SURFACE WATER, DEPOSITIONAL DUST, HVAS AND METEOROLOGICAL MONITORING

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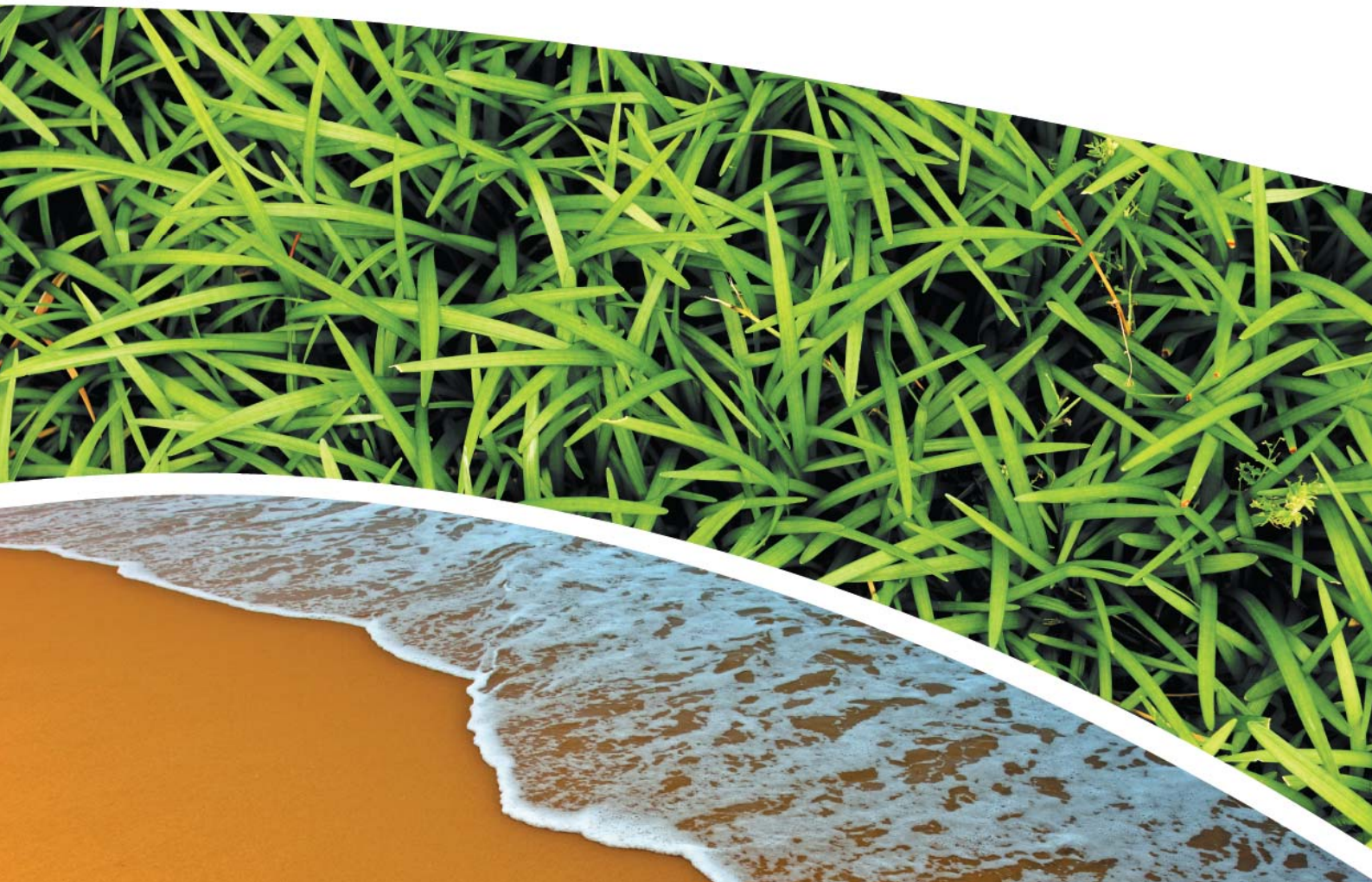

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1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Job Number: 6880.
Date Samples Received: During the month of May 2016.
Samples received were sampled by RCA Laboratories – Environmental staff.

This report satisfies the requirements to monitor environmental parameters as presented in the Pine Dale Mine Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 4911).

2 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

The analytical procedures used by RCA Laboratories – Environmental are based on established internationally recognised procedures such as APHA and Australian Standards. Analytical test methods are detailed in **Table 1**. When an external testing laboratory is used to obtain the analysis of samples which become a part of this report, then the details of that laboratory's official report will be attached in an Appendix.

Table 1 *Analytical Test Methods*

ANALYSIS	METHOD	UNITS	ANALYSING LABORATORY	NATA / NON-NATA ANALYSIS
Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter	ENV-LAB003	$\mu g/m^3$	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Determination of Particulate Matter – Deposited Matter	ENV-LAB004	g/m^2.month	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
pH	ENV-LAB006	pH	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Conductivity	ENV-LAB010	µS/cm	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Total Suspended Solids	ENV-LAB009	mg/L	RCA Laboratories – Environmental	NATA Analysis
Turbidity	ENV-LAB037	NTU	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	NATA Analysis
Oil and Grease	ENV-LAB022	mg/L	RCA Laboratories - Environmental	Non-NATA Analysis
Major Anions (Alkalinity, Cl, SO_4)	ED037, ED041, ED045	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Major Cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K)	ED093	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis
Dissolved Metals	EG020F	mg/L	ALS	NATA Analysis

3 WATER MONITORING RESULTS

3.1 GROUNDWATER

A total of 2 on-site groundwater samples were collected during the month of May 2016. Sampling at Bores P2, P3 and P7a are no longer required under the new sampling regime undertaken in accordance with Project Approval (PA 10_0041) and the Pine Dale Mine Water Management Plan (Report No. 613/20). This sampling regime commenced 1 August 2013. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2 *Groundwater Analysis Results – Monthly Monitoring*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	P6	P7
Sample Number	-	05166880011	05166880012
Date Sampled	-	05/05/16	5/05/16
Time Sampled	-	12:30	13:25
Depth to Water from Surface	m	25.18	6.84
Water Level (AHD)	m	891.77	887.56
Temperature	°C	15.0	15.0
pH	pH	7.19	6.28
Conductivity	µS/cm	1106	803
Turbidity	NTU	19	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	8.3	
TSS	mg/L	28	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	<2	
Bicarbonate Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	73	225
Total Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	mg/L	73	225
Sulfate (as SO_4)	mg/L	646	75
Chloride	mg/L	36	103
Calcium	mg/L	143	49
Magnesium	mg/L	66	52
Sodium	mg/L	60	52
Potassium	mg/L	23	9
Cobalt (dissolved)	mg/L	0.062	
Manganese (dissolved)	mg/L	2.66	
Nickel (dissolved)	mg/L	0.109	
Zinc (dissolved)	mg/L	0.072	
Iron (dissolved)	mg/L	29.7	<0.05
Trigger Levels			
pH trigger level	pH	6.2 – 8.0	6.3 – 8.0
Conductivity trigger level	µS/cm	1180	852
Water Level (AHD) #	m	887.90	883.28

NOTES: *****Depth relative to ground level (not standpipe height).

Indicates analysis was not required

Results shown in ***italics*** indicates exceedance of trigger level

Groundwater monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

3.2 EPA SURFACE WATER MONITORING

Routine quarterly surface water monitoring was undertaken during the month of February 2016 at three surface water sites, EPA points 2, 3 and 14. Water quality analysis results are shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3 *EPA Surface Water Analysis Results*

ANALYSIS	UNITS	EPA Point 2 Neubecks Ck Upstream	EPA Point 3 Neubecks Ck Downstream	EPA Point 14 Coxs River Downstream
Sample Number	-	05166880009	05166880004	05166880010
Date Sampled	-	5/05/2016	5/05/2016	5/05/2016
Time Sampled	-	12:05	10:27	09:52
Temperature	°C	11.5	14.1	17.5
pH	pH	7.07	6.35	7.45
Conductivity	µS/cm	1285	1950	1150
Sulfate	NTU	710	1840	174
Dissolved Iron	mg/L	0.13	0.17	<0.05
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	<5	7	10
Turbidity	mg/L	2	4	4
Trigger Levels				
pH	pH	7.1 – 8.0	6.4 – 8.0	7.5 – 8.0
Conductivity	µS/cm	2055	2223	1166
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	30	30	30

Results shown in ***italics*** indicates exceedance of trigger level

****** In a review of the Pine Dale Coal Mine water trigger levels (approved by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Environmental Protection Authority) trigger levels for pH, conductivity and total suspended solids have been developed for EPL Point 2, 3 & 14. However, these triggers are not stipulated as part of EPL 4911.

