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ARR0001707

# **REWARD GOLD MINE ANNUAL REHABILITATION REPORT**

**Saturday 15 February 2025 to Saturday 14 February 2026**

## Summary table

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<b>Mine</b>	Reward Gold Mine
<b>Reference</b>	ARR0001707
<b>Annual report period commencement date</b>	Saturday 15 February 2025
<b>Annual report period end date</b>	Saturday 14 February 2026
<b>Forward program</b>	FWP0001572
<b>Mining leases</b>	GL 5846 (1906), ML 315 (1973), ML 317 (1973), ML 914 (1973), ML 1116 (1973), ML 316 (1973), ML 915 (1973), ML 1541 (1992), ML 913 (1973), ML 50 (1973), ML 49 (1973)
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## Mine Details

### Project description

The Reward Gold Mine is located immediately adjacent to and surrounding the town of Hill End in the eastern Lachlan Fold Belt. Hill End is approximately 80 km north of Bathurst and 70 km south of Mudgee in central western New South Wales at an elevation of approximately 850 m above sea level (m ASL). The Reward Gold Mine is an underground mining project, the primary objectives for which are to: - Rehabilitate old mine workings on Hawkins Hill to recover gold remaining in the old stopes; and - Develop new drives in a northerly direction to exploit potential high grade gold bearing veins indicated in the exploration drilling program. Processing operations have commenced with the refurbished gravity processing plant, using underground ore and existing waste material stockpiles. Underground works commenced mid-2025.

### Life of mine

10 years

### Current development consents, leases and licences

Development consents granted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

[EDA2000/0147 \(MOD1\)](#)

DA147/2000

**Authorisations covering the mining area granted under the *Mining Act 1992***

GL 5846 (1906), ML 315 (1973), ML 317 (1973), ML 914 (1973), ML 1116 (1973), ML 316 (1973), ML 915 (1973), ML 1541 (1992), ML 913 (1973), ML 50 (1973), ML 49 (1973)

**Any other approvals, licences, or authorities issued by government agencies that are relevant to the progress of mining operation and rehabilitation activities**

EPL12008

**Summary of the scope and/or purpose of the new applications or modifications to existing approvals (if applicable)**

N/A

## Changes to land ownership and land use

Land Ownership: No changes to land ownership during annual reporting period. Land Use: Reward Gold Mine underground and processing operations commenced early-mid 2025.

## Surface disturbance and rehabilitation activities during the reporting period

### **Surface disturbance and rehabilitation activities that were conducted and an analysis of the progress against the rehabilitation schedule**

All below surface disturbance activities conducted within existing disturbance footprint thus no change will be reflected in submitted spatial data: - Existing surface waste rock piles processed through gravity processing plant. - Rehabilitation of roadway towards Fosters Adit. - Early stages of Final Landform construction began at the Reward Gold Mine's 'Sand Storage Facility'. - Reworking of Amalgamated Waste Rock Emplacement (WRE), to allow access to low grade ore stores and storage of new underground ore. - Minor levelling of 'Consolidated' laydown area to utilise as storage area. Rehabilitation Activities: - Remediation of Reward Gold Mine access road bunds as per direction received from the NSW Resources Regulator. - Seed Trails conducted. Evans Wallaby grass and Burra Weeping grass introduced to three pots. 1 control pot with only SSF material, one with SSF material topped with soil from a topsoil stockpile and one topped with garden - potting mix. Seeds were initially watered daily, which promoted strong growth, then left to natural conditions. - Rehabilitation management plan updated in accordance with ASMT0040434 LETT0010316 after NSW Resources Regulator Landform TAP conducted in July 2025. - Beginning landform construction at Sand Storage Facility during 25-26 reporting period allows progress towards progressive rehabilitation goals and trials outlined within the Reward Gold Mine Rehabilitation Management Plan.

### **Rehabilitation planning activities that were conducted, including any specialist studies**

No new rehabilitation planning were conducted during the reporting period, as no planning activities were identified within the 2025-2028 Forward Program. Within the 2025-2028 Forward Program, rehabilitation/maintenance activities were outlined to continue through the projected time period. These completed activities were: - Seed Germination Trials will be undertaken for the introduction of local top soils to waste sands - Revegetation progress at previously rehabilitated sites at the SSF batter slopes will be recorded during

the monthly erosion and sediment control monitoring inspections. - Ongoing water sampling - Weather measurement recording - Access track maintenance - Pest control programs - Noxious weed control programs

### **Overview of subsidence repair and/or remediation works undertaken**

Subsidence repair works were conducted along the access road towards the historic 'Fosters' Adit. The roadway, covered by landslip material, was remediated as access to the Fosters Adit area along Hill End Creek was required. All subsidence remediation works for the access roadway were conducted within previously disturbed areas. No other subsidence remediation works were required during the reporting period.

