Monthly Noise Monitoring Assessment

Tomingley Gold Mine, April 2018

Prepared for: Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Limited
May 2018
MAC160270RP21

Muller Acoustic Consulting

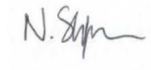
Document Information

Monthly Noise Monitoring Assessment

Tomingley Gold Mine, April 2018

Prepared for: Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Limited

Prepared by: Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd
PO Box 262, Newcastle NSW 2300
ABN: 36 602 225 132
P: +61 2 4920 1833
www.mulleracoustic.com

Document ID	Status	Date	Prepared By	Signed	Reviewed By	Signed
MAC160270RP21	Final	9 May 2018	Nicholas Shipman		Oliver Muller	

CONTENTS

This page has been intentionally left blank

1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been commissioned by Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd (TGO) to complete a Noise Monitoring Assessment (NMA) for Tomingley Gold Mine ('the mine').

The NMA involved quantifying the noise contribution of the mine by direct attended measurements to determine mining noise emissions so that effective management and controls can be implemented where required. The monitoring has been conducted in accordance with the TGO Noise Management Plan and in general accordance with Conditions L4.2 to L4.7 of the EPL at six representative receiver locations. It is noted that this assessment has been completed as part of an internal noise management initiative and does not form part of the annual noise monitoring program to address conditions of the Environmental Protection License (EPL).

The assessment has been conducted in accordance with the following documents:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017;
- Environment Protection Licence EPL 20169 (EPL); and
- Standards Australia AS 1055.1:1997 - Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise - General Procedures.

A glossary of terms, definitions and abbreviations used in this report is provided in **Appendix A**.

This page has been intentionally left blank

2 Environmental Protection License Noise Limits

Historic assessments for the mine categorise receivers into Noise Assessment Groups (NAGs). The NAGs were derived based on ambient noise data that controlled receiver RBLs.

Table 1 reproduces the operational and sleep disturbance noise limits for assessed receivers referenced from the EPL that have been adopted for this NMA and are consistent with historic EPL monitoring locations.

Table 1 Noise Limits, dBA

Noise Assessment Group	Receivers	Day	Evening	Night	
		$L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$	$L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$	$L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$	$L_{A1(1\text{-}min)}$
NAG A	R6, R4	36	36	36	45
	R5	37	37	37	45
NAG B	R2	36	36	36	45
NAG C	R3	49	40	40	45
	R29	48	40	40	45
NAG D	R23	43	39	39	46

Note: Refer to figure in Appendix 4 of Project Approval 09-0155 for noise locations. However, these criteria do not apply if the Proponent has an agreement with the relevant owner(s) of these residences / land to generate higher noise levels, and the Proponent has advised the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and EPA in writing of the terms of this agreement.

This page has been intentionally left blank

3 Methodology

3.1 Locality

TGO is located to the south of the village of Tomingley, NSW. Receivers in the locality surrounding the mine are primarily rural/residential and for consistency the naming conventions for each receiver has been retained from historic noise assessments. The monitoring locations with respect to the mine are presented in the locality plan shown in **Figure 1.**

3.2 Assessment Methodology

The attended noise survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Australian Standard AS 1055-1997, "Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise" and the EPL. Measurements were carried out using a Svantek Type 1, 971 noise analyser from Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018. The acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS IEC 61672.1-2004-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5dBA.

Both evening and night measurements were of 15 minutes duration. Where possible, throughout each survey the operator quantified the contribution of each significant noise source. Extraneous noise sources were excluded from the analysis to calculate the $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$ mine noise contribution for comparison against the relevant EPL limit.

Prevailing meteorological conditions for the monitoring period were sourced from TGO's meteorological station and analysed in accordance with Appendix E4 of the NPI to determine the stability category present at the time of each measured sample. This was undertaken to determine applicability of results in accordance with Condition L4.3 of the EPL. Results obtained during non-prevailing meteorological conditions (ie F Class Stability in conjunction with a 2m/s drainage wind or a G Class Stability) are considered not applicable against the EPL criteria.

