

SOJITZ MDS MINING PTY LTD

Meteor Downs South Mine Rail Loop EPBC - Annual Compliance Report 2025- 2026

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1 Introduction

This *Annual Compliance Report* details the activities carried out between February 6, 2025, and February 5, 2026, by Sojitz MDS Mining Pty Ltd at the Meteor Downs South Rail Loop. The project is situated on Lot 56 on DSN808, approximately 21 kilometers northwest of Rolleston, Queensland. The operations are managed through a partnership between U&D Mining Industry Pty Ltd and Sojitz MDS Mining Pty Ltd, both operating in Central Queensland.

On July 11, 2019, Sojitz referred the rail loop project to the Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) (*Ref #2019/8482*). Subsequently, on September 24, 2019, DEE confirmed the project as a controlled action, requiring assessment based on preliminary documentation. Additional information was requested on September 30, 2019, as part of the review process. The project was approved on December 19, 2019. The action commenced on February 6, 2020.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the management of direct and indirect impacts associated with the rail loop project, specifically concerning Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) under the EPBC Act.

2 Declaration of Accuracy

Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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Date

24/06/2026

3 Document Version Control

Table 1 Version control

Version	Date	Author	Description of Change	Approved by
Initial – V1.0	22/06/2026	R Norris	Initial draft	Rodney Norris
V1.1	23/06/2026	R Norris	Revised Draft	Rodney Norris
V2.0	29/06/2026	R Norris	Final	Rodney Norris

4 Description of activities

EPBC 2019/8482 – Meteor Downs South Mine Rail Loop

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Project Overview

Sojitz MDS Mining Pty Ltd operates the Meteor Downs South (MDS) project in Central Queensland, in partnership with U&D Mining Industry (Australia) Pty Ltd (U&D). The MDS Rail Loop Project involves the construction and operation of a rail loop, coal stockpile, and loading facilities on Lot 56, DSN808, approximately 21 kilometers northwest of Rolleston, Queensland.

Regulatory Approvals & Compliance

The MDS Rail Loop Project was assessed and approved under Commonwealth and Queensland legislation, receiving EPBC Act approval (Ref: 2019/8482) under Sections 130(1) and 133 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). Approval was granted on December 19, 2019, and remains valid until December 31, 2044, subject to conditions.

The EPBC Act approval covers the following controlling provisions:

- Listed threatened species and communities (Sections 18 & 18A)
- Listed migratory species (Sections 20 & 20A)
- A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development (Sections 24D & 24E)

Compliance with these provisions is managed through impact mitigation, monitoring, and offset programs, as outlined in Table 1 of this report. The full approval and any subsequent variations can be accessed through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) website using EPBC referral number 8482.

Operational Scope & Infrastructure

As illustrated in Figure 1, the MDS Rail Loop serves as a coal stockpile, loading, and transportation facility for the MDS project, covering a direct footprint of 97.4 hectares.

The project leverages existing infrastructure to minimize additional environmental impacts. Key infrastructure includes:

- Rail loading facilities for coal transportation
- Coal handling systems to facilitate stockpile management
- Workshops and maintenance areas to support operations
- Administrative facilities, Crib Room, Restroom.

By utilizing pre-existing infrastructure, the project reduces surface disturbance, aligning with the EPBC approval conditions related to environmental impact minimization.

