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1 Executive Summary

1.1 Background

Ektimo was engaged by Bituminous Products Pty Ltd to perform emission testing at their Revesby plant. Testing was carried out in accordance with Environment Protection Licence 5267.

1.2 Project Objective

The objective of the project was to conduct a monitoring programme to quantify emissions from two (2) discharge points to determine compliance with Bituminous Products Pty Ltd's Environmental Licence.

Monitoring was performed as follows:

Location	Test Date	Test Parameters*
EPA 1 – Thermal Oxidiser	2 September 2022	Nitrogen oxides (as NO ₂), oxygen, carbon dioxide Total solid particles Sulfuric acid mist & sulfur trioxide (as SO ₃) Total organic compounds (TOC)
EPA 2 - Vapour Scrubber Stack	28 August 2022	Total solid particles Total organic compounds (TOC) Odour (x2)

* Flow rate, velocity, temperature, and moisture were also determined.

All results are reported on a dry basis at STP (except odour wet – STP).

Plant operating conditions have been noted in the report.

1.3 Licence Comparison

The following licence comparison table shows that all analytes highlighted in green are within the licence limit set by the NSW EPA as per licence 5267 (last amended on 26 September 2022).

EPA No.	Location Description	Pollutant	Units	Licence Limit	Detected Values	Detected Values (corrected to 3% O ₂)
1	Thermal Oxidiser	Solid particles	mg/m ³	50	17	25
		Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	mg/m ³	40	<3	<5
		Sulfuric acid mist and sulfur trioxide (as SO ₃)	mg/m ³	100	14	20
		Nitrogen oxides (as NO ₂)	mg/m ³	350	120	170
2	Vapour Scrubber Stack	Solid particles	mg/m ³	50	<2	NA
		Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	mg/m ³	40	<3	NA

Please note that the measurement uncertainty associated with the test results was not considered when determining whether the results were compliant or non-compliant.

Refer to the Test Methods table for the measurement uncertainties.

2 Results

2.1 EPA 1 – Thermal Oxidiser

Date	2/09/2022	Client	Bituminous Products
Report	R013121	Stack ID	EPA 1 - Thermal Oxidiser
Licence No.	5267	Location	Revesby
Ektimo Staff	Steven Cooper & Ahmad Ramiz	State	NSW
Process Conditions	Please refer to Plant Operating Conditions.		

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Sampling Plane Details

Sampling plane dimensions	300 mm
Sampling plane area	0.0707 m ²
Sampling port size, number & depth	4" BSP (x2), 90 mm
Duct orientation & shape	Vertical Circular
Downstream disturbance	Exit >6 D
Upstream disturbance	Change in diameter 6 D
No. traverses & points sampled	2 4
Sample plane conformance to AS 4323.1	Conforming but non-ideal

The sampling plane is deemed to be non-ideal due to the following reasons:

The sampling plane is too near to the upstream disturbance but is greater than or equal to 2D

Stack Parameters

Moisture content, %v/v	5.8	
Gas molecular weight, g/g mole	29.2 (wet)	29.9 (dry)
Gas density at STP, kg/m ³	1.30 (wet)	1.33 (dry)
Gas density at discharge conditions, kg/m ³	0.40	
% Oxygen correction & Factor	3 %	1.44

Gas Flow Parameters

Flow measurement time(s) (hhmm)	1150 & 1310
Temperature, °C	619
Temperature, K	892
Velocity at sampling plane, m/s	8.1
Volumetric flow rate, actual, m ³ /s	0.57
Volumetric flow rate (wet STP), m ³ /s	0.18
Volumetric flow rate (dry STP), m ³ /s	0.17
Mass flow rate (wet basis), kg/hour	830

Gas Analyser Results		Average		
	Sampling time	1158 - 1259		
		Corrected to		
		Concentration	3% O ₂	Mass Rate
		mg/m ³	mg/m ³	g/min
Combustion Gases				
Nitrogen oxides (as NO ₂)		120	170	1.2
		Concentration		
		%v/v		
Carbon dioxide		8.7		
Oxygen		8.5		

Total Organic Compounds (TOC)		Average		
	Sampling time	1158 - 1259		
		Corrected to		
		Concentration	3% O ₂	Mass Rate
		mg/m ³	mg/m ³	g/min
TOC (as Propane)		<3	<5	<0.03

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Isokinetic Results	Sampling time	Results		
		1153-1255		
		Corrected to		
		Concentration mg/m ³	3% O ₂ mg/m ³	Mass Rate g/min
Solid Particles		17	25	0.17
Sulfur trioxide and/or Sulfuric acid (as SO ₃)		14	20	0.14
Isokinetic Sampling Parameters				
Sampling time, min			60	
Isokinetic rate, %			96	
Gravimetric analysis date (total particulate)			16-09-2022	

2.2 EPA 2 - Vapour Scrubber Stack

Date	28/08/2022	Client	Bituminous Products
Report	R013121	Stack ID	EPA 2 - Vapour Scrubber Stack
Licence No.	5267	Location	Revesby
Ektimo Staff	Steven Cooper & Ish Alam	State	NSW
Process Conditions	Please refer to client records.		