4 AIR QUALITY MONITORING RESULTS

4.1 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLERS (HVAS)

HVAS at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.9.3:2015, AS/NZS 3580.9.6:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007.

HVAS Total Suspended Particulate analysis results are shown in **Table 4**.

PM_{10} Suspended Particulate Matter results are shown in **Table 5**.

Table 4 *Total Suspended Particulates (µg/m³ 0°C 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	TSP (µg/m^3)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
05-May-16	20	05166880031	9251347	09-May-16	12:30	Client	24.00
11-May-16	17	05166880033	9251349	13-May-16	13:04	Client	24.00
17-May-16	19	05166880035	9251486	20-May-16	5:45	Client	24.00
23-May-16	33	05166880037	9251488	26-May-16	6:25	Client	23.98
29-May-16	9	05166880039	9251490	30-May-16	8:08	Client	24.00

Table 5 *Suspended Particulate Matter PM_{10} (µg/m^3 0^{o}C 101.3 kPa)*

RUN DATE	PM_{10} (µg/m^3)	SAMPLE NUMBER	FILTER NUMBER	DATE FILTER OFF	TIME FILTER OFF	FIELD TECH	HOURS RUN
05-May-16	13	05166880032	9251348	09-May-16	12:35	Client	24.00
11-May-16	7	05166880034	9251485	13-May-16	13:45	Client	23.95
17-May-16	9	05166880036	9251487	20-May-16	5:50	Client	24.00
23-May-16	8	05166880038	9251489	25-Jun-16	6:30	Client	24.00
29-May-16	5	05166880040	9251491	30-May-16	8:13	Client	24.00

4.1.1 TSP Summary

The EPA Annual Mean TSP allowable limit is 90µg/m^3. All TSP HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* (from June 2015 to May 2016) for the TSP unit is 19.1µg/m^3, which is well below the allowable limit of 90µg/m^3.

4.1.2 PM_{10} Summary

The EPA 24h Maximum PM_{10} allowable limit is 50µg/m^3. The EPA Annual Mean PM_{10} allowable limit is 30µg/m^3. All PM_{10} HVAS results recorded during this monitoring period conform to consent conditions, as the *current rolling annual mean* for the PM_{10} unit is 9.7µg/m^3, which is below the allowable limit of 30µg/m^3. The 24 hour maximum allowable limit of 50µg/m^3 was not exceeded during the month of May 2016.

4.1.3 Comments

HVAS monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**.

Graphical HVAS results presentations are shown in **Appendix 2**.

4.2 DEPOSITIONAL DUST

Depositional Dust Gauges at this facility conform to AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003 and AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007. Depositional Dust monitoring results are shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6 *Depositional Dust Monitoring - Deposited Matter – May 2016*

SAMPLE NUMBER	DEPOSIT GAUGE	DATE SAMPLE STARTED	DATE SAMPLE COMPLETED	NUMBER OF DAYS	NOTES	INSOLUBLE SOLIDS (g/m^2.month)	ASH (g/m^2.month)	COMBUSTIBLE MATTER (g/m^2.month)
05166880021	D1	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	0.5	0.3	0.2
05166880022	D2	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	0.3	0.1	0.2
05166880023	D3	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	0.8	0.5	0.3
05166880024	D4	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	0.4	0.2	0.2
05166880025	D5	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	0.5	0.3	0.2
05166880026	D6	5/04/2016	5/05/2016	30	I	1.1	0.7	0.4

Glossary of Terms Used in Notes:

I Insects (eg, Ants, Spiders)

4.2.1 Allowable Depositional Dust Limits

The EPA Long Term (Annual Average) Dust Limit is 4g/m^2 per month. All Depositional Dust results during this monitoring period are in compliance with consent conditions. The Annual Average for Dust Gauges D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6 are all less than or equal to 1.4g/m^2 per month, which is below the allowable Annual Average Long Term Limit of 4g/m^2 per month.

Depositional Dust monitoring locations are shown in **Appendix 1**. Graphical Depositional Dust results are shown in **Appendix 2**.

5 BLASTING RESULTS

No blasting was undertaken during this month as mining operations have ceased since the end of March 2014.

6 NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Routine quarterly noise monitoring was not required to be undertaken this month; the next round is scheduled to be undertaken during July 2016.

7 OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

All of the approved minable reserves at the Pine Dale Mine have now been exhausted. Operational mining and the last coal sales ceased as of the end of March 2014.

All former operators have been made redundant; however some statutory positions still remain. Pine Dale Mine has been placed in care and maintenance since April 2014.

8 SUMMARY

During the month of May 2016 environmental monitoring constituents were found to be generally in compliance with EPL 4911.

Rolling annual averages from both the TSP and PM_{10} High Volume Air Samplers are currently well below the EPA Annual Mean TSP and PM_{10} criterion of 90µg/m^3 and 30µg/m^3 respectively.

Currently there are no depositional dust gauge results which are greater than the EPA Long Term (annual average) criteria of 4g/m^2.month based upon a rolling average of the past 12 months.

Pine Dale Mine ceased operation in March 2014 and therefore no blasting occurred at the site.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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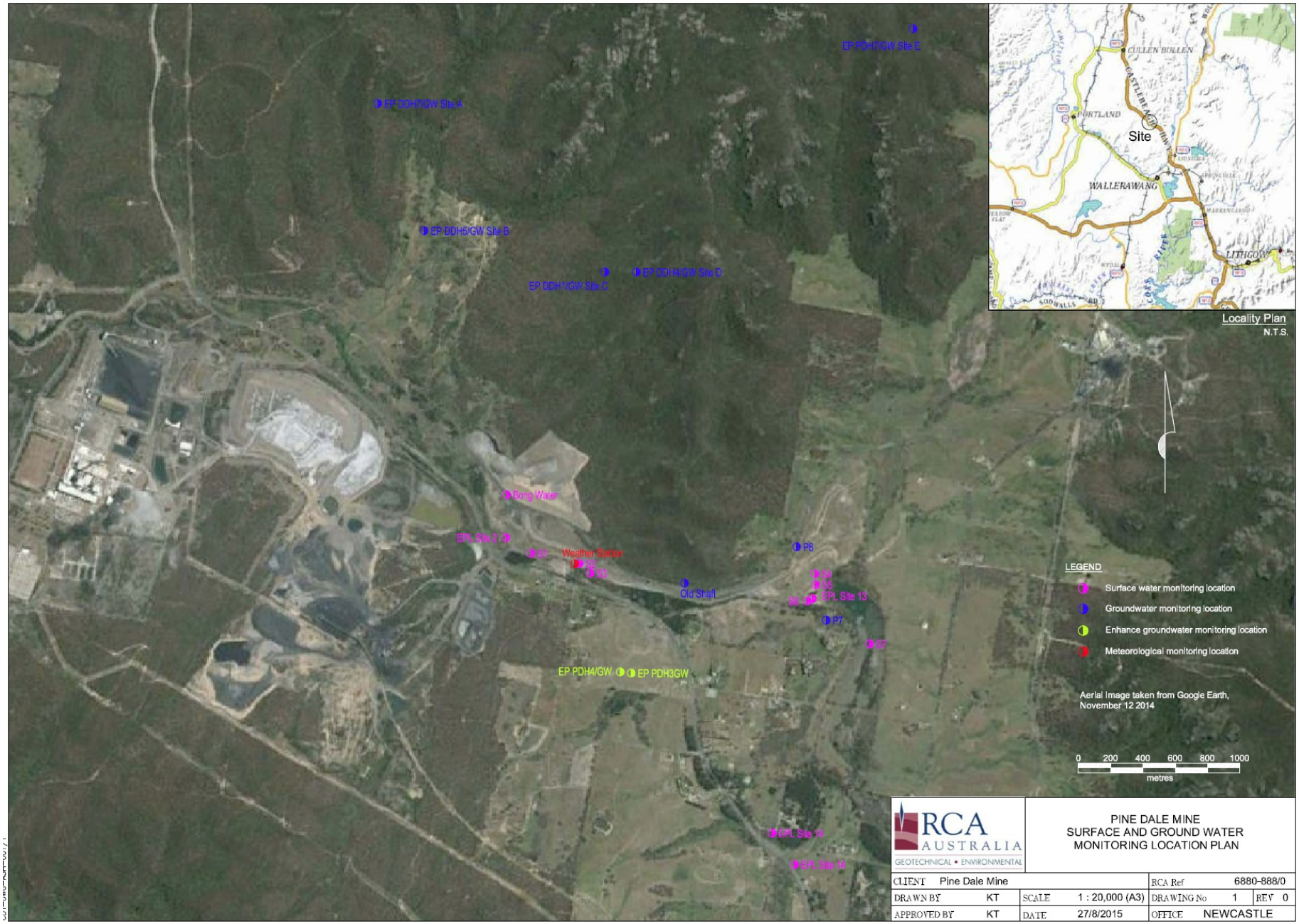
Appendix 1

