

## Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:  
CAR\_NRW0035586

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

|                              |                      |             |            |     |       |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|-----|-------|--|
| Site                         | Rees Metals          | Permit Ref  | LP3098FJ   |     |       |  |
| Operator/Permit holder       | Rees Metals Ltd      |             |            |     |       |  |
| Regime                       | Waste Operations     |             |            |     |       |  |
| Date of assessment           | 09/08/2019           | Time in     | 10:40      | Out | 11:40 |  |
| Assessment type              | Audit                |             |            |     |       |  |
| Parts of the permit assessed | see below            |             |            |     |       |  |
| Lead officer's name          | Ellar, David         |             |            |     |       |  |
| Accompanied by               | Edwards, Michael     |             |            |     |       |  |
| Recipient's name/position    | Len Davies/ Director | Date issued | 19/08/2019 |     |       |  |

### Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

| Permit conditions and compliance summary                                  | CCS Category   | Condition(s) breached |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions | C2             | 2.1.1                 |
|   | C2 - Suspended | 2.1                   |
| C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance                            | C2             | 1.2.3                 |

**KEY:** See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.

**A** = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,

**O** = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

|                                    |          |   |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| <b>Number of breaches recorded</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>Total compliance score</b><br>(see section 5 for scoring scheme) | <b>62</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|-----------|

If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

## Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

NRW Officers were accompanied around the site by Len and Shaun Davies. It was a very wet day and was raining heavy during the visit.

The focus of the visit was to gain an update on infrastructure improvements required under the Regulation 36 notice that was served on the site. The main area of interest was the hardstanding and the tracks through the site. It was disappointing to see that very little progress had been made on improving the tracks through the site or the construction of the proposed treatment pad. Len Davies explained that they had suffered from mechanical breakdowns and they had been unable to process any scrap at the site for several months, this was evident as there was a large stock pile of unprocessed scrap. Len Davies was reminded that the notice would expire at the end of October. He assured the officers the work would be done.

It was good to see that a large area that had been cleared of historic scrap at the North of the site has remained clear.

### Category 2 Non - Compliance - Metal Shear area:

The site has a history of issues regarding the metal shear area. During this visit the area in and around the shears and its bund was full of scrap metal and material that had been pushed up by the slewing of machines. This makes the bund unable to capture and retain any fluids that could potentially leak from the shear and given the age and condition of the equipment this is highly likely. This is a breach of condition 2.1.1 of your permit. Please clear (and keep clear) the bunded area and repair the bund as necessary.

Category 2 Non - Compliance - Excluded and non-permitted waste types: During the visit officers observed at least 2 End of Life Vehicles (ELV) on site. There was also a strong fuel like odour in the air and a rainbow sheen visible in the puddles on site near the ELV, officers suspected they may be the source. ELV are not permitted at the site and must be removed. Waste acceptance procedures must be improved to ensure no further non-permitted wastes are received.

Category 2 Non - Compliance (**Score Suspended**) - The hardstanding areas (including tracks through site) are still not constructed or maintained as per permit conditions. Condition 2.1 and table 2.1 states the minimum specified standards of design, construction and maintenance of the hardstanding areas. Conditions state that the hardstanding areas shall:

- Remain even;
  - shall not be subject to rutting by vehicles even when wet;
  - shall have sufficient durability to allow cleaning for example by scraping;
  - shall remain free from standing water.

All of the above criteria were observed to be breached during the visit. There is however a Regulation 36 enforcement notice in place that requires you to improve the hardstanding so this non-compliance score has been suspended until the notice deadline of the 31st October 2019.

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## EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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| Operator/Permit holder | Rees Metals Ltd | Date       | 09/08/2019 |

### Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.

### Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

| Criteria Ref.       | CCS Category | Action required/advised                                       | Due Date   |
|---------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| See Section 1 above |              |   |            |
| B1                  | C2           | Clear waste from bund and check its integrity.                | 31/08/2019 |
| C3                  | C2           | Remove ELV  | 31/08/2019 |
| B1                  | C2           | Construct and maintain hardstanding as per permit conditions. | 31/10/2019 |

## Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

**See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information**

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

### 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   |

**Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra)** - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

## Section 6 – General information

### Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. 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 its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

The NRW may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection notice.

### Disclosure of information

The NRW will provide a copy of this report to the public register(s). However, if you consider that any information contained in this report should not be released to the public register(s) on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, you must write to your local area office within fifteen working days of receipt of this form indicating which information it concerns and why it should not be released, giving your reasons in full.

### Customer charter

#### What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with officer's line managers using the informal appeals procedure. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00 – 18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk). If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

#### Welsh Language

If you would like this form in Welsh please contact your Regulatory Officer.