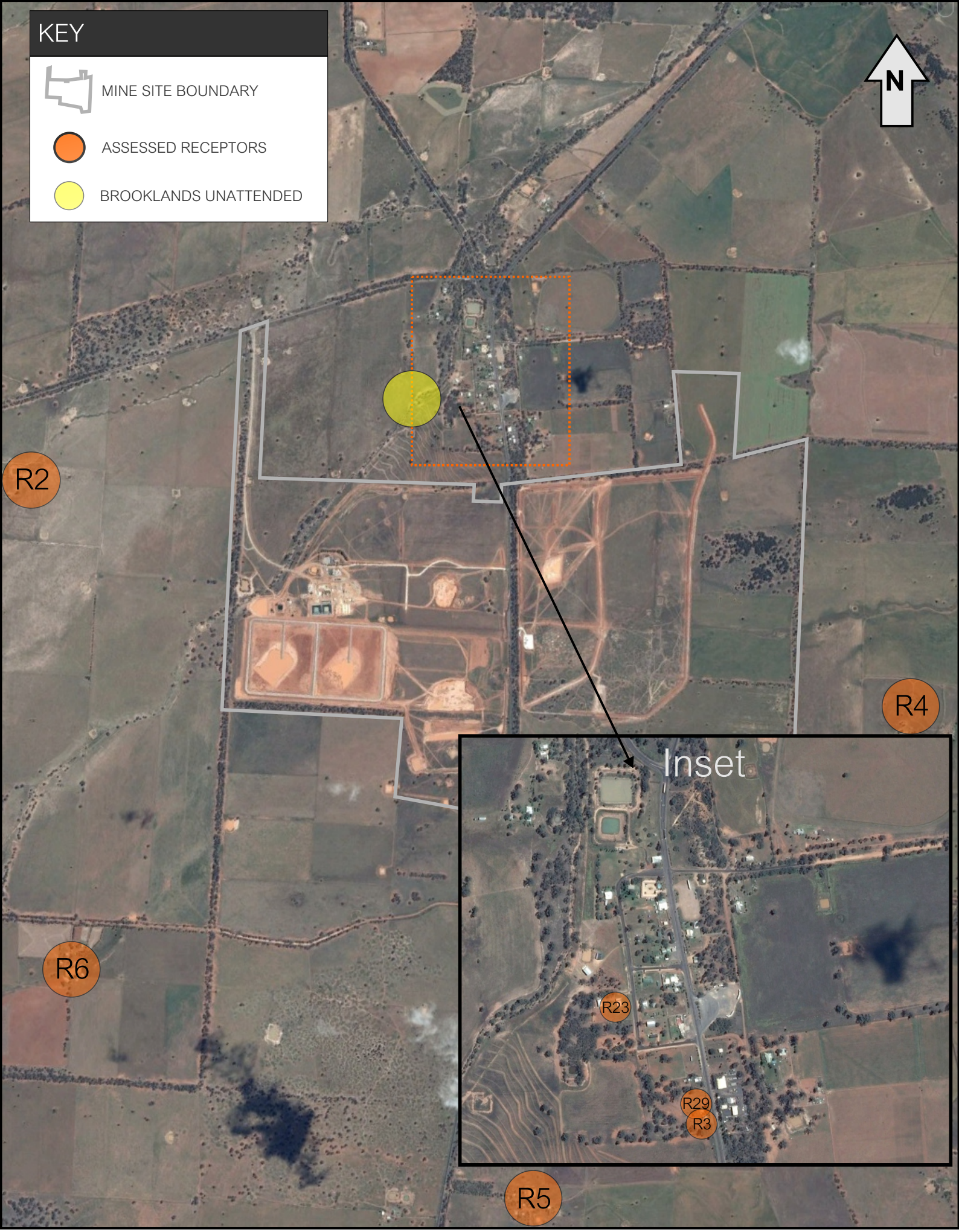


FIGURE 1 - LOCALITY PLAN AND ASSESSMENT LOCATIONS

TOMINGLEY GOLD MINE EPL NOISE MONITORING

REF: MAC160270

0 1000m

MAC
Muller Acoustic Consulting

4 Results

The monitoring and assessment results are presented in individual tables for each assessment location.

4.1 Assessment Results - Location R2

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R2 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 2** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 2 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R2

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	21:36	51	28	23	36	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Livestock 24-31 Distant mine hum 24-26
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					25
26/04/18	22:00	80	52	26	36	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Livestock 24-32 Local traffic 45-79 Mine hum 24-28
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					26
27/04/18	21:29	56	41	36	36	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 25-36 Highway traffic <25
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	22:00	54	40	34	36	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 26-34
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	21:38	84	56	33	36	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant traffic <30 Wind in trees 30-38 Local traffic 34-84
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	22:00	51	40	33	36	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 28-37 Distant traffic 28-32
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

4.2 Assessment Results - Location R3/R29

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R3/R29 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 3** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 3 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R3/R29