Surface Water Groundwater and Air Quality Monitoring Locations



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SURFACE AND GROUND WATER
MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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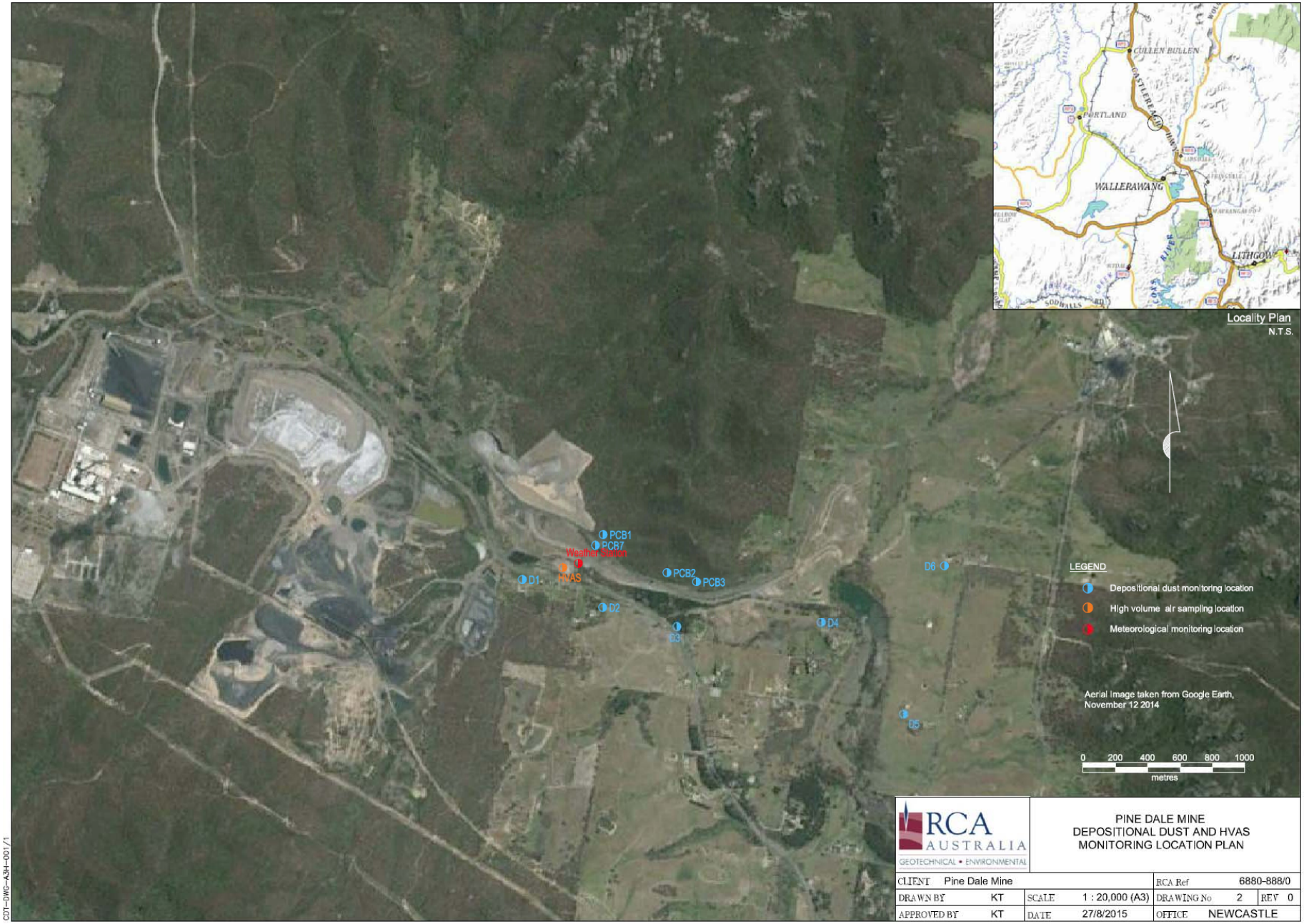

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DEPOSITIONAL DUST AND HVAS MONITORING LOCATION PLAN

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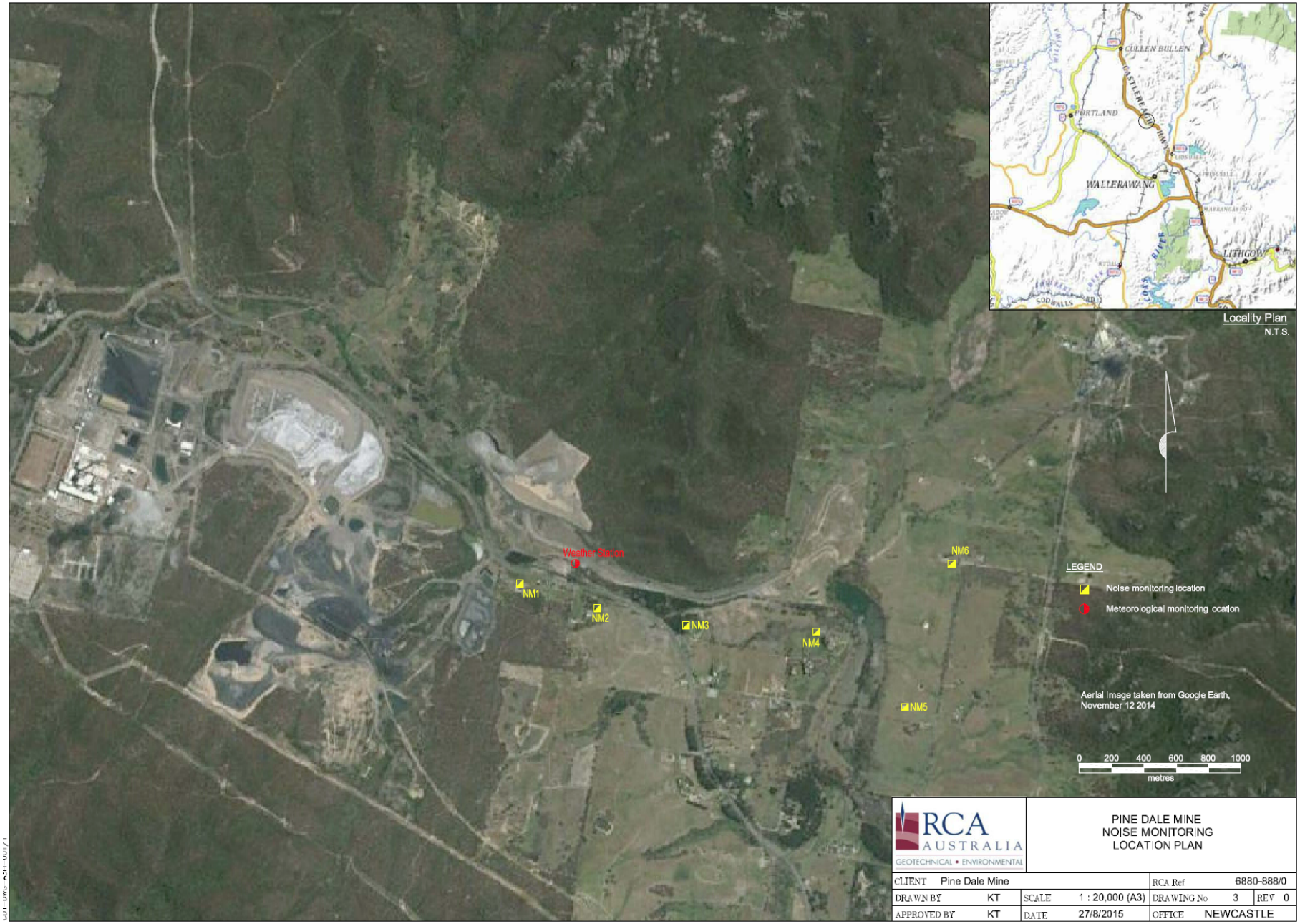