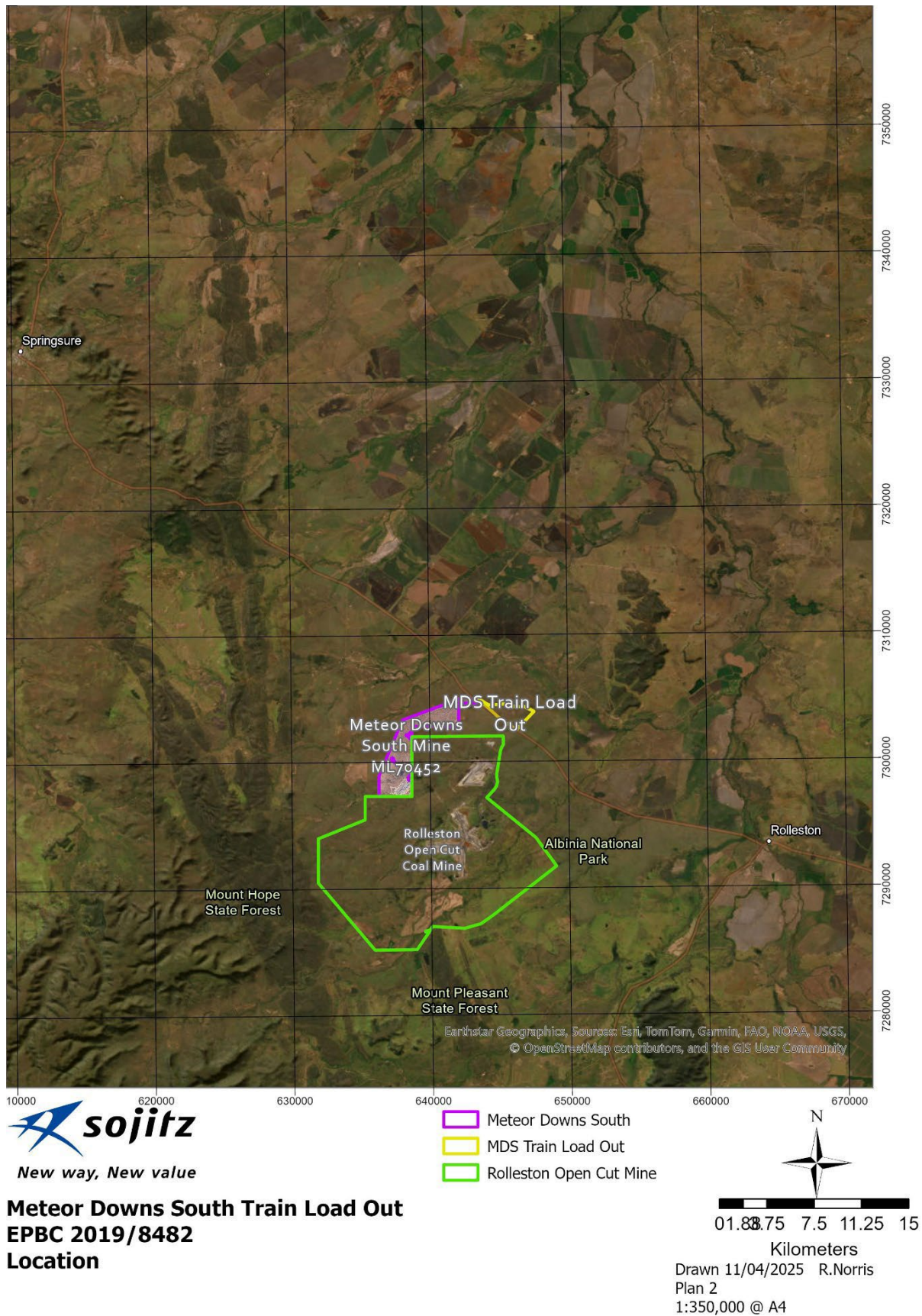


Figure 1 Meteor Downs South Train Load out Location

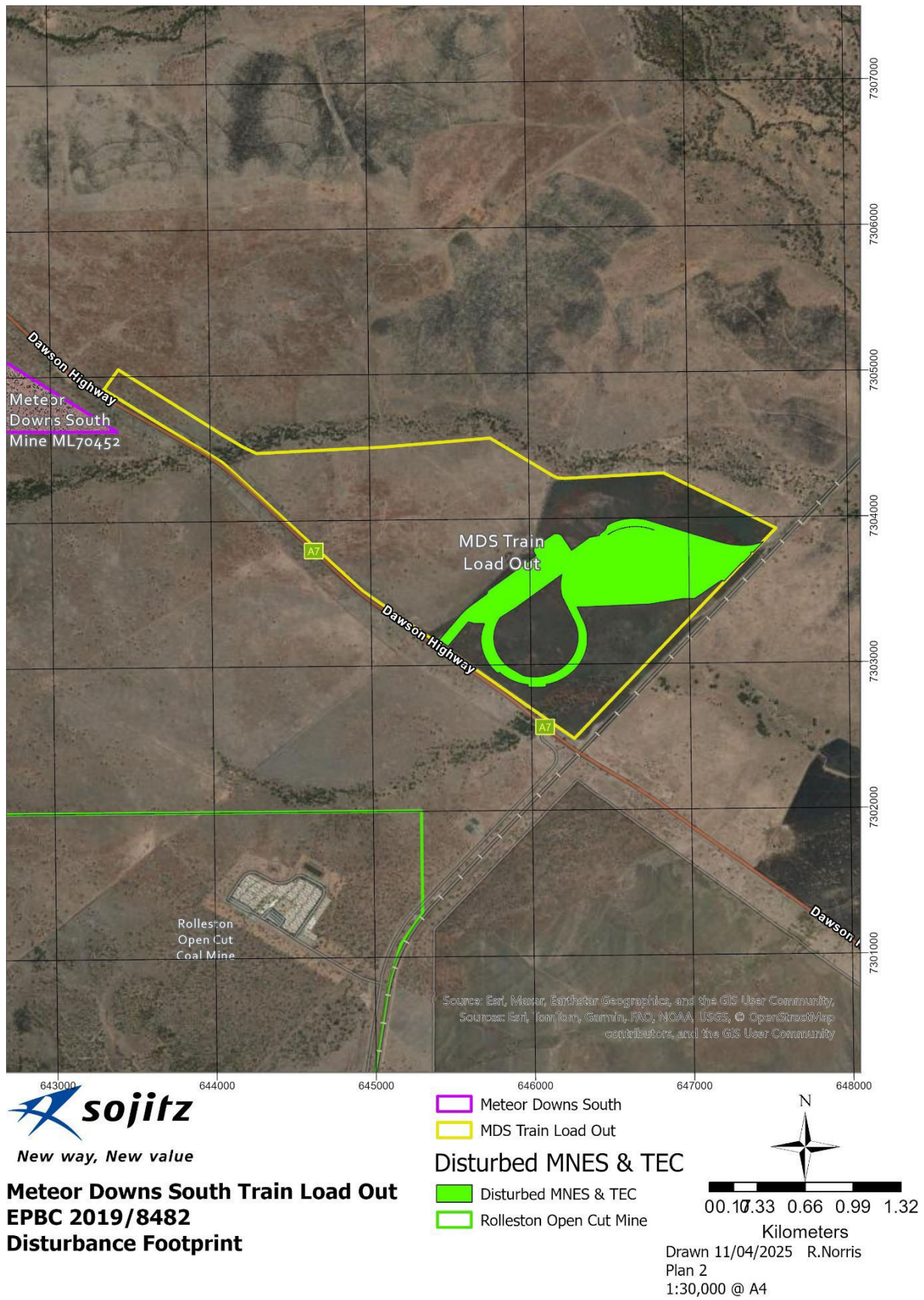


Figure 2 MDS Rail loop disturbance footprint

5 Conditions Compliance Table

Table 1 lists the details of each of the approval conditions, compliance status and evidence or comments related to the status. Conditions numbered in bold red have been varied under the directed variation dated 25th September 2025.

Table 2 Approval Conditions and compliance status

Approval conditions, compliance nomination and evidence			
<u>Maximum impact limits</u>			
Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/comments
1	The approval holder must not clear more than: a) 77 hectares (ha) of Natural Grasslands of the Queensland Central Highlands and northern Fitzroy Basin Threatened Ecological Community ; 19.5 ha of King Blue-grass (<i>Dichanthium queenslandicum</i>) habitat.	Compliant	The disturbance footprint for the Rail Loop is 76.9ha. Figure 2 shows the disturbance footprint.
<u>Offset area management plan</u>			
2	The approval holder must implement the Offset Area Management Plan at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	The offset management plan is being implemented.

