

ARR0001352

ESCOTT ZEOLITE MINE ANNUAL REHABILITATION REPORT

Wednesday 2 August 2023 to Thursday 1 August 2024





Summary table

| DETAIL | |
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| Mine | Escott Zeolite Mine |
| Reference | ARR0001352 |
| Annual report period commencement date | Wednesday 2 August 2023 |
| Annual report period end date | Thursday 1 August 2024 |
| Forward program | FWP0001222 |
| Mining leases | ML 1356 (1992) |
| Lease holder(s) | ZEOLITE AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED |
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Date of submission

Friday 27 September 2024

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Mine details

Project description

Escott Zeolite Mine (Zeolite) is an open cut zeolite mine owned and operated by Zeolite Australia Pty Limited (ZAPL). Zeolite comprises Mining Lease (ML) 1356 and is located approximately 1.5km South of Werris Creek and 11km North-Northwest of Quirindi in New South Wales, within an area defined as the Gunnedah Coalfield. Zeolite currently operates under the conditions and commitments of ML 1356 and Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) 6378. Zeolite is approved to produce up to 30,000 tonnes (T) of Zeolite annually.

Life of mine

12 years

Current development consents, leases and licences

Development consents granted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

DA 29/93

Authorisations covering the mining area granted under the Mining Act 1992

ML 1356 (1992)

Any other approvals, licences, or authorities issued by government agencies that are relevant to the progress of mining operation and rehabilitation activities

EPL 6378

Summary of the scope and/or purpose of the new applications or modifications to existing approvals (if applicable)

Changes to land ownership and land use

There have been no changes to land ownership during the reporting period.



Surface disturbance and rehabilitation activities during the reporting period

Surface disturbance and rehabilitation activities that were conducted and an analysis of the progress against the rehabilitation schedule

Mining operations in the Main Pit North, include: • Continued mining of the northern block at rate of up to 20,000 tonnes per annum (tpa), approximately 9,000 tonnes of Zeolite Ore was produced during the last reporting period; • Run of Mine (ROM) material is blasted zeolite rock in the 100 mm to 500 mm size range. Continued open cut mining occurred in the Main Pit North during the reporting period. This involved the extraction of zeolite, which was then processed at the nearby processing plant. No rehabilitation was undertaken during the reporting period.

Rehabilitation planning activities that were conducted, including any specialist studies

ZAPL is continuing to undertake mine optimisation planning activities, which may include infrastructure upgrades and conducting mining operation in additional areas. Notwithstanding, these activities would be subject to modifications and/or approvals to mining areas or rehabilitation obligations and have not been discussed in detail within this Annual Rehabilitation Report (ARP). Key planning works undertaken during the reporting period include:

• Drafting of an updated Rehabilitation Plan incorporating reviews of site rehabilitation procedures. These works will continue in 2024 and 2025 (noting no rehabilitation is planned across the forward program).

• Updates to the Rehabilitation Objectives.

Overview of subsidence repair and/or remediation works undertaken

Subsidence Remediation is not applicable. Zeolite is an open cut mine.

Overview of rehabilitation management and maintenance activities

Rehabilitation Objectives were approved. The Rehabilitation monitoring program commenced in 2023, focusing on the establishment of reference sites for future rehabilitation. Site inspections observed site disturbance and historic rehabilitation areas. Outcomes of the inspections were focused on system-based aspects of rehabilitation (noting no rehabilitation is planned across the forward program). The outcomes were incorporated into the draft updated Rehabilitation Plan.

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Details of any rehabilitation actions taken as required by any letters, notices or directions issued by government agencies, including the NSW Resources Regulator

On 17 October 2023, ZAPL were notified in writing of the commencement of an investigation regarding Annual Rehabilitation and Forward Program reporting. ZAPL provided a response to the Resources Regulator on 10 November 2023 which described ongoing engagement with the Resources Regulator and actions taken to comply with the Mining Act 1992 (the Act) and the Mining Regulation 2016 (the Regulation). Subsequently, the Resources Regulator notified ZAPL on 20 December 2023 that following an investigation the matter had been closed and no enforcement action would be taken. The notice concluded with a reminder that the next Annual Report and Forward Program, including a Rehabilitation Cost Estimate are due by 01 October 2024. Rehabilitation Objectives were approved on 7 November 2023 (ROBJ000323).