### **Overview of rehabilitation management and maintenance activities**

Pest Control - Vertex has worked with various local entities to undertake pest control measures. Liaison with the Hargraves and Hill End Pest Group & LLS to complete 1080 set and collect target baiting programs on site, consultation with neighbouring land holders, completed in May and July 2025. Results for target baiting programs were recorded and kept in data base. Participation and contribution to feral trapping program with NPWS and HETCT, targeting feral goats and deer in the Hill End area. Participation in LLS HHEPG 24/2025 Pest Animal Management Plan. Seed Trails - Seed trails conducted. Evans Wallaby grass and Burra Weeping grass introduced to three pots. 1 control pot with only SSF material, one with SSF material topped with soil from a topsoil stockpile and one topped with garden - potting mix. Seeds were initially watered daily, which promoted strong growth, then left to natural conditions. Monitoring - Vegetation established on SSF batter slopes in monthly inspections. Weed Management - Monitoring of weed populations on site. Engaging suitable contractor to undertake weed spraying around site at appropriate times of year to ensure optimal results from spraying efforts. Spraying mainly targeted Serrated Tussock, Tiger Pear and Common Pear.

### **Details of any rehabilitation actions taken as required by any letters, notices or directions issued by government agencies, including the Resources Regulator**

- Updates made to the Reward Gold Mine Rehabilitation Management Plan in accordance with ASMT0040434 LETT0010316 from NSW Resources Regulator. - Access roadway bunding remediation works undertaken as per NSW Resources Regulator Notice NTCE0018202.

- No other rehabilitation actions required by any letters, notices or directions issued by government agencies, including the NSW Resources Regulator.

**Details of any rehabilitation areas that have achieved the final land use**

N/A – No areas have achieved the final land use (as set out in Clause 6 of Schedule 8A to the Mining Regulation 2016) in the reporting period.

**Key production milestones**

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>FWP0001572 YEAR1</b>	<b>THIS REPORT</b>
<b>Stripped topsoil</b> (if applicable)	(m <sup>3</sup> )	0	0
<b>Rock/overburden</b>	(m <sup>3</sup> )	12,348	5,060.5
<b>Ore</b>	(Mt)	0.04	0.02
<b>Reject material<sup>1</sup></b>	(Mt)	0.04	0.01
<b>Product</b>	(Mt)	0	0

<sup>1</sup>This includes coarse rejects, tailings and any other wastes resulting from beneficiation.

## Disturbance and rehabilitation statistics

### Current disturbance and rehabilitation progression

ELEMENT		UNIT	THIS REPORT
A1	Total disturbance footprint - surface disturbance	(ha)	7.08
B	Total active disturbance	(ha)	5.96
C	Rehabilitation - land preparation	(ha)	0
D	Ecosystem and land use establishment	(ha)	0
E	Ecosystem and land use development	(ha)	1.12
F	Rehabilitation completion	(ha)	0

## Rehabilitation key performance indicators (KPIs)

ELEMENT		UNIT	THIS REPORT
G	New disturbance area	(ha)	0
H	New rehabilitation commenced during annual reporting period	(ha)	-0.08
I	Established rehabilitation	(ha)	1.12
J	Annual rehabilitation to disturbance ratio	%	
K	Rehabilitated land to total mine footprint	%	15.78

## Progressive achievement of established rehabilitation

	ELEMENT	UNIT	THIS REPORT
L	Established rehabilitation for agricultural final land uses	%	0
M	Established rehabilitation for native ecosystem final land uses	%	289.77
N	Established rehabilitation for other/non-vegetated final land uses	%	0

## Variation to the rehabilitation schedule

Identify the components of the most recent forward program that were not achieved

N/A

Key factors that delayed progressive rehabilitation

N/A

Outline actions that will be included in the forward program and carried out to minimise disturbance and undertake progressive rehabilitation as far as reasonably practical

N/A

## Rehabilitation monitoring and research findings

### Rehabilitation monitoring

#### The rehabilitation monitoring carried out in the annual reporting period

As per the quality assurance process: Monthly SSF site inspections, including monitoring of rehabilitated SSF batter slope areas, to identify need for erosion and sediment control works as required, or remedial maintenance works as required, as outlined within the Reward Gold Mines Rehabilitation Management Plan Quality Assurance Process Ongoing water quality testing, both field and laboratory, to comply with rehabilitation objectives and Reward Gold Mines Rehabilitation Management Plan Quality Assurance Process Ongoing weed control measures undertaken, involving liaison and engaging local contractors to undertake weed spraying to meet approved rehabilitation objective of no weed infestations. Access tracks continually monitored and improved over annual reporting period, to manage water flow and erosion. Ongoing pest control

### Status of performance against rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria

#### The monitoring program that has been implemented

All reasonably applicable rehabilitation efforts and environmental monitoring have continued and/or been furthered as operations continue at the Reward Gold Mine. Ongoing surface water testing at several points continues to meet the approved rehabilitation objective of no water pollution onsite. Ongoing weed control measures undertaken, involving liaison and engaging local contractors to undertake weed spraying to meet approved rehabilitation objective of no weed infestations. Over annual reporting period Cornelian Dam remained stable and safe as per approved rehabilitation objective. Monthly monitoring of SSF disturbance area continued over reporting

period, assessing stability, erosion and drainage. Monitoring of revegetated SSF batter slope areas, previously introduced with adequate soil depth as per approved rehabilitation objective continued. Access tracks continually monitored and improved over annual reporting period, to manage water flow and erosion.