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Sampling Plane Details

Sampling plane dimensions	345 mm
Sampling plane area	0.0935 m ²
Sampling port size, number	3" Flange (x2)
Duct orientation & shape	Vertical Circular
Downstream disturbance	Exit >6 D
Upstream disturbance	Junction 3 D
No. traverses & points sampled	2 8
Sample plane conformance to AS 4323.1	Conforming but non-ideal

The sampling plane is deemed to be non-ideal due to the following reasons:

The sampling plane is too near to the upstream disturbance but is greater than or equal to 2D

Stack Parameters

Moisture content, %v/v	<0.4	
Gas molecular weight, g/g mole	29.0 (wet)	29.0 (dry)
Gas density at STP, kg/m ³	1.29 (wet)	1.29 (dry)
Gas density at discharge conditions, kg/m ³	1.23	

Gas Flow Parameters

Flow measurement time(s) (hhmm)	0921 & 1040
Temperature, °C	19
Temperature, K	292
Velocity at sampling plane, m/s	2.5
Volumetric flow rate, actual, m ³ /s	0.24
Volumetric flow rate (wet STP), m ³ /s	0.23
Volumetric flow rate (dry STP), m ³ /s	0.23
Mass flow rate (wet basis), kg/hour	1100

Total Organic Compounds (TOC)		Average	
	Sampling time	0917 - 1018	
		Concentration mg/m ³	Mass Rate g/min
TOC (as Propane)		<3	<0.04

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Odour	Sampling time	Average		Test 1 0943 - 0956		Test 2 0958 - 1011	
		Concentration ou	Odourant Flow Rate oum ³ /min	Concentration ou	Odourant Flow Rate oum ³ /min	Concentration ou	Odourant Flow Rate oum ³ /min
Results		6400	86000	6400	86000	6400	86000
Lower uncertainty limit		5000		4500		4500	
Upper uncertainty limit		8100		8900		8900	
Hedonic tone				mildly unpleasant		mildly unpleasant	
Odour character				Bitumen		Bitumen	
Analysis date & time				29/08/22, 1000 - 1030		29/08/22, 1000 - 1030	
Holding time				24 hours		24 hours	
Dilution factor				1		1	
Bag material				Nalophan		Nalophan	
Butanol threshold (ppb)		48					
Laboratory temp (°C)		22					
Last calibration date		October 2021					

Isokinetic Results	Sampling time	Results 0933-1038	
		Concentration mg/m ³	Mass Rate g/min
Solid Particles		<2	<0.02
Isokinetic Sampling Parameters			
Sampling time, min		64	
Isokinetic rate, %		104	
Gravimetric analysis date (total particulate)		05-09-2022	

3 Plant Operating Conditions

The below plant operating conditions have been supplied by Bituminous Products' personnel

Locations	Operating Conditions
EPA 1 - Thermal Oxidiser	Combustion Temperature > 760 °C
EPA 2 - Vapour Scrubber Stack	Fed from Mixer 1 Polymer A15E, Mixer 2 C170 and Mixer 3 Polymer A15E, Tank 24 C170, Tank 5 C170, Tank 22 A10E Polymer with Wax and Tank 23 A15E Polymer

4 Test Methods

All sampling and analysis performed by Ektimo unless otherwise specified. Specific details of the methods are available upon request.

Parameter	Sampling method	Analysis method	Uncertainty*	NATA accredited	
				Sampling	Analysis
Sampling points - Selection	NSW EPA TM-1 (AS 4323.1)	NA	NA	✓	NA
Flow rate, temperature & velocity	NSW EPA TM-2 (USEPA Method 2)	NSW EPA TM-2 (USEPA Method 2)	8%, 2%, 7%	NA	✓
Moisture content	NSW EPA TM-22 (USEPA Method 4)	NSW EPA TM-22 (USEPA Method 4)	8%	✓	✓
Molecular weight	NA	NSW EPA TM-23 (USEPA Method 3)	not specified	NA	✓
Dry gas density	NA	NSW EPA TM-23 (USEPA Method 3)	not specified	NA	✓
Carbon dioxide	NSW EPA TM-24 (USEPA Method 3A)	NSW EPA TM-24 (USEPA Method 3A)	13%	✓	✓
Nitrogen oxides	NSW EPA TM-11 (USEPA Method 7E)	NSW EPA TM-11 (USEPA Method 7E)	12%	✓	✓
Oxygen	NSW EPA TM-25 (USEPA Method 3A)	NSW EPA TM-25 (USEPA Method 3A)	13%	✓	✓
Volatile organic compounds	NSW EPA TM-34 (USEPA Method 25B)	NSW EPA TM-34 (USEPA Method 25B)	not specified	✓	✓
Solid particles (total)	NSW EPA TM-15 (AS 4323.2)	NSW EPA TM-15 (AS 4323.2)	3%	✓	✓ ^{††}
Sulfuric acid mist and/or sulfur trioxide	NSW EPA TM-3 (USEPA Method 8)	Ektimo 235	16%	✓	✓ [†]
Odour	NSW EPA OM-7 (AS 4323.3)	NSW EPA OM-7 (AS 4323.3)	refer to results	✓	✓ [‡]
Odour characterisation	NA	direct observation	NA	NA	✗

