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**Tailings Storage Facility  
Operation, Maintenance and  
Surveillance Manual**

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# 1. Facility Overview

Figures 1, 2 and 3 provide an overview of the Zeehan Zinc Mine Site, showing the areas covered by this manual and indicating their major components and main features. The data is summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1 TSF Overview – Major Components and Main Features**

Major Component	Features
<b>Tailings Pipeline and Pumps</b>	
Tailings Pipeline	250 mm DN PE100 PN10 HDPE. Discharge into TSF via single sub aqueous discharge Approx 1 km long from mill
<b>Tailings Dam and Polishing Pond</b>	
Tailings Dam	Embankment Stage 1, RL 216m crest level. Capacity of 1.3Mm3 of tailings & waste rock(approx). Spillway, 1:1000 year AEP flood capacity, overflow in polishing pond.
Waste rock storage	Forms the downstream portion of the TSF for future lifts continually developed with high NAG rock capped with low NAG rock during mining
Polishing Pond	Embankment Capacity of 45ML spillway, 1:1000 year AEP flood, overflow to Comstock Creek Floating inlet, pump station and return water pipeline
<b>Comstock Diversion</b>	
Diversion Dam	3m high dam constructed of clay with coarse rock armouring
Diversion Channel	3m wide cut with batters of 1.5H:1V
Wetland/aeration ponds	To aerate adit water and settle out precipitated
<b>Water Ponds</b>	
Settling Pond (Paul's Dam)	Excavated Pit Capacity of 10ML Collects stormwater which is then pumped to Clear Water Pond after settlement Floating intake and pump station.
Clear Water Pond	Embankment (Turkey's Nest)

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Capacity of 20ML

Floating inlet and pump station

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Figure 1 Facility Overview - Water Ponds

