

# 2022 Quarterly Report

January - March

Mt Shamrock Environmental Management Plan 3 Monthly Progress Update

Prepared for Mt Shamrock Quarry Environmental Review Committee



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### **Introduction and History**

On 11 March 2008, the Mt Shamrock Quarry Environmental Management Plan Version 1:18 January 2008 (EMP) was formally enacted. This document established a framework to ensure compliance with local council, AAV, DPI, EPA and DSE requirements relating to the extension of extractive limits under Work Authority 174 (WA174). An Environment Review Committee (ERC) was formed to monitor the performance of the quarry against the EMP, the permit and WA174. The ERC consists of delegates from the relevant authorities, members of the Wurundjeri Tribe, and local residents. The ERC is chaired by an independent representative from All Possibilities Pty Ltd to ensure non-partisan administration.

This report details information on both monitoring results and management actions by the quarry in the preceding three months. This report will take the form of an exception report that is where there is a deviance from the EMP. This will be highlighted and the reasons for the deviance explained. A summary of quantifiable monitoring outcomes is also included. Figure 1.12 details all monitoring locations.



## **Operational Update**

- Operating hours unchanged.
- Management is unchanged with Leigh Elliott continuing as Quarry Manager and Nathan Thomas in the Operations Manager role. No other staff changes of note.
- 2021 EMP review is still in Cardinia Shire's approvals process.
- 2021 Annual consultant reports and annual EMP audit have been finalised and distributed to ERC.



Figure 1 - Aerial Image of the Holcim Pakenham Quarry, May 2022

## Holcim

### 1.0 LRMP Update

Summary of actions completed below;

- General Broad Leaf, Blackberry, Pampas Grass and grassy weed treatment around property
- Fence maintenance around property
- Preparation works for late Autumn and Winter planting have commenced.
- Brush Cutting around previous plantings in Southern Rehabilitation areas
- Guard and stake collection for reuse.
- Netgain maintenance hand Weeding, pack spraying of perannual grases,

### 2.0 Non-Compliance and Complaints

Non-conformances:

Nil during Q1 2022

Complaints:

• Nil during Q1 2022

### 2.1 Air Quality - Dust

Depositional results have indicated the dust emissions tabulated below. No exceedances during the reporting period.

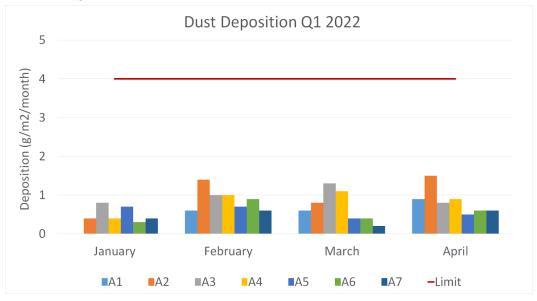


Figure 2 - Dust Deposition Q1 2022. (Limit 4.0g/m2/mth)



Note that the deposition results presented are Ash analysis test, rather than Total Solids, representing true mineral dust deposition generated by quarry activities.

### 2.2 Noise

Average noise levels for the 1st Quarter 2022 are shown below. No exceedances during the reporting period.

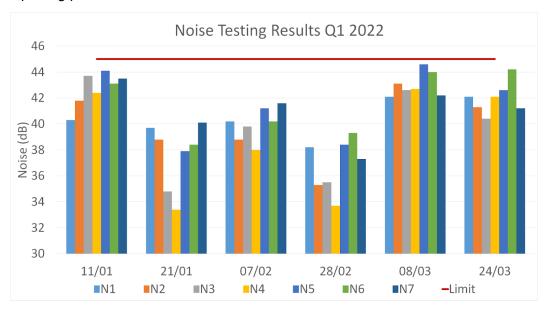


Figure 3 - Noise Testing Results Q1 2022. (Limit is 45dB under normal operating conditions)



## 2.3 Blasting

All blasting operations have been carried out in accordance with guidelines. No exceedances during the reporting period.