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	19:50	81	59	40	40	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Highway traffic 38-81 Birds 38-52 Rock crushing 26-28 Idling traffic 44-46
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					27
26/04/18	22:42	87	68	41	40	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Highway traffic 42-85 Idling traffic 38-42 Rock crushing <38
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					<38
27/04/18	20:45	82	63	38	40	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 34-82
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	22:38	86	66	45	40	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 39-83 Idling traffic 43-46
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	21:01	81	65	42	40	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 35-81 Wind in trees 32-36
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	22:36	86	68	41	40	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 38-81 Idling traffic 36-45
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

4.3 Assessment Results - Location R4

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R4 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 4** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 4 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R4

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	19:03	55	34	27	36	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Insects 26-27 Distant traffic 26-33
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
26/04/18	23:29	64	32	21	36	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Distant traffic 22-30
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	19:59	51	29	22	36	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: F	Distant traffic 24-32
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	23:24	67	51	36	36	Dir: E 1 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees <39 Distant traffic 39-52
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	20:16	76	45	31	36	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 29-34 Distant traffic <30 Gunshots 48-56 Local residential noise 31-58
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	23:24	70	45	35	36	Dir: E 1 m/s Stab Class: D	Wind in trees 32-40 Distant highway traffic <32 Local traffic 48-60
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

4.4 Assessment Results - Location R5

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R5 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 5** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 5 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R5

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	18:41	84	65	28	37	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 28-82 Dog bark 32-41
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
26/04/18	23:50	86	60	20	37	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Highway traffic 26-82
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	19:38	83	65	34	37	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: F	Highway traffic 32-82
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	23:45	86	62	25	37	Dir: E 1 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 22-80
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	19:54	85	64	28	37	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 30-83
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	23:45	84	63	26	37	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 36-79 Wind in trees <36
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

4.5 Assessment Results - Location R6

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R6 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 6** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 6 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R6

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	19:27	45	27	20	36	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant highway traffic 24-32 Livestock 24-28 Insects <24
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
26/04/18	23:04	42	27	24	36	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Distant traffic 28-35
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	20:24	69	46	26	36	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Distant traffic 19-31 Aircraft 28-64 Wind in trees 32-42
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	23:00	61	46	40	36	Dir: S 0.2 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant traffic 39-42 Wind in trees 39-46
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	20:40	46	38	35	36	Dir: S 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant mine hum 29-34 Wind in trees 28-32
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					31
28/04/18	23:01	57	37	33	36	Dir: S 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant mine hum 32-37 Distant highway traffic 32-38
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					34

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

4.6 Assessment Results - Location R23

The results of the attended noise measurements at location R23 for Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 are summarised in **Table 7** with the relevant EPL limits, the calculated mining noise contribution and prevailing meteorological conditions at the time of each measurement.

Table 7 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – Location R23

Date	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			EPL Limit	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}			
26/04/18	20:06	58	48	42	39	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Highway traffic 44-51 Reverse alarm (traffic) 44-46 Idling traffic 42-46
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
26/04/18	22:26	61	45	35	39	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Idling traffic 35-38 Highway traffic 38-54 Rock crusher 30-32 General mine hum <36
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					31
27/04/18	21:02	69	50	37	39	Dir: E 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant traffic 33-62 Local traffic 51-66 Dog bark 39-47
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
27/04/18	22:21	62	45	39	39	Dir: E 0.3 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 40-48 Wind in trees 38-44 Idling traffic 36-41
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	21:17	59	48	39	39	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 39-55 Idling traffic 39-46 Dog bark 46-53
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible
28/04/18	22:20	89	56	45	39	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 42-58 Idling traffic 39-51 Local traffic 54-68
		TGO Site $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}min)}$ Contribution					TGO Inaudible

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

5 Discussion

5.1 Discussion of Results - Location R2

Monitoring between Thursday 26 April 2018 and Saturday 28 April 2018 identified that TGO mine noise was audible on two of six occasions. Emissions from the mine ranged between 25dBA and 26dBA, therefore, the relevant noise limit of 36dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$ was satisfied during this monitoring period. Extraneous sources such as livestock, local traffic, highway traffic and wind in trees were audible during the survey periods.

5.2 Discussion of Results - Location R3/R29

Monitoring results for R3/R29 were dominated by highway traffic that was constant for all six measurements conducted for the April 2018 survey. TGO mine noise was audible on two of six occasions. Emissions from the mine ranged between 27dBA and <38dBA, hence satisfied the noise limit of 40dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$. Birds, idling traffic, and wind in trees were all audible during the measurements at R3/R29.