3	The approval holder must achieve the completion criteria for the Natural Grassland TEC offset by the end of 21 years from the date of this approval	N/A	Not yet triggered
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4	The approval holder must achieve the completion criteria for the (<i>Dichanthium queenslandicum</i>) habitat offset by the end 21 years from the date of this approval.	N/A	Not yet triggered
5	The approval holder must legally secure the offset area specified in the Offset Area Management Plan within 12 months of the date of the commencement of the action. The Offset Area Management Plan must be attached to the legal securing mechanism.	Non Compliant	The offsets have been secured by Voluntary Declaration under the Vegetation Management Act (QLD), the OAMP stapled to the land title. The Voluntary declaration was endorsed on April 7, 2021.
Listed threatened species and communities – Avoidance, mitigation and management			
6	The approval holder must implement the Matters of National Environmental Significance Management Plan for the duration of the action	Non Compliant	The MNESMP has been approved by the Ministers delegate. Contingency and corrective actions required under the MNESMP have not been fully implemented at times
Notification of date of commencement of the action			
7	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of the commencement of the action within 5 business days after the date of the commencement of the action	Compliant	Notification of the commencement of the action was made and acknowledgement from the Department was received in writing. Action commenced on 6 February 2020, notification was made 10 February 2020
8	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister .	Compliant	Action commenced within 5 years of the date of approval. Written notification was made, and acknowledgement received

<u>Compliance records</u>			
9	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records .	Compliant	All appropriate records of substantiating activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval are maintained. A procedure has been developed for recording and storing compliance records.
10	If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request. (Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act , and or used to verify compliance with conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media)	Compliant	No requests have been received for the reporting period
<u>Preparation and publication of plans</u>			
11	The approval holder must: a. submit plans electronically to the department for written approval by the Minister , b. publish each plan on its website within 20 business days of the date of this approval or of the date of a revised plan is approved by the Minister , unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister ,	Compliant	All management plans required under this approval are published on the company website.

	c. exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from plans published on its website or provided to a member of the public, and d. keep plans published on its website for the duration of this approval.		
12	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of the approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Monitoring data required under conditions 2 and 6 is presented in the Annual Reports. No additional request for monitoring data has been made.
12A	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	All monitoring data, surveys, mapping, other spatial and metadata are prepared in accordance with the appropriate guidelines. Scope of work for external consultants undertaking this work includes reference to the appropriate guidelines.

12B	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data , surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 2 months of each survey event, except where otherwise specified in a plan .	N/A	Data collected from monitoring surveys post variation has yet to be finalised. Data will be submitted to the department within the required timeframe.
<u>Annual compliance reporting</u>			
13	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each ACR period .	Compliant	This Annual Compliance Report has been compiled for the prior 12 month period.

13A	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes: a) accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with: i. each condition attached to the approval decision, and ii. all commitments made in each plan. b) a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period, c) accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period, and d) if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	Compliant	This ACR includes the required details.
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13B	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is consistent with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Compliant	This ACR has been compiled to be consistent with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2023.
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13C	The approval holder must, within 60 business days following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website: a. each compliance report, and - b.a shapefile showing all of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.	Non-compliant	This ACR has not been published to the company website within 60 days following the end of the ACR period.
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13D	The approval holder must: a. Exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. b. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. c. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full shapefile to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	No sensitive data has been redacted or excluded from this ACR.
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13E	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website . In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website .	Compliant	The department has been notified of publication of this ACR to the company website within 5 business days.
13F	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of the approval. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website.	Compliant	Each compliance report remains published on the company website.

