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#### 1. Introduction and Scope

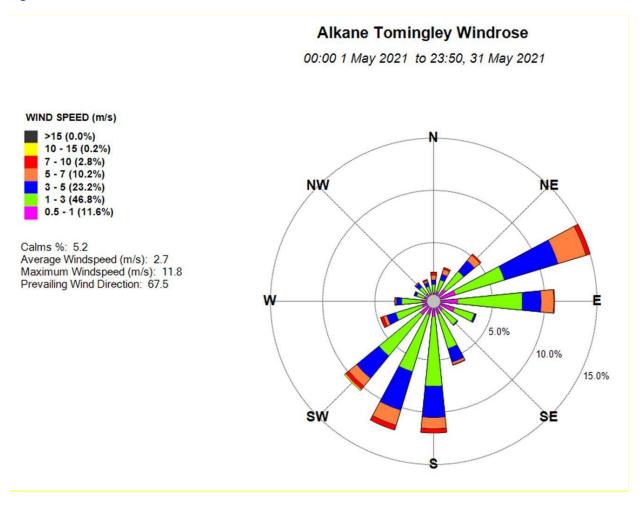
This Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report has been prepared to collate environmental monitoring data undertaken for the Tomingley Gold Operation (TGO) during the month of May 2021.

This report also compares data collected to targets and provides commentary on environmental issues during the month.

#### 2. Weather Station Data

TGO operates a permanent weather monitoring station. This weather station provides the mine site with continuous real-time data. Reporting requirements as stipulated in EPL 20169 include wind direction and wind speed at 10 metres **Figure 1** and rainfall mm **Table 1**.

Figure 1. TGO Wind Rose



**Table 1. TGO Rainfall Data** 

| May 2021       | Rainfall (mm) | Year to Date |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total Rainfall | 27.6 mm       | 339.4 mm     |

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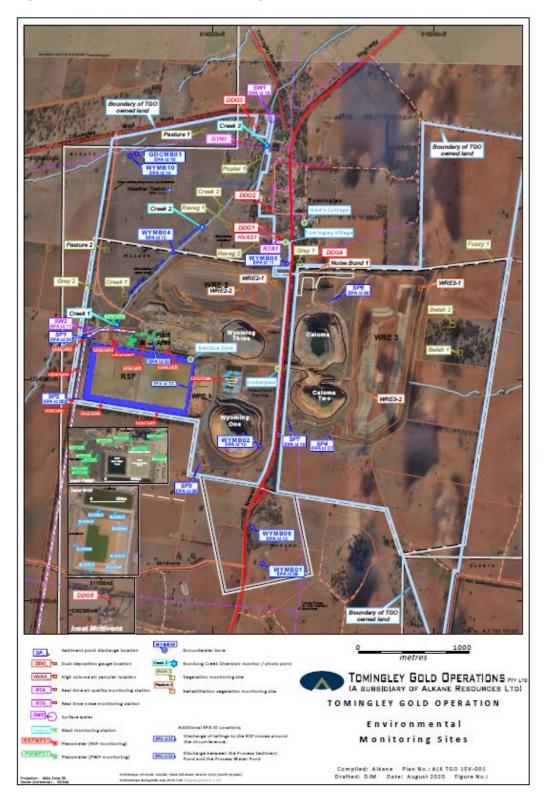
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#### 3. Monitoring Locations

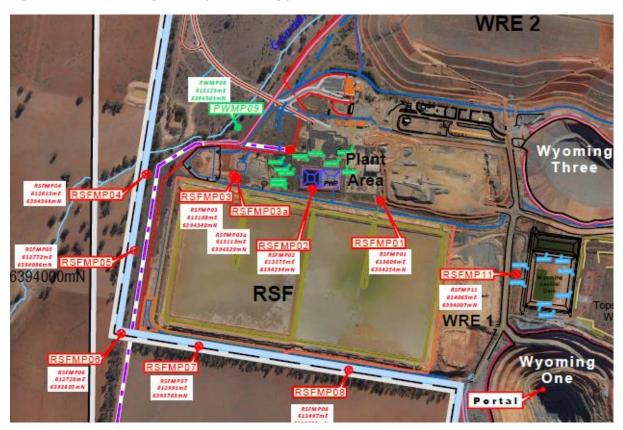
**Figure 2** indicates the location of where monitoring is undertaken for the project. Any additional monitoring undertaken will be discussed within the body of this report.