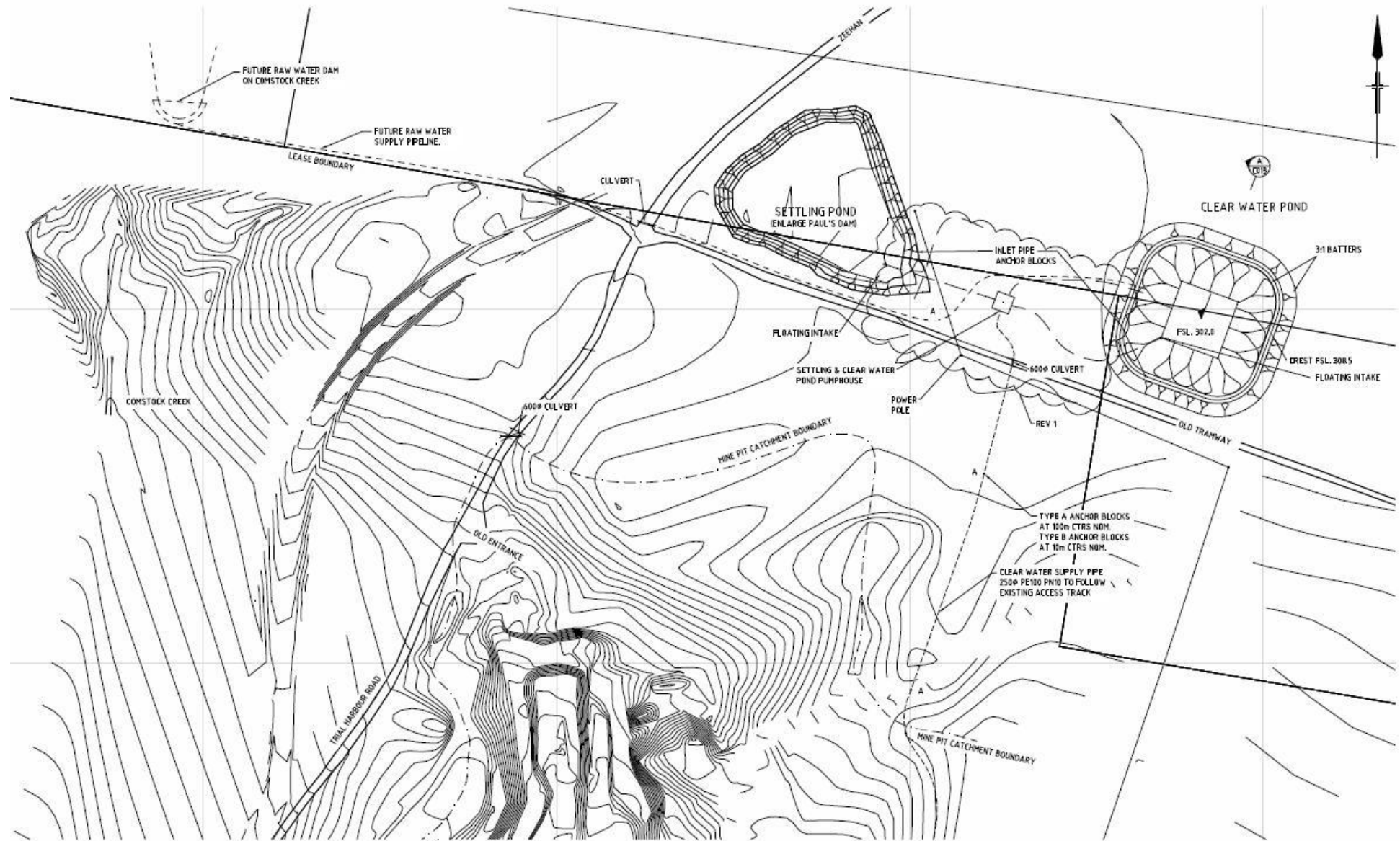
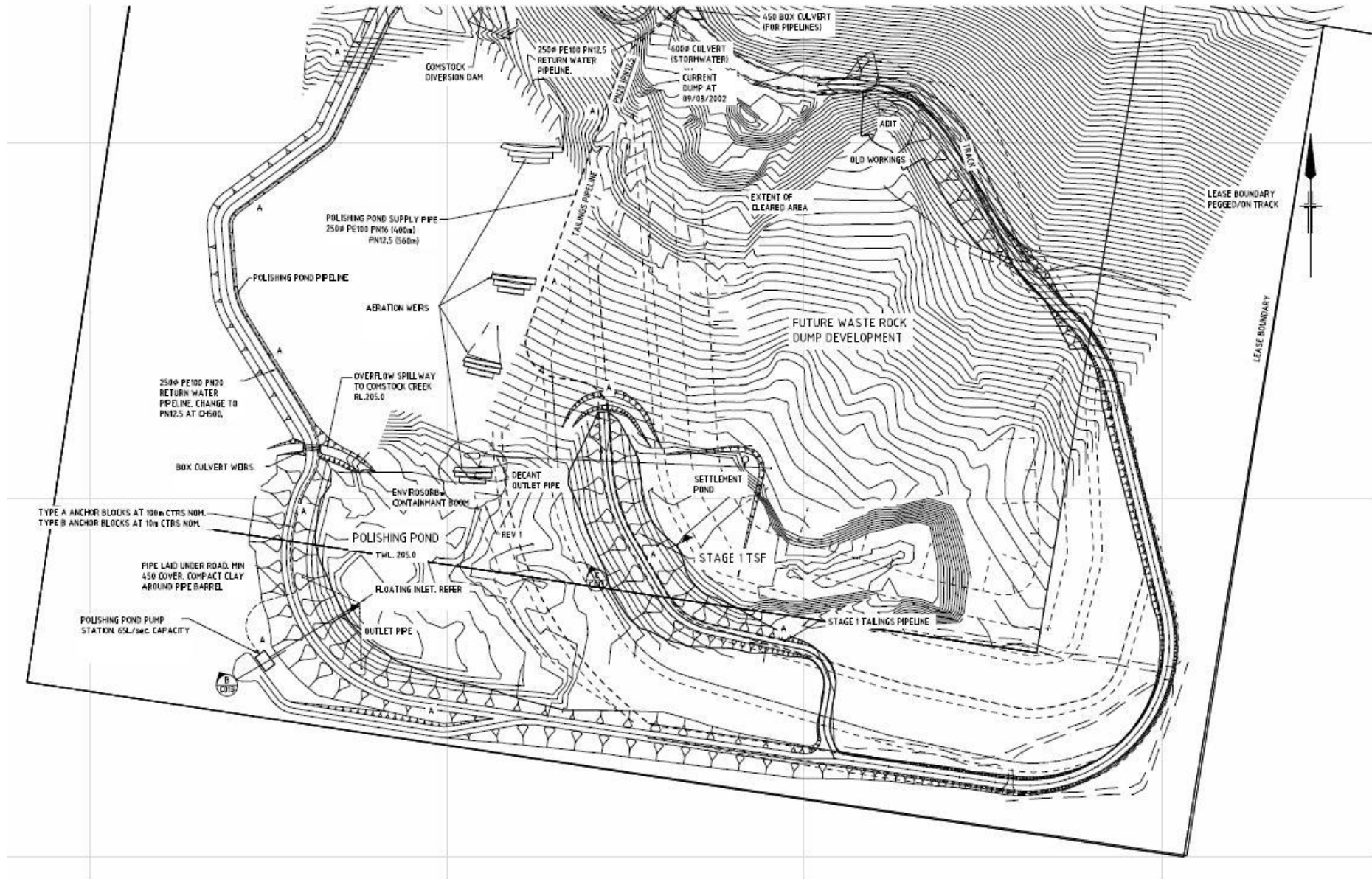




Figure 2 Facility Overview 2 – Plant Area



Figure 3 Facility Overview 3 – TSF and Polishing Pond



## 2. OMS Manual

### 2.1 Objectives of the OMS Manual

**The objectives** of the Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual are to provide guidelines and support to Zeehan Zinc (ZZ) mine operators and managers to manage the TSF performance in a safe manner.

The OMS Manual **provides**:

- » Emergency Response Plan
- » Management Plan of tailings beach development,
- » Construction methodology of the waste rock disposal,
- » Operating Procedures,
- » Surveillance and Maintenance Procedures, including Inspection Report Forms.