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* Uncertainties cited in this table are estimated using typical values and are calculated at the 95% confidence level (coverage factor = 2).

[†] Analysis conducted at the Ektimo Mitcham, VIC laboratory, NATA accreditation number 14601. Result was reported on 26 September 2022 in report LV-003357.

^{††} Gravimetric analysis conducted at the Ektimo Unanderra, NSW laboratory, NATA accreditation number 14601.

[‡] Odour analysis conducted at the Unanderra, NSW laboratory by forced choice olfactometry, NATA accreditation number 14601. Result was reported on 29 August 2022 in report ON-00157.

5 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Information

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6 Definitions

The following symbols and abbreviations may be used in this test report:

% v/v	Volume to volume ratio, dry or wet basis
~	Approximately
<	Less than
>	Greater than
≥	Greater than or equal to
APHA	American Public Health Association, Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water
AS	Australian Standard
BSP	British standard pipe
CARB	Californian Air Resources Board
CEM/CEMS	Continuous emission monitoring/Continuous emission monitoring system
CTM	Conditional test method
D	Duct diameter or equivalent duct diameter for rectangular ducts
D ₅₀	'Cut size' of a cyclone is defined as the particle diameter at which the cyclone achieves a 50% collection efficiency i.e. half of the particles are retained by the cyclone and half pass through it. The D ₅₀ method simplifies the capture efficiency distribution by assuming that a given cyclone stage captures all of the particles with a diameter equal to or greater than the D ₅₀ of that cyclone and less than the D ₅₀ of the preceding cyclone.
DECC	Department of Environment & Climate Change (NSW)
Disturbance	A flow obstruction or instability in the direction of the flow which may impede accurate flow determination. This includes centrifugal fans, axial fans, partially closed or closed dampers, louvres, bends, connections, junctions, direction changes or changes in pipe diameter.
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA)
DEHP	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (QLD)
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
FTIR	Fourier transform infra-red
ISC	Intersociety Committee, Methods of Air Sampling and Analysis
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
ITE	Individual threshold estimate
Lower bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to zero.
Medium bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to half of the detection limit.
NA	Not applicable
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NT	Not tested or results not required
OM	Other approved method
OU	Odour unit. One OU is that concentration of odorant(s) at standard conditions that elicits a physiological response from a panel equivalent to that elicited by one Reference Odour Mass (ROM), evaporated in one cubic metre of neutral gas at standard conditions.
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter having an equivalent aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 microns (µm).
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter having an equivalent aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 2.5 microns (µm).
PSA	Particle size analysis. PSA provides a distribution of geometric diameters, for a given sample, determined using laser diffraction.
RATA	Relative accuracy test audit
Semi-quantified VOCs	Unknown VOCs (those for which an analytical standard is not available), are identified by matching the mass spectrum of the chromatographic peak to the NIST Standard Reference Database (version 14.0), with a match quality exceeding 70%. An estimated concentration is determined by matching the area of the peak with the nearest suitable compound in the analytical calibration standard mixture.
STP	Standard temperature and pressure. Gas volumes and concentrations are expressed on a dry basis at 0 °C, at discharge oxygen concentration and an absolute pressure of 101.325 kPa.
TM	Test method
TOC	Total organic carbon. This is the sum of all compounds of carbon which contain at least one carbon-to-carbon bond, plus methane and its derivatives.
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
VDI	Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers)
Velocity difference	The percentage difference between the average of initial flows and after flows.
Vic EPA	Victorian Environment Protection Authority
VOC	Volatile organic compound. A carbon-based chemical compound with a vapour pressure of at least 0.010 kPa at 25°C or having a corresponding volatility under the given conditions of use. VOCs may contain oxygen, nitrogen and other elements. VOCs do not include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides and carbonate salts.
XRD	X-ray diffractometry
Upper bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to the detection limit.
95% confidence interval	Range of values that contains the true result with 95% certainty. This means there is a 5% risk that the true result is outside this range.

7 Appendix 1: Site Photos



Figure 1 – EPA 1 Thermal Oxidiser



Figure 2 – Vapour Scrubber Stack



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