



Overview

The site was sold by UPM to Eren Paper Limited on 30/09/21, and Newsprint production was halted. From 2022 the site has progressed with the planned transition from newsprint production to containerboard and tissue production.

2025 Review

2025 saw significant progress with the construction and installation of the new facilities and associated infrastructure. All project team workers remain located in temporary portacabin accommodation close to the development site, whilst operational workers remain within retained RCF offices. A temporary engineering stores building remains in place in the Northeast corner of the site.

The operating plant continued to be restricted to: a biofuel boiler (for steam and green energy generation); a waste wood plant (to provide a fuel stream for the biofuel boiler); a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and associated warehouse facilities; a large effluent treatment plant and associated holding.

Operation continued under the existing PPC permit BT4885IT, and the required regular monitoring reports were submitted to NRW. An application for a variation on the site Environmental Operating Permit was submitted to NRW in July 2025.

Notifiable Incidents (Schedule 5 Notifications)

• **Air Discharges (7)**

In the cases listed below, the ELV exceedances took place during normal plant operation:

- Two Schedule 5 notifications for June (CO half hourly ELV breach)
- Two Schedule 5 notifications for October (CO half hourly ELV breach)
- Three Schedule 5 notifications for November (CO half hourly ELV breach & 24 hour daily average ELV breach)

• **Water Discharges (0)**

- No Schedule 5 notifications were raised for discharges to water in 2025.

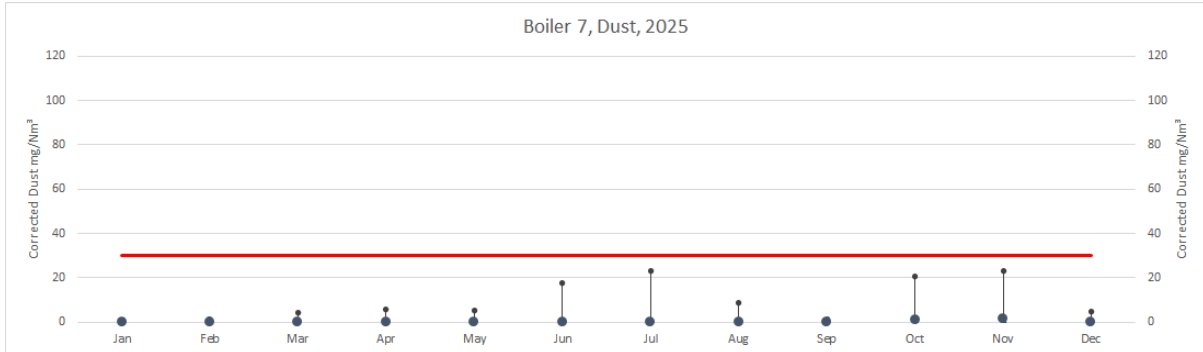
Emissions to Air (A20)

Boiler 7 finished the year with an operating rate of 84.8%. 150,823 MWhrs of power was generated from the HP and LP turbines. 230,170 tonnes of solid fuel was used consisting of waste wood, virgin biomass and imported papermaking sludge.

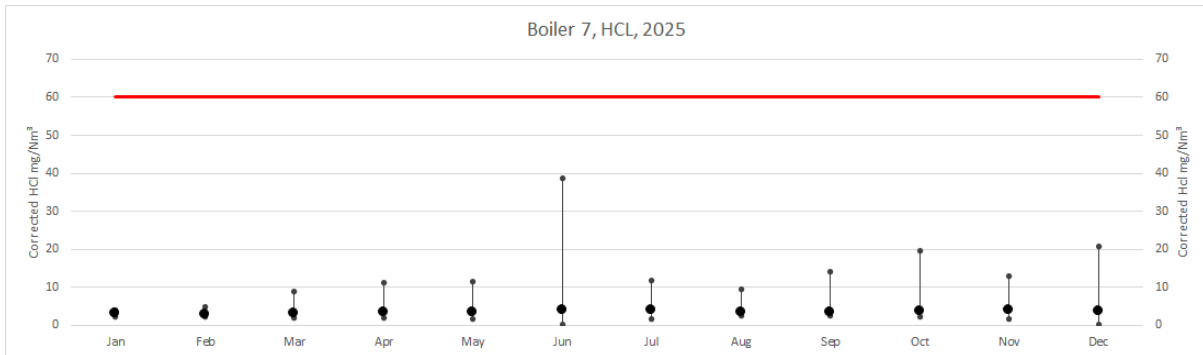
The plant saw one planned annual shutdown and three unplanned shuts for major maintenance. The combustion control remained under the automated OEM system, ensuring stable combustion and emissions during normal operating conditions.