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PINE DALE MINE
NOISE MONITORING
LOCATION PLAN

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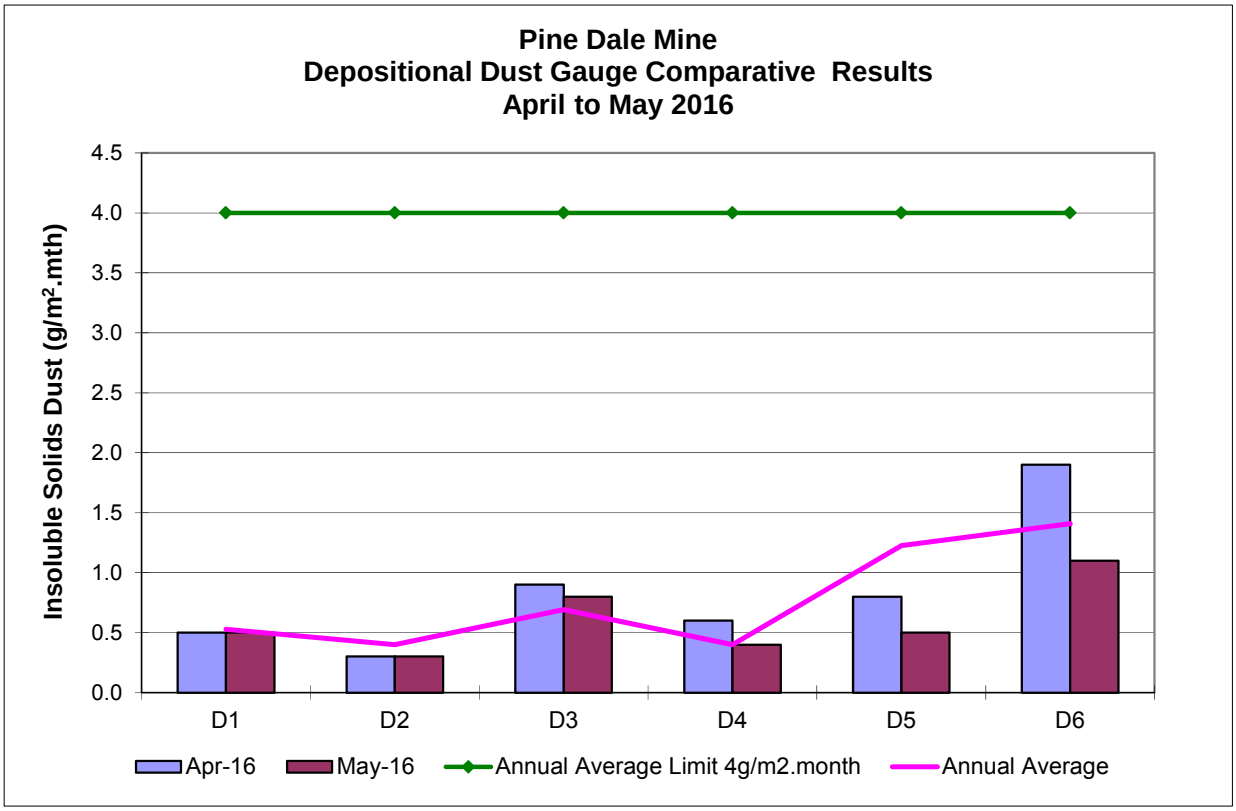
Appendix 2

Depositional Dust and HVAS Graphs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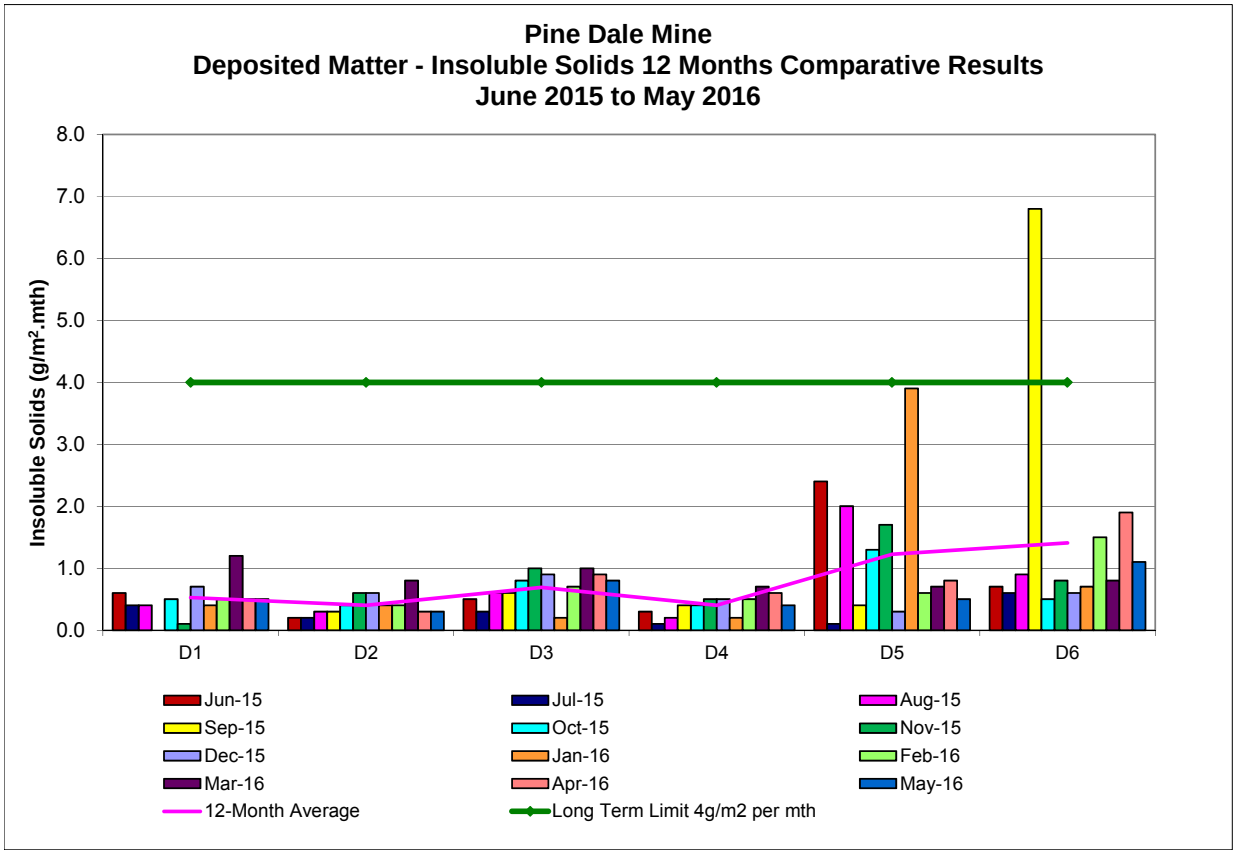
Depositional Dust Gauge Comparative Results
April to May 2016
Insoluble Solids Dust (g/m².mth)
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
D1
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6
Apr-16
May-16
Annual Average Limit 4g/m2.month
Annual Average