**Are all rehabilitation areas in Landform Establishment phase or higher represented in the monitoring program to assess performance against the rehabilitation objectives and approved or, if not yet approved rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan?**

Yes

**Year rehabilitation areas will be included as part of the monitoring program**

**An appraisal of whether rehabilitation is moving towards achieving the proposed rehabilitation objectives, approved or, if not yet approved, rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan as soon as reasonably practicable.**

Rehabilitation is moving towards achieving the final land use as soon as reasonably practicable.

**Appraisal description**

Rehabilitation is moving towards achieving the final land use as soon as reasonably practicable.

**Rehabilitation monitoring program findings**

Ongoing water quality monitoring: water quality parameters are safe and stable throughout reporting period. Field and lab testing to cover wide range of parameters. Ongoing revegetation monitoring: vegetation remains stable, ground coverage subject to weather and climatic conditions, no major erosion evident in revegetated areas. Ongoing weed control measures: weed populations controlled throughout infrastructure areas and revegetation areas, serrated tussock main weed present within revegetated areas. Previous weed control programs effective, few tiger and common pear weeds present in SSF area.

**Performance issues and their causes including identification of any knowledge gaps that must be addressed**

Performance issues surrounding the seed trials conducted in the TSF material, have been noted by Vertex. This allows for a basis of knowledge for further seed germination trials to be conducted. Opportunities exist to assess alternate seeding methods and introduction of different growth media, to address any knowledge gaps surrounding these rehabilitation efforts.

## Outcomes of rehabilitation research and trials

RRT NUMBER	PROJECT/TRIAL NAME	OBJECTIVE OF TRIAL/PROJECT	METHODOLOGY	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	STATUS	ON TRACK?
RRT0001117	<b>TSF material - seeds trial 2024</b>	Testing Microlaena stipoides – Burra Weeping grass and Rytidosperma caespitosum – Evans Wallaby grass in TSF material removed from location.	Pot up TSF material and plant Microlaena stipoides – Burra Weeping grass and Rytidosperma caespitosum – Evans Wallaby grass in that material with no growth material and receiving only natural rainfall.	6 Feb 2025	Complete	Yes
RRT0001118	<b>Camera monitoring of feral and native fauna</b>	Create a database documenting sightings of feral and native fauna on site to inform future decisions related to baiting programs and rehabilitation enhancements like nesting boxes.	Review security footage. Keep images of feral and native fauna recorded and track information of location and times etc.	6 Feb 2027	Ongoing	Yes

**Outcomes of completed trials and research**

N/A

## Attachment 1 - Reporting Definitions

REPORTING CATEGORY		DEFINITION
<b>A1</b>	<b>Total disturbance footprint - surface disturbance</b>	<p>All areas within a mining lease that either have at some point in time or continue to pose a rehabilitation liability due to surface disturbance activities.</p> <p>The total disturbance footprint is the sum of the total active disturbance, decommissioning, landform establishment, growth medium development, ecosystem and land use establishment, ecosystem and land use development and rehabilitation completion (see definitions below).</p> <p>Underground mining operations should not include the footprint of underground mining areas/subsidence management areas in the total disturbance footprint.</p>
<b>A2</b>	<b>Underground Mining Area</b>	Underground mining operations areas/subsidence management areas.
<b>B</b>	<b>Total active disturbance</b>	Includes on-lease exploration areas, stripped areas ahead of mining, infrastructure areas, water management infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, topsoil stockpile areas, access tracks and haul roads, active mining areas, waste rock emplacements (active/unshaped/in or out-of-pit), tailings dams (active/unshaped/uncapped) and temporary stabilised areas (e.g. areas sown with temporary cover crops for dust mitigation and temporary rehabilitation).
<b>C</b>	<b>Rehabilitation - land preparation</b>	Includes the sum of all disturbed land within a mining lease that have commenced any, or all, of

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		<p>the following phases of rehabilitation - decommissioning, landform establishment and growth medium development.</p> <p>Refer to the glossary of terms in this document for the definition of these phases of rehabilitation.</p>
<b>D</b>	<b>Ecosystem and land use establishment</b>	<p>Includes the area which has been seeded/planted with the target vegetation species for the intended final land use. However, vegetation has not matured to a stage where it can be demonstrated that it will be sustainable for the long term and or require only a maintenance regime consistent with target reference/analogue sites.</p> <p>Typically, rehabilitation areas would be in this phase for at least two years (and usually more) before rehabilitation can be classified as being in the ecosystem and land use development phase. This phase does not apply to infrastructure areas that are being retained as part of final land use for the site.</p>
<b>E</b>	<b>Ecosystem and Land Use Development</b>	<p>Rehabilitation has matured to a level where target revegetation outcomes are on a trajectory towards meeting the final rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria (as verified by monitoring).</p> <p>This phase includes infrastructure areas that are to be retained for an approved post mining land use, following completion of all necessary measures to render the infrastructure fit for this purpose (for example structural integrity).</p>