5.3 Discussion of Results - Location R4

TGO mine noise was inaudible during all six measurements conducted from Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018 at R4. Therefore, the relevant noise limit of 36dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$ was satisfied during the April 2018 monitoring period. Insects, distant traffic, local traffic, wind in trees, gunshots and local residential noise were all non-mining sources that were audible during the measurements at R4.

5.4 Discussion of Results - Location R5

TGO mine noise was inaudible for all six attended noise measurements at R5 for the April 2018 period. The relevant noise limits of 37dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$ were satisfied as TGO mine noise remained inaudible. Highway traffic was the dominant source at this receiver with the other non-mining sources including dog bark and wind in trees.

5.5 Discussion of Results - Location R6

TGO mine noise was audible during two of six occasions throughout the April 2018 monitoring period at R6. Mine contribution was measured at 31dBA and 34dBA during both measurements, therefore satisfying the relevant EPL noise limit of 36dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$. Non-mining sources included distant highway traffic, livestock, insects, aircraft, wind in trees all audible sources during the attended surveys.

5.6 Discussion of Results - Location R23

TGO mine noise was audible on one of six occasions at this location. During the evening period on Thursday 26 April 2018, the TGO contribution was measured at 31dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$ and therefore remained in compliance with the relevant EPL criteria of 39dBA $LA_{eq(15\text{-}min)}$. Non-mining sources included highway traffic, reverse alarms, idling traffic, local traffic and dog bark.

6 Comparison of Attended and Unattended Monitoring Results

To address Condition 6 of Schedule 3 of the Project Approval, a program to calibrate and validate the real-time noise monitoring results with the attended monitoring results has been completed.

The validation compares monthly attended monitoring results against the closest assessed unattended monitoring location. Currently, TGO has one unattended real-time monitoring terminal installed at the Brooklands property (nearest to R23). Figure 1 identifies the location of the monitor with respect to the attended monitoring locations. It is noted that the Brooklands unattended monitor is situated 600m west of the attended noise monitoring location R23, therefore, background (L_{A90}) noise levels are significantly lower due to offset distance to highway traffic.

A comparison of mine noise contributions between attended and unattended noise monitoring demonstrates a general consistency between attended and unattended results. It was noted that highway traffic noise influenced measured noise levels for this assessment. Furthermore, for April 2018, results remained below the relevant criteria for both attended and unattended locations.

Table 8 provides a summary comparison of results between the attended and unattended noise surveys for R23.

Table 8 Comparison of Attended and Unattended Results – R23

Assessment Type	Time (hrs)	Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			Criteria	Mine Noise Contribution	Meteorology[1]	Description and SPL, dBA
		L_{Amax}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}				
Thursday 26 April 2018								
Attended	20:06	58	48	42	39	TGO Inaudible	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Highway traffic 44-51 Reverse alarm (traffic) 44-46 Idling traffic 42-46
Unattended	20:12	54	43	37	39	TGO Inaudible		Highway traffic Dog bark
Attended	22:26	61	45	35	39	31	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: E	Idling traffic 35-38 Highway traffic 38-54 Rock crusher 30-32 General mine noise <36
Unattended	22:27	56	41	35	39	TGO Inaudible		Highway traffic
Friday 27 April 2018								
Attended	21:02	69	50	37	39	TGO Inaudible	Dir: S 0.1 m/s Stab Class: D	Distant traffic 33-62 Local traffic 51-66 Dog bark 39-47
Unattended	20:57	53	43	39	39	TGO Inaudible		Highway traffic
Attended	22:21	62	45	39	39	TGO Inaudible	Dir: E 0.3 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 40-48 Wind in trees 38-44 Idling traffic 36-41
Unattended	22:27	56	39	30	39	TGO Inaudible		Wind
Saturday 28 April 2018								
Attended	21:17	59	48	39	39	TGO Inaudible	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 39-55 Idling traffic 39-46 Dog bark 46-53
Unattended	21:12	56	45	35	39	TGO Inaudible		Highway traffic
Attended	22:20	89	56	45	39	TGO Inaudible	Dir: E 0.5 m/s Stab Class: D	Highway traffic 42-58 Idling traffic 39-51 Local traffic 54-68
Unattended	22:27	60	44	37	39	TGO Inaudible		Dog bark Highway traffic

Note 1: Meteorological data obtained from TGO's on-site weather station or by direct measurement by the operator.

7 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has completed a Noise Monitoring Assessment on behalf of Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO). The assessment was completed to provide monthly monitoring data so that TGO can actively quantify and manage site noise emissions.

