

Lead Removal Operations Report

Weekly audit findings are prepared by the Independent Auditor and reported to Magellan Metals, Esperance Port Authority, Department of Conservation and Environment and Department of Mines and Petroleum.

In addition, the weekly report includes reviews of the Occupational Health and Safety personnel involved in the lead removal plan, dust monitoring, ventilation and operations.

Week Nine: March 30 to April 5, 2009

Bagging operations reached a new high in the week ending Sunday, March 5, 2009, with 38 containers filled with 495 bags and 967 tonnes of lead carbonate. A record daily bagging rate was achieved on Saturday, April 4, with 85 bags filled.

At the end of the week there were 201 containers stored on the hardstand area with about 4020 tonnes of lead carbonate remaining in the WMC shed.

Some minor delays were experienced during the week with bagging machine maintenance and power supply issues relating to a transformer problem the week before.

The Manitou used in the WMC shed was replaced with a new machine because of the continual mechanical and electrical problems being experienced.

The DEC conducted an onsite audit on April 2 and no issues were raised. The Independent Auditor continues to provide daily inspection and reported no compliance issues with the current operations.

Bagging during the week continued from both stockpiles with some conditioning of the product required to keep the moisture content of the bagged product around seven percent.

Once the bagging operations have been completed an estimated 325 containers will be removed from the Port.

Week	Containers filled	Bags filled	Tonnage containerised
Feb 9 – 15	6	78	141
Feb 16 – 22	4	60	104.5
Feb 23 – Mar 1	23	296	558.6
Mar 2 – 8	32	416	786.4
Mar 9-15	31	400	766.6
Mar 16 - 22	36	468	883
Mar 23 - 29	31	407	771.55
Mar 30 – Apr 5	38	495	967.6
Cumulative Totals	201	2620	4979.3

Monitoring

All dust monitoring results have been within the specified guidelines.