

16 October 2018

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Dear Michael

**Effluent Water Quality Monitoring - Downer Blasting Service, Mt Thorley – September 2018**

AECOM Australia Pty Ltd was appointed by Downer Blasting Services (DBS) to undertake quarterly effluent water quality monitoring at their Mt Thorley facility during September 2018.

Sampling was carried out in accordance with the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Water Pollutants in New South Wales (DEC, 2004, Approved Methods), with reference to the following standards:

- AS/NZS 5667.1 (1998) Guidance on the design of sampling programs, sampling techniques and the preservation and handling of samples; and
- AS/NZS 5667.4 (1998) Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and manmade.

Effluent is required to be sampled on a quarterly basis from the site Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) as per the requirements of EPL Licence 12325. Due to reduced manning levels at the Downer Thorley facility insufficient treated effluent was available to enable sampling from the effluent outlet hose so the final tank discharge /pumping tank cell was sampled directly using a decontaminated sampling pole and opened ended sample cup. The sample was transported to the ALS Water NATA accredited laboratory on the same day for pH and faecal coliforms analysis.

Laboratory analysis on water samples was carried out in accordance with the Approved Methods, with specific standards nominated on individual analytical and quality control reports.

**Results Summary**

The September quarter sampling of the WWTP Effluent Tap was conducted by AECOM staff on 27 September 2018. The analytical results from this event and previous monitoring events are displayed in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1 Table 1 Effluent Water Quality Monitoring Results**

Parameter	WWTP Effluent Tap			
Event	Dec 2017	March 2018	June 2018	Sept 2018
pH	9.78	6.93	4.00	7.49
Faecal coliforms (CFU/100mL)	<9	<9	<2	62

Please find enclosed the documentation for the monitoring conducted including laboratory certificates of analysis, field sheets and chain of custody documentation.

**Discussion**

There are no limits set in EPL Licence 12325 for the WWTP Effluent sample for pH or faecal coliforms; however, the faecal coliform result (62 CFU/100mL) was elevated compared to recent results and consistent with the observed water quality recorded as brown in colour. pH has returned to the neutral range after slightly acidic sample results were obtained in June 2018.

Quarterly monitoring is next scheduled for December 2018.

If you require any further information, please contact our Singleton office on (02) 6575 9000.

Kind regards

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encl: Analytical Reports, Field Sheets, Chain of Custody documentation.

## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**Work Order** : **WN1805587**  
**Client** : **AECOM Australia Pty Ltd**  
**Contact** : **SGNALS ANALYTICAL RESULTS**  
**Address** : **PO BOX 3148**  
**SINGLETON NSW, AUSTRALIA 2330**  
**Telephone** : **----**  
**Project** : **60515151 / 1.1 DBS STP Quarterly**  
**Order number** : **60515151 / 1.1**  
**C-O-C number** : **#S3372**  
**Sampler** : **SUSAN BOWSHER**  
**Site** : **----**  
**Quote number** : **EN/004/16**  
**No. of samples received** : **1**  
**No. of samples analysed** : **1**

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**Laboratory** : ALS Water - Newcastle  
**Contact** : Hayley Worthington  
**Address** : 5/585 Maitland Road Newcastle West NSW Australia 2304  
**Telephone** : +612 4014 2500  
**Date Samples Received** : 27-Sep-2018 16:45  
**Date Analysis Commenced** : 27-Sep-2018  
**Issue Date** : 01-Oct-2018 06:51



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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

**Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QA/QC Compliance Assessment to assist with Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification.**

### Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is carried out in compliance with procedures specified in 21 CFR Part 11.

<i>Signatories</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Accreditation Category</i>
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## General Comments

The analytical procedures used by the Environmental Division have been developed from established internationally recognized procedures such as those published by the USEPA, APHA, AS and NEPM. In house developed procedures are employed in the absence of documented standards or by client request.

Where moisture determination has been performed, results are reported on a dry weight basis.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

When sampling time information is not provided by the client, sampling dates are shown without a time component. In these instances, the time component has been assumed by the laboratory for processing purposes.

Where a result is required to meet compliance limits the associated uncertainty must be considered. Refer to the ALS Contact for details.

Key : CAS Number = CAS registry number from database maintained by Chemical Abstracts Services. The Chemical Abstracts Service is a division of the American Chemical Society.  
 LOR = Limit of reporting  
 ^ = This result is computed from individual analyte detections at or above the level of reporting  
 ø = ALS is not NATA accredited for these tests.  
 ~ = Indicates an estimated value.

## Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: **WATER**  
 (Matrix: **WATER**)

Client sample ID

				STP - WWTP Effluent Tap	----	----	----	----
				Client sampling date / time	27-Sep-2018 10:00	----	----	----
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	WN1805587-001	-----	-----	-----	-----
				Result	----	----	----	----
<b>EA005: pH</b>								
pH Value	----	0.01	pH Unit	7.49	----	----	----	----
<b>MW006.WN: Thermotolerant Coliforms &amp; E.coli (MF)</b>								
Faecal Coliforms	----	1	CFU/100mL	62	----	----	----	----

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# Water Sampling Field Sheet – STP Quarterly

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Client Downer Blasting Services Project Number 60515151  
Collection Date 27-9-18 Collection Time 0940-1010 Sampled By (Name) S. Bowsher

Site	Frequency	Time	Flow Rate	Colour	Odour	Turbidity	Comments
STP - WWTP Effluent Tap	Quarterly	1000	Tank	Brown	Nil	clear	Sml GP, Bacto

C – Clear, ST – slightly turbid, T – turbid, VT – very turbid

Samplers Initials SB

Chris Melmeth – 0429 477 674 (Site Supervisor);  
Contact details for Heat Plant on poster near outside phone (office) if unable to contact site supervisor