Reporting Non-compliance			
14	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification: a. any condition or commitment made in a plan which has not been, or may have not been, complied with, b. a short description of the incident, c. the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident, and d. the date on which the approval holder became aware of the incident.	Compliant	Notification was made to the department on the 22nd of June 2026, that this ACR had not been published within 60 business days. This was the day on which we became aware that this ACR had not been published to the company website.
15	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 10 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify: a. all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident, b. the potential impacts of the incident, c. the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident, and	Compliant	Written details of the incident, investigation and corrective measures will be provided to the department within 10 business days of us becoming aware of the incident.

	d. any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.		
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Independent Audit			
16	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period .	N/A	Initial 3-year audit due September 2028.
17	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period .	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
18	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan .	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
18A	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines .	N/A	Condition not yet triggered

18B	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period , or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
18C	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines to the extent that the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines are consistent with these conditions.	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
18D	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website , in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the department agrees to that audit report in writing.	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
18E	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website . In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website .	N/A	Condition not yet triggered

18F	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	N/A	Condition not yet triggered
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<u>Revision of plans</u>			
19	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to a management plan required under Condition 2 and 6, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by applying in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act . If the Minister approves a revised management plan then, from the date specified by the Minister, the approval holder must implement the revised management plan in place of the previous management plan.	N/A	No application has been made for a variation to a management plan in effect.
<u>Completion of the action</u>			
20	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action , and, in any event, at least 20 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data . The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile .	N/A	Not yet triggered

6 Management Plans in Effect

Table 1 Management plans in effect details the management plans required under this approval that are currently in effect.

Table 3 Management plans in effect

Plan	Version	Date	Requiring condition	Published
Matters of National Environmental Significance Management Plan	V0.5	03/10/2019	6	Yes
Offset Management Plan for Lexington	8	03/10/2019	2	Yes

7 Non-Compliances and Corrective Actions

No non-compliances or incidents occurred during the period of this Annual Compliance Report. The department was notified of non-compliance to the ACR reporting requirements whereby this report was not published to the company website within 60 business days of the end of the reporting period.

8 Environmental Management Roles and Responsibilities

Sojitz MDS Minig Pty Ltd, as the holder of the approval and operator of the mine, provides environmental management resources commensurate with the aspects and impacts of its operations. The following **Table** identifies by position and responsibilities, the personnel responsible for environmental management.

Table 4 Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
General Manager & Site Senior Executive	Provide adequate resources to implement the requirements of the Approval conditions.
Manager Environment, Rehabilitation & Community	Oversight of the EPBC approval. Stakeholder management of the approval and action plans. Preparation, implementation and maintenance of the WMP. Communication of the WMP to relevant personnel and contractors. Conduct regulatory and stakeholder reporting, notifications and consultations in accordance with the WMP, including non-compliances or exceedances. Manage the response to all water related complaints and incidents. Oversee investigations and response protocol implementation. Oversee discharges in accordance with EPL conditions. Coordinate review of the groundwater model and monitoring network.
Superintendent Rehabilitation & Environment	Communication of the WMP to relevant personnel and contractors. Provide water management advice in accordance with the WMP.

Senior Advisor Environment	Communication of the WMP to relevant personnel and contractors. Provide water management advice in accordance with the WMP. Ensure that monitoring and reporting is completed to standard and in time.
Advisor Environment	Communication of the WMP to relevant personnel and contractors. Provide water management advice in accordance with the WMP.
All Coal Mine Workers	Execution of their general duty of care in relation to this WMP.

8.1 Risk assessment

CO₂ Australia (2024) undertook a residual significant impact assessment that found that no discernible significant residual impacts to the surface water system because of the rail loop development. Surface water – groundwater interactions are not interpreted to be affected by Rail loop operations. Dewatering as part of the Rail loop operations will have an impact on groundwater during operations, with groundwater recovery predicted post closure.

Surface water and groundwater quality changes are not anticipated as a result of Rail loop operations, therefore:

- No changes to habitat or lifecycle of a native species dependent on a water resource are expected.
- No changes to the water resource that may cause the establishment of an invasive species (or the spread of an existing invasive species) are expected.
- No significant worsening of local water quality is anticipated.
- No changes to ecosystem water qualities are anticipated.
- No changes to the water resource that may cause the establishment of an invasive species (or the spread of an existing invasive species) are expected.

8.2 New Environmental Risks

No new environmental risks have been identified in the reporting period