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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Dargues Gold Mine – Report under Condition 22 of EPBC Approval 2010/5770 and Condition 6 of EPBC Approval 2015/7539**

This report is provided by Big Island Mining Pty Ltd (the Company), in compliance with Condition 22 of EPBC Approval 2010/5770 and Condition 6 of EPBC Approval 2015/7539 and covers the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

The classification of compliance with the conditional requirements of both the approvals is outlined in **Table 1** and a summary of the results is presented in **Table 2**. **Tables 3** and **4** present a detailed review of compliance with the conditions of approval for both EPBC Approval 2010/5770 and EPBC Approval 2015/7539 respectively.

**Table 1 Classification of Compliance**

Rating	Code	Compliance Status
<b>Compliant</b>	Y	Indicates compliance with a condition, element of a condition, or measure required by a management plan, report or program etc.
<b>Non-compliant</b>	N	Indicates that a condition, element of a condition, or measure required by a management plan, report or program has not been met.
<b>Not Applicable at time of audit</b>	NA	Indicates that a condition or element of a condition falls outside the scope of the audit. e.g. if an activity has not commenced.
<b>Undetermined</b>	U	Indicates that a condition or element of a condition falls inside the scope of the audit but there is insufficient evidence to make a judgement on compliance or non-compliance.
<b>Observation</b>	O	Comment on issues relevant to the protection of a matter of national environmental significance when the issue is not strictly related to compliance or non-compliance with a condition or element of a condition.
<b>Complete</b>	C	The conditional requirements have been met and no further action is required.
<b>Noted</b>	ND	The Company has noted the condition.

**Table 2 Results Summary**

				Ye s	No	Not Applicabl e	Undetermined	Observatio n	Comple te	Noted
Commonwealth 2010/5770	EPBC	Act	Approval	12	0	6	0	0	9	0
Commonwealth 2015/7539	EPBC	Act	Approval	8	0	1	0	0	1	3

The Company maintains that the Dargues Gold (the Mine) is compliant with all applicable conditions as at 30 June 2021. Compliance with the approval conditions will continue to be monitored during the next reporting period to ensure that the Company remains compliant.

Yours sincerely



Chase Dingle

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**Table 3  
Implementation of Conditions for EPBC Approval 2010/5770**

Ref. No.	Requirement	Timing	Actions Required to Achieve Compliance	Documentation Req'd to Demonstrate Compliance	Compliant	Comment
<b>Project Area</b>						
1.	Project activities must be limited to the Project Site, as identified in Table 1.1 of the Environmental Assessment and as illustrated in the map at Attachment 1.	Ongoing	Restrict activities to the Project Site	As-constructed plans	Y	No project activities have occurred outside the Project Site.
<b>Disturbance Area</b>						
2.	Project activities must not impact on more than 0.2 hectares of the endangered ecological community ' <i>Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory</i> '.	Ongoing	Limit disturbance to 0.2ha of the identified community	As-constructed plans	C	0.2 hectares of the endangered ecological community ' <i>Natural Temperate Grasslands of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory</i> ' has been disturbed as part of the Tailings Storage Facility construction as approved. No further disturbance of this endangered ecological community is planned as no further areas have been identified within the Project Site.
<b>Groundwater and Surface Water Management and Monitoring</b>						
3.	To avoid any residual downstream risk to matters of national environmental significance (i.e. the Araluen Gum <i>Eucalyptus kartzoffiana</i> ), the proponent must develop and implement an adaptive surface water and groundwater monitoring and modelling program that at a minimum:  Specifies details of preliminary groundwater monitoring that must be undertaken within and surrounding the project site;	Prior to construction	Prepare and implement a <i>Water Management Plan</i> that complies with the conditional requirements.	<i>Water Management Plan</i>	C	A complying <i>Water Management Plan</i> has been prepared and is available from <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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	uses groundwater data collected through existing monitoring bores and other project activities to feed back into the existing groundwater model;					Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.
	<p>specifies measures to confirm the accuracy of the groundwater model against data collected during the project life. This assessment must occur prior to commencement of mining operations and then every six months after that date;</p> <p>specifies actions to be implemented should the assessment required for condition 3c indicate significant divergence between the predicted and observed groundwater impacts;</p> <p>specifies detailed baseline data on surface water flows and quality in creeks and other water bodies that could be affected by the project (including Majors and Spring Creeks);</p> <p>is undertaken in a manner relevantly consistent with items 6, 7, 15 and 16 of the proponent's Statement of Commitments;</p> <p>includes the final parameters to be included in the monitoring program including a rationale for the trigger levels developed from the baseline data (based on ANZECC guidelines);</p> <p>specifies mechanisms for the continuous monitoring of seepage and leachate from the tailings storage facility;</p> <p>specifies measures for the early detection of surface water and groundwater pollution, particularly as a result of any leaching from the tailings storage facility; and</p> <p>specifies measures for the immediate remediation of polluted surface and groundwater.</p>					
4.	<p>At a minimum, the surface water monitoring program must include the following.</p> <p>(a) pH, turbidity, total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, total nitrogen, total phosphorous, dissolved oxygen, salinity and temperature data;</p> <p>(b) toxicant data such as heavy metals and metalloids (at least arsenic, iron, manganese and zinc);</p>	Ongoing	Undertake the surface water monitoring program as identified in the approved Water Management Plan.		Y	