Attended monitoring conducted from Thursday 26 April 2018 to Saturday 28 April 2018, identified that TGO mine noise was audible on several occasions although did not exceed relevant limits during the April 2018 assessment period.

This page has been intentionally left blank

Appendix A - Glossary of Terms

Several technical terms have been used in this report and are explained in **Table A1**.

Table A1 Glossary of Terms

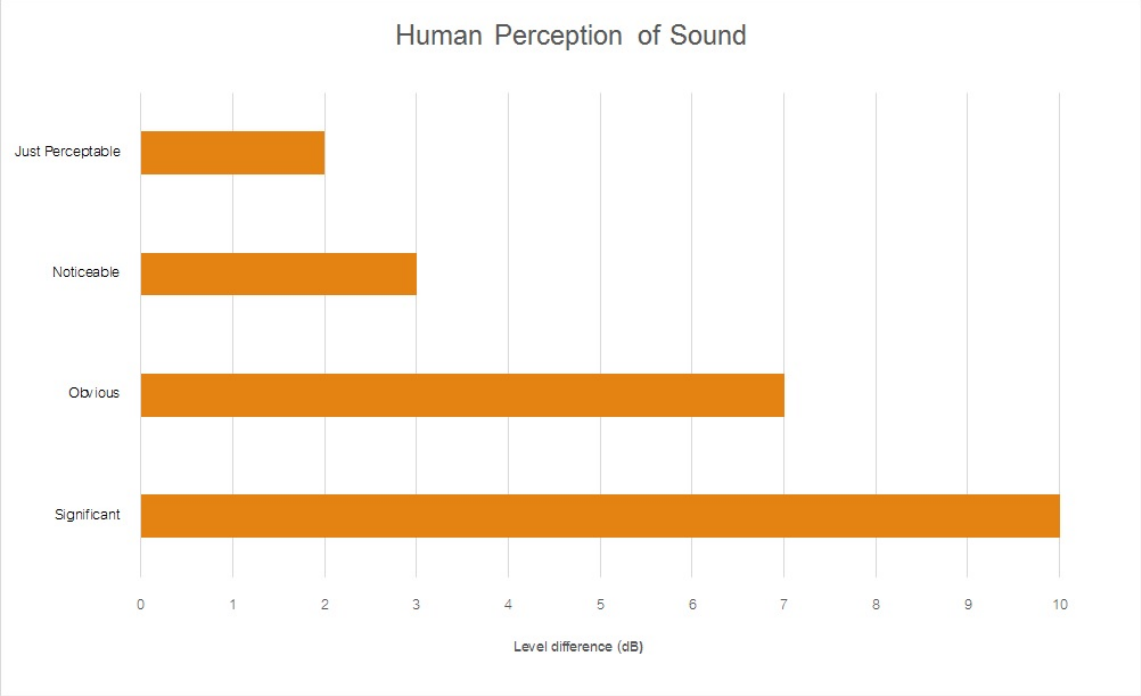
Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background level for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured L90 statistical noise levels.
Ambient Noise	The noise associated with a given environment. Typically a composite of sounds from many sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the human ear to noise.
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing noise, the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z)	Decibels Linear or decibels Z-weighted.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A noise level which is exceeded 10 % of the time. It is approximately equivalent to the average of maximum noise levels.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90 % of the time.
LAeq	The summation of noise over a selected period of time. It is the energy average noise from a source, and is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period.
LAmax	The maximum root mean squared (rms) sound pressure level received at the microphone during a measuring interval.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the intrusiveness criteria for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the ABL's.
Sound power level (SWL)	This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a fundamental location of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment. Or a measure of the energy emitted from a source as sound and is given by : = 10.log10 (W/Wo) Where : W is the sound power in watts and Wo is the sound reference power at 10-12 watts.

Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

Table A2 Common Noise Sources and Their Typical Sound Pressure Levels (SPL), dBA

Source	Typical Sound Level
Threshold of pain	140
Jet engine	130
Hydraulic hammer	120
Chainsaw	110
Industrial workshop	100
Lawn-mower (operator position)	90
Heavy traffic (footpath)	80
Elevated speech	70
Typical conversation	60
Ambient suburban environment	40
Ambient rural environment	30
Bedroom (night with windows closed)	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound



Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd
PO Box 262, Newcastle NSW 2300
ABN: 36 602 225 132
P: +61 2 4920 1833
www.mulleracoustic.com

MAC
Muller Acoustic Consulting