Pine Dale Mine
Deposited Matter - Insoluble Solids 12 Months Comparative Results
June 2015 to May 2016
Insoluble Solids (g/m².mth)
8.0
7.0
6.0
5.0
4.0
3.0
2.0
1.0
0.0
D1
D2
D3
D4
D5
D6
Jun-15
Jul-15
Aug-15
Sep-15
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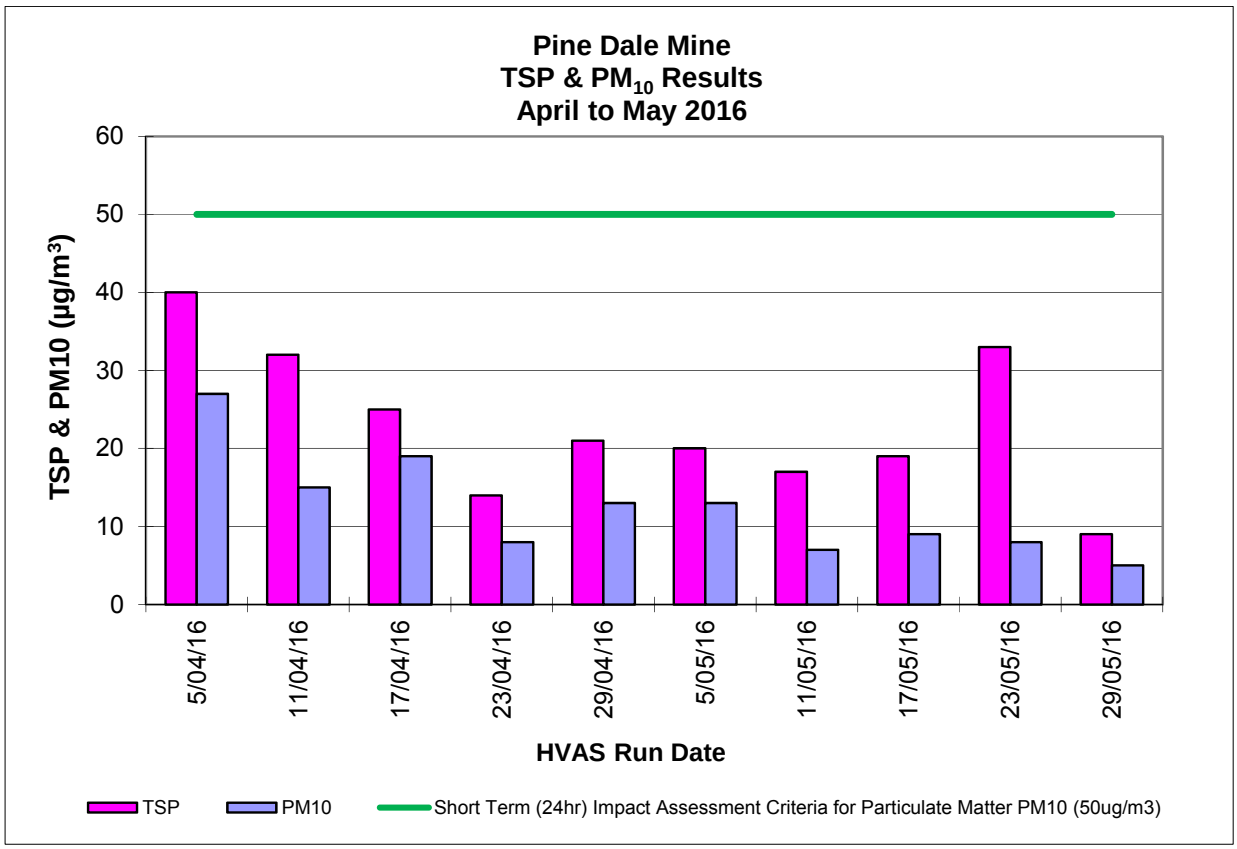
Apr-16
May-16
12-Month Average
Long Term Limit 4g/m2 per mth


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 Results
April to May 2016
TSP & PM10 (µg/m³)
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
5/04/16
11/04/16
17/04/16
23/04/16
29/04/16
5/05/16
11/05/16
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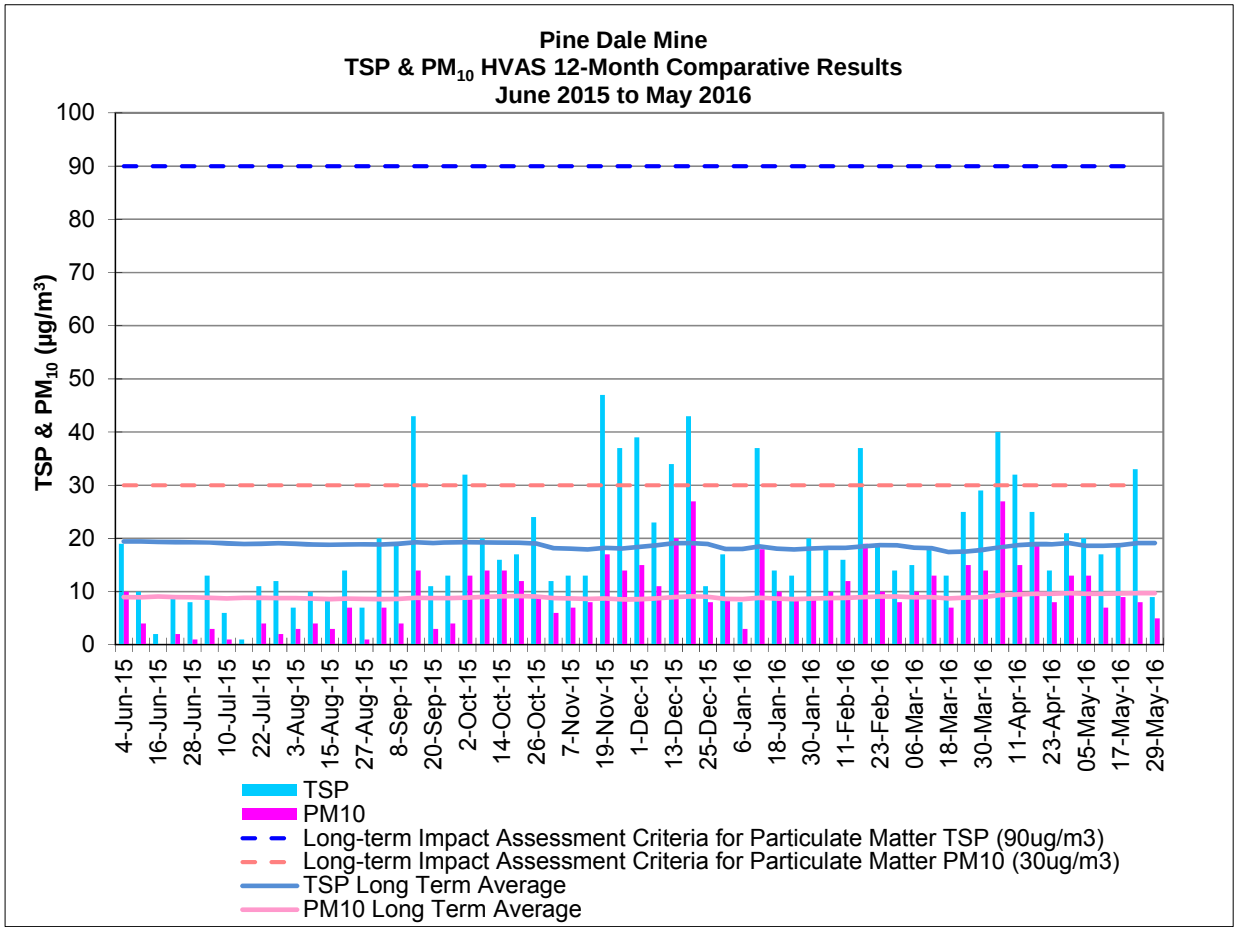
HVAS Run Date
TSP
PM10
Short Term (24hr) Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (50ug/m3)