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<b>F</b>	<b>Rehabilitation Completion</b>	The Resources Regulator has determined in writing that the mining area has achieved the approved rehabilitation objectives and approved rehabilitation completion criteria and final landform and rehabilitation plan following the submission of Form: <i>Rehabilitation completion and/or review of rehabilitation cost estimate and/or notification of mine or petroleum site closure</i> .
<b>G</b>	<b>New active disturbance area</b>	The area of any new active disturbance that has been created during the annual reporting period (definition A1 in Table 5).
<b>H</b>	<b>New rehabilitation commenced during annual reporting period</b>	The sum of any new rehabilitation commenced in the annual reporting period. These areas may be in the rehabilitation land preparation phase or the ecosystem & land use establishment phase (definitions C and D in Table 5).
<b>I</b>	<b>Established rehabilitation (hectares)</b>	The total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5).
<b>J</b>	<b>Annual rehabilitation to disturbance ratio</b>	The rehabilitation to disturbance ratio (H/G) indicates how many hectares of new rehabilitation are undertaken for each hectare of land disturbed during the year. A ratio of 1/1 indicates that the area of new rehabilitation and disturbance in that year are the same.
<b>K</b>	<b>% Rehabilitated land to total mine footprint</b>	The proportion of the total mine footprint (area of land that has been disturbed by past or present surface disturbance activities) that has established rehabilitation ( $I/A1 \times 100$ ). For open cut mining, the proportion of the total mine footprint verified to be "established rehabilitation" should substantially increase as an operation progresses towards mine closure.

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<b>L</b>	<b>Established rehabilitation for agricultural final land uses (hectares)</b>	The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to an agricultural final land use.
<b>M</b>	<b>Established rehabilitation for native ecosystem final land uses (hectares)</b>	The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to native ecosystem final land use.
<b>N</b>	<b>Established rehabilitation for other/non-vegetated final land uses (hectares)</b>	The percentage of total area of land that is verified to be within either the ecosystem and land use development phase or the rehabilitation completion phase (definitions E & F in Table 5) that have been returned to other/non-vegetated final land use.

## Attachment 2 - Definitions

WORD	DEFINITION
<b>Active</b>	In the context of rehabilitation, land associated with mining domains is considered 'active' for the period following disturbance until the commencement of rehabilitation.
<b>Active mining phase of rehabilitation</b>	In the context of rehabilitation, the active mining phase of rehabilitation constitutes the rehabilitation activities undertaken during mining operations such as salvaging and managing soil resources, salvaging habitat resources, and native seed collection. This phase also includes management actions taken during operations to manage risks to rehabilitation and enhance rehabilitation outcomes such as selective handling of waste rock and management of tailings emplacements.
<b>Analogue site</b>	In the context of rehabilitation, an analogue site is a 'reference site' that represents an example of the defining characteristics (such as vegetation composition and structure or agricultural productivity) of the final land use. Characteristics of analogue sites can be assessed to develop the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria for final land use domains.
<b>Annual rehabilitation report and forward program</b>	As described in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Annual reporting period</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Closure</b>	A whole-of-mine-life process, which typically culminates in the relinquishment of the mining lease. It includes decommissioning and rehabilitation to achieve the approved final land use(s).

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<b>Decommissioning</b>	The process of removing mining infrastructure and removing contaminants and hazardous materials.
<b>Decommissioning Phase of Rehabilitation</b>	Activities associated with the removal of mining infrastructure and removal and/or remediation of contaminants and hazardous materials. In the context of the rehabilitation management plan this phase of rehabilitation may also include studies and assessments associated with decommissioning and demolition of infrastructure or works carried out to make safe or 'fit for purpose' built infrastructure to be retained for future use(s) following lease relinquishment.
<b>Department</b>	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.
<b>Disturbance</b>	See Surface Disturbance.
<b>Disturbance area</b>	<p>An area that has been disturbed and that requires rehabilitation.</p> <p>This may include areas such as on-licence exploration areas, stripped areas ahead of mining, infrastructure areas, water management infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities, topsoil stockpile areas, access tracks and haul roads, active mining areas, waste emplacements (active/unshaped/in or out-of-pit), tailings dams (active/unshaped/uncapped), and areas requiring rehabilitation that are temporarily stabilised (i.e. managed to minimise dust generation and/or erosion).</p>
<b>Domain</b>	An area (or areas) of the land that has been disturbed by mining and has a specific operational use (mining domain) or specific final land use (final land use domain). Land within a domain typically has similar geochemical and/or geophysical characteristics and therefore requires specific rehabilitation

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	activities to achieve the associated final land use.
<b>Ecosystem and Land Use Development</b>	<p>This phase of rehabilitation consists of the activities to manage maturing rehabilitation areas on a trajectory to achieving the approved rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria.</p> <p>For vegetated land uses this phase may include processes to develop characteristics of functional self-sustaining ecosystems, such as nutrient recycling, vegetation flowering and reproduction, and increasing habitat complexity, and development of a productive, self-sustaining soil profile.</p> <p>This phase of rehabilitation may include specific vegetation management strategies and maintenance such as tree thinning, supplementary plantings and weed management.</p>
<b>Ecosystem and Land Use Establishment</b>	<p>This phase of rehabilitation consists of the processes to establish the approved final land use following construction of the final landform.</p> <p>For vegetated land uses this rehabilitation phase includes establishing the desired vegetation community and implementing land management activities such as weed control. This phase of rehabilitation may also include habitat augmentation such as installation of nest boxes.</p>
<b>Exploration</b>	Has the same meaning as that term under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007.
<b>Final landform and rehabilitation plan</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.