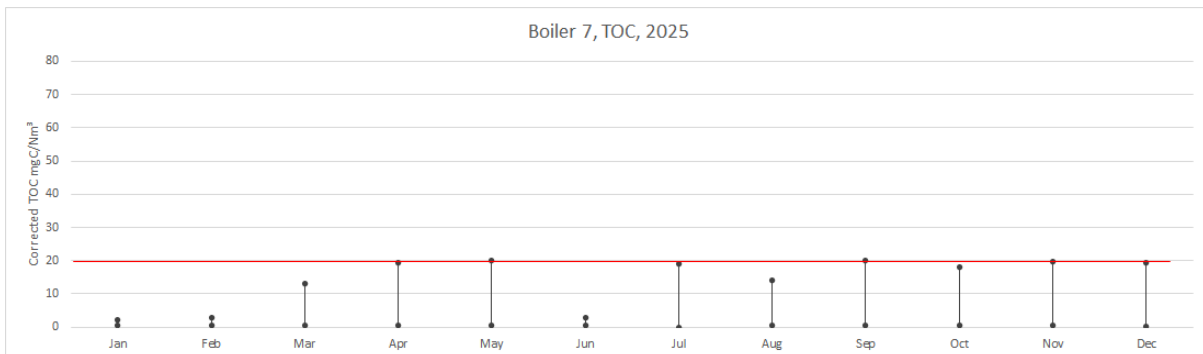
A20 Dust (30-minute average data)



A20 HCL (30-minute average data)

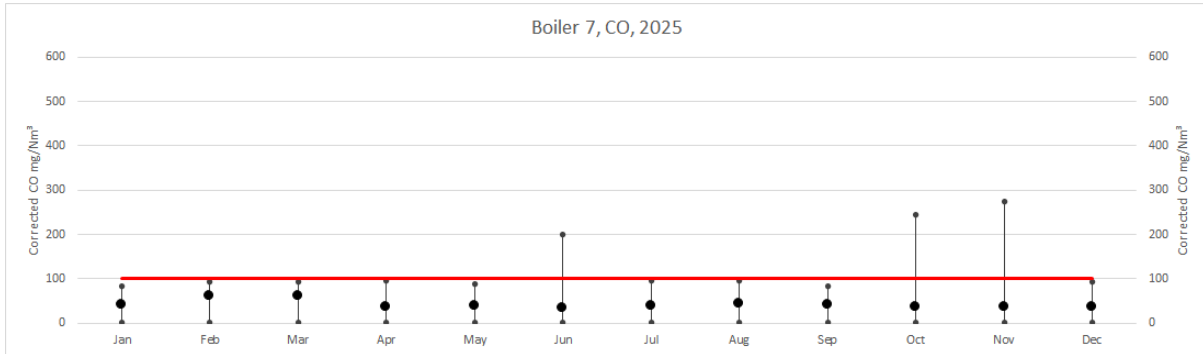


A20 TOC (30-minute average data)