**Figure 2. TGO Environmental Monitoring Sites** 



**Figure 3** indicates the location of environmental and survey monitoring points on and around the Residue Storage Facility (RSF).

Figure 3. Residue Storage Facility monitoring points



#### 4. Air Quality Monitoring

#### A. TEOM PM<sub>10</sub> Particulates Monitoring

PM<sub>10</sub> is measured via a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) located at the southern edge of the Tomingley Village. This machine transmits real-time data via the internet to a computer located on site.

TGO monitor and report on compliance with the air quality conditions stipulated in TGO's Project Approval: Tomingley Gold Project. Impact assessment criteria as stipulated in the PA refers to any residence on privately-owned land or on more than 25 percent of any privately-owned land. Refer to **Tables 2 & 3** for conditions pertaining to TEOM monitoring.

Table 2: Long term impact assessment criteria for particulate matter

| Pollutant                                | Averaging Period | d Criterion |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total suspended particulate (TSP) matter | Annual           | a 90 μg/m3  |
| Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM10)        | Annual           | a 30 μg/m3  |

Table 3: Short term impact assessment criterion for particulate matter

| Pollutant                         | Averaging Period | d Criterion |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Particulate matter < 10 μm (PM10) | 24 hour          | a 50 μg/m3  |

Table 4: Long term impact assessment criteria for deposited dust

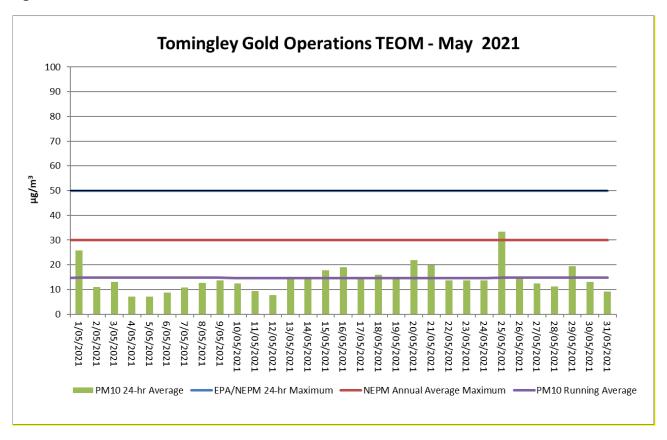
| Pollutant Averaging Period |        | Maximum increase in deposited dust level | Maximum total deposited dust level |  |
|----------------------------|--------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| c Deposited dust           | Annual | b 2 g/m2/month                           | a, d 4 g/m2/month                  |  |

Notes to Tables

- a Total impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project plus background concentrations due to all other sources);
- b Incremental impact (ie incremental increase in concentrations due to the project on its own);
- c Deposited dust is to be assessed as insoluble solids as defined by Standards Australia, AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2016: Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air Determination of Particulate Matter Deposited Matter Gravimetric Method, or its latest version; and
- d Excludes extraordinary events such as bushfires, prescribed burning, dust storms, sea fog, fire incidents or any other activity agreed by the Secretary.

There was nil exceedances of the assessment criteria as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. TGO TEOM Data



#### B. <u>Depositional Dust</u>

Depositional Dust monitoring undertaken during this month returned the results shown in **Table 5** below. There were nil exceedances for this monitoring period. Refer to **Table 4** for conditions pertaining to depositional dust monitoring.

