41	48
R3	41	48
All other privately-owned land	35	45

From 2013 onwards attended monitoring is undertaken on an annual basis at receptors R1 and R2/R3, shown in **Figure 7**.

Noise Audit Results

Global Acoustics conducted the annual environmental compliance noise audit at Baal Bone Colliery on Tuesday 25 June 2019 during the day, evening and night periods. The next noise audit is scheduled for mid 2020.

Table 6 to **Table 8** provide a summary of the 2019 noise audit results.

Table 6: Noise Audit Summary (Daytime)

Location (Start time)	Measured Predicted BBC Noise	Limit	Unit	Comments
	L_{Aeq15min} dB			
Daytime Audit – Tuesday 25 June 2019				
Location R1 (1447 hours)	31	46	dB	In compliance
Location R1 (1502 hours)	26	46	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (1532 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (1547 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance

Table 7: Noise Audit Summary (Evening)

Location (Start time)	Measured Predicted BBC Noise	Limit	Unit	Comments
	L_{Aeq15min} dB			
Evening Audit– Tuesday 25 June 2019				
Location R1 (2052 hours)	27	46	dB	In compliance
Location R1 (2107 hours)	26	46	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (2132 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (2147 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance

Table 8: Noise Audit Summary (Night)

Location (Start time)	Measured Predicted BBCNoise	Limit	Unit	Comments
	L_{Aeq15min} dB			
Night Audit– Tuesday 25 June 2019				
Location R1 (2242 hours)	<25	46	dB	In compliance

Location R1 (2257 hours)	<25	46	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (2202 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance
Location R2/3 (2217 hours)	<25	41	dB	In compliance

The audit report concluded that:

“Attended monitoring was conducted in accordance with relevant EPA guidelines and Australian Standard AS 1055 ‘Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise’. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. The survey purpose is to quantify and describe the existing acoustic environment around BBC and compare results with relevant limits. Noise levels from BBC complied with the LAeq,15minute and LA1,1minute development consent criteria at all monitoring locations during the June 2019 survey.”

The full July 2019 audit report and previous noise audit reports can be accessed from the Baal Bone publications web page at:

<http://www.glencore.com.au/en/who-we-are/energy-products/baal-bone/Pages/epl-reporting.aspx>

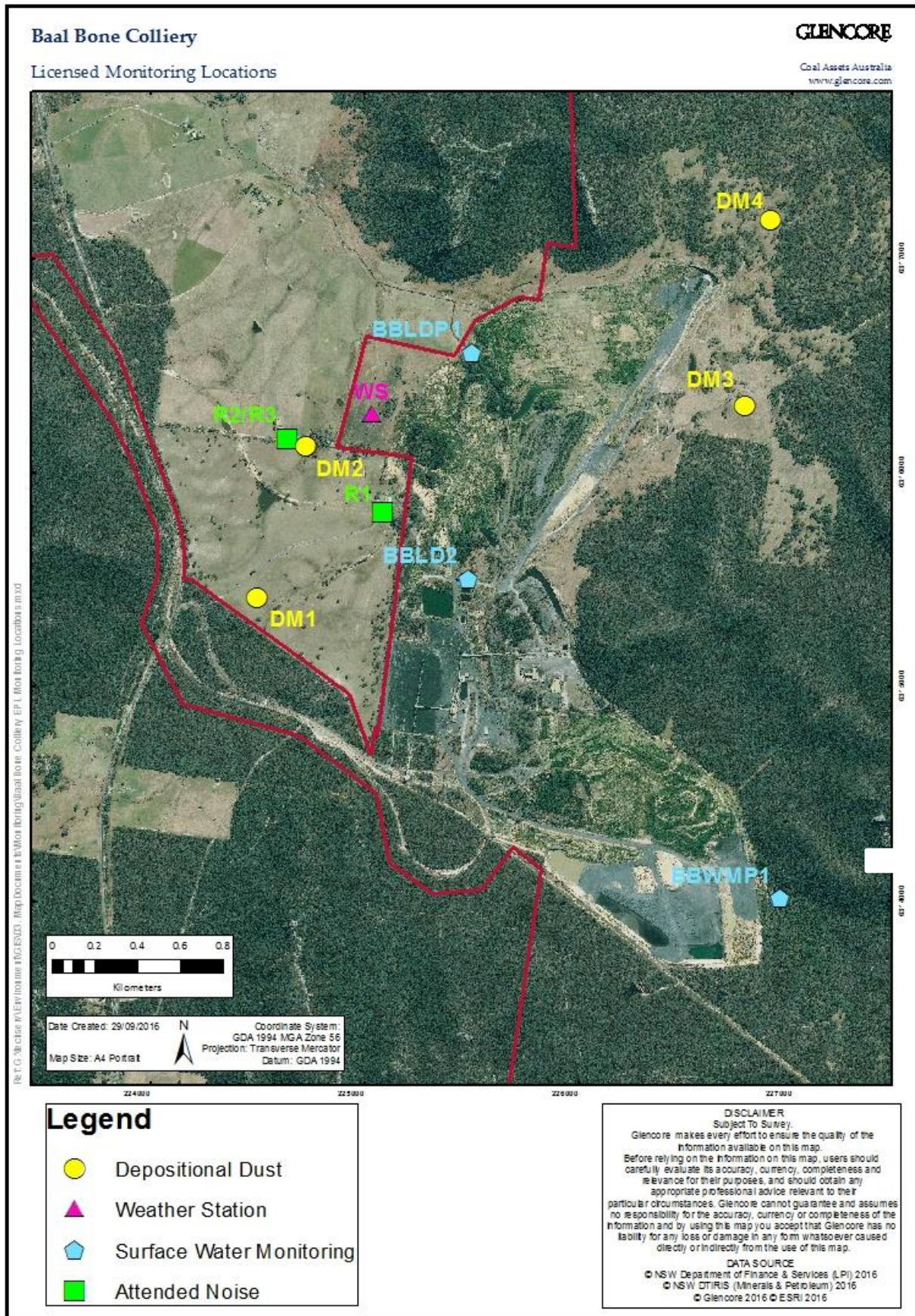


Figure 7. Baal Bone Monitoring Points