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Re: Blast Furnace No. 6 Reline (SSI-22545215) - Independent Environmental Audit 2024

Dear Deana,

BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd commissioned WD Environmental Consulting on 23 July 2024 to conduct an Independent Environmental Audit of the Blast Furnace No. 6 Reline project in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C14 of Infrastructure Approval SSI-22545215. The audit was carried out over a consecutive five-day period commencing 19th August 2024 and finishing 23rd August 2024. An inspection of the project site was also undertaken by the auditor on 20 August 2024.

The audit report was finalised on 3 October 2024. A total of 106 SSI conditions of consent were assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Planning and Environment's 2020 document titled 'Independent Audit Guideline Post Approval Requirements'. Of the conditions assessed, two non-compliances and three improvement opportunities were identified.

In accordance with Schedule 2, Condition C15 of the Infrastructure Approval, please find enclosed a copy of the Independent Environmental Audit report and BlueScope's response to the recommendations noted by the auditor (Attachment 1). A copy of this submission will have also been made publicly available via BlueScope's external website for the project - <https://www.bluescope.com/illawarra/environmental-responsibility/blast-furnace-reline>. The NSW EPA have also received a copy of the submission.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please contact me directly on 0404 918 868.

Yours Sincerely

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Appendix 1

Table 1: Proponent's Response to Identified Non-Compliances

Audit Report Reference	Condition Number	Audit Finding	Recommendation:	Proponent (BlueScope's) Response:
SSI22545215_IA1_01	B24	No evidence was sighted during the Audit demonstrating that a Fire Safety Study had been approved by the Planning Secretary prior to construction.	The Proponent should seek written direction from the Planning Secretary in relation to an updated timing for the Fire Safety Study Planning Secretary approval in accordance with Condition A3 (a).	The Fire Safety Study was formally approved by the DPHI on 27 September 2024. BlueScope has retrospectively provided a letter to the DPHI outlining the delay for the approval for the Fire Safety Study following the commencement of construction.
SSI22545215_IA1_02	C17	<p>The audit review of the Project website identified that the following required information was not available on its project website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A summary of complaints (noting that there have been no complaints to date); ▪ An updated summary of the current stage and progress of the Project; and ▪ Reporting the Project environmental performance and monitoring (noting that environmental reporting for the whole site under the EPL is found outside the Project website). 	The Proponent should undertake a review of the available information on its project website and make available all relevant information in accordance with this condition.	<p>BlueScope has completed a review of the external project website against the level of information required in accordance with Condition C17. BlueScope has subsequently updated the website with relevant information pertaining to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key developments and updates relating to the Project; and ▪ Environmental performance data including complaints and monitoring results.

Table 2: Proponent’s Response to Identified Improvement Opportunities

Audit Report Reference	Condition Number	Audit Finding/Recommendation:	Proponent (BlueScope’s) Response:
Page 1 of the Independent Environmental Audit Report	B33 and B24	Consider reviewing and documenting the ‘out of office’ hours approval process for works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers.	BlueScope has developed and implemented a formal review process to ensure that all requests to work outside of the agreed hours of work defined in Condition B33 of the Infrastructure Approval, are documented. A history of all requests is now retained.
Page 1 of the Independent Environmental Audit Report	B31	Ensure unused chemicals are appropriately stored.	Audits and inspections are routinely conducted to ensure that all environmental risks and their associated controls are being appropriately managed. BlueScope will ensure that all chemicals are stored within bunded areas.
Page 1 of the Independent Environmental Audit Report	B1	Inspect and maintain sediment build-up and erosion and sediment controls found within the roadways adjacent to the 6BF works.	Audits and inspections are routinely conducted to ensure that all environmental risks and their associated controls are being appropriately managed. Actions have been undertaken to remove sediment build-up from roadways.