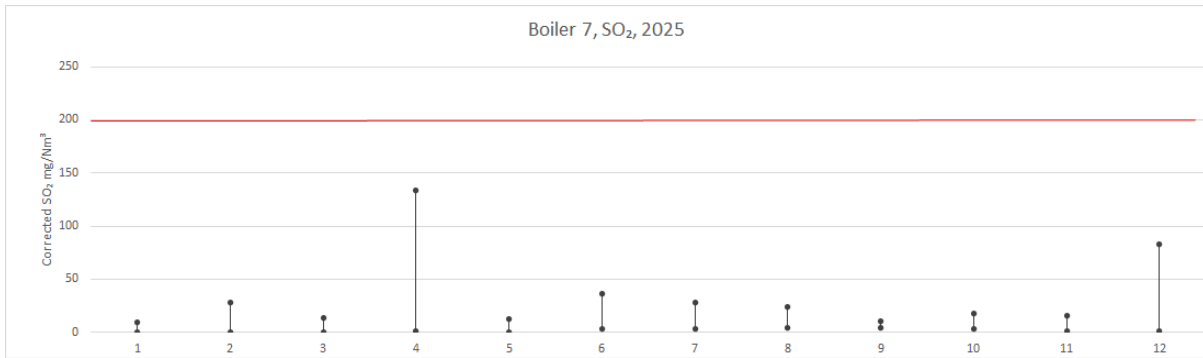




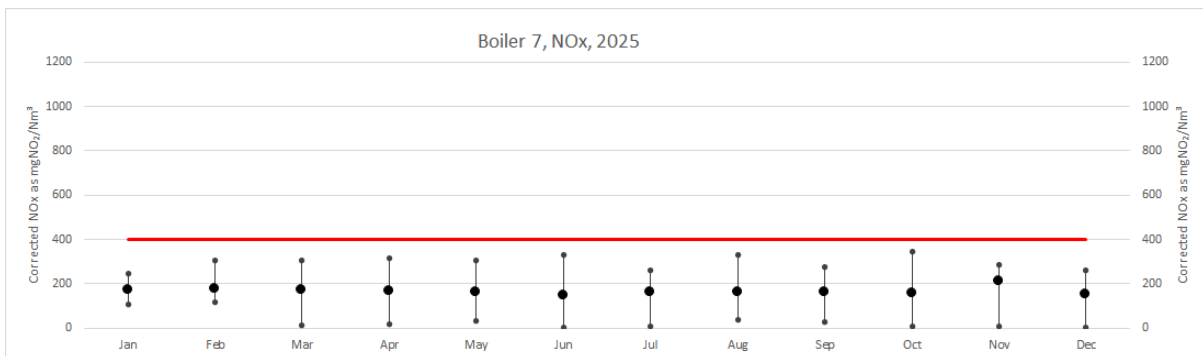
A20 CO (30-minute average data)



A20 SO₂ (30-minute average data)

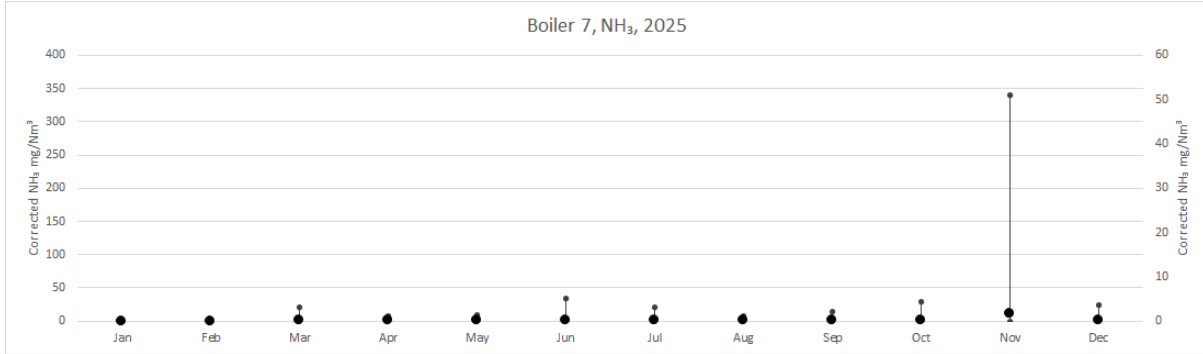


A20 NO_x (30-minute average data)





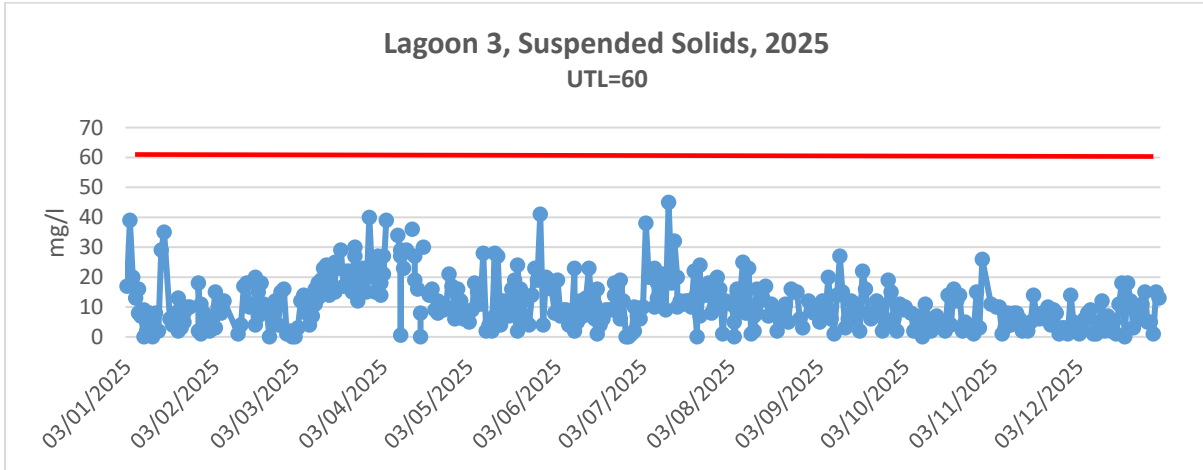
A20 NH₃ (30-minute average data)



