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## **Activities at a glance**

#### **Summary of our regulatory activities**



SAFETY INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

170



DEPLOYMENT IN
RESPONSE TO SAFETY
INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS

3



SAFETY SITE ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED

186



MINING ACT 1992 SITE ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED

17



MINING ACT 1992 SECURITY DEPOSIT REVIEWS ACTIONED

**20** 



SAFETY SITE
ASSESSMENTS %
PROACTIVE (VS REACTIVE)
CONDUCTED

88%



MINING ACT 1992
PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED

3



SAFETY STATUTORY NOTICES ISSUED

193



MINING ACT 1992 SAFETY STATUTORY NOTICES ISSUED

5



INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

10



## **Key activities**

The NSW Resources Regulator published the following investigation and safety bulletins:

- an <u>information sheet</u> on certificate of conformity condition on design registrations for Explosion Protected Diesel Engine Systems (ExDES)
- five weekly incident summaries highlighting 16 dangerous incidents

Other publications as related to key activities included:

- acceptance of a WHS <u>enforceable undertaking</u> from Winder Controls Australia Pty Ltd following investigation into an incident on 6 October 2020 where the head sheave pulley wheel dislodged from its support frame in the drift winder and fell to the ground almost injuring a worker
- rejection of a WHS <u>enforceable undertaking</u> given by Endeavour Coal Pty Ltd in relation to an incident on 8 June 2019 where a worker suffered serious injuries after becoming trapped in scraper conveyor
- commencement of MSAC Safety Reporting Survey for the NSW coal mining industry
- announcement of upcoming collision avoidance <u>events</u> throughout 2022, and the 2022 Small Mines Roadshows <u>events</u>.
- compliance <u>audit reports</u> relating to exploration licences held by Goldreef Resources Pty Ltd,
   Thomson Resources Ltd, Oxley Exploration Pty Ltd/Isokind Pty Ltd and Peak Gold Mines Pty Ltd.

For more activities refer to Mine Safety News and Mine Rehabilitation News.



## **Work Health and Safety activities**

## **Safety incident notifications**

#### DETAILS OF SAFETY INCIDENTS WHERE INSPECTORS WERE DEPLOYED

DATE NOTIFIED	REPORTING SECTOR	HAZARD	INCIDENT
1 Feb	Coal mines	Mechanical engineering control plan	A motor room crane failed to hold a load, allowing the load to fall uncontrolled from height.
8 Feb	Coal mines	Fire or explosion	A truck omitted flame from catalytic converter, and upon investigation a build-up of explosive product was found behind the converter cover.
13 Feb	Coal mines	Ground or strata failure	A dozer was working at stockpile when a ground void opened in the vicinity.
TOTAL			3

## Targeted assessment program

#### **DETAILS OF TARGETED SAFETY SITE ASSESSMENTS\***

SECTOR	HAZARD / CONTROL PLAN	NO.
Coal mines	Hazard/Control plan - Electrical Engineering Control Plan	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		1

<sup>\*</sup>Includes site assessments conducted virtually

## Safety compliance – prohibition notices

Prohibition notices issued this month under section 195 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

#### **PROHIBITION NOTICES ISSUED**

ISSUED TO PCBU*	MINE LOCATION	PROHIBITED ACTIVITY
Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd	Rixs Creek Mine	Removal of dozer from stockpile.
Boggabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd	Boggabri Coal Mine - Open Cut	Removal or replacing front wheel hubs on spindles on specified trucks.
Mt Arthur Coal Pty Ltd	Mt Arthur North - (incl CHPP)	Operation of specified truck other than to continue investigation into fire.



ISSUED TO PCBU*	MINE LOCATION	PROHIBITED ACTIVITY
Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd	Narrabri Colliery	Dry drilling on the specified face.
Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd	Tomingley Gold Mine	Ore and waste haulage below the switchback, with exception of material needed for road/ramp construction.
TOTAL		5

<sup>\*</sup>Person conducting a business or undertaking

## Mining authorisation activities

#### **EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

No applications requesting exemption from specific provisions of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 were refused this month.