Pine Dale Mine
TSP & PM10 HVAS 12-Month Comparative Results
June 2015 to May 2016
TSP & PM10 (µg/m³)
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
4-Jun-15
16-Jun-15
28-Jun-15
10-Jul-15
22-Jul-15
3-Aug-15
15-Aug-15
27-Aug-15
8-Sep-15
20-Sep-15
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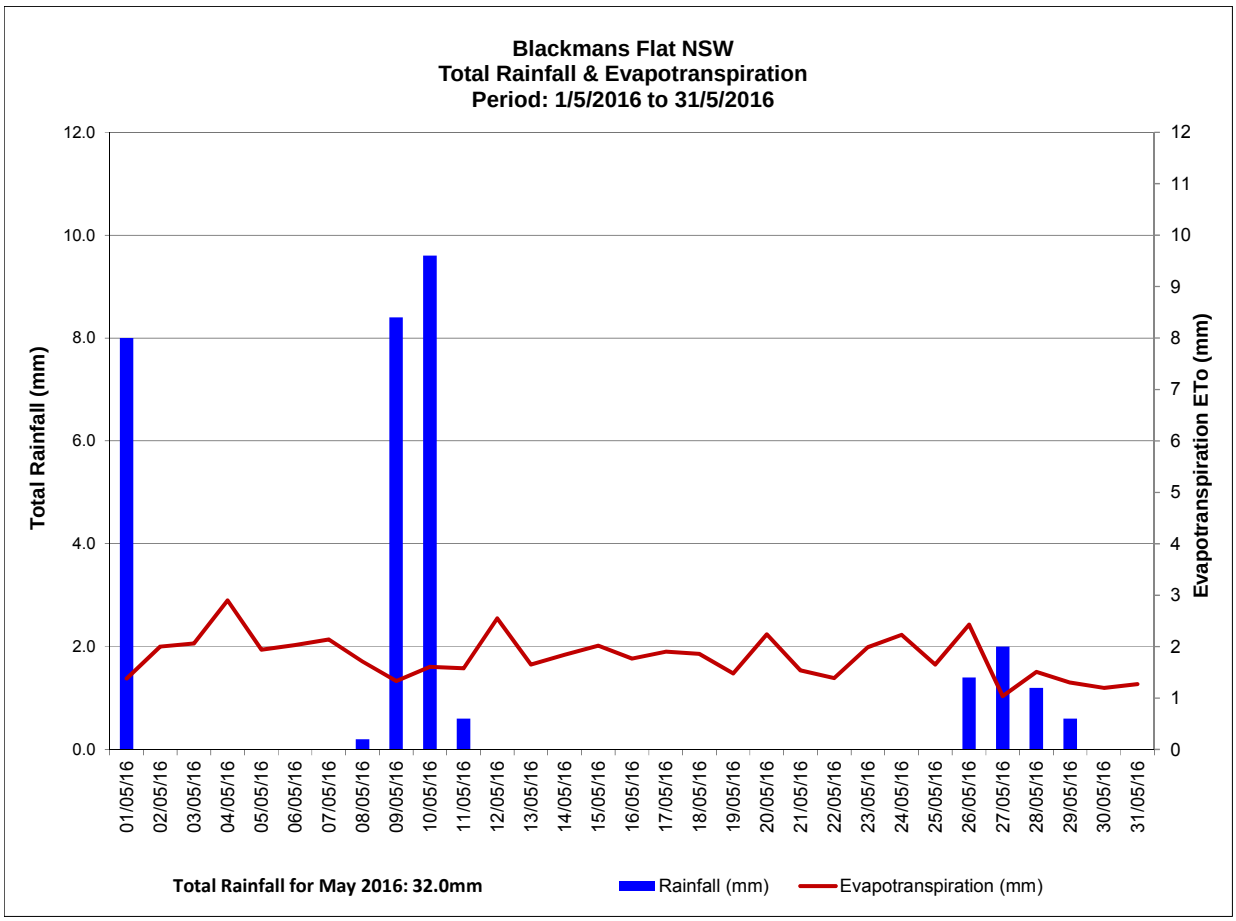
06-Mar-16
18-Mar-16
30-Mar-16
11-Apr-16
23-Apr-16
05-May-16
17-May-16
29-May-16
TSP
PM10
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter TSP (90ug/m3)
Long-term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter PM10 (30ug/m3)
TSP Long Term Average
PM10 Long Term Average

Appendix 3

Meteorological Data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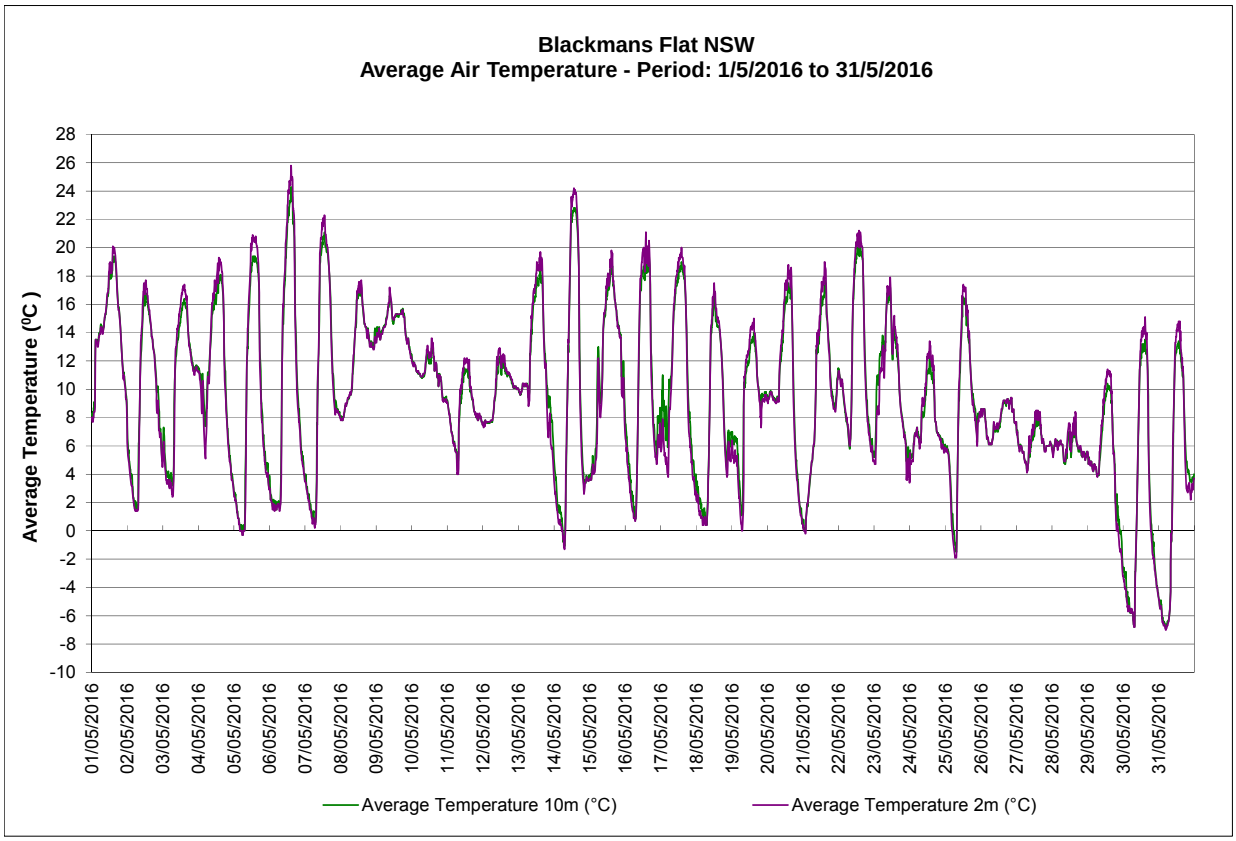
Total Rainfall & Evapotranspiration
Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Total Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration ETo (mm)
Total Rainfall for May 2016: 32.0mm
Rainfall (mm)
Evapotranspiration (mm)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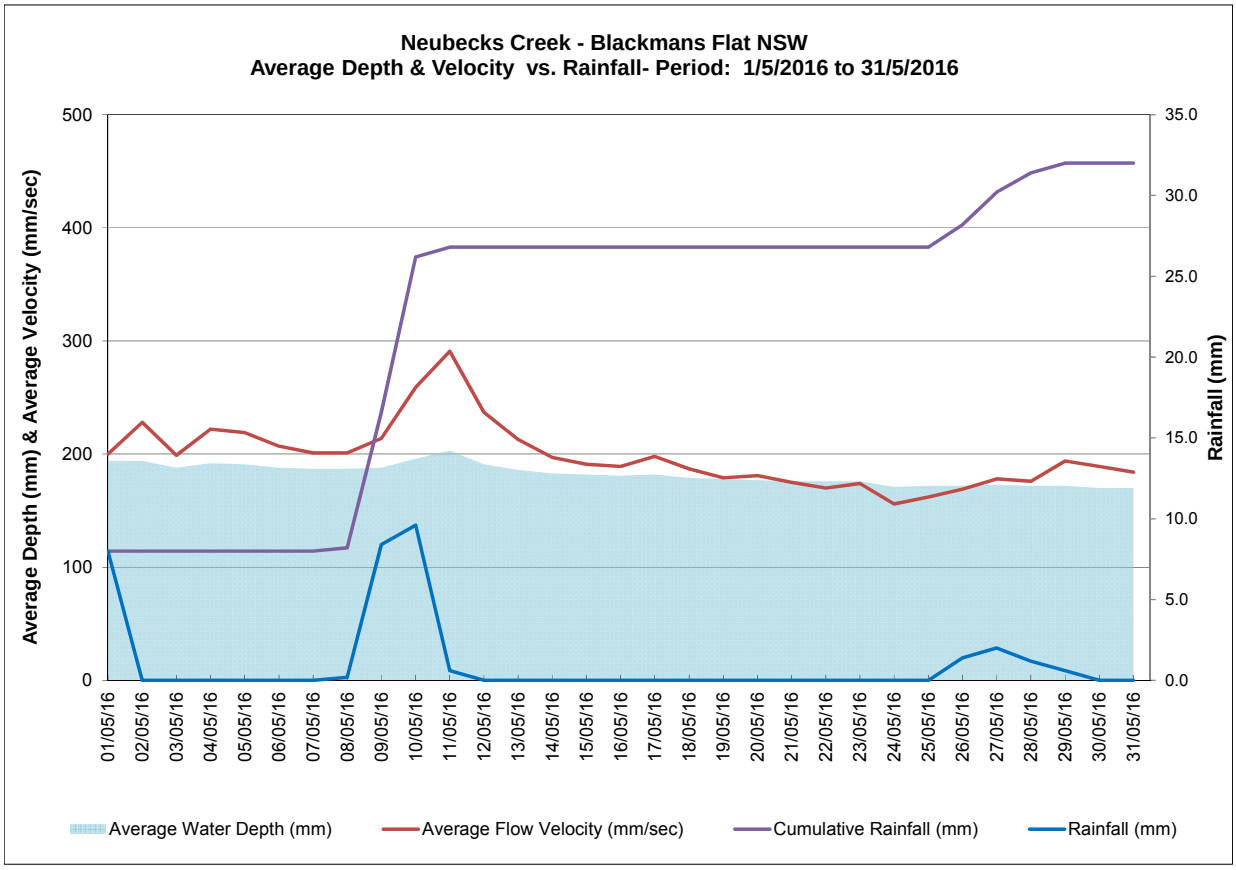
Average Air Temperature - Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Average Temperature (ºC)
Average Temperature 10m (°C)
Average Temperature 2m (°C)