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<b>Final land use</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Form and way</b>	Means the form and way approved by the Secretary. Approved form and way documents are available on the department's website.
<b>Growth Medium Development</b>	<p>This phase of rehabilitation consists of activities required to establish the physical, chemical and biological components of the substrate required to establish the desired vegetation community (including short lived pioneer species).</p> <p>This phase may include spreading the prepared landform with topsoil and/or subsoil and/or soil substitutes, applying soil ameliorants to enhance the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the growth media, and actions to minimise loss of growth media due to erosion.</p>
<b>Habitat</b>	Has the same meaning as that term under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (as relevant).
<b>Indicator</b>	An attribute of the biophysical environment (e.g. pH, topsoil depth, biomass) that can be used to approximate the progression of a biophysical process. It can be measured and audited to demonstrate (and track) the progress of an aspect of rehabilitation towards a desired completion criterion (i.e. defined end point). It may be aligned to an established protocol and used to evaluate changes in a system.
<b>Land</b>	As defined in the Mining Act 1992.

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<b>Landform Establishment</b>	<p>This phase of rehabilitation consists of the processes and activities required to construct the final landform.</p> <p>In addition to profiling the surface of rehabilitation areas to the approved final landform profile this phase may include works to construct surface water drainage features, encapsulate problematic materials such as tailings, and prepare a substrate with the desired physical and chemical characteristics (e.g. rock raking or ameliorating sodic materials).</p>
<b>Large mine</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Lease holder</b>	The holder of a mining lease.
<b>Life of mine</b>	The timeframe of how long a mine is approved to mine, from commencement to closure.
<b>Mine rehabilitation portal</b>	<p>Means the Resources Regulator's online portal that lease holders must use (via a registered account) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ upload rehabilitation geographical information system (GIS) spatial data</li> <li>▪ develop rehabilitation GIS spatial data (using online tracing functions)</li> <li>▪ generate rehabilitation plans and rehabilitation statistics using the map viewer and Rehabilitation Key Performance Indicator functionalities.</li> </ul> <p>Data submitted to the mine rehabilitation portal is collated in a centralised geodatabase for use by</p>

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	the Resources Regulator to regulate rehabilitation performance of lease holders.
<b>Mining area</b>	As defined in the Mining Act 1992.
<b>Mining domain</b>	A land management unit with a discrete operational function (e.g. overburden emplacement), and therefore similar geophysical characteristics, that will require specific rehabilitation treatments to achieve the final land use(s).
<b>Mining land</b>	As defined in the Mining Act 1992.
<b>Native vegetation</b>	Has the same meaning as that term under section 60B of the Local Land Services Act 2013.
<b>Overburden</b>	Material overlying coal or a mineral deposit.
<b>Performance indicator</b>	An attribute of the biophysical environment (for example pH, slope, topsoil depth, biomass) that can be used to demonstrate achievement of a rehabilitation objective. It can be measured and audited to demonstrate (and track) the progress of an aspect of rehabilitation towards a desired completion criterion, that is, a defined end point. It may be aligned to an established protocol and used to evaluate changes in a system.
<b>Phases of rehabilitation</b>	The stages and sequences of actions required to rehabilitate disturbed land to achieve the final land use. The phases of rehabilitation are:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ active mining</li> <li>▪ decommissioning</li> <li>▪ landform Establishment</li> <li>▪ growth medium development</li> <li>▪ landform Establishment</li> <li>▪ ecosystem and land use establishment</li> <li>▪ ecosystem and land use development</li> </ul>
<b>Progressive rehabilitation</b>	The progress of rehabilitation towards achieving the approved rehabilitation completion criteria. This may be described in terms of domains, phases, performance indicators and rehabilitation completion criteria.
<b>Rehabilitation Completion</b>	The final phase of rehabilitation when a rehabilitation area has achieved the approved rehabilitation objectives and rehabilitation completion criteria for the final land use. Rehabilitation areas may be classified as complete when the Resources Regulator has determined in writing that the relevant rehabilitation obligations have been fulfilled following submission of <i>Form ESF2 Rehabilitation completion and/or review of rehabilitation cost estimate application</i> by the lease holder.
<b>Rehabilitation Completion criteria</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Rehabilitation cost estimate</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.

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<b>Rehabilitation management plan</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Rehabilitation objectives</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Rehabilitation risk assessment</b>	As defined in the Mining Regulation 2016.
<b>Rehabilitation schedule</b>	The defined timeframes for progressive rehabilitation set out in the forward program.
<b>Relevant stakeholders</b>	<p>Means any persons or bodies who may be affected by the mining operations, including rehabilitation, carried out on the lease land, and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the relevant development consent authority</li> <li>▪ the local council</li> <li>▪ the relevant landholder(s)</li> <li>▪ community consultative committee (if required under the development consent) or equivalent consultative group</li> <li>▪ affected land holder(s)</li> <li>▪ government agencies relevant to the final land use</li> <li>▪ affected infrastructure authorities (electricity, telecommunications, water, pipeline, road, rail authorities)</li> <li>▪ local Aboriginal communities, and</li> <li>▪ any other person or body determined by the Minister to be a relevant stakeholder in relation to</li> </ul>

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	a mining lease.
<b>Risk</b>	The effect of uncertainty on objectives. It is measured in terms of consequences and likelihood (AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009).
<b>Secretary</b>	The Secretary of the department.
<b>Security deposit</b>	An amount that a mining lease holder is required to provide and maintain under a mining lease condition, to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations under the lease (including obligations that may arise in the future).
<b>Surface disturbance</b>	Includes activities that disturb the surface of the mining area, including mining operations, ancillary mining activities and exploration.
<b>Tailings</b>	A combination of the fine-grained solid material remaining after the recoverable metals and minerals have been extracted from the mined ore, and any process water <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Waste</b>	Has the same meaning as that term under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> .