#### HIGH RISK ACTIVITY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

MINE	LEGISLATION*	TYPE OF NOTIFICATION	NO.
Appin Colliery	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 15	The formation of a pillar other than a conforming pillar.	1
Dendrobium Colliery	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 16(1)(a)	Secondary extraction by longwall mining, shortwall mining or miniwall mining	1
Mandalong Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 15	The formation of a pillar other than a conforming pillar.	1
Narrabri Colliery	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 12	Driving on underground roadway with a width greater than 5.5 metres.	1
Northparkes Mines	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 35	The establishment, operation, alteration or decommissioning of a tailings storage facility.	1
Tahmoor Colliery	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 10	Sealing (other than emergency sealing), but only if notice has not been given as part of a notice for secondary extraction.	1
Wambo Coal Handling & Preparation Plant	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 27	The establishment, operation, alteration or decommissioning of an emplacement area.	1
TOTAL			7

<sup>\*</sup>Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014



## Mining Act 1992 regulatory activities

## **Compliance activities**

## **Statutory notices issued**

#### **NOTICES OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED DETAILS**

ISSUED TO	LOCATION	SUMMARY S.240 OF THE <i>MINING</i> ACT 1992 DIRECTION
Macquarie Marble and Lime Pty Ltd	ML 1446 (1992)	Properly and adequately secure the entry point to ML 1446 on the Western side of the mine footprint. This point must be secured to prevent vehicle access. Install an appropriate sign on any barrier or fence erected to alert to the fact that access is prohibited to the public.
Perilya Broken Hill Limited	Potosi Operations	Nominate for the approval of the Resources Regulator a suitably qualified and experienced soil science expert to undertake characterisation analysis of the soils and materials on the mine site to determine the management and amelioration measures that will need to be implemented to achieve rehabilitation outcomes at the Perilya Broken Hill Limited Potosi Mine.  Submit a final report prepared by the suitably qualified expert engaged.
Perilya Broken Hill Limited	North Mine	Nominate for the approval of the Resources Regulator a suitably qualified and experienced soil science expert to undertake characterisation analysis of the soils and materials on the mine site to determine the management and amelioration measures that will need to be implemented to achieve rehabilitation outcomes at the Perilya Broken Hill Limited North Mine.  Submit a final report prepared by the suitably qualified expert engaged.
Perilya Broken Hill Limited	Southern Operations	Nominate for the approval of the Resources Regulator a suitably qualified and experienced soil science expert to undertake characterisation analysis of the soils and materials on the mine site to determine the management and amelioration measures that will need to be implemented to achieve rehabilitation outcomes at the Perilya Broken Hill Limited Southern Operations.  Submit a final report prepared by the suitably qualified expert engaged.
Sibelco Australia Limited	ML 1466 (1992)	Undertake all necessary rehabilitation work(s) at Stubby Clay Mine in order to achieve the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria specified in the Stubbo Clay Mine MOP.  Prepare and submit to the Regulator a rehabilitation report for the period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 which addresses listed reporting requirements.  Prepare and submit to the Regulator a rehabilitation report for the period 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 which addresses listed reporting requirements.



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ISSUED TO	LOCATION	SUMMARY S.240 OF THE <i>MINING</i> ACT 1992 DIRECTION
		Prepare and submit to the Regulator a rehabilitation report for the period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024 which addresses listed reporting requirements.
		Prepare and submit to the Regulator a rehabilitation report for the period 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025 which addresses listed reporting requirements.

## **Key enforcement actions**

#### **MINING ACT 1992 KEY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

TOTAL

DATE	ENTITY	AUTHORITY	ACTION	AMOUNT	ALLEGATION/FINDING
28 Feb	Forbex Pty Ltd	EL 8731 (1992)	Penalty Notice	\$1,000	Contravention of s292c of the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> for failing to pay rent and levy fees.
28 Feb	Volcan Australia Corporation Pty Ltd	EL 7301 (1992)	Penalty Notice	\$1,000	Contravention of s292c of the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> for failing to pay rent and levy fees.
28 Feb	National Granite Pty Ltd	EL 8371	Penalty Notice	\$2,500	Contravention of s378C of the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> for providing false or misleading information.
TOTAL					3



## **Industry engagement activities**

## **Committees and other industry body involvement**

COMMITTEES AND OTHER INDUSTRY BODY INVOLVEMENT

COMMITTEE / BODY	DETAIL
Standards Association – earthmoving equipment	Meeting
Fire and Rescue NSW-led multiagency research collaborative research program - Lithium ion battery fires	Initial workshop
Cobar Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Rescue Committee	Quarterly meeting
Far Western Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Rescue Committee	Quarterly meeting
Gunnedah Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Rescue Committee	Quarterly meeting
Maitland Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Rescue Committee	Quarterly meeting
Wollondilly Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Rescue Committee	Quarterly meeting
Total	7



## **External education and engagement activities**

#### **WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS**

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DETAIL
Industry Forum	Newcastle	Small Mines Roadshow
Industry Forum	Mulwala	Small Mines Roadshow
Industry Forum	Tamworth	Small Mines Roadshow
TOTAL		3

## **Publication and alerts**

#### MEDIA RELEASES, SAFETY BULLETINS AND PUBLICATIONS

ТҮРЕ	NUMBER
Enforceable undertaking	2
Guidance material	2
Mine safety news	2
Reports	8
Weekly summary	5
Grand Total	19