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	(c) macroinvertebrate species assemblages, compositions and assessment results; (d) data averages, standard deviation and number of samples; (e) test and reference site locations; (f) sampling and analytical methods; and (g) quality control and quality assurance data.			<i>Water Management Plan</i> Available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a> Monitoring results available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>		The <i>Water Management Plan</i> includes the required parameters. Monitoring results are available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>
5.	The adaptive surface water and groundwater monitoring and modelling program must be developed and implemented prior to commencement of mining operations and provided to the department on request.	Prior to the commencement of mining operations	Develop and implement the required monitoring program	<i>Water Management Plan</i>	C	Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.
<b>Management Measures</b>						
6.	The proponent must offset the reduction in base flow to the Moruya Catchment by releasing water to Majors Creek as described in Section 2.10.2.6 of the Environmental Assessment.  Prior to the commencement of mining operations, the proponent must also prepare and implement a surface water and groundwater response protocol. This protocol must be provided to the department on request. At a minimum, the protocol must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) specify investigation and response procedures in the event that baseline surface water offsets required in this condition are unlikely to be met;</li> <li>(a) response procedures to be followed if any impacts on surface or groundwater are detected during the project;</li> <li>(b) specify notification procedures to the department in the event that impacts on surface or groundwater are detected during the project.</li> </ul>	Ongoing  Prior to the commencement of mining	Undertake a complying compensatory release program  Prepare and implement a surface water and groundwater response protocol	<i>Water Management Plan</i> Water discharge records.  <i>Water Management Plan</i>	Y  C	No impact on base flow in Majors Creek or Spring Creek has been detected.  Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.

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7.	Prior to commencement of mining operations, the proponent must confirm the assumed hydrological parameters used in the groundwater model by an industry recognised method.	Prior to commencement of mining	Confirm the assumed hydrological parameters used in the groundwater model	Experts report	C	Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.
8.	If field investigations do not confirm that the assumed hydrological parameters used in the groundwater model are correct, then the proponent must notify the department within five business days to discuss an adaptive remedy.	Following review of model parameters/assumptions	Notify the Department within 5 five business day.	Monitoring records	Y	Field investigations of assumed hydrological parameters used to update and calibrate model. Latest model update completed in 2021 reporting period.
9.	If the hydrological parameters under condition 7 cannot be verified, the Minister may under condition 25 require the proponent to undertake further modelling (or other measures as required) to demonstrate that no unacceptable impacts to matters of national environmental significance will occur as a result of the action.	Following direction by Minister	Revision of groundwater model	Dargues Gold Mine Groundwater Model Update (2013) Dargues Gold Mine Groundwater Model Update (2021)	C	No direction by Minister.

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<b>Bushfire Management</b>						
10.	<p>Prior to commencement, the proponent must prepare and implement a Bushfire Management Plan that at a minimum.</p> <p>(a) specifies controls, procedures and mitigation measures to ensure management of potential ignition sources from project activities;</p> <p>(b) demonstrates that the project site is suitably equipped to respond to any fires.</p>	Prior to construction	Prepare and implement a complying <i>Bushfire Management Plan</i>	<i>Bushfire Management Plan</i> available from <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	C	Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.
<b>Revegetation and Amelioration Program</b>						
11.	The proponent must undertake a revegetation and amelioration program. At a minimum the program must investigate re-establishing the endangered ecological community ' <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory</i> ' in areas disturbed by project activities.	Ongoing	Undertake a revegetation and amelioration program within the grassland community	<i>Biodiversity Management Plan</i> available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a> Documentation recording progress of implementation (e.g. <i>Annual Reviews</i> )	Y	The indicative program is identified in the <i>Biodiversity Management Plan</i> ; however, a detailed plan will be developed as part of the rehabilitation plan for the Project.
12.	The revegetation and amelioration program must be developed prior to commencement of mining operations and provided to the department on request.	Prior to mining operations	Revegetation and amelioration program to be developed	<i>Biodiversity Management Plan</i>	C	Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013.
13.	The Minister may direct the proponent to undertake revegetation of the ecological community ' <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Southern Tablelands of NSW and the Australian Capital Territory</i> ' in accordance with the revegetation and amelioration program.	Following direction by Minister	Implement the required revegetation program	Correspondence Revegetation completion report	NA	No direction by Minister.
<b>Rehabilitation</b>						

