

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0041046

Permit being assessed: CB3791CX.

For: Tazrock Ltd, held by TAZROCK LTD

At: Unit 3, Hirwaun Industrial Estate, Hirwaun, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF44 9UP.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 31/01/2023 between 09:00 and 17:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Amy Bailey, accompanied by Jodie Baskerville.

Report sent to: Martin Vaughan, Site Operator on 13/02/2023.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
A1 - Specified by permit	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

No action required.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

Introduction

Waste Regulation Officers Amy Bailey and Jodie Baskerville met with Martin Vaughan, site manager of Taz Rock Ltd and Gareth Hill environmental consultant and technically competent manager (TCM) of Environmental Focus Ltd, acting on behalf of Taz Rock Ltd.

The visit was a pre-arranged initial site inspection of the bespoke permit EPR/CB3791CX, issued on the 3rd November 2022.

Throughout the duration of the inspection the weather was overcast and dry and still.

Following each compliance visit NRW will produce a Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) detailing comments from the inspection. If NRW substantiate reasonably foreseeable risks or actual impact to the environment, non-compliances will be scored against the conditions of the permit. These non-compliances are scored on a Category 1 – 4 basis:

- 1 – A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect
- 2 – A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect
- 3 – A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect
- 4 – A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect

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Non-compliance scores and categories		
CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

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Site Activities

The site screens bituminous aggregate to produce a range of screened aggregates for the purpose of resale.

Permit table S2.1 limits the quantity of waste to be accepted to the site as 100,000 tonnes per year and the types of waste as below:

Waste code	Description
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)
17 03	bituminous mixtures, coal tar and tarred products
17 03 02	bituminous mixtures other than those mentioned in 17 03 01

The site was not operational during the inspection and the site manager, Martin Vaughan informed officers that the site had only been operational during the period: end of November 2022 to mid December 2022. Martin Vaughan informed officers that Hanson Quarry Products have the contract to deliver and collect the material and they have not been providing the amount of business that was anticipated.

Site Infrastructure

Permit table S1.3 stipulates requirements for site infrastructure as shown below:

Table S1.3 Pre-operational measures	
Reference	Pre-operational measures
PO1	Installation of a shelter for the storage of BAP following screening. This should meet the specification as outlined in the Emissions Management Plan (as referenced in Table S1.2 of this permit).

It was noted during the inspection that a storage shelter has been erected but recent bad weather had damaged the roof covering and frame. Officers were shown a new replacement shelter that has been purchased and the site manager stated that they are waiting for an improvement in the weather before erecting to avoid damage.

Bituminous Aggregate Product (BAP) was being stored in the damaged shelter during the inspection.



Action – As per the Pre-operational measures in table S1.3, the shelter must be reinstated before the site operates. Notify NRW once the shelter has been erected with evidentiary photos.

Add no further product to the existing pile and implement all other dust mitigation measures from your Emissions Management Plan (EMP).

The Site is secured by lockable gates and a CCTV system.

Emissions Management Plan (EMP)

The site requires an EMP due to its proximity to several Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Martin Vaughan explained the process for dealing with dust. This included a bowser and hose to dampen down as per the Emissions Management Plan dated 4th August 2022.

Waste Returns

Permit condition 4.2.2 requires the submission of quarterly waste returns, indicating the quantity and type of waste accepted and removed from the site during the previous quarter.

Waste returns have not been submitted for Quarter 4.

Action - please provide NRW with the waste returns for Quarter 4 within 5 working days

Full information and guidance on the completion of your waste returns can be found using the link to the NRW webpage below.

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/waste-management/operatorwaste-return-and-deadlines-for-returns/?lang=en>

Technically Competent Manager (TCM)

The current TCM for the site is Gareth Hill who was present during the inspection.

Summary

Overall, it was noted that the site was very well organised with general housekeeping of a good standard. Copies of the permit, Environment Management System and other paperwork was readily available and kept in an orderly manner.

Thank you for your time.

If you have any queries regarding this Compliance Assessment Report please contact regulatory officer Amy Bailey on 0300 065 3000, or via email at

Amy.bailey@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm of the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

What are suspended scores?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

A: Permitted activities

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

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- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

Welsh Language Standards

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.