### 2.2 OMS Manual Information

The OMS Manual is intended to provide practical advice to the TSF operators giving appropriate and easily accessible information. However it is essential for operators and managers to recognise and understand the TSF features in order to optimise the performance and safety management of the facility. Therefore additional information on design, operations and surveillance is attached in Appendices.

The OMS Manual has been developed in accordance with the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD) Guidelines (2003) and therefore complies with the Tasmanian Dam Safety Legislation (2003). It also meets the requirements of the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industry and Water (DPIW) with the development of a Dam Emergency Response Plan.

According to ANCOLD Hazard Rating, a rating of 'Very Low' is adopted for the TSF Stage 1, however further risk assessment should be carried out for the future lifts of the TSF, that are expected to be rated as "Significant". A conservative approach was adopted for TSF Stage 1: this manual recommends to undertake a surveillance program meeting the requirements specified in ANCOLD for a "Significant" rated facility. The polishing pond, clear water dam and settling pond are rated as 'Very Low'.

The Hazard rating for the TSF is shown in Appendix B – B1

### 3. Organisation, Structure, Individual Responsibilities

#### 3.1 Site Management Structure

The following table lists the individuals having responsibilities for operation, maintenance, surveillance and/or emergency preparedness and response for the facility, including external advisors and service providers.

**Table 2 Designated Personnel for Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS)**

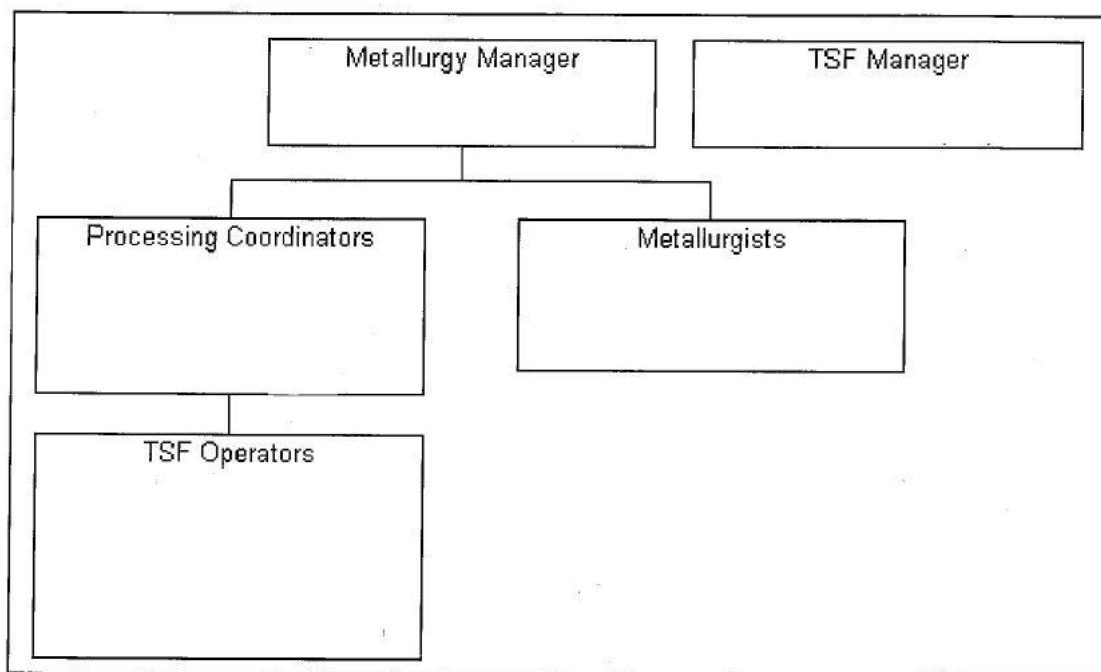
Role	OMSE	Responsibility	Contact Details
General Manager	-	Statutory	
TSF Manager	OMS	Overall direction, planning and safety	
Metallurgy Manager	OMS	Management, training and reporting	
Processing Coordinator	OMS	Routine Inspection and Reporting	
Environmental Manager	S	Environmental management, compliance and reporting	
Environmental Officer	S	Environmental monitoring	
Maintenance Manager	M	Maintenance – Civil, Electricity	
Surveyor	S	Surveying	
TSF Design Engineer	S	Intermediate, & Comprehensive inspection	David Brett 2 Salamanca Square, Hobart TAS 7000 Ph 03 6210 0698

Note: O: Operation, M: Maintenance, S: Surveillance, E: Emergency preparedness and response.

### 3.2 TSF Surveillance Organisation Chart

Figure 2 shows Zeehan Zinc Limited organisation chart for TSF surveillance.

**Figure 4 TSF Surveillance Organisation Chart**



## 4.

# Emergency Response Plan

### Emergency Response Plan

The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) defines the responsibilities and provides procedures to identify incidents, undertake remedial actions and initiate emergency response.

Zeehan Zinc Ltd is responsible for the surveillance, maintenance and operation of the TSF, Polishing Pond, Clear Water Dam and Settling Pond embankments.

The Metallurgy Manager is responsible for implementing operational and emergency response procedures.