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14.	Rehabilitation must be undertaken in accordance with Section 2.14 of the Environmental Assessment.	Ongoing	Implement rehabilitation as indicated	<i>Biodiversity Management Plan</i> <i>Mining Operations Plan</i> <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a> <i>Annual Reviews</i> available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	NA	The Project is still under full operation and, as a result, no rehabilitation has occurred since the previous Compliance Report or is required at this time.
15.	The proponent must implement a progressive approach to rehabilitation. Where mining-related activities in a specific area are complete, rehabilitation at that site must commence within a timeframe agreed with the department.	Ongoing	Implement progressive rehabilitation	<i>Biodiversity Management Plan</i> <i>Mining Operations Plan</i> <i>Annual Reviews</i>	NA	No further rehabilitation has occurred since the previous Compliance Report. This is not possible as the full disturbance footprint is required for ongoing operations.
16.	The tailings storage facility must be capped in accordance with the Environmental Assessment to prevent surface water infiltration into the post-mining landform.	Post closure	Cap Tailings Storage Facility as indicated	Rehabilitation/Mine Closure Report	NA	Tailings Storage Facility is currently operational. Decommissioning and completion not expected to occur until end of mine life.
<b>Tailings Management</b>						
17.	The proponent must design, build, maintain and rehabilitate the tailings storage facility to meet the requirements of the Dams Safety Committee under the <i>NSW Dams Safety Act 1978</i> .	During and following construction of the Tailings Storage Facility	Design, build, maintain and rehabilitate the Tailings Storage Facility as identified	Design documentation available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	Y	Construction of the Tailings Storage Facility is in progress, consistent with the Design Report PE16-01023-Final-Design-Rev-01, reviewed by the Dam Safety Committee. Stage 1 & 2 of the TSF are now complete.

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18.	The proponent must notify the department within five business days in the event of discovering non-compliance with a requirement of the Dams Safety Committee.	Ongoing	Notify the Department within five business days.	Correspondence	Y	No notifiable non-compliances have been identified during construction or operation of the Tailings Storage Facility.
19.	The proponent must ensure that the tailings storage facility is lined in a manner consistent with the Environmental Guidelines - Management of Tailings Storage Facilities (VIC DPI, 2004).	During construction of the Tailings Storage Facility	Line the Tailings Storage Facility as identified	As-constructed photos see attached plates Engineers certification	Y	The Tailings Storage Facility liner design exceeds the requirements of the Environmental Guidelines - Management of Tailings Storage Facilities (VIC DPI, 2004).
<b>Notification of Commencement</b>						
20.	Within 10 business days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Within 10 business days after the commencement	Notify the Department	Correspondence	C	Evidence of completion provided in Compliance Report dated 10 December 2013
<b>Record Keeping</b>						
21.	The proponent must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement all plans, programs and activities covered by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Ongoing	Maintain accurate records	Monitoring records Monthly and annual reports / <i>Annual Review</i>	Y	Monitoring information and studies that are undertaken are provided on the Company's website <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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22.	By 30 September each year, the proponent must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any plans, programs or activities as specified in these conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Annually following commencement	Publish a report outlining compliance with this approval and place on Company website. Concurrently provide evidence of publication to the Department	<i>Annual Review</i> This document Correspondence	Y	Annual EPBC Compliance Reports provided on the Company's website <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>
<b>Auditing</b>						
23.	Upon the direction of the Minister, the proponent must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Following direction by Minister	Undertake an independent audit	Audit report Correspondence	Y	Direction from the Minister was received on 18 July 2016. The audit was submitted 27 June 2017. No further directions received during the reporting period.
<b>Request for Variation of Plans, Programs or Activities by Proponent</b>						
24.	If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plans, programs or activities as specified in these conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that plan, program or activity. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the variation in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied plan, program or activity unless the revision would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revision then that plan, program or activity must be implemented in place of the plan, program or activity as specified in these conditions.	Ongoing	Seek approval for activities that differ from those identified by the approved documentation	Correspondence	Y	A modification to the existing approval was referred to the Department. Approval was received on 17 February 2017 (EPBC 2015/7539).