Details of any rehabilitation areas that have achieved the final land use

There were no applications made for Rehabilitation completion (achievement of Final Land Use) during the reporting period.

Key production milestones

| MATERIAL | UNIT | FWP0001222 YEAR 1 | THIS REPORT |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|
| Stripped topsoil (if applicable) | (m³) | 1,044 | 0 |
| Rock/overburden | (m³) | 17,000 | 3,600 |
| Ore | (Mt) | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Reject material ¹ | (Mt) | 0 | 0 |
| Product | (Mt) | 0.02 | 0.01 |

¹ This includes coarse rejects, tailings and any other wastes resulting from beneficiation.



Disturbance and rehabilitation statistics

Current disturbance and rehabilitation progression

| ELEMENT | UNIT | THIS REPORT |
|----------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| A Total surface disturbance footprint | (ha) | 4.56 |
| B Total active disturbance | (ha) | 2.87 |
| C Land prepared for rehabilitation | (ha) | 0 |
| D Ecosystem and land use establishment | (ha) | 0 |
| E Ecosystem and land use development | (ha) | 1.69 |
| F Rehabilitation completion | (ha) | 0 |

Rehabilitation key performance indicators (KPIs)

| | ELEMENT | UNIT | THIS REPORT |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| G | Total new active disturbance area | (ha) | NA - this value will display after 2nd year ARR submission as calculation relies on comparison between sequential yearly ARR data |
| н | New rehabilitation commenced during annual reporting period | (ha) | NA - this value will display after 2nd year ARR submission as calculation relies on comparison between sequential yearly ARR data |
| ı | Established rehabilitation | (ha) | 1.69 |
| J | Annual rehabilitation to disturbance ratio | % | NA - this value will display after 2nd year ARR submission as calculation relies on comparison between sequential yearly ARR data |
| K | Rehabilitated land to total mine footprint | % | 37.1 |



Progressive achievement of established rehabilitation

| | ELEMENT | UNIT | THIS REPORT |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| L | Established rehabilitation - agricultural final land uses | % | 0 |
| M | Established rehabilitation - native ecosystem final land uses | % | 99.94 |
| N | Established rehabilitation - other/non-vegetated final land uses | % | 0 |

Variation to the rehabilitation schedule

Identify the components of the most recent forward program that were not achieved

N/A

Key factors that delayed progressive rehabilitation

N/A

Outline actions that will be included in the forward program and carried out to minimise disturbance and undertake progressive rehabilitation as far as reasonably practical

N/A

Rehabilitation monitoring and research findings

Rehabilitation monitoring

The rehabilitation monitoring carried out in the annual reporting period

There is no rehabilitation currently being undertaken.

Status of performance against rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria

The monitoring program that has been implemented

There is no rehabilitation currently being undertaken.

Are all rehabilitation areas in Landform Establishment phase or higher represented in the monitoring program to assess performance against the rehabilitation objectives and approved or, if not yet approved rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan?

0

Year rehabilitation areas will be included as part of the monitoring program

2029

An appraisal of whether rehabilitation is moving towards achieving the proposed rehabilitation objectives, approved or, if not yet approved, rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan as soon as reasonably practicable.

There is no rehabilitation currently being undertaken.

Appraisal description

Rehabilitation is moving towards achieving the final land use as soon as reasonably practicable.

