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Licence Details Number: Anniversary Date:

12481 06-September

#### Licensee

BORAL RESOURCES (COUNTRY) PTY. LIMITED

PO BOX 42

WENTWORTHVILLE NSW 2145

#### Premises

**BORAL COUNTRY - CONCRETE & QUARRIES** 

METZ ROAD, METZ GORGE

METZ NSW 2350

#### **Scheduled Activity**

Crushing, Grinding or Separating

**Extractive Activities** 

#### Fee Based Activity

Crushing, grinding or separating

Land-based extractive activity

#### **Region**

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# Information about this licence

## Dictionary

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

## **Responsibilities of licensee**

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 132 of the Act); and
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

## Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

### **Duration of licence**

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

### Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

## Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).

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The EPA publication "A Guide to Licensing" contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

### Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

#### Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

### This licence is issued to:

#### BORAL RESOURCES (COUNTRY) PTY. LIMITED

#### **PO BOX 42**

#### WENTWORTHVILLE NSW 2145

subject to the conditions which follow.

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# **1** Administrative Conditions

### A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Crushing, Grinding or Separating	Crushing, grinding or separating	> 30000 - 100000 T processed
Extractive Activities	Land-based extractive activity	> 50000 - 100000 T extracted, processed or stored

## A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
BORAL COUNTRY - CONCRETE & QUARRIES
METZ ROAD, METZ GORGE
METZ
NSW 2350
LOT 4 DP 813860
PARISH OF METZ

### A3 Information supplied to the EPA

A3.1 Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

a) the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and

b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

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# 2 Limit Conditions

### L1 Pollution of waters

L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### L2 Waste

- L2.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.
- L2.2 This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal of waste at the premises if those activities require an environment protection licence.

### L3 Noise limits

- L3.1 Noise from the premises must not exceed:
  - (a) 35dB(A) L<sub>Aeq(15 minute)</sub> during the day (0700 to 1700) Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1200 Saturday;

Where L<sub>Aeq</sub> means the equivalent continuous noise level - the level of noise equivalent to the energy-average of noise levels occurring over a measurement period.

- L3.2 Noise from the premises is to be measured at the nearest affected neighbour to determine compliance with this condition.
- L3.3 The noise emission limits identified in this licence apply under all meteorological conditions except:a) during rain and wind speeds (at 10m height) greater than 3m/s; andb) under "non-significant weather conditions".
- Note: Field meteorological indicators for non-significant weather conditions are described in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy, Chapter 5 and Appendix E in relation to wind and temperature inversions.
- L3.4 To determine compliance with condition(s) L4.1 and L4.2

a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must be measured within 30m of any residence located near the quarry for all blasts carried out in or on the premises; and
b) Instrumentation used to measure the airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must meet the requirements of Australian Standard 2187.2 of 1993.

Note: For the purpose of noise measures required for this condition, the L<sub>Aeq</sub> noise level must be measured or computed at the point defined in condition L6.2 over a period of 15 minutes using "FAST" response on the sound level meter.

## L4 Blasting

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L4.1 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed:

a) 115 dB (Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; and b) 120 dB (Lin Peak) at any time.

At any point within 30 metres of any non-project related residential building or other noise sensitive location

L4.2 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:

a) 5mm/s for more than 5% of the total number of blasts carried out on the premises during each reporting period; and

b) 10 mm/s at any time.

At any point within 3.5 metres of any non-project related residential building or other noise sensitive location

- L4.3 Blasting at the premises is limited to 1 blast on each day on which blasting is permitted.
- Note: Additional blasts are permitted where it is demonstrated to be necessary for safety reasons and the EPA and neighbours have been notified of the intended blast prior to the additional blast being fired.

#### L5 Hours of operation

- L5.1 Activities covered by this licence must only be carried out between the hours of 0700 and 1700 Monday to Friday, and 0700 and 1200 Saturday, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- L5.2 Blasting operations on the premise must only be carried out between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- L5.3 The hours of operation may be varied with written consent if the EPA is satisfied that the amenity of the residents in the locality of the premise will not be adversely affected.

# 3 Operating Conditions

#### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner. This includes:

a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and

b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

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### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

- O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity: a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
  - b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

## O3 Dust

O3.1 All operations and activities occurring at the premises must be carried out in a manner that will minimise the emission of dust from the premises.

# 4 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

### M1 Monitoring records

- M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.
- M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:
  - a) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
  - b) kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
  - c) produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.
- M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:
  - a) the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
  - b) the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
  - c) the point at which the sample was taken; and
  - d) the name of the person who collected the sample.

## M2 Recording of pollution complaints

- M2.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.
- M2.2 The record must include details of the following:
  - a) the date and time of the complaint;
  - b) the method by which the complaint was made;

c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;

d) the nature of the complaint;

e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and

f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.