**Table 5. Dust Deposition Results** 

| Location | Date Monitored          | Total Insoluble<br>Matter<br>(g/m²/month) | Total Insoluble<br>Matter<br>(g/m²/month) YTD<br>Average | Complies |
|----------|-------------------------|---|--|----------|
| DDG1     | 03/05/2021 – 01/06/2021 | 0.8                                       | 1.5  | Υ        |
| DDG2     | 03/05/2021 – 01/06/2021 | 0.7                                       | 0.97   | Y        |
| DDG3     | 03/05/2021 - 01/06/2021 | 0.5                                       | 1.01   | Y        |
| DDG4     | 03/05/2021 – 01/06/2021 | 1.8                                       | 1.3  | Y        |
| DDG5     | 03/05/2021 - 01/06/2021 | 0.6                                       | 0.78   | Y        |

#### C. <u>High Volume Air Sampler - Total Suspended Particulates</u>

One High Volume Air Sampling (HVAS) unit has been installed in Myall Street, Tomingley, (in the yard of the closest receptor) just north of the Project site. The HVAS measures Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) on a 24-hour, one-day-in-six frequency and is co-located with the TEOM. **Table 6** below provides the results.

The performance criteria for TSP are averaged over 12 months.

**Table 6. Hi-Volume Air Sampler Results** 

| Location | Sample Date | Results<br>(TSP μg/m³) | Performance Criteria<br>(Annual Average) | Complies |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|--|----------|
| HVAS1    | 02/05/2021  | 21.4                   | - 90 μg/m³                               | Υ        |
| HVAS1    | 08/05/2021  | 22.4                   |  | Y        |
| HVAS1    | 14/05/2021  | 26.0                   |  | Y        |
| HVAS1    | 20/05/2021  | 42.4                   |  | Y        |

#### 5. Noise Monitoring

TGO uses a combination of real-time and attended monitoring to evaluate the performance of the project. For monitoring locations see **Figure 2**.

A review of monitoring data and operator attended observations determined that TGO contributions did not exceed relevant limits during applicable meteorological conditions. A full report is provided separately on the Alkane webpage.

#### 6. Surface Water Monitoring

TGO undertakes water quality monitoring at several locations within and surrounding the site. Water quality monitoring locations (**Figure 2**) include those locations specified in EPL 20169, as well as additional sampling locations. The intent of the surface water monitoring program is to ensure that the water quality impacts associated with the mining operations are minimised.

EPL 20169 requires that surface water quality be monitored at two locations within the process water system (RSF) and (Wyoming Central Dam); six locations within the dirty water system (Sediment Basins); and two locations within the surrounding clean water system (Gundong Creek).

#### A. RSF and Wyoming Central Dam

The required monitoring frequency for both points is daily during discharge. TGO monitor for Cyanide (weak acid dissociable) with a 90-percentile concentration limit of 20mg/L and 100-percentile concentration limit of 30mg/L.

WAD cyanide discharge levels are shown below with the maximum reading below the 100<sup>th</sup> percentile limit of 30 ppm.

Monthly average: 1.69 ppm

Daily maximum: 8.842 ppm

• Daily minimum: 0.24 ppm

Samples assessed during the month were within guidelines.

#### **B. Sedimentation Basins**

TGO's six sediment basins are licenced discharged points. EPL 20169 monitoring frequency for these sediment basins is during discharge.

There was nil discharge from any sediment basins during the month.

#### C. Gundong Creek

Due to the ephemeral nature of Gundong Creek, water quality sampling opportunities are limited. Gundong Creek does not provide a secure water supply either for human consumption or agricultural purposes. Gundong Creek may however provide additional irrigation and stock water. TGO's PA requires baseline water trigger levels to be maintained or improved.

No sampling was undertaken during the month.

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#### 7. Groundwater Monitoring

TGO undertake quarterly groundwater monitoring in line with EPL and PA requirements. No samples were taken during the month.

The next round of monitoring is due in July 2021.

#### 8. Blast Monitoring

TGO operate to the blasting criteria as stipulated in our EPL and PA. These conditions include airblast overpressure, ground vibration, frequency and timeframe.

Blasts that trigger the monitoring equipment are recorded and the data is retained on site. There were no blast exceedances during the month.

#### 9. Biodiversity Monitoring

#### Fauna deaths:

No fauna deaths were recorded during the month.