Rehabilitation monitoring program findings

Rehabilitation monitoring in 2023/24 focused on the establishment of baseline rehabilitation plots. Five plot locations were chosen to sample the variety of vegetation types present, including three plots within open grassland and two plots within woodland areas. The plots were established as 20m X 50m area, with a 50m transect traversing the centre line of each plot and a 20m X 20m nested subplot for floristic sampling. Star pickets were installed at each end of the 50m transect with photographs taken from each end. Data was sampled using the Biodiversity Assessment Method (OEH 2020), with capture of composition, structure and function data. Results from the baseline survey indicate that the site is a highly modified

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rural environment that has been subject to grazing for several decades. The vegetation present can be described as an open grassland or grassy woodland, with transitional areas in between these two broad types. The ground layer is dominated by a selection of common exotic pasture grasses, notably Couch Cynodon dactylon, Giant Parramatta Grass Sporobolus africanus and a range of exotic herbs. Native grasses are present in better condition sites and include Weeping Meadow Grass Microlaena stipoides, Three-awn Speargrass Aristida vagans and Wallaby Grass Rhytidosperma pallens. A selection of native herbs, ferns and forbs was also recorded in better quality sites. Paddock trees are present and widely spaced throughout low lying areas, grading into a denser woodland canopy on the elevated slopes in the south and west of the site. Canopy trees recorded comprise mainly White Box Eucalyptus albens, with occasional White Cypress Callitris glaucophylla and Kurrajong Brachychiton populneus. The shrub layer is largely absent, with the exception of very occasional specimens of Blackthorn Bursaria incana and Mock Olive Notelaea microcarpa.

Performance issues and their causes including identification of any knowledge gaps that must be addressed

There is no rehabilitation currently being undertaken.



Outcomes of rehabilitation research and trials

| RRT | PROJECT/TRIAL | OBJECTIVE OF TRIAL/PROJECT | METHODOLOGY | EXPECTED DATE | STATUS | ON |
|--------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| NUMBER | NAME | , | | OF COMPLETION | | TRACK? |

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| Outcomes c | of comp | leted tr | rials an | ıd research |
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Attachment 1 – Reporting Definitions

| REP | ORTING CATEGORY | DEFINITION |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A1 | Total disturbance footprint – surface disturbance | All areas within a mining lease that either have at some point in time or continue to pose a rehabilitation liability due to surface disturbance activities. |
| | | The total disturbance footprint is the sum of the total active disturbance, decommissioning, landform establishment, growth medium development, ecosystem and land use establishment, ecosystem and land use development and rehabilitation completion (see definitions below). |
| | | Underground mining operations should not include the footprint of underground mining areas/subsidence management areas in the total disturbance footprint. |
| A2 | Underground Mining Area | Underground mining operations areas/subsidence management areas. |
| В | Total active disturbance | Includes on-lease exploration areas, stripped areas ahead of mining, infrastructure areas, water management infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, topsoil stockpile areas, access tracks and haul roads, active mining areas, waste rock emplacements (active/unshaped/in or out-of-pit), tailings dams (active/unshaped/uncapped) and temporary stabilised areas (e.g. areas sown with temporary cover crops for dust mitigation and temporary rehabilitation). |
| c | Rehabilitation – land preparation | Includes the sum of all disturbed land within a mining lease that have commenced any, or all, of the following phases of rehabilitation — decommissioning, landform establishment and growth medium development. Refer to the glossary of terms in this document for the definition of these phases of rehabilitation. |



| REP | ORTING CATEGORY | DEFINITION |
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| D | Ecosystem and land use establishment | Includes the area which has been seeded/planted with the target vegetation species for the intended final land use. However, vegetation has not matured to a stage where it can be demonstrated that it will be sustainable for the long term and or require only a maintenance regime consistent with target reference/analogue sites. |
| | | Typically, rehabilitation areas would be in this phase for at least two years (and usually more) before rehabilitation can be classified as being in the ecosystem and land use development phase. This phase does not apply to infrastructure areas that are being retained as part of final land use for the site. |
| E | Ecosystem and Land Use Development | Rehabilitation has matured to a level where target revegetation outcomes are on a trajectory towards meeting the final rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria (as verified by monitoring). |
| | | This phase includes infrastructure areas that are to be retained for an approved post mining land use, following completion of all necessary measures to render the infrastructure fit for this purpose (for example structural integrity). |
| F | Rehabilitation Completion | The NSW Resources Regulator has determined in writing that the mining area has achieved the approved rehabilitation objectives and approved rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan following the submission of Form: ESF2 Rehabilitation completion and/or review of rehabilitation cost estimate and/or notification of mine or petroleum site closure. |
| G | New active disturbance area | The area of any new active disturbance that has been created during the annual reporting period (definition A1 in Table 5). |
| Н | New rehabilitation commenced during annual reporting period | The sum of any new rehabilitation commenced in the annual reporting period. These areas may be in the rehabilitation land preparation phase or the ecosystem & land use establishment phase (definitions C and D in Table 5). |
| ı | Established rehabilitation (hectares) | The total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5). |



