

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0045627

**Permit being assessed:** BL7108IM.

**For:** Port Talbot Steel Works , **held by:** Tata Steel UK Limited

**At:** Tata Steel Strip Products UK , PORT TALBOT, PORT TALBOT, WEST GLAMORGAN, SA13 2NG.

**Type of assessment:** Report/Data Review,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 08/11/2024.

**Parts of permit assessed:** 2.5.1: Improvement Condition Programme .

**NRW Lead Officer:** Benjamin Taylor.

**Report sent to:** Head of Environment , TSUK Operations, on 13/11/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR2E - Installations - Operations - Improvement programme	Assessed (A)	

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

Total 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

Tata Steel UK Limited (TSUK) operates the Port Talbot Steelworks in accordance with the environmental permit EPR/BL7108IM.

### Scope

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) have undertaken a review of the TSUK's Improvement Condition Programme following the closure of the heavy end operations.

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is pertinent to the Improvement Condition (IC) Programme included within the environmental permit. Namely, the contents of this CAR will address the outstanding IC13 of this programme.

### Improvement Condition Programme – IC13

The Improvement Condition Programme is included within *Schedule 1: Table S1.3* of the permit, the completion of these by the specified dates are a requirement of permit condition 2.5.1.

An extract detailing IC13 is illustrated below.

*'For LCP 73, LCP 337, LCP 338, LCP 339 and LCP 340 emissions of particulate matter, sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen for the year 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015 shall be submitted to Natural Resources Wales using form RTA 1 and also emailed to the National Emission Reduction Plan (NERP) Registry.'*

The above LCP reference numbers detailed within the IC are pertinent to the following assets:

- LCP73 – Boiler 3 (EPR Ref: A62).
- LCP337 – Service Boilers 4 and 5 (EPR Ref: A50).
- LCP338 – Mitchell Boiler (Margam B) (EPR Ref: A53).
- LCP339 – Boiler 5 (Margam A) (EPR Ref: A51).
- LCP340 – Boiler 6 and Boiler 7 (Margam C) (EPR Ref: A52A and A52B).

The Operator submitted the following documents to NRW (dated 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 on our Document Management System):

- RTA1-Q4-2015-LCP58 (LCP337).
- RTA1-Q4-2015-LCP59 (LCP338).

- RTA1-Q4-2015-LCP60 (LCP339).
- RTA1-Q4-2015-LCP61 (LCP340).

These documents outlined the volume (in tonnage) of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Dust which was generated by the above LCP assets (with exception of LCP73, which is not included under the NERP scheme) over the course of 2015 (01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015).

Additionally, an email containing these documents was provided to the NERP Registry on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 by NRW. It is important to note that there was a transition from NERP to the Transitional National Plan (TNP) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2016. The Operator continued to submit its annual monitoring requirements for this scheme until its cessation on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

It is considered that the requirements of IC13 have been met, and as a result the aforementioned condition has been completed.

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.

**If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?**

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 compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**

**1. Management**

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

**2. Operations**

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

**3. Emission and Monitoring**

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

**4. Information**

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – Notification

**Enforcement response**

Any non-compliance with a permit condition 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).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- 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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

### **Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line**

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within twenty working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

### **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 to 18:00), or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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