### **Ground Vibration**

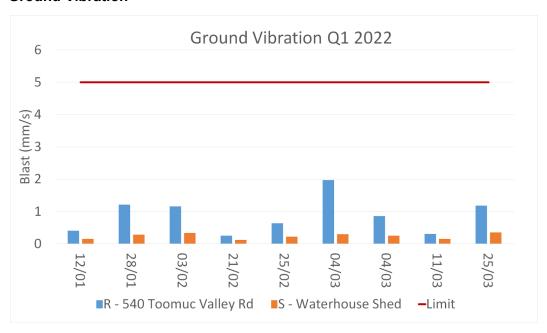


Figure 4 - Blasting; Ground Vibration Results Q1 2022 (Limit is 5mm/s for 95% of blasts in a 12 month period)

### Air Blast



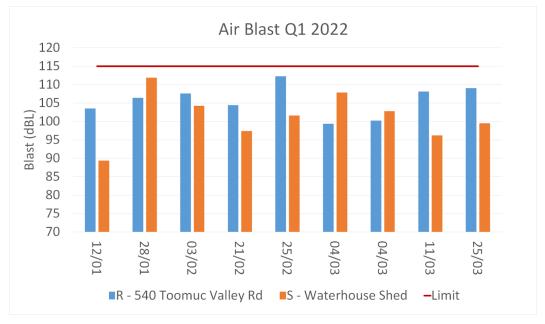


Figure 5 - Blasting; Air Blast Results Q1 2022 (Limit is 115 dBL for 95% of blasts in a 12 month period)

### 2.4 Surface Water, Drainage and Groundwater

**pH** – A measure of the Acidity or Alkalinity of the water limit 6.5 to 9.0. No exceedances during the reporting period.

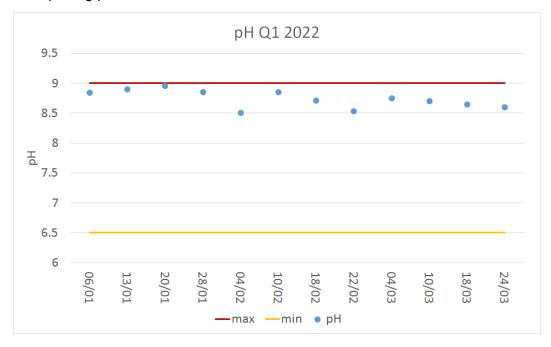


Figure 6 - Discharge Water pH results Q1 2022

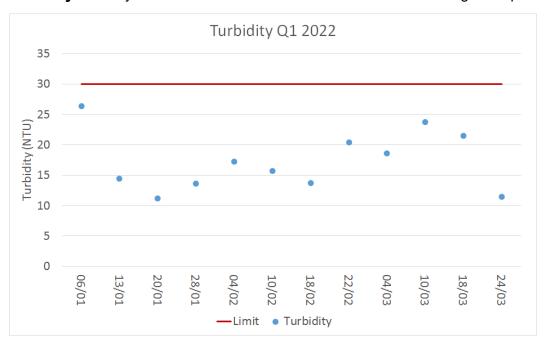


Figure 7 - Discharge Water Turbidity results Q1 2022

**Conductivity** – A measure of the water's capability to pass electrical current. Limit 1200μS. No exceedances during the reporting period.

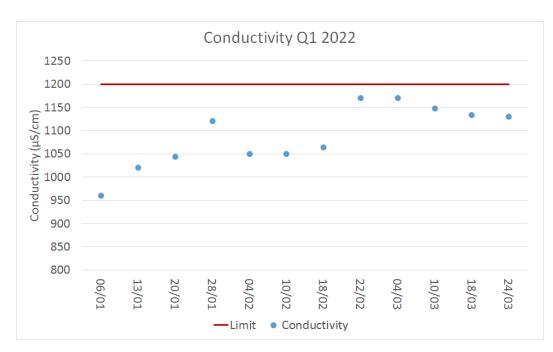


Figure 8 - Discharge Water Conductivity results Q1 2022



### **Bore Water Measurements -**

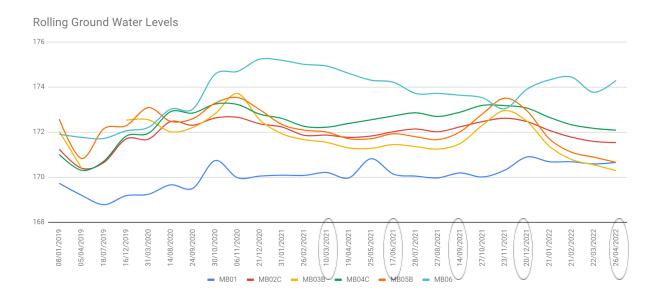


Figure 9 - Groundwater levels 2019 to present (Circled dates indicate from Dec 2020 the readings conducted by AECOM. All readings prior to August 2020 were taken by AECOM)

## Holcim

### In Pit water levels

In 2020, Holcim committed to begin and report the in pit water dam levels quarterly, to aid in the annual beneficial use analysis. This was formed as part of the revised EMP submission. Location and naming conventions are shown in the map for reference. All measurements are in RL's (the same unit as ground water levels)