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<b>Revisions to a Plan, Program or Activity by the Minister</b>						
25.	If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to a plan, program or activity specified in these conditions and submit the revised plan, program or activity for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plan, program or activity must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised plan, program or activity, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the plan, program or activity, as specified in these conditions.	Following direction by Minister	Revise documentation as requested	Revised documentation Correspondence	NA	No direction by Minister.
26.	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish all plans referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each plan must be published on the website within 1 month of being finalised.	Ongoing	Publish documentation once finalised and approved by the NSW Department of Planning.	Documentation on Company website <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	Y	Relevant documentation published on the Company's website: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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**Table 4  
Implementation of Conditions for EPBC Approval 2015 / 7539**

Ref. No.	Requirement	Timing	Actions Required to Achieve Compliance	Documentation Req'd to Demonstrate Compliance	Compliant	Comment
<b>Project Area</b>						
1.	<p>The person taking the action must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) extract more than 1.6 Megatonnes of ore over the life of the project.</li> <li>(b) undertake any construction or operation activities outside the project site boundary.</li> <li>(c) undertake any construction or operation activities that are not consistent with the project site layout.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Restrict activities to the Project Site	<i>Annual Review</i> As-constructed plans	Y	<p>All construction &amp; operations are limited to the Project Site.</p> <p>On 28 February 2019, the Company wrote to the Department to advise of the proposal to move the approved crossing of Spring Creek approximately 400m upstream of its current location, which would result in limited changes to the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> and the <i>Erosion and Sediment Control Plan</i>. Electronic copies of both these plans were provided at that time.</p>
2.	<p>For the protection of downstream listed threatened species and communities, the person taking the action must prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The person taking the action must not commence construction until the CEMP has been approved by the Minister. Once approved, the approved CEMP must be implemented. The CEMP must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be prepared by a suitably qualified expert</li> <li>(b) Include measurable performance indicators and limits for protecting, conserving and managing listed threatened species and communities from sedimentation impacts and construction activities</li> </ul>	Prior to construction	Prepare and implement a <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> that complies with the conditional requirements.	<i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> available from <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	Y	<p>On 28 February 2019, the Company wrote to the Department to advise of the proposal to move the approved crossing of Spring Creek approximately 400m upstream of its current location, which would result in limited changes to the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> and the</p>

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	<p>(c) Include management actions and measures to be implemented, including those in the sediment and erosion plans.</p> <p>(d) Be consistent with the Surface Water Assessment (Strategic Environment and Engineering Consulting, 2015a) and NSW Sedimentation and Erosion Guidelines.</p> <p>(e) Include indicative contingency responses, corrective actions and remediation actions that will be implemented should performance indicators and limits not be achieved.</p> <p>(f) a monitoring program that measures sediment loads in Spring Creek and Majors Creek during construction activities. The monitoring program must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>include methods, control sites, baseline data and frequency of sampling</li> <li>be designed to detect any changes to the sediment loads associated with significant rainfall events</li> <li>be designed to inform adaptive management</li> </ol> <p>(g) Include a self audit program that evaluates and reports on the monitoring program, achievement of the objectives, the effectiveness of management actions, and contingency responses and corrective actions.</p> <p>(h) Specify the timing and frequency of management actions, reporting and implementation of contingency responses and corrective actions, and the person/s responsible.</p>					<i>Erosion and Sediment Control Plan</i> . Electronic copies of both these plans were provided at that time.
3.	For the protection of downstream listed threatened species and communities, the person taking the action must prepare a Water Management Plan (WMP). The person taking the action must not commence operation until the plan has been approved by the Minister. Once approved, the approved WMP must be implemented. The WMP must:	Prior to construction	Prepare and implement a WMP that complies with the conditional requirements.	The <i>Water Management Plan</i> is available for download from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>	Y	A complying <i>Water Management Plan</i> has been prepared and is available from: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be prepared by a suitably qualified expert.</li> <li>(b) include measureable performance indicators and limits for protecting, conserving, and managing listed threatened species and communities from sedimentation impacts.</li> <li>(c) include management actions to be implemented, including those in the sediment and erosion control plans</li> <li>(d) ensure all measures, equipment and facilities specified in the sediment and erosion control plans are maintained to be fully effective for the life of the mine, including during mine decommissioning and site rehabilitation</li> <li>(e) be consistent with the Surface Water Assessment (Strategic Environment and Engineering Consulting, 2015a) and New South Wales Sedimentation and Erosion Guidelines</li> <li>(f) include indicative contingency responses, corrective actions and remediation actions that will be implemented should performance indicators and limits not be achieved</li> <li>(g) include a monitoring program that measures sediment loads in Spring Creek and Majors Creek during operation activities. The monitoring program must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. include methods, control sites, baseline data, and frequency of sampling</li> <li>ii. be designed to detect sediment loads within Spring Creek and Majors Creek (including any changes to sediment loads associated with significant rainfall events)</li> <li>iii. be designed to inform adaptive management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