<sup>2</sup>Commonwealth of Australia (DITR), 2007. Tailings Management.

## Attachment 3 - Rehabilitation Complaints

DATE	COMPLAINANT	COMPLAINT DETAILS	RESPONSE DETAILS	STATUS OF RESPONSE	DATE RESPONSE COMPLETED (IF APPLICABLE)
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## Attachment 4 - Stakeholder consultation

DATE	STAKEHOLDER	CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES AND FORMS	MATTERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION	ACTIONS TAKEN
24 Apr 2023	Local Police	1080 Baiting Notices	1080 Baiting Notices	1080 Baiting Notices
26 May 2023	NPWS	Emails - Public notification of LLS, NPWS, VTX Pig control program 1-30 June 2023	Public notification of LLS, NPWS, VTX Pig control program 1-30 June 2023	Public notification of LLS, NPWS, VTX Pig control program 1-30 June 2023
10 Jul 2023	LLS	Meeting with LLS at VTX site office - liaise regarding joint baiting program	Meeting with LLS at VTX site office - liaise regarding joint baiting program	NA
6 Jul 2022	NPWS	Emails advising sightings of feral pigs	Emails advising sightings of feral pigs	Offering potential participation in feral pig programs
23 Nov 2023	Hill End & Tambaroora Common Trust	Email correspondence invitation from VTX for a meeting with the new HETCT President Kathy George	Email correspondence invitation from VTX for a meeting with the new HETCT President Kathy George - meet new president - discuss proposed drilling	Email correspondence invitation from VTX for a meeting with the new HETCT President Kathy George - meet new president - discuss proposed drilling

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4 Jul 2023	HHEPG	Wild Dog & Fox baiting program correspondence	Wild Dog & Fox baiting program correspondence	Wild Dog & Fox baiting program correspondence
19 Jul 2023	Hill End Common Trust, Hill End Police, NPWS, multiple neighbours	1080 Baiting Notices via email	1080 Baiting Notices	1080 Baiting Notices
6 Jul 2023	Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, multiple neighbours	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drop at residences	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drop at residences	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drop at residences
15 May 2023	HHEPG	Meat and membership fees correspondence baiting program	Meat and membership fees correspondence baiting program	Meat and membership fees correspondence baiting program - pay fees and costs
12 May 2023	HHEPG - Hargraves - Hill End Pest Group	VTX staff attends Annual General Meeting 6pm Hargraves Hall with LLS and community	VTX staff attends Annual General Meeting 6pm Hargraves Hall with LLS and community	VTX staff attends Annual General Meeting 6pm Hargraves Hall with LLS and community
2 May 2023	NPWS LLS	Emails to/from Lisa Menke - VTX to contribute financially to	Emails to/from Lisa Menke - VTX to contribute financially to the Pig Control program	Emails to/from Lisa Menke - VTX to contribute financially to the Pig Control program

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26 Apr 2023	NPWS BRC HEGG and other Hill End Groups RFS etc	1080 Baiting Notices via email - ask NPWS to distribute to stakeholder network - includes BRC	1080 Baiting Notices via email - ask NPWS to distribute to stakeholder network - includes BRC	1080 Baiting Notices via email - ask NPWS to distribute to stakeholder network - includes BRC
4 May 2023	LLS	Site visit to VTX with LLS and baiting program trapper.	Site visit to VTX with LLS and baiting program trapper.	Site visit to VTX with LLS and baiting program trapper.
24 Apr 2023	Hill End Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Lodge, Mail Centre, local neighbours	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drops	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drops	1080 Baiting Notices via public notice at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, leaflet drops
6 Mar 2023	NPWS, RFS	Email update from NPWS and RFS regarding wildfire burning to the north of Hill End	Email update from NPWS and RFS regarding wildfire burning to the north of Hill End	Email update from NPWS and RFS regarding wildfire burning to the north of Hill End
16 Feb 2023	BRC	All VTX Directors meet with senior Bathurst Regional Council	Introductions, Development Consent Activities	All VTX Directors meet with senior Bathurst Regional Council (BRC) Department of Planning representatives

