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Mr Mitch Roberts
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Dear Mr Roberts

SUSTAINABLE TIMBER TASMANIA – PEPPERMINT HILL QUARRY– COMPLIANCE AUDIT – SEPTEMBER 2022

I refer to the compliance audit undertaken at the Peppermint Hill Quarry on 27 September 2022 by Environment Protection Authority (EPA) officer Lucy Saltmarsh. The audit was conducted against Environment Protection Notice No. 8685/1. I acknowledge that Jody Cartwright, Adam Hyland, Phil Cole and Michael Lohrey were present on behalf of Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT). Please find attached a copy of the audit report.

I note that the overall level of compliance with permit conditions was high. I commend you on your ongoing environmental management of the site.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lucy Saltmarsh on 0457 128 224.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glen Naphthali', written in a cursive style.

Glen Naphthali
MANAGER INDUSTRIAL REGULATION
Delegate for the Director, Environment Protection Authority

Enc. Sustainable Timber Tasmania, EPN compliance audit – 27 September 2022

cc: Jody Cartwright - Senior Forest Officer, Jody.Cartwright@sttas.com.au
Adam Hyland - Co-ordinator Harvest, Sales and Roding (NW), Adam.Hyland@sttas.com.au

Audit Report: EPN 8685/1



Audit Date: 27/09/2022

Client: FORESTRY TASMANIA [SUSTAINABLE TIMBER TASMANIA]
ACN/ABN: 91 628 769 359
Premises Name: PEPPERMINT HILL QUARRY
Production Limit: 19500 cubic metres per year
Activity Type / Desc.: Quarries / a forestry quarry

1.0 Summary Table

Total Number of Conditions Audited/Out of	24/24
Conditions Not Audited	
Compliant	11
Not Applicable	8
Limited Evidence / Unable to Verify	5
Minor - Non Compliant	0
Non Compliant	0

2.0 Audit Table

Condition Category / Condition Title	Notes	Level of Compliance
G1: Access to and awareness of conditions and associated documents	A copy of the Permit is located on the company intranet. Persons undertaking work on The Land complete and sign a Contractor Job Specification which references environmental responsibilities.	Compliant
G2: Incident response	Trigger yet to occur. No incidents have occurred on The Land.	N/A
G3: No changes without approval	Sustainable Timber Tasmania are currently drafting an Environmental Effects Report for the proposed increase in crushing volumes.	N/A
G4: Change of ownership	Trigger yet to occur. Ownership of The Land has not changed.	N/A

G5: Environmental Management Plan and review thereof	Following a request from Sustainable Timber Tasmania, EPA granted an exemption to this condition on 13 September 2021.	N/A
G6: Quarry Code of Practice	An internal audit was conducted on 12 September 2022 which incorporated several of the Acceptable Standard provisions, all of which were compliant. The internal audit was provided and reviewed.	Compliant
A1: Covering of vehicles	No vehicles were observed entering or exiting the site. STT representatives advised that vehicles carrying loads are not covered as the dust generated from a hard rock quarry is very minimal.	Limited Evidence
A2: Control of dust emissions	STT representatives advised that dust generated from a hard rock quarry is very minimal. STT advised that they follow the Code of Practice, and water is used as a dust suppression method during blasting and crushing.	Limited Evidence
A3: Control of dust emissions from plant	STT representatives advised that crushing usually occurs in August when the material is already damp due to rainfall.	Limited Evidence
B1: Blasting times	STT provided copies of Blast Reports from the last five years. All blasts were compliant with stipulated blasting times.	Compliant
B2: Blasting - noise and vibration limits	STT provided copies of Blast Reports from the last five years. All blasts were compliant with stipulated noise and vibration limits.	Compliant
B3: Notification of blasting	Sighted blast notification register for the 2021 and 2022 blasts. Notification was provided to residents a week prior.	Compliant
DC1: Notification of cessation	Trigger is yet to occur. STT have no intention of ceasing the activity.	N/A
DC2: Stockpiling of surface soil	Observed topsoil separate from other overburden.	Compliant
DC3: Progressive rehabilitation	STT advised that they are currently not in a position to undertake progressive rehabilitation as the current floor does not provide enough room to allow for stockpiling, future blasting and truck access. It is planned with the next blast that progressive rehabilitation will take place.	Compliant
DC4: Rehabilitation on cessation	Trigger is yet to occur. STT have no intention of ceasing the activity.	N/A
DC5: Temporary suspension of activity	Trigger is yet to occur. STT have no intention of temporarily suspending the activity.	N/A
E1: Perimeter drains	Observed well-maintained perimeter drains leading to sediment settling ponds.	Compliant
E2: Stormwater	Observed sediment settling ponds onsite with	Compliant

	sufficient freeboard. No signs of polluted stormwater discharging from site.	
E3: Maintenance of settling ponds	STT internal audit assesses water and sediment management. Reviewed the internal audit and noted that the Water and Sediment Management monitoring questions were all compliant. Observed well-maintained onsite settling ponds.	Compliant
H1: Storage and handling of hazardous materials	No hazardous materials are stored onsite.	N/A
H2: Spill kits	Spill kits are carried on excavators in the event of a fuel spill. Excavators are onsite irregularly and were not observed during the site visit.	Limited Evidence
N1: Operating hours	STT advised that quarry works are irregular however only occur during the specific operating hours.	Limited Evidence
QL1: Regulatory limits	Sighted quarry records. 8,761 cubic metres processed in 2021/22 financial year.	Compliant