Emissions to Water (W1)

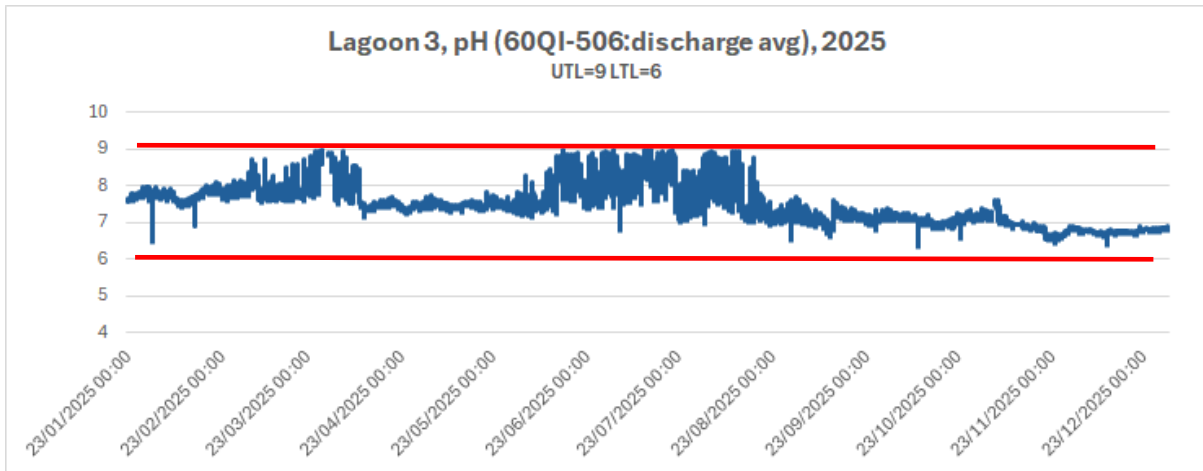
Modifications made to Lagoon 3 to isolate the surface water side from the discharge point remain in place during 2025. This allowed the processing of surface water within the site effluent treatment plant, if required.