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		(BRC)Department of Planning representatives		
23 Feb 2023	NPWS	Emails - Save the date schedule for stakeholder meetings 14 Mar 13 June 12 Sept 2023	Save the date schedule for stakeholder meetings 14 Mar 13 June 12 Sept 2023	Save the date schedule for stakeholder meetings 14 Mar 13 June 12 Sept 2023 - attend meetings
24 Apr 2023	LLS	Liaise LLS via email - baiting program	Liaise LLS via email - baiting program	Liaise LLS via email - baiting program
20 Feb 2022	Hargraves Hill End Pest Control Group (HHEPG), LLS	Annual General Meeting and Fox and Wild Dog Autumn Baiting Program participation	Attended AGM for HHEPG, VTX made donation to HHEPG for the baiting program, participated in the baiting program at ML1541	Attended AGM for HHEPG, VTX made donation to HHEPG for the baiting program, participated in the baiting program at ML1541
22 Jul 2022	Hargraves Hill End Pest Control Group (HHEPG), LLS	Participate in the winter fox and wild dog baiting program, emails liaise with HHEPG and LLS	Participate in the winter fox and wild dog baiting program, emails liaise with HHEPG and LLS	Participate in the winter fox and wild dog baiting program, emails liaise with HHEPG and LLS, VTX provides \$200 donation for winter program
1 Nov 2024	HHEPG	Liaison with HHEPG around Hill End Tambaroora Pest Management Plan, for	Liaison with HHEPG around Hill End Tambaroora Pest Management Plan, for review on 1/7/25. Plan targeting Goats, Deer, Feral pigs, Wild Dogs and Foxes.	Liaison with HHEPG around Hill End Tambaroora Pest Management Plan, for review on 1/7/25. Plan targeting Goats, Deer, Feral pigs, Wild Dogs and Foxes.

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14 Apr 2022	NPWS, BRC, RFS, HEAC, HEATGG and local business owners, local community members	Roundtable meeting - Technical Director attends	VTX Update, community engagement, Hill End 150, RFS update, public school and other groups provide community updates	Ongoing support and engagement with HEATGG, NPWS, RFS etc
27 Jan 2026	Resources Regulator	In-person meeting	Casey Robinson and Chris Hamilton met Mark Buhcan and Christine Fawcett at Hargraves discussing legacy MLs closure	Casey Robinson and Chris Hamilton met Mark Buhcan and Christine Fawcett at Hargraves discussing legacy MLs closure
28 May 2023	HHEPG	VTX Donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence	Assistance to help baiting program continue - VTX Donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence	Assistance to help baiting program continue - VTX Donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence
13 Jun 2023	NPWS	NPWS Stakeholder Quarterly Meetings - VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm - includes local community groups such as RFS, HEGG, and BRC representatives	NPWS Stakeholder Quarterly Meetings - VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm - includes local community groups such as RFS, HEGG, and BRC representatives	NPWS Stakeholder Quarterly Meetings - VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm - includes local community groups such as RFS, HEGG, and BRC representatives Follow up any public enquiries - address at next meetings

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18 Sep 2025	Resources Regulator	Email from Chris Rudens following up from Landform TAP	Provided Assessment Finding Letter from Reward Gold Mine Landform Establishment TAP undertaken on 15th July	Drafting of Action Plan as per ASMT0040434 LETT0010316 Updates made to Reward Gold Mine Rehabilitation Management Plan
15 Jul 2025	Resources Regulator	Undertaken Landform TAP	Review of final landform design, Rehabilitation Management Plan, future plans etc	Planned updates to RMP, noting of gaps found in site documentation etc.
1 May 2023	NPWS	Emails to NPWS to ask about pig program and extend offer of VTX involvement	Emails to NPWS to ask about pig program and extend offer of VTX involvement	NA
13 Oct 2022	NPWS, BRC Community groups	Round table local stakeholder meeting - Technical Director Tully Richards	Updates on VTX, Hill End 150 etc	Ongoing support and engagement
1 May 2022	NPWS	Emails asking about feral pig baiting program	Emails asking about feral pig baiting program	Emails asking about feral pig baiting program - Offer to participate
21 Jul 2022	NPWS, BRC, Community Groups	Roundtable emails and meetings attended by Technical Director Tully Richards	Community updates from VTX, support for upcoming 150 Anniversary celebrations of the Holterman Nugget	Ongoing support and engagement, financial assistance provided to the Hill End 150 group
20 May 2022	NPWS, BRC	Meetings, emails with Technical Director	Developing appropriate changes to maps being provided through NPWS and BRC regarding	Ongoing support

			landholder arrangements and access for fossickers and tourists	
5 Jul 2024	Landholders	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometre of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road, starting from the entrance gate at Cornelian (Connie) Dam from 24 July – 23 August 2024.	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometre of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road, starting from the entrance gate at Cornelian (Connie) Dam from 24 July – 23 August 2024.	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometre of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road, starting from the entrance gate at Cornelian (Connie) Dam from 24 July – 23 August 2024.
9 Feb 2024	Hill End Community	Community consultation meeting RE plant upgrades (plans, disturbance footprint etc.)	Community consultation meeting RE plant upgrades (plans, disturbance footprint etc.)	Community consultation meeting RE plant upgrades (plans, disturbance footprint etc.)
13 May 2024	Community	Information provided through posted notices, around Vertex collaboration with LLS	Information provided through posted notices, around Vertex collaboration with LLS and HHEPG for 1080 baiting.	Information provided through posted notices, around Vertex collaboration with LLS and HHEPG for 1080 baiting.

