

Department of Primary Industries

COAL MINE HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 2002

Notice under Clause 94 of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2006

Specification of Stone Dust to be Used for the Treatment of Roadway Dust

I, ROBERT REGAN, pursuant to Clause 94 of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2006, by this notice specify the type and grade of stone dust to be used for the treatment of roadway dust.

Stone dust shall be of the type or grade specified in this notice and unless otherwise specified shall be applied in a dry powdered state.

It is hereby notified the specification requirements for the type and grade of stone dust to be used for the treatment of roadway dust are as follows:

1. Stone dust must not contain more than 3% by mass of free silica as determined by the Method for Free Silica in Limestone Dust in "Guidelines for Coal Dust Explosion, Prevention and Suppression", publication MDG 3006 MRT 5, published by the Department of Mineral Resources; and
2. Stone dust must be of such fineness as determined by the Method for Size Analysis of Stone Dust in "Guidelines for Coal Dust Explosion, Prevention and Suppression", publication MDG 3006 MRT 5, published by the Department of Mineral Resources; that
 - 2.1 not less than 95% by mass must pass through a 250 micrometre sieve, and
 - 2.2 of the dry dust which passes through a 250 micrometre sieve, not less than 60% by mass and not more than 80% by mass, must pass through a 75 micrometre sieve.
3. Due to research and industry trials demonstrating that stone is less effective in suppressing coal dust explosions when applied in a wet state, wet stone dust may be applied only in the following circumstances;
 - 3.1 The operator shall prepare a risk assessment and safe work procedure demonstrating that at least an equivalent level of safety is being achieved.
 - 3.2 Wherever wet stone dust is applied, controls to treat float coal dust to ensure compliance with clause 91 of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2006 shall be implemented.
 - 3.3 The operator shall ensure that all appropriate people are consulted.
 - 3.4 The operator shall provide notice of intention to apply wet stone dust to the Chief Inspector or his delegate who may impose additional controls or prohibit the use of wet stone dust.

Dated this 12th day of March 2007.

ROBERT REGAN,
Chief Inspector,
NSW Department of Primary Industries

MINES INSPECTION ACT 1901

Appointment of an Inspector of Mines

Her Excellency Professor MARIE BASHIR, AC, CVO,
Governor

I, Professor MARIE BASHIR, AC, CVO, Governor of the State of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, pursuant to section 32(1) of the Mines Inspection Act 1901 and being satisfied that Raymond Charles COX holds the necessary qualifications and prerequisites to be an Inspector of Mines pursuant to section 32(5)(a), appoint Raymond Charles COX as an Inspector of Mines from the date of this approval.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 7th day of March 2007.

By Her Excellency's Command,

IAN MACDONALD, M.L.C.,
Minister for Mineral Resources

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MINERAL RESOURCES

NOTICE is given that the following applications have been received:

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

(07-145)

No. 3040, PLATSEARCH NL (ACN 003 254 395), area of 100 units, for Group 1, dated 6 March 2007. (Cobar Mining Division).

(07-146)

No. 3041, PLATSEARCH NL (ACN 003 254 395), area of 91 units, for Group 1, dated 6 March 2007. (Cobar Mining Division).

(07-147)

No. 3042, CLANCY EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 105 578 756), area of 84 units, for Group 1, dated 6 March 2007. (Orange Mining Division).

(07-148)

No. 3043, PLATSEARCH NL (ACN 003 254 395), area of 68 units, for Group 1, dated 6 March 2007. (Coffs Harbour Mining Division).

(07-149)

No. 3044, PLATSEARCH NL (ACN 003 254 395) and PARADIGM MEXICO PTY LIMITED (ACN 108 506 207), area of 12 units, for Group 1, dated 6 March 2007. (Broken Hill Mining Division).

(07-151)

No. 3046, M.A. ROCHE GROUP PTY.LTD. (ACN 060 536 441), area of 6 units, for Group 1, dated 12 March 2007. (Coffs Harbour Mining Division).

(07-152)

No. 3047, CLUFF RESOURCES PACIFIC NL (ACN 002 261 565), area of 100 units, for Group 1, dated 13 March 2007. (Orange Mining Division).