W1 Suspended Solids

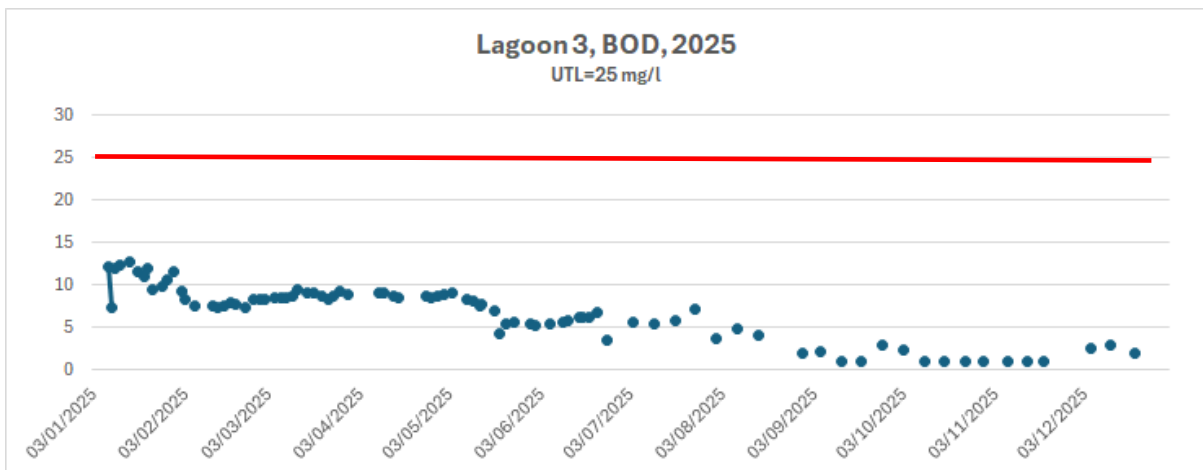




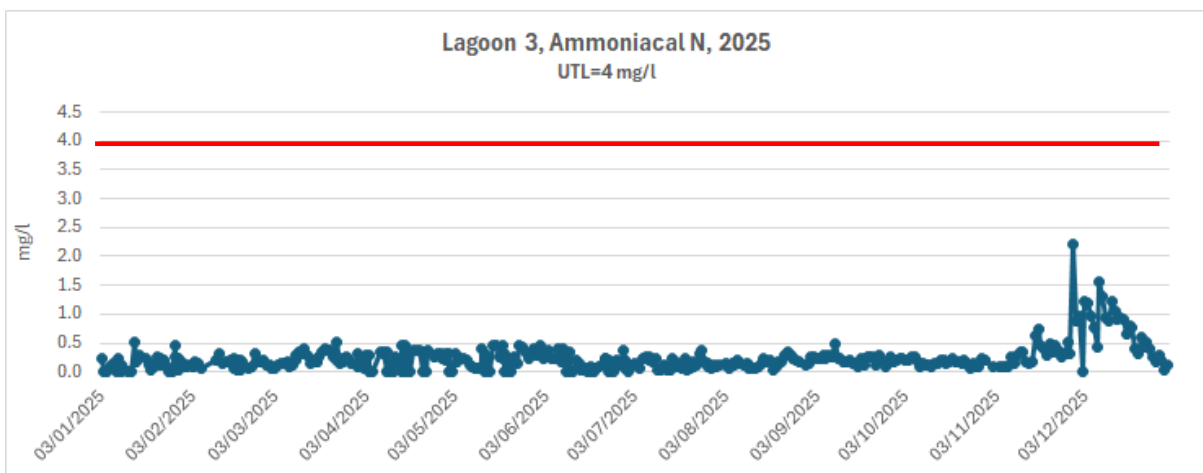
W1 pH



W1 BOD

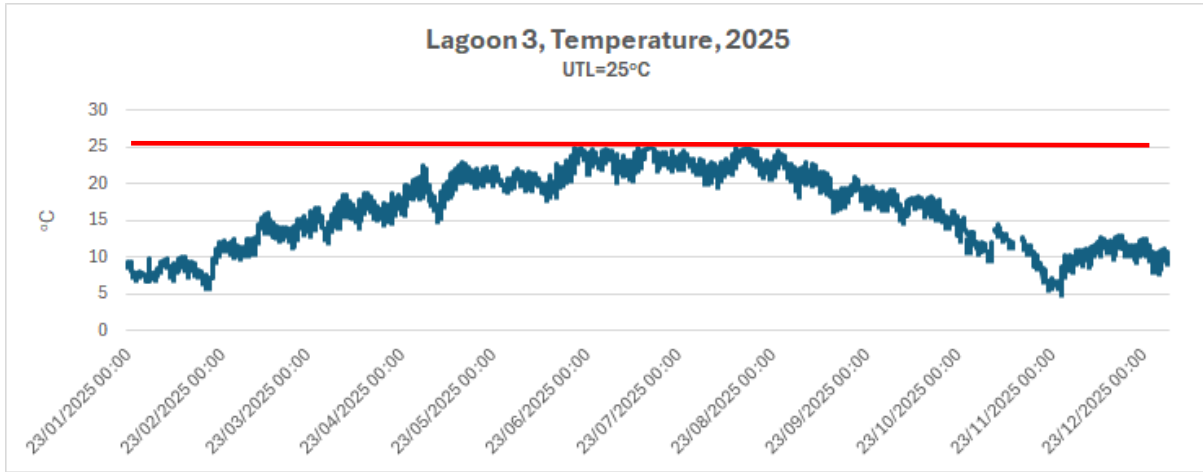


W1 Ammoniacal N

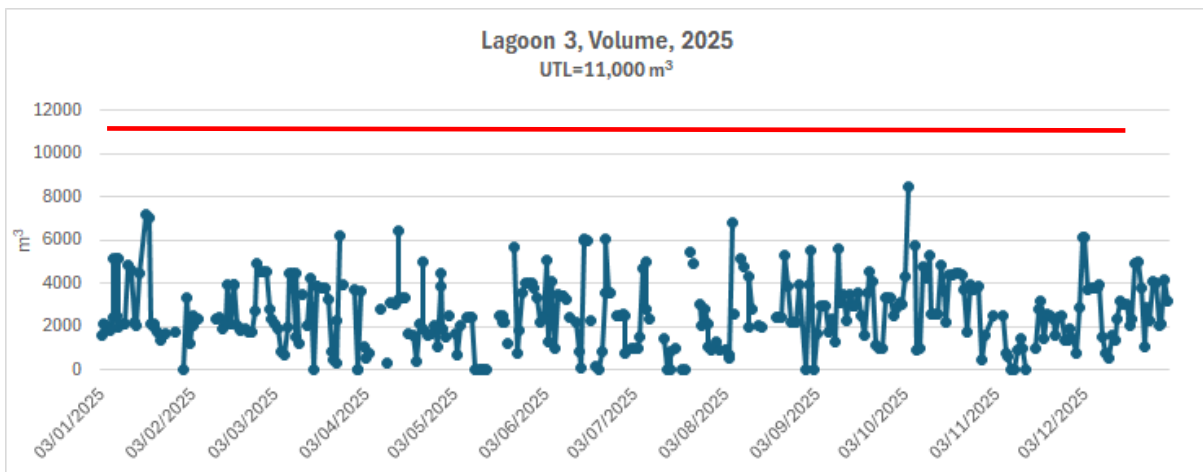




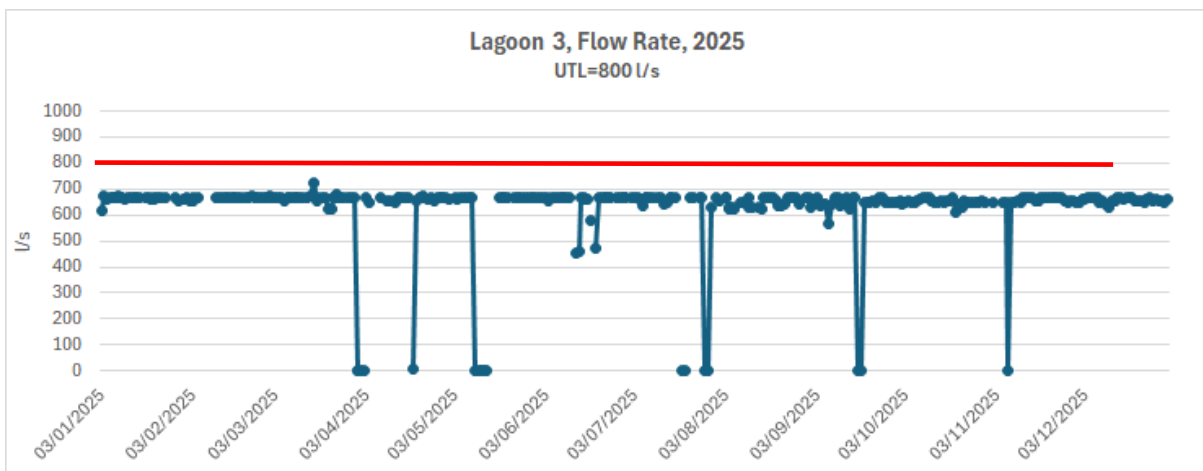
W1 Temperature



W1 Volume



W1 Flow Rate





Soil and Groundwater Monitoring

SLR (environmental consultants) continue to be engaged by the site as construction activities progressed throughout 2025.

Arup UK were engaged to provide Geoenvironmental Interpretative Reports and Ground Environmental Services have compiled Verification Reports.

Noise

A noise baseline survey was conducted ahead of the submission of the environmental permit variation application. No noise complaints were received during the reporting period.

Odour

There were no external odour complaints during 2025. Site odour monitoring took place daily, with little to no odour detected.

Environmental Management System

Shotton Mill Limited maintained full accreditation to ISO 14001:2015 (EMS 747878) and BSI and AAA were utilised as the external independent auditors.