

ERC SNAPSHOT – MAY 2022

Stawell Gold Mines – Environmental Review Committee

Q1 2022 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring allows SGM to assess its performance in relation to a range of environmental aspects that include air quality, blasting, noise, water, and regulatory notices.

During Q1, SGM was compliant with all environmental monitoring aspects, except for:

- **Water** – Ongoing offsite detection of thiocyanate (SCN) and Total Cyanide concentrations in groundwater bore SP585. The most recent sampling event showed a slight increase in SCN and a slight decrease in Total Cyanide. The rolling average at this location continues to trend downwards. SGM remains compliant with all EPA Notice requirements.
- **Noise** - Noise monitoring was conducted by SGM during the quarter. SGM achieved all site noise limits during the Day period. One elevated result was recorded at the East monitoring location during the Evening period. Audible noise from birds, sheep, chainsaws and traffic were noted at this location, in addition to noise from mine operations.

Two elevated results were recorded during the Night period at North, East and monitoring locations. Wildlife, traffic and dogs were audible at these locations, in addition to noise from mine operations. Closest residents were contacted as per SGM's new response to noise issues – Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP), and they reported no concerns with noise over the period.

- **Dust** - One complaint was received in relation to dust on-site during the Q1 reporting period.

Q2 2022 Production Area

During Q1 SGM was compliant for all production and development blasts.

An updated blasting locations map for Q2 2022 is available on SGM's Community Hub website and Facebook page.

SGM also offers a blast notification text message system when firing production occurs. Any resident who would like to receive the message can contact SGM via email or phone.

ERC Recruitment

We are pleased to advise that Peter Mueller has joined the ERC as a Community Representative. Peter has a keen interest in, and knowledge of, environmental issues.

If you are interested in joining this important local committee, further information can be accessed at:

<https://stawellgoldminescommunityhub.com.au/>

Davis Pit Rehabilitation Update

SGM continues to work on the rehabilitation of the Davis Pit. In the near future, approx. 26,000m³ of oxide material will be taken from Mt Micke – Wonga to Davis Pit to form capping to the final landform level. Further surface water management structures will also be installed in the future.

Traffic control will be provided at the Levithan and Bulgana road intersection to allow for the delivery of the oxide material. It is expected to take approximately 6 weeks, weekday and dayshift only, to move the material.

Dust control and intersection maintenance will be in place for the duration of program, and the area will be treated with seed/mulch, or dust suppressant, depending on the weather, upon completion of the program.

This work is the next step towards completing the rehabilitation of the area. Once all steps are complete, and SGM has had relinquishment of the land, the area will be handed back to the community for their use. This will only happen once a sustainable landform is proven.



Contact Us

For further information or to request a copy of the ERC meeting minutes please contact Stawell Gold Mines on 03 5383 1022 or enquiries@stawellgoldmines.com or www.facebook.com/stawellgoldmines



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