M2.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

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M2.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

### M3 Telephone complaints line

- M3.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.
- M3.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.
- M3.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 3 months after:
  a) the date of the issue of this licence or
  b) if this licence is a replacement licence within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment
  Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998, the date on which a copy of the licence was served on the licensee under clause 10 of that regulation.

# 5 Reporting Conditions

#### R1 Annual return documents

- R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising: a) a Statement of Compliance; and
  - b) a Monitoring and Complaints Summary.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee a copy of the form that must be completed and returned to the EPA.

- R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.
- R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and

b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or

b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

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- R1.6 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.
- R1.7 Within the Annual Return, the Statement of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:a) the licence holder; orb) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.
- R1.8 A person who has been given written approval to certify a certificate of compliance under a licence issued under the Pollution Control Act 1970 is taken to be approved for the purpose of this condition until the date of first review of this licence.
- R1.9 The results of the blast monitoring required by condition L3.3 must be submitted to the EPA at the end of each reporting period.
- R1.10 The licensee must report any exceedence of the licence blasting limits to the regional office of the EPA as soon as practicable after the exceedence becomes known to the licensee or to one of the licensee's employees or agents.
- Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.
- Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

## R2 Notification of environmental harm

- R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.
- R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.
- Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

### **R3** Written report

R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:

a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; orb) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,

and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.

R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.

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- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
  - a) the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - b) the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;

c) the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;

d) the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;

e) action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;

f) details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and

g) any other relevant matters.

R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

# 6 General Conditions

### G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

- G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.
- G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.
- G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

# 7 Pollution Studies and Reduction Programs

## U1 PRP 1 - Noise Assessment to ensure licence limits are met. Validation Noise Monitoring

U1.1 In April 2006, licensee submitted an application for this licence for this premises. The DEC requested additional information be provided to support the application for this licence. The licensee was required to provide quantitive evidence that new equipment, will result in improvements to noise generated on site and that the new plant and equipment will reduce the noise impact on neighbouring residents.

The licensee provided additional supporting information in July 2006, which predicted a reduction in noise generated on site, compared to equipment proposed to be used in 1990 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this premises. The report provided by the licensee predicted that all activities and equipment would meet the 35 dB(A) noise limit condition of this licence, except the drilling operations.

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Monitoring and Report

This Pollution Reduction Program (PRP) required validation of the predictions of the licensee that the new plant and equipment will meet the conditions of this licence. The licensee must also determine what mitigation noise suppression measures are needed for the drill or other equipment, in order to meet all licence conditions.

The licensee must carry out Validation Noise Monitoring to assess the compliance of the following activities:

- a. The next campaign of extraction and processing; and
- b. The next campaign of drilling activities prior to the next blast.

The licensee must undertake noise monitoring at the nearest affected residence to assess compliance with the noise limits specified in condition L3.1 of this licence.

A report summarising the outcomes of the monitoring and providing any recommended actions / works required to comply with condition L3.1 of this licence must be submitted to the DEC'S Armidale Office no later than one month after the monitoring is undertaken.

Due Date: Within 1 month of monitoring activities specified in a. and b. occurring.

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# Dictionary

#### **General Dictionary**

3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]	Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples
Act	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
activity	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
actual load	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
АМ	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
AMG	Australian Map Grid
anniversary date	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
annual return	Is defined in R1.1
Approved Methods Publication	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
assessable pollutants	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
BOD	Means biochemical oxygen demand
СЕМ	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.
COD	Means chemical oxygen demand
composite sample	Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.
cond.	Means conductivity
environment	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
environment protection legislation	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
EPA	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
fee-based activity classification	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
general solid waste (non-putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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flow weighted composite sample	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
general solid waste (putrescible)	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environmen t Operations Act 1997
grab sample	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
hazardous waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
licensee	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
load calculation protocol	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
local authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
material harm	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
MBAS	Means methylene blue active substances
Minister	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
mobile plant	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
motor vehicle	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
O&G	Means oil and grease
percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.
plant	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
pollution of waters [or water pollution]	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
premises	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
public authority	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
regional office	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
reporting period	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
restricted solid waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
scheduled activity	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
special waste	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
тм	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

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TSP	Means total suspended particles
TSS	Means total suspended solids
Type 1 substance	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
Type 2 substance	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
utilisation area	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
waste	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
waste type	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non - putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste

Mr Robert O'Hern

**Environment Protection Authority** 

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## **End Notes**

- 1 Condition A1.3 Not applicable varied by notice issued on <issue date> which came into effect on <effective date>
- 2 Licence varied by notice 1504337 issued on 09-May-2012
- 3 Licence varied by notice 1507943 issued on 09-Aug-2012