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## **RE: NOVEMBER 2023 ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING RESULTS – BUTTAI QUARRY**

This letter report presents the results of attended noise monitoring conducted for the Buttai Quarry (BQ) on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2023. Noise monitoring was carried out in accordance with the conditions of the BQ Noise Management Plan (NMP) as shown in extract below.

### ***6.4 NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN***

#### ***6.4.1 Objectives***

- to ensure that quarry operations do not give rise to 'offensive noise';
- to minimise the impact of noise on surrounding residents;
- to meet the relevant noise criteria applicable to quarry operations as detailed in conditions of consent (under neutral conditions when measured within a radius of 30 metres):

an LA10 (15 minute) of 38dBA (daytime)

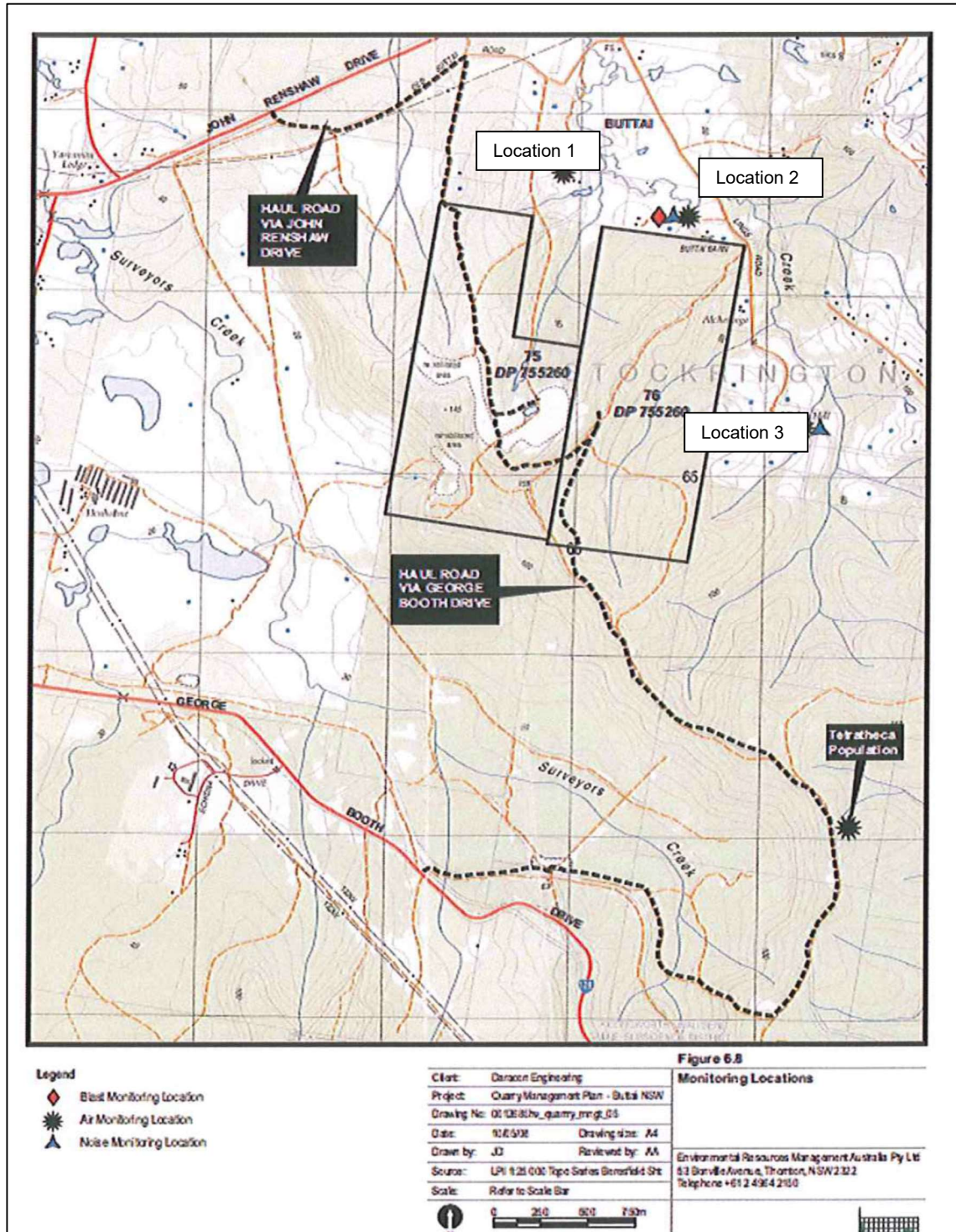
an LA10 (15 minute) of 32 dBA (night time)

noise of traffic associated with the quarry operations shall not exceed an Laeq (1 hour) of 50dBA when measured or computed at the façade of any dwelling.

## NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS

Noise measurement locations for the attended noise survey are listed below and shown in the accompanying figure:

- Location 1: Brooks, 45 Old Buttai Road  
Location 2: Maddison (Buttai Barn), 160 Lings Road  
Location 3: Bishop, 281 Lings Road



## NOISE MEASUREMENTS

Noise emission levels were measured with a Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Precision Sound Analyser. This instrument has Type 1 characteristics as defined in AS1259-1982 “Sound Level Meters”. Calibration of the instrument was confirmed with a Brüel & Kjær Type 4231 Sound Level Calibrator prior to and at the completion of measurements.

Meteorological data used in this report was obtained from a hand held weather station with measurements made at approximately 2m above ground level. The weather throughout the survey was mild with hazy skies. The winds were moderate from the southwest.

The following plant and equipment was working on the day that the monitoring was being undertaken;

- 1x impact crusher;
- 1x stacker making clay capping;
- 3x loaders;
- 2x 30t excavators;
- 1x watercart;
- 66 truck and dogs out the gate;

## RESULTS

The measured noise levels, over 1 second intervals, were analysed using Brüel & Kjær “*Evaluator*” software. The software enables the contributions of the quarry and other significant noise sources to the overall to be quantified. Noise levels were recorded for each of the L10, Leq (15 min), Lmax, L1, L90 and Lmin percentiles. As detailed in the NMP the noise criterion for BQ during the day is based on an L10 noise level.

The results shown in **Table 1**, below, represent the total 15 minute L10 noise level for all noise sources. Noise from BQ is shown in bold type. Levels for the other percentiles are not shown as they have no compliance criteria for comparison but are available on request.

| Table 1<br>Buttai Quarry Noise Monitoring Results – 22 November 2023 |          |                          |                          |  |
|--|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Location   | Time     | dB(A)<br>L <sub>10</sub> | Wind speed/<br>direction | Identified Noise Sources   |
| 1  | 11:30 am | 41                       | 3.5 m/s SW               | Birds & insects (40), traffic (34), <b>BQ inaudible (&lt;20)</b> |
| 2  | 11:50 am | 38                       | 2.5 m/s SW               | Birds & insects (36), traffic (33), <b>BQ inaudible (&lt;20)</b> |
| 3  | 12:15 am | 39                       | 3.0 m/s SW               | Birds & insects (39), traffic (26), <b>BQ inaudible (&lt;20)</b> |

The results shown in Table 1 show that, under the operational and atmospheric conditions at the time of monitoring, noise emissions from BQ were inaudible at all monitoring locations. The operation of BQ was, therefore, in compliance with the applicable noise conditions detailed in the NMP.

We trust this report fulfils your requirements at this time, however, should you require additional information or assistance please contact the undersigned on 4954 2276.

Yours faithfully,

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