| REP | ORTING CATEGORY | DEFINITION |
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| J | Annual rehabilitation to disturbance ratio | The rehabilitation to disturbance ratio (H/G) indicates how many hectares of new rehabilitation are undertaken for each hectare of land disturbed during the year. A ratio of 1/1 indicates that the area of new rehabilitation and disturbance in that year are the same. |
| К | % Rehabilitated land to total mine footprint | The proportion of the total mine footprint (area of land that has been disturbed by past or present surface disturbance activities) that has established rehabilitation (I/A1 \times 100). For open cut mining, the proportion of the total mine footprint verified to be "established rehabilitation" should substantially increase as an operation progresses towards mine closure. |
| L | Established rehabilitation for agricultural final land uses (hectares) | The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to an agricultural final land use. |
| M | Established rehabilitation for native ecosystem final land uses (hectares) | The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to native ecosystem final land use. |
| N | Established rehabilitation for other/non-vegetated final land uses (hectares) | The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to other/non-vegetated final land use. |



Attachment 2 – Definitions

| WORD | DEFINITION |
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| Active | In the context of rehabilitation, land associated with mining domains is considered 'active' for the period following disturbance until the commencement of rehabilitation. |
| Active mining phase of rehabilitation | In the context of rehabilitation, the active mining phase of rehabilitation constitutes the rehabilitation activities undertaken during mining operations such as salvaging and managing soil resources, salvaging habitat resources, and native seed collection. This phase also includes management actions taken during operations to manage risks to rehabilitation and enhance rehabilitation outcomes such as selective handling of waste rock and management of tailings emplacements. |
| Analogue site | In the context of rehabilitation, an analogue site is a 'reference site' that represents an example of the defining characteristics (such as vegetation composition and structure or agricultural productivity) of the final land use. Characteristics of analogue sites can be assessed to develop the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria for final land use domains. |
| Annual rehabilitation report and forward program | As described in the Mining Regulation 2016. |
| Annual reporting period | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. |
| Closure | A whole-of-mine-life process, which typically culminates in the relinquishment of the mining lease. It includes decommissioning and rehabilitation to achieve the approved final land use(s). |
| Decommissioning | The process of removing mining infrastructure and removing contaminants and hazardous materials. |
| Decommissioning Phase of Rehabilitation | Activities associated with the removal of mining infrastructure and removal and/or remediation of contaminants and hazardous materials. In the context of the rehabilitation management plan this phase of rehabilitation may also include studies and assessments associated with decommissioning and demolition of infrastructure or works carried out to make safe or 'fit for purpose' built infrastructure to be retained for future use(s) following lease relinquishment. |