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	<p>The monitoring program must be undertaken over a minimum of two (2) years from the period of which operation activities begin. After two (2) years, the person taking the action may apply to the Minister for approval to cease the monitoring program if the monitoring program demonstrates that management actions are effective, as measured against the approved performance indicators and limits.</p> <p>(h) include a self-audit program that evaluates and reports on the monitoring program, achievement of the objectives, the effectiveness of management actions, and contingency responses and corrective actions</p> <p>(i) specify the timing and frequency of management actions, monitoring, auditing, reporting and implementation of contingency responses and corrective actions, and the person/s responsible.</p>					
4.	The person taking the action must notify the Department in writing of any potential noncompliance with any condition of this approval within seven business days of the detection of the potential non-compliance.	Ongoing	Notification of the Department within 7 days following the detection of a potential non-compliance.	Correspondence	Y	No notifiable non-compliance's have been identified.
5.	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans and monitoring programs required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be published through the general media.	Ongoing	Maintain accurate records	Monitoring records Monthly and annual reports / <i>Annual Review</i>	Y	Monitoring information and studies that are undertaken are provided on the Company's website: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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6.	By 30 September each year for the period which the approval has effect, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans and monitoring programs as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Annually following commencement	Publish a report outlining compliance with this approval and place on Company website. Concurrently provide evidence of publication to the Department.	<i>Annual Review</i> This document	Y	Annual EPBC Compliance Reports provided on the Company's website:  <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance/">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance/</a>
7.	Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The person taking the action must not commence the audit until the independent auditor and audit criteria have been approved by the Minister in writing. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Following direction by Minister	Undertake an independent audit.	Audit report Correspondence	NA	No direction from the Minister has been received by the Company.

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8.	<p>The person taking the action may choose to revise a management plan or monitoring program approved by the Minister under conditions 2 and 3 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan or monitoring program would not be likely to extend the timeframe for plan objectives, reduce conservation outcomes or have a new or increased impact. If the person taking the action makes this choice they must:</p> <p>(a) notify the Department in writing that the approved plan or program has been revised and provide the Department, at least four weeks before implementing the revised plan, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. with an electronic copy of the revised plan or program</li> <li>ii. an explanation of the differences between the revised plan and the approved plan</li> <li>iii. the reasons the person taking the action considers that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Notify the Department in writing four weeks prior to implementing a revised plan.	Correspondence. Revised plan.	Y	<p>On 28 February 2019, the Company wrote to the Department to advise of the proposal to move the approved crossing of Spring Creek approximately 400m upstream of its current location, which would result in limited changes to the <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> and the <i>Erosion and Sediment Control Plan</i>. Electronic copies of both these plans were provided at that time.</p> <p>Work not commenced until 1 June 2019, more than four (4) weeks after notification.</p>
9.	The person taking the action may revoke their choice under condition 8 at any time by notice to the Department. If the person taking the action revokes the choice to implement a revised plan or monitoring program without approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, the plan or monitoring program approved by the Minister must be implemented.				ND	Noted.

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10.	<p>If the Minister gives a notice to the person taking the action that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan or program would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. condition 8 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan or program</li> <li>ii. the person taking the action must implement the plan or program approved by the Minister.</li> </ul> <p>To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 8 and 9 in the period before the day the notice is given. At the time of giving the notice the Minister may also notify that, for a specified period of time, condition 8 does not apply for one or more specified plans or programs required under the approval.</p>				ND	Noted.
11.	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not commenced construction, then the person taking the action must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	17 February 2022	Commence construction within required timeframe.	As constructed plans.	C	Action was commenced in May 2018, within the required timeframe.
12.	Conditions 8, 9 and 10 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act, which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan or program to the Minister for approval.				ND	Noted.
13.	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and monitoring programs referred to in these conditions of approval on its website. Each management plan and monitoring programs must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted under Condition 8.	Ongoing	Publish documentation within one month of being approved.	Documentation on website	Y	Relevant monitoring programs and management plans are published on the Company's website following approval: <a href="https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance">https://www.aureliametals.com/projects/dargues/compliance</a>

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