Neubecks Creek - Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Depth & Velocity vs. Rainfall- Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Average Depth (mm) & Average Velocity (mm/sec)
Rainfall (mm)
500
400
300
200
100
0
35.0
30.0
25.0
20.0
15.0
10.0
5.0
0.0
01/05/16
02/05/16
03/05/16
04/05/16
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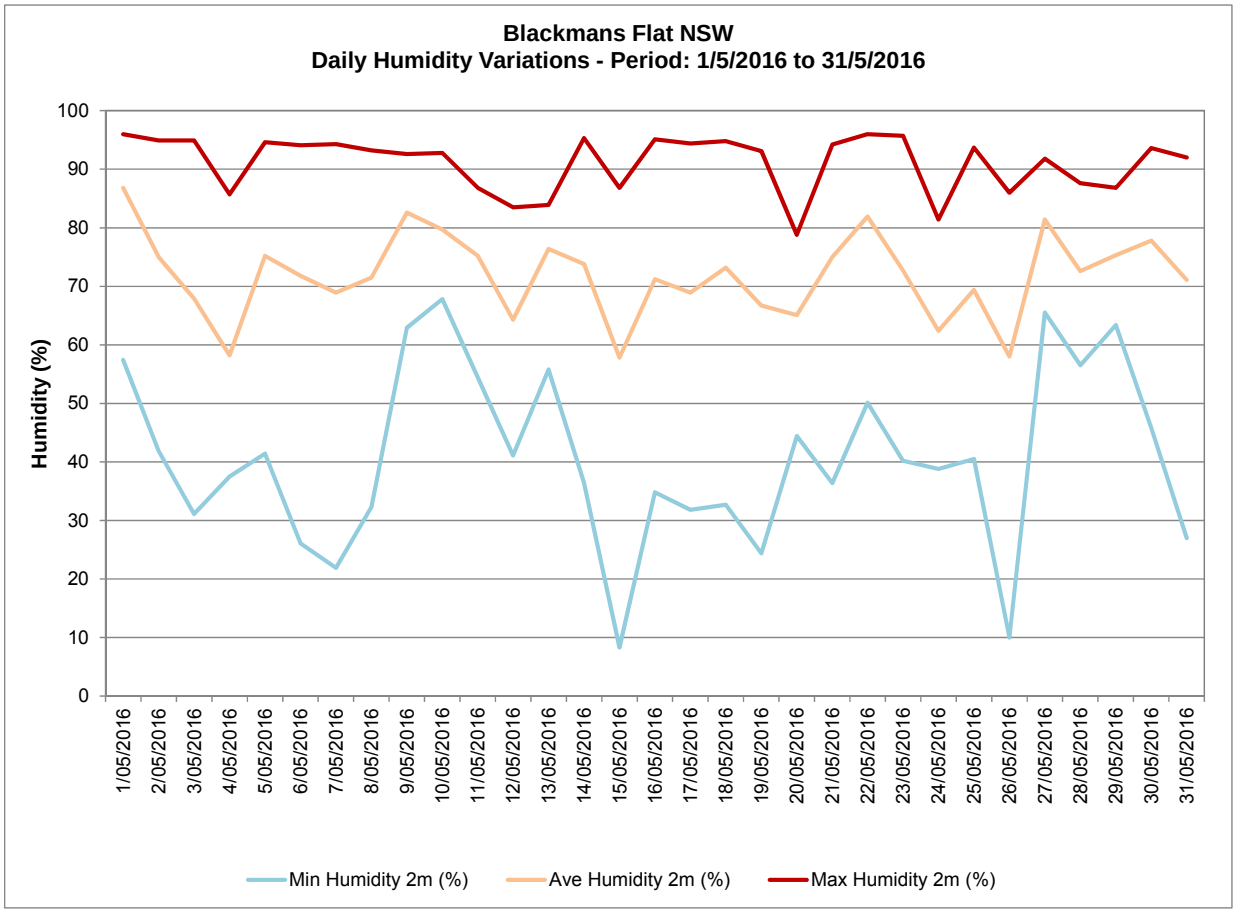
Average Water Depth (mm)
Average Flow Velocity (mm/sec)
Cumulative Rainfall (mm)
Rainfall (mm)