| WORD | DEFINITION |
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| Department | The Department of Regional NSW. |
| Disturbance | See Surface Disturbance. |
| Disturbance area | An area that has been disturbed and that requires rehabilitation. This may include areas such as on-licence exploration areas, stripped areas ahead of mining, infrastructure areas, water management infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, topsoil stockpile areas, access tracks and haul roads, active mining areas, waste emplacements (active/unshaped/in or out-of-pit), tailings dams (active/unshaped/uncapped), and areas requiring rehabilitation that are temporarily stabilised (i.e. managed to minimise dust generation and/or erosion). |
| Domain | An area (or areas) of the land that has been disturbed by mining and has a specific operational use (mining domain) or specific final land use (final land use domain). Land within a domain typically has similar geochemical and/or geophysical characteristics and therefore requires specific rehabilitation activities to achieve the associated final land use. |
| Ecosystem and Land Use Development | This phase of rehabilitation consists of the activities to manage maturing rehabilitation areas on a trajectory to achieving the approved rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria. For vegetated land uses this phase may include processes to develop characteristics of functional self-sustaining ecosystems, such as nutrient recycling, vegetation flowering and reproduction, and increasing habitat complexity, and development of a productive, self-sustaining soil profile. This phase of rehabilitation may include specific vegetation management strategies and maintenance such as tree thinning, supplementary plantings and weed management. |
| Ecosystem and Land Use Establishment | This phase of rehabilitation consists of the processes to establish the approved final land use following construction of the final landform. For vegetated land uses this rehabilitation phase includes establishing the desired vegetation community and implementing land management activities such as weed control. This phase of rehabilitation may also include habitat augmentation such as installation of nest boxes. |
| Exploration | Has the same meaning as that term under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007. |



| WORD | DEFINITION | | |
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| Final landform and rehabilitation plan | | | |
| Final land use | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | |
| Form and way | Means the form and way approved by the Secretary. Approved form and way documents are available on the Department's website. | | |
| Growth Medium Development | This phase of rehabilitation consists of activities required to establish the physical, chemical and biological components of the substrate required to establish the desired vegetation community (including short lived pioneer species. | | |
| | This phase may include spreading the prepared landform with topsoil and/or subsoil and/or soil substitutes, applying soil ameliorants to enhance the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the growth media, and actions to minimise loss of growth media due to erosion. | | |
| Habitat | Has the same meaning as that term under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> and the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> (as relevant). | | |
| Indicator | An attribute of the biophysical environment (e.g. pH, topsoil depth, biomass) that can be used to approximate the progression of a biophysical process. It can be measured and audited to demonstrate (and track) the progress of an aspect of rehabilitation towards a desired completion criterion (i.e. defined end point). It may be aligned to an established protocol and used to evaluate changes in a system. | | |
| Land | As defined in the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> . | | |
| Landform Establishment | This phase of rehabilitation consists of the processes and activities required to construct the final landform. In addition to profiling the surface of rehabilitation areas to the approved final landform profile this phase may include works to construct surface water drainage features, encapsulate problematic materials such as tailings, and prepare a substrate with the desired physical and chemical characteristics (e.g. rock raking or ameliorating sodic materials). | | |
| Large mine | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | |
| Lease holder | The holder of a mining lease. | | |



| WORD | DEFINITION | | |
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| Life of mine | The timeframe of how long a mine is approved to mine, from commencement to closure. | | |
| Mine rehabilitation portal | Means the NSW Resources Regulator's online portal that lease holders must use (via a registered account) to: upload rehabilitation geographical information system (GIS) spatial data develop rehabilitation GIS spatial data (using online tracing functions) generate rehabilitation plans and rehabilitation statistics using the map viewer and Rehabilitation Key Performance Indicator functionalities. Data submitted to the mine rehabilitation portal is collated in a centralised geodatabase for use by the NSW Resources Regulator to regulate rehabilitation performance of lease holders. | | |
| Mining area | As defined in the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> . | | |
| Mining domain | A land management unit with a discrete operational function (e.g. overburden emplacement), and therefore similar geophysical characteristics, that will require specific rehabilitation treatments to achieve the final land use(s). | | |
| Mining land | As defined in the <i>Mining Act 1992</i> . | | |
| Native vegetation | Has the same meaning as that term under section 60B of the <i>Local Land Services Act</i> 2013. | | |
| Overburden | Material overlying coal or a mineral deposit. | | |
| Performance indicator | An attribute of the biophysical environment (for example pH, slope, topsoil depth, biomass) that can be used to demonstrate achievement of a rehabilitation objective. It can be measured and audited to demonstrate (and track) the progress of an aspect of rehabilitation towards a desired completion criterion, that is, a defined end point. It may be aligned to an established protocol and used to evaluate changes in a system. | | |