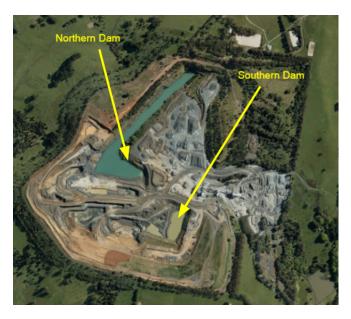


Figure 10 - In Pit Water Identification

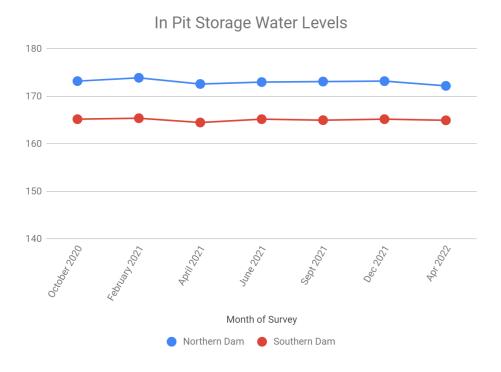


Figure 11 - In Pit Storage Levels October 2020 - Present



## 2.6 Truck Tarping



Figure 12 - Tarping visual checks

### **Appendix 1 - Limits & Definitions**



### 2.1 - Air Quality - Dust

### **Dust Deposition**

Deposition bottles are stationed at 7 locations including a background monitoring location at station A7. Particulate matter sampled by this method is predominantly dust particles which, because of their size rapidly settle from the air. Results can be affected by Ash from burning off, bird droppings and insects.

**Limit** -4.0gm/m<sup>2</sup> mth

### **Reactive Monitoring**

Reactive management tool with preset alarm if the PM10 1 hour average is exceeded. Reactive monitors are similar to the Hi Vol monitors.

**Limit** – 64  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> (1 hour average)

#### 2.2 - Noise

Noise monitoring locations and limits set in the EMP are monitored through the use of a RION hand held monitor. Employees on site who conduct the monitoring are trained and certified in theoretical and practical assessment of the RION hand held meter and basic acoustics.

Limits – 45dB(A) LAeq 7:00 – 18:00 Normal Operation 68dB(A) LAeq 7:00 – 18:00 Noise Attenuation Mound Construction

#### 2.3 - Blasting

Blasting is monitored for Air Blast and Ground Vibration during every blast performed on site.

**Air Blast** – a measurement of air pressure pulse travelling through the air.

Ground Vibration – a measurement of the shock wave passing through the ground

#### Limits -

Air Blast Limits – Peak Air Blast of 115 dBL at sensitive locations for 95% of blasts in a 12 month period

Ground Vibration Limits – Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) 5mm/sec at sensitive locations for 95% of blasts in a 12 month period



### 2.4 - Surface Water, Drainage & Groundwater

During discharge, water is monitored at the V Notch located at the bottom of the Donnazon property spillway. A solar powered flow meter logs flow data and the water is sampled manually by trained and certified employees. Water is tested for Turbidity, pH and conductivity. Water is monitored at Donnazzons dam regularly prior to discharge to determine if the water is ok to discharge.

pH – A measure of the Acidity or Alkalinity of the water. Limit 6.5-9.0
Conductivity – A measure of the water's capability to pass electrical current. Limit 1200μS
Turbidity – Clarity of water. Maximum 30NTU









### **EMP Audit action list 2021**

EMP Reference	Rating	Non Conformance	Recommendation	Status
2.6.2 GHG emissions	MNC	Greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 3% was not achieved.	Progress with completing the re-routing of haul traffic within the quarry to achieve the expected approximate 50% reduction in haulage distance per tonne of material.	Open
2.12.3 Waste Management	MNC	E-waste is a priority waste and must be identified, collected and stored separately for removal by a suitably authorised contractor for treatment at a lawful place.	E-waste is a priority waste and must be identified, collected and stored separately for removal by a suitably authorised contractor for treatment at a lawful place.	Open
2.12.3 Waste Management	MNC	Annual waste survey to establish the types, quantities and re-cycling/ re-use percentages for all site wastes was not completed.	Conduct an annual waste survey to establish all waste types, quantities and re-use/recycle percentages (by mass)	Open
2.12.3 Waste Management	MNC	Quantifiable and achievable annual waste reduction targets for the site for each waste stream identified by the annual survey have not been set.	Set measurable and achievable waste reduction and diversion-from-landfill targets for each waste stream/type as identified in the annual survey	Open

Description Minor Minor non conformance - if the environmental impact

of the non conformance is likely to be contaminated within the site or have limited off site impact or is a

documentation issue.

Major A potential or actual significant off site impact to the

environment and or legal compliance issue including non conformance with prescribed limits of the EMP