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27 May 2025	Resources Regulator	Email correspondence - Notification of Landform TAP to occur 15/07/2026	Notification of Landform TAP to occur 15/07/2026, Rehabilitation Management Plan, FLRP etc	Acknowledgement of Landform TAP to occur
12 Nov 2025	Resources Regulator	Phone call with Tim Cain	Discussion and clarification regarding action plan and Rehabilitation Management Plan	Discussion and clarification regarding action plan and Rehabilitation Management Plan
11 Nov 2025	Resources Regulator	Outgoing email to Resources Regulator	Provision of Action Plan as per Landform TAP Assessment Finding Letter ASMT0040434 LETT0010316	Provision of Action Plan as per Landform TAP Assessment Finding Letter ASMT0040434 LETT0010316
25 May 2024	HHEPG	Donation to Hargraves Hill End Pest Group	Donation to Hargraves Hill End Pest Group	Donation to Hargraves Hill End Pest Group
13 May 2024	Landholders	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometer of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road,	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometer of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road, starting from the entrance gate at Cornelian (Connie) Dam from 26 May – 25 June 2024. Vertex Minerals Ltd is working in conjunction with Local Land Services (LLS) and the Hargraves Hill End Pest Group (HHEPG) to deliver this baiting program.	This notification is to advise all landholders within 1 kilometer of the Reward Mine Site (aka Hill End Gold Mine, Hawkins Hill) that 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) wild dog baits will be laid along the Reward Mine Access Road, starting from the entrance gate at Cornelian (Connie) Dam from 26 May – 25 June 2024. Vertex Minerals Ltd is working in conjunction with Local Land Services (LLS) and the Hargraves Hill End Pest Group (HHEPG) to deliver this baiting program.

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1 Dec 2025	Resources Regulator	Outgoing email from Chris Hamilton	Chris Hamilton provided Resources Regulator with breifing paper from Development Consent DA147/2000 Modification	Chris Hamilton provided Resources Regulator with breifing paper from Development Consent DA147/2000 Modification
25 Oct 2024	LLS, HHEPG, HETCT	Pest control 3 yr program - VTX office	Pest control 3 yr program - VTX office	Pest control 3 yr program - VTX office
5 Jul 2024	Community	Information provided through posted notices, around Vertex collaboration with LLS and HHEPG for 1080 baiting.	Information provided through posted notices around VTX collaboration with LLS for 1080 baiting.	Information provided through posted notices around VTX collaboration with LLS for 1080 baiting.
10 Jan 2025	Local Landholder	Liaison with local	Liaison with local landholder, Noel Kimm, around	Liaison with local landholder, Noel Kimm, around

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		landholder, Noel Kimm, around shooting feral shooting program, ahead of a HHEPG meeting.	shooting feral shooting program, ahead of a HHEPG meeting.	shooting feral shooting program, ahead of a HHEPG meeting.
26 Mar 2024	NPWS, HEATGG, Soil Conservation Service, Local Business Owners, Community	Hill End Round Table - VTX Technical Director in apology.	Hill End Round Table - VTX Technical Director in apology.	Hill End Round Table - VTX Technical Director in apology.
2 Feb 2024	Hill End General Store, Hill End Lodge, Hill End Pub	Community Meeting Notices at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, The Lodge - 09 Feb 2024 at Royal Hall	Community Meeting Notices at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, The Lodge - 09 Feb 2024 at Royal Hall	Community Meeting Notices at the Royal Hotel, Hill End General Store, Hill End Mail Centre, The Lodge - 09 Feb 2024 at Royal Hall
2 Feb 2024	NPWS - stakeholders network	Emails regarding VTX participation in the pest program with LLS and NPWS running from 6-8 Feb 2024.	Emails regarding VTX participation in the pest program with LLS and NPWS running from 6-8 Feb 2024.	Emails regarding VTX participation in the pest program with LLS and NPWS running from 6-8 Feb 2024.
1 Feb 2024	NPWS stakeholder network	Community Meeting at the Royal Hall in Hill End - via email and ask NPWS to distribute to	Community Meeting at the Royal Hall in Hill End - via email and ask NPWS to distribute to stakeholders on their mailing list. 09 Feb 2024 - purchase of new plant	Community Meeting at the Royal Hall in Hill End - via email and ask NPWS to distribute to stakeholders on their mailing list. 09 Feb 2024 - purchase of new plant

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1 Dec 2023	HETCT	Meeting with VTX Technical Director, HETCT Kathy George new President of committee and Keith Roser Treasurer to discuss proposed drilling	Meeting with VTX Technical Director, HETCT Kathy George new President of committee and Keith Roser Treasurer to discuss proposed drilling	Meeting with VTX Technical Director, HETCT Kathy George new President of committee and Keith Roser Treasurer to discuss proposed drilling
6 Feb 2024	HETCT	Email notification/invitation to HETCT committee to attend public consultation meeting at Royal Hall Hill End 09 February 2024	Email notification/invitation to HETCT committee to attend public consultation meeting at Royal Hall Hill End 09 February 2024	Email notification/invitation to HETCT committee to attend public consultation meeting at Royal Hall Hill End 09 February 2024
12 Sep 2023	NPWS BRC other stakeholders	NPWS Stakeholder Quarterly Meetings - VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm	VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm	VTX Technical Director attends meeting at Hosies in Hill End convened by NPWS 4pm

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30 Sep 2023	HHEPG	VTX donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence	VTX donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence	VTX donation to HHEPG receipt and correspondence
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## Attachment 5 - Plans

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