

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 will include reviews of the Occupational Health and Safety personnel involved in the lead removal plan, dust monitoring, ventilation and operations.

Week Four: 23 February to March 1 2009

Despite the early setbacks in the bagging operations with power and equipment failures and stockpile management issues, the project has forged ahead over the week between 23 February and 1 March.

All audit requirements are being met and progress was not stopped during the week because of non-compliance issues, and all operations are being carried out in accordance with the lead removal plan.

Bagging operations continued from the east stockpile until Tuesday, 24 February, after which operations resumed on the western stockpile following a risk and job hazard assessment. All parties involved in the removal of the lead were involved and a standard operating procedure developed.

The amount of lead being bagged daily steadily increased during the week as the bagging crews settled into a routine and only minor operational delays were experienced.

On Sunday, 1 March, a daily high of 63 bags were filled, bringing the total number of bags filled for the week to 296 and the amount of lead bagged to 558 tonnes.

Thirty-three containers have now been filled with 434 bags totalling 804 tonnes of lead and moved to the hard stand area since the project started on 9 February.

Monitoring

All dust monitoring results have been within the specified guidelines.