| WORD | DEFINITION | | | |
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| Phases of rehabilitation | The stages and sequences of actions required to rehabilitate disturbed land to achieve the final land use. The phases of rehabilitation are: active mining decommissioning landform Establishment growth medium development ecosystem and land use establishment ecosystem and land use development. | | | |
| Progressive rehabilitation | The progress of rehabilitation towards achieving the approved rehabilitation completion criteria. This may be described in terms of domains, phases, performance indicators and rehabilitation completion criteria. | | | |
| Rehabilitation Completion | The final phase of rehabilitation when a rehabilitation area has achieved the approved rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria for the final land use. Rehabilitation areas may be classified as complete when the NSW Resources Regulator has determined in writing that the relevant rehabilitation obligations have been fulfilled following submission of Form ESF2 Rehabilitation completion and/or review of rehabilitation cost estimate application by the lease holder. | | | |
| Rehabilitation Completion criteria | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | | |
| Rehabilitation cost estimate | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | | |
| Rehabilitation management plan | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | | |
| Rehabilitation objectives | As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | | |
| Rehabilitation risk assessment | on risk As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016. | | | |
| Rehabilitation schedule | The defined timeframes for progressive rehabilitation set out in the forward program. | | | |



| WORD | DEFINITION | | |
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| Relevant stakeholders | Means any persons or bodies who may be affected by the mining operations, including rehabilitation, carried out on the lease land, and includes: the relevant development consent authority the local council the relevant landholder(s) community consultative committee (if required under the development consent) or equivalent consultative group affected land holder(s) government agencies relevant to the final land use affected infrastructure authorities (electricity, telecommunications, water, pipeline, road, rail authorities) local Aboriginal communities, and any other person or body determined by the Minister to be a relevant stakeholder in relation to a mining lease. | | |
| Risk | The effect of uncertainty on objectives. It is measured in terms of consequences and likelihood (AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009). | | |
| Secretary | The Secretary of the Department. | | |
| Security deposit | An amount that a mining lease holder is required to provide and maintain under a mining lease condition, to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations under the lease (including obligations that may arise in the future). | | |
| Surface disturbance | Includes activities that disturb the surface of the mining area, including mining operations, ancillary mining activities and exploration. | | |
| Tailings | A combination of the fine-grained solid material remaining after the recoverable metals and minerals have been extracted from the mined ore, and any process water ² . | | |
| Waste | Has the same meaning as that term under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> . | | |

² Commonwealth of Australia (DITR), 2007. *Tailings Management*.



Attachment 3 – Rehabilitation Complaints

| DATE | COMPLAINANT | COMPLAINT DETAILS | RESPONSE DETAILS | STATUS OF RESPONSE | DATE RESPONSE COMPLETED (IF APPLICABLE) |
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Attachment 4 – Stakeholder consultation

| DATE | STAKEHOLDER | CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES AND FORMS | MATTERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION | ACTIONS TAKEN |
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| 17 Oct 2023 | NSW Resources Regulator | On 17 October 2023 the NSW Resources Regulator issued a written notice. The notice was preceded by an associated investigation and Official Caution (LETT08356) | On 17 October 2023, ZAPL were notified in writing of the commencement of an investigation regarding Annual Rehabilitation and Forward Program reporting. ZAPL provided a response to the Resources Regulator on 10 November 2023 which described ongoing engagement with the Resources Regulator and actions taken to comply with the Mining Act 1992 (the Act) and the Mining Regulation 2016 (the Regulation). | Subsequently, the Resources Regulator notified ZAPL on 20 December 2023 that following an investigation the matter had been closed and no enforcement action would be taken. The notice concluded with a reminder that the next Annual Report and Forward Program. |

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Attachment 5 – Plans

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