Notification procedures for Failures or Impending Failures (Red Level) are given in Section 4.3 and attached in Appendix B – Section B1.



Notification procedures for significant observations other than failures or impending failure cases (Orange Level) are given in Section 3.4 and attached in Appendix B- Section B1.

Incidents that could result in dam failure are described in Section 4.3.

All incidents should be adequately responded to and remedied, with assessment of why the incident occurred and how to reduce the risk of future recurrence.

All incidents should be recorded and listed in this manual.



Incident Report Form

Incident Report List



attached in Appendix B – Section B3

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Incidents and accidents associated with the management of tailings should be reported immediately.



Emergency Response Procedure – Pipeline

Emergency Response Procedure – Earthquake

Emergency Response Procedure – Flooding

Emergency Response Procedure – Seepage



attached in Appendix B  
– Section B2.

#### 4.1 Embankments Details

General	Location relative to nearest Town:	Zeehan, Tasmania
	Location Coordinates:	5359788 N, 357304 E
	TSF owner and operator:	Zeehan Zinc Limited
	TSF Embankment - Operating	Significant hazard category
	Polishing Pond Embankment - Operating	Very Low hazard category
	Downstream area	Comstock Creek
TSF Embankment	Embankment	
	Type:	Zoned earth embankment (Stage 1)
	Crest Level	RL 216 (RL 250 at end of life)
	Height	6m for Stage 1 (40m at end of life)
	Crest length:	200 m (approx) Stage 1, (630m at end of life)
	Crest width:	6 m
	Reservoir	
	Catchment area	10,500 m <sup>2</sup>
	Normal Operating Level (NOL)	RL 214m (Stage 1)
	Full Supply Level (FSL)	RL 215m (Stage 3A)
	Capacity between NOL and FSL	6.5ML (0.6m freeboard plus storage for 1:1000AEP 72 hr)
	Spillway	
	Type (primary)	Decant tower
	Type (secondary)	Broad crest weir spillway channel IL 215m
	Invert level (primary)	RL 212m (Stage 1)
	Invert Level (secondary)	RL 215m (Stage 1)
	Capacity (primary and secondary)	2.6 m <sup>3</sup> /s 1:1000AEP
	Outlet	
	System	Decant and Spillway discharge to Polishing Pond
Polishing Pond Embankment	Embankment Type	Zoned earth and rockfill embankment.
	Embankment Crest Level	RL 207 (7m high)
	Embankment Crest length:	240m
	Embankment Crest width:	6m
	Spillway	Broad crest weir, IL 206, 6.4 m <sup>3</sup> /s capacity

## 4.2 Responsibilities

Zeehan Zinc Ltd is responsible for the surveillance, maintenance and operation of the Tailings Storage Facility and Polishing Pond.

The Metallurgy Manager is responsible for implementing operational and emergency procedures i.e.:

- » Monitoring the dam during normal operations, major storms, emergency situations, and following earthquakes;
- » Implementing the Notification Procedures; and
- » Declaring and terminating emergency situations.

**Metallurgy Manager Contact Details:** .....

## 4.3 Emergency Notification Procedure

Two levels of notification are defined as follows:

**Table 3 Emergency Levels**

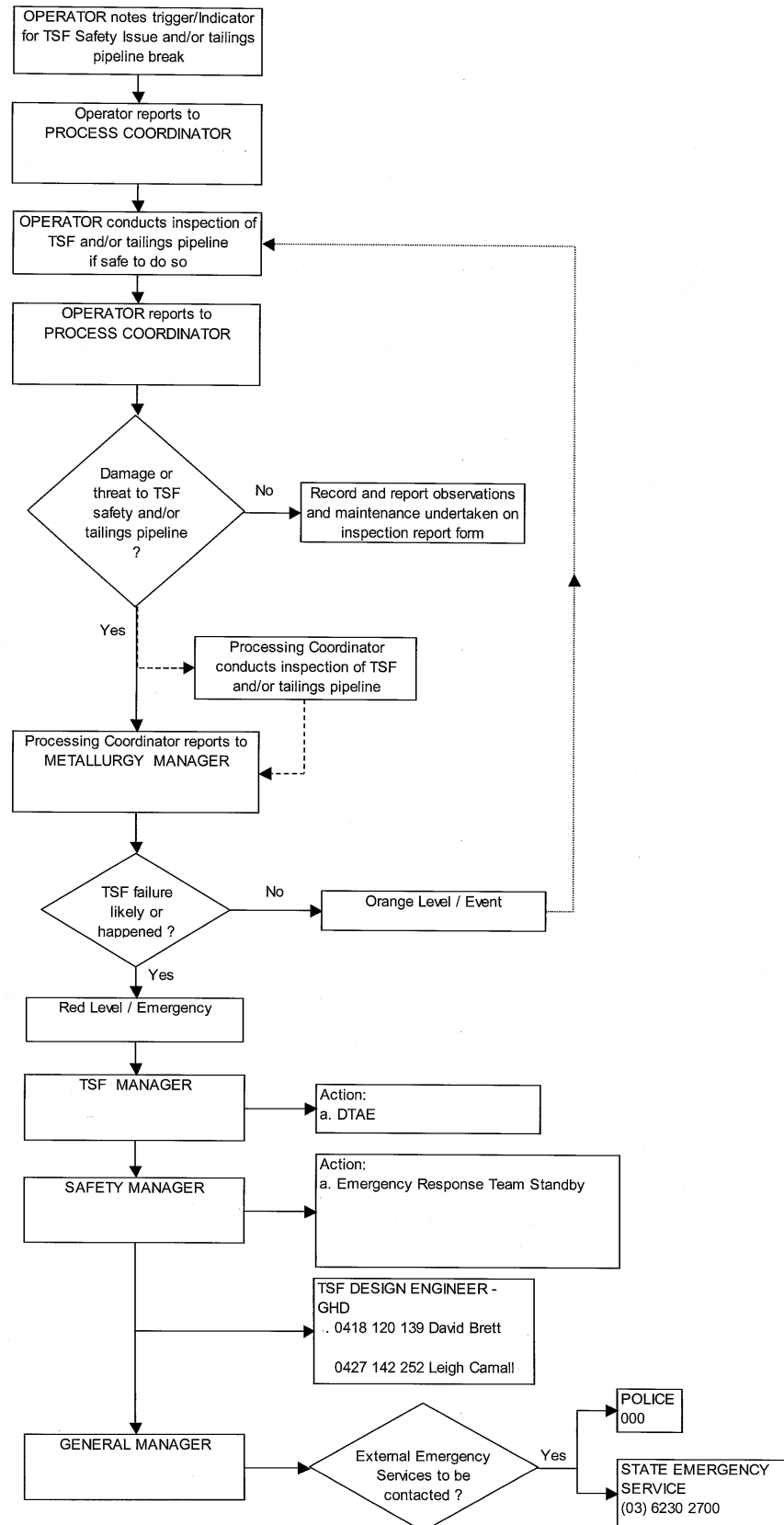
Emergency Level	Situation	Action
Red Level	Failure or Pending Failure	Notification and immediate Emergency Actions
Orange Level	Significant observations/incidents that affect the TSF safety or/and tailings pipeline or can lead to a TSF failure	Notification, Maintenance, Monitoring and Closure



**Emergency Notification Procedure** presented in Figure 3 and attached in Appendix B – Section B2.



**Figure 5 Emergency Notification Procedure**



#### **4.4 Emergency Evaluation and Classification**

Timely implementation of the Emergency Response Procedures (ERP) is a crucial element in its effectiveness and appropriate effective warning systems are imperative for downstream occupants and emergency authorities to minimise loss of life and property damage.

Provided in this section are steps to manage some, not necessarily all, of the events that can lead to the failure of the dam. Once an emergency situation has been identified and evaluated, it should be classified as to its urgency so that the appropriate action can be taken.

The Emergency Response Procedure presented in Figures 4 to 8 are attached in Appendix B – Section B2:

Emergency Response Procedure – Pipeline



Emergency Response Procedure – Earthquake

Emergency Response Procedure – Flooding

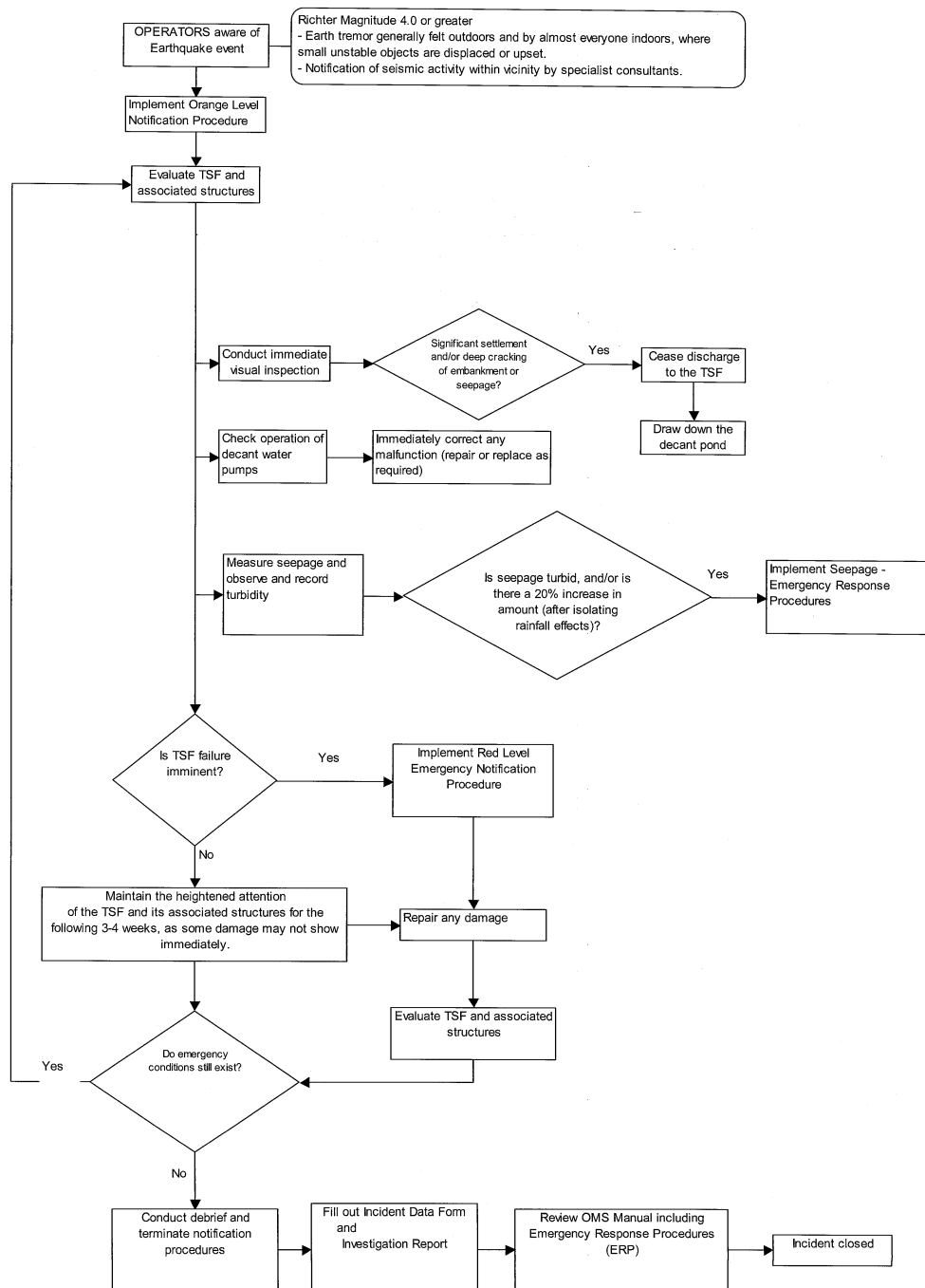
Emergency Response Procedure – Seepage

**Figure 6    Emergency Response Procedure – Pipeline**

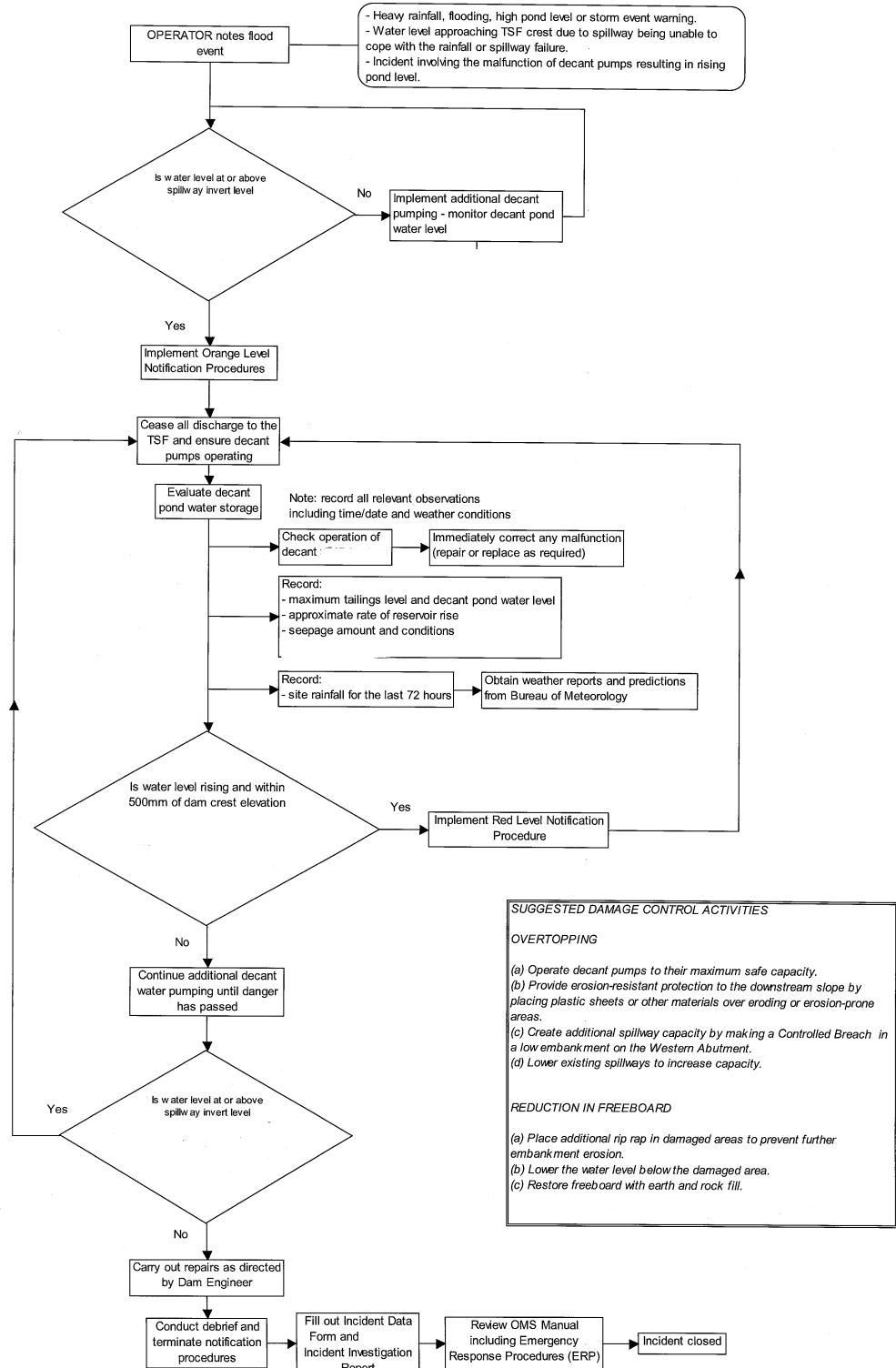
Details to be confirmed on finalisation of mill site arrangement and tailings pipeline.

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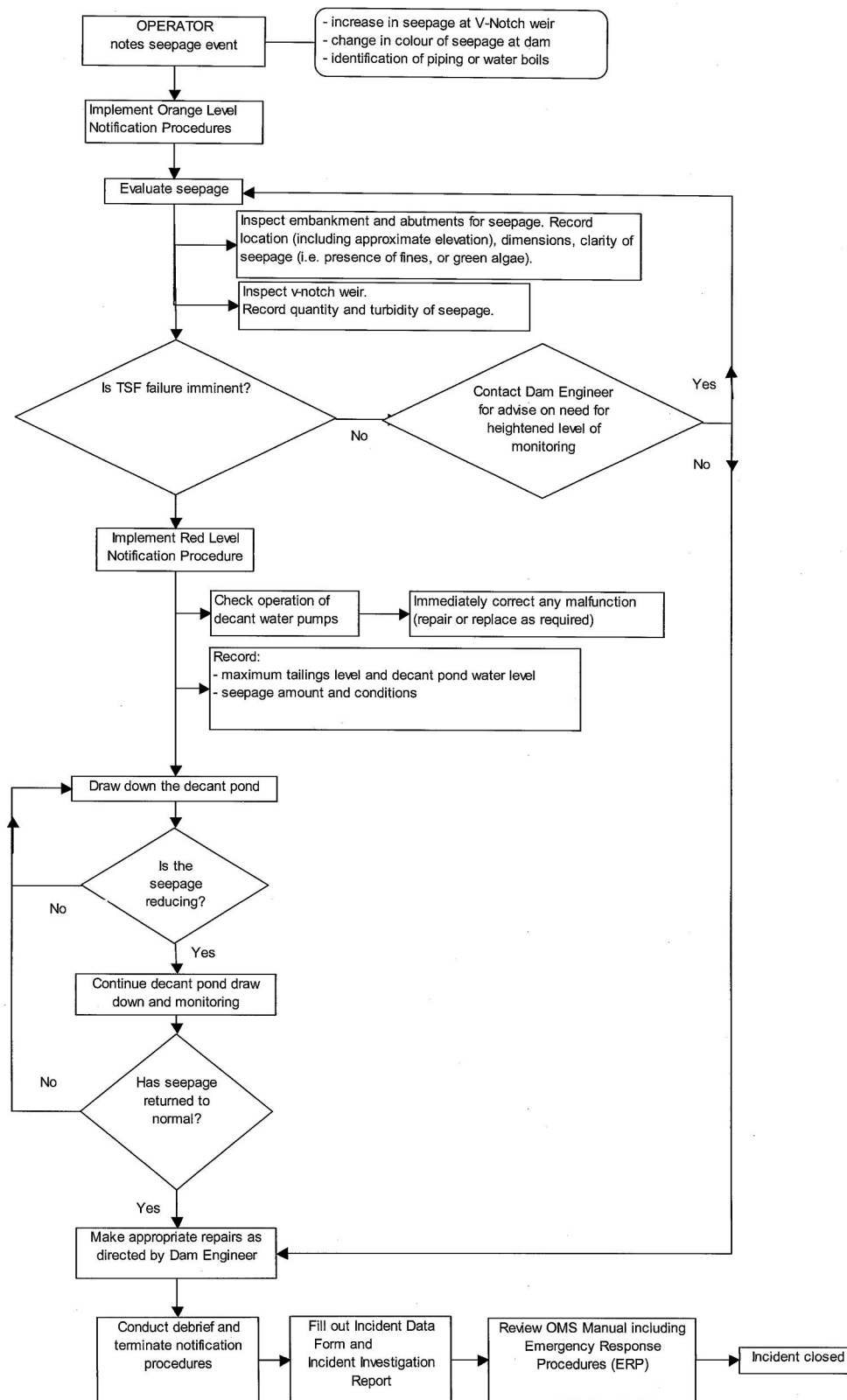
**Figure 7 Emergency Response Procedure – Earthquake**



**Figure 8 Emergency Response Procedure – Flooding**



**Figure 9 Emergency Response Procedure – Seepage**



## Embankment Structural Failures

Table 4 lists some of the main embankment structural failures that could be initiated by the emergency events or progressive instability.

**Table 4 Embankment Structural Failures – Indicator and Action**

Structural Failure	Indicators	Damage Control Activity
Slide in upstream or downstream face of embankment	Longitudinal cracking	<p>(a) Lower the water level at a rate and to a level that is considered safe given the slide condition. If the outlet is blocked, pumping, siphoning or a <b>Controlled Breach</b><sup>1</sup> may be required.</p> <p>(b) Restore lost freeboard if required by placing sandbags or filling in the top of the slide.</p> <p>(c) Stabilise slides on the downstream slope by weighting the toe area with additional soil, rock or gravel.</p>
Mass Movement of the Dam on its Foundation	Spreading or Mass Sliding	<p>(a) Immediately lower the water level until movement stops.</p> <p>(b) Continue lowering water level until a safe level is reached.</p> <p>(c) Continue operation at reduced level until repairs can be made.</p>
Excessive Settlement of the Embankment	<p>Longitudinal and/or transverse cracking</p> <p>Low area on the crest</p>	<p>(a) Lower the water level by releasing it through the outlet or by pumping, or siphoning.</p> <p>(b) Lower water to a safe level.</p> <p>(c) Continue operating at a reduced level until repairs can be made.</p>
Erosion Seepage or Piping	Water surface disturbances such as whirlpools (vortices) in reservoir (probably associated with significant downstream leakage, soft spots or boggy areas).	<p>(a) Plug the flow with whatever material is available (hay bales, bentonite or plastic sheeting if the entrance for the leak is within the reservoir).</p> <p>(b) Lower the water level until the flow decreases to a rate unlikely to cause erosion or until the flow stops.</p> <p>(c) Place a blanket filter (a protective sand and gravel filter) over the exit area to hold materials in place.</p> <p>(d) Continue lowering the water level until a safe elevation is reached.</p> <p>(e) Continue operating at the reduced level until repairs are made.</p>

## 4.5 Incident Reporting

All incidents should be recorded completing ZZL Incident Investigation Report in accordance to the guidelines to be followed and requirements to be met by ZZL. All incidents should be adequately responded to and remedied, with assessment of why the incident occurred and future prevention of.

Incidents and accidents associated with the management of tailings should be reported via a tailings specific Incident Data Form, which will be attached to ZZL Incident Investigation Report after completion.



**Tailings Incident Data Form** presented in Figure 9 and attached in Appendix B – Section B3.



**Tailings Incident List** attached in Appendix B – Section B3.



**Figure 10 Tailings Incident Data Form**

<p><b>TAILINGS INCIDENT DATA FORM</b>          Completed after any Incident,          and attached to Incident Investigation Report</p>	<p>Date : _____</p> <p><b>Incident</b>          Date : _____          Time : _____          Reported by : _____          Incident notification : _____</p>	<p>Checked : _____          (by supervisor)</p>
<p><small>* Any relevant information (photographs, incident notice or report, TSF/Environmental Engineer, DTAE) on the incident, please attach documents.</small></p>		
<p><b><u>INCIDENT DESCRIPTION</u></b></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
<p><b><u>INCIDENT CONSEQUENCES</u></b></p>		
Environmental damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Environmental damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Structural damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Structural damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Embankment damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Embankment damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Operational consequences	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Consequences level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Operations Management Review required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<p><b><u>ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN</u></b></p>		
Maintenance performed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Routine <input type="checkbox"/> TSF Specific <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Monitoring required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Emergency Procedure Implemented	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Procedure update required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
TSF Engineer Consultancy Involved?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Special Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<p><b><u>REPORTING</u></b></p>		
Report to TSF Safety Coordinator?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Report to TSF Management?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Report to DPIWE?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Listed on Incident Report List?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____
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## 4.6 Access and Communication Procedures

Table 5 gives the main information concerning site access and communication.

**Table 5 Access and Communication Procedures**

Site Access	Trial Harbour Rd
Site Access Requirements	4WD vehicle with visible orange flashing light
Site Communication	Radio and mobile phones
Emergency Situation	A qualified/experienced observer will be at the dam when flood conditions, or signs of serious structural distress have been identified.

## 5. Tailings Discharge Management

### 5.1 Tailings Discharge Parameters

The proposed tailings discharge rates for the first 3 years of operations are as follows:

Year 1	200,000 tpa
Year 2	400,000 tpa
Year 3	800,000 tpa

This OMS manual will require updating as production rate changes.

### 5.2 Discharge Management Objectives

#### 5.2.1 Tailings Discharge Management Plan –Initial Short Term

The tailings are identified as potential acid forming. Therefore the tailings are required to be maintained under water and the discharge to be sub-aqueous. Once testing on the tailings to confirm their acid producing potential is completed the tailings may be able to be left exposed, at this point the OMS Manual should be updated. This OMS Manual details the discharge requirements and operations for this management plan.

#### 5.2.2 Tailings Discharge Management Plan – Long term

The intention of the long-term tailings management plan if it is proven the tailings are NAF is to develop an exposed beach profile with the decant pond toward north-eastern end of the reservoir towards the access road and optimise the storage capacity. It is anticipated that the tailings will be discharged from the full length of the embankment wall by spigotting.

#### 5.2.3 Tailings Discharge Requirements – Long Term