Blackmans Flat NSW
Daily Humidity Variations - Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Humidity (%)
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
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10
0
1/05/2016
2/05/2016
3/05/2016
4/05/2016
5/05/2016
6/05/2016
7/05/2016
8/05/2016
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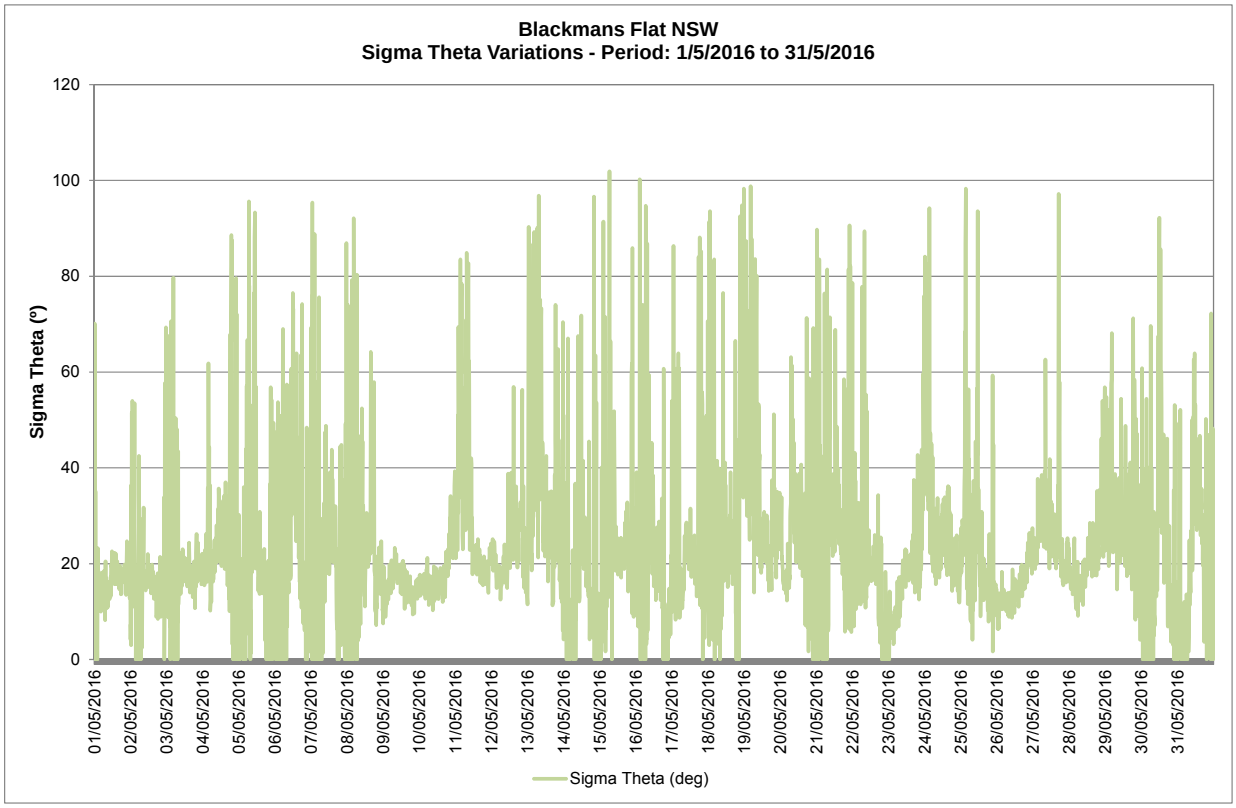
Blackmans Flat NSW
Sigma Theta Variations - Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Sigma Theta (°)
120
100
80
60
40
20
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02/05/2016
03/05/2016
04/05/2016
05/05/2016
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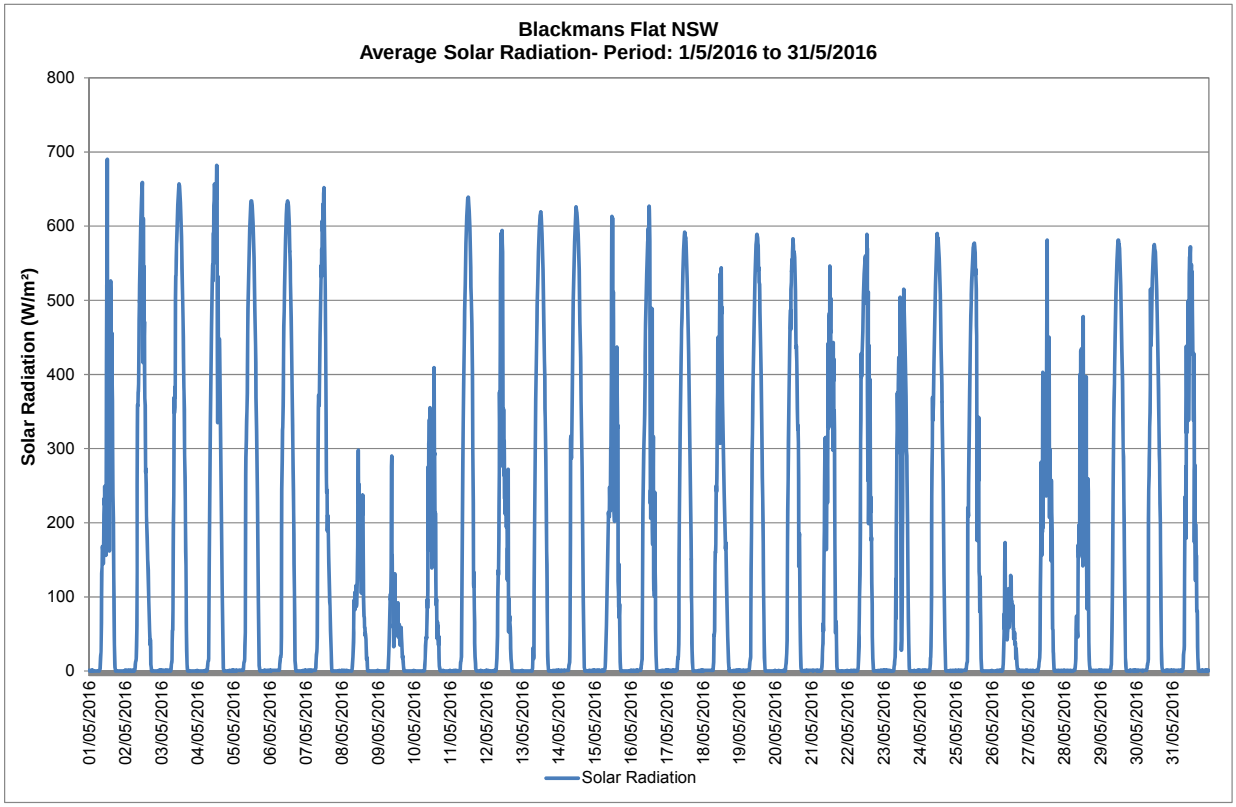
Blackmans Flat NSW
Average Solar Radiation- Period: 1/5/2016 to 31/5/2016
Solar Radiation (W/m²)
800
700
600
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400
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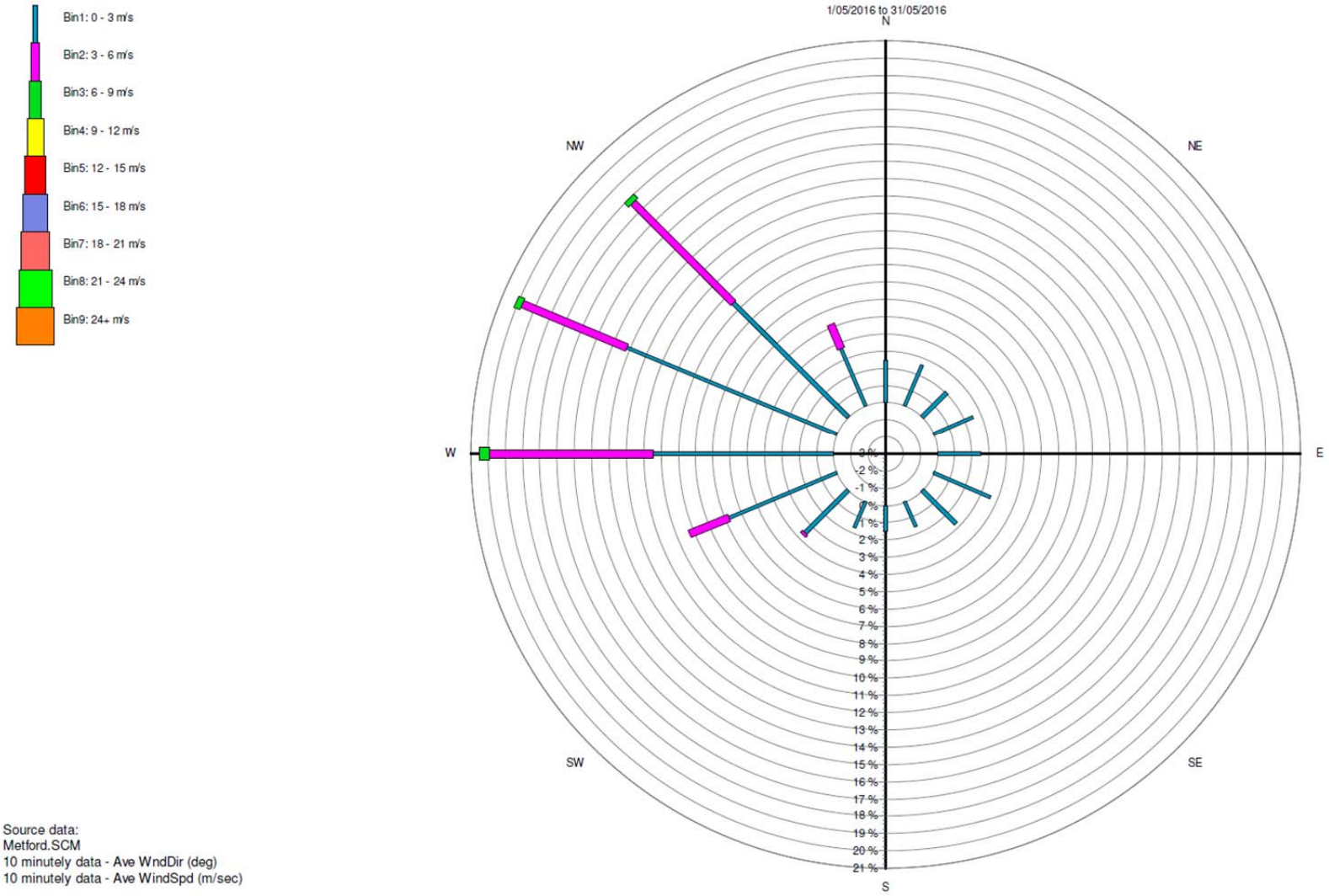

Source data:
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10 minutely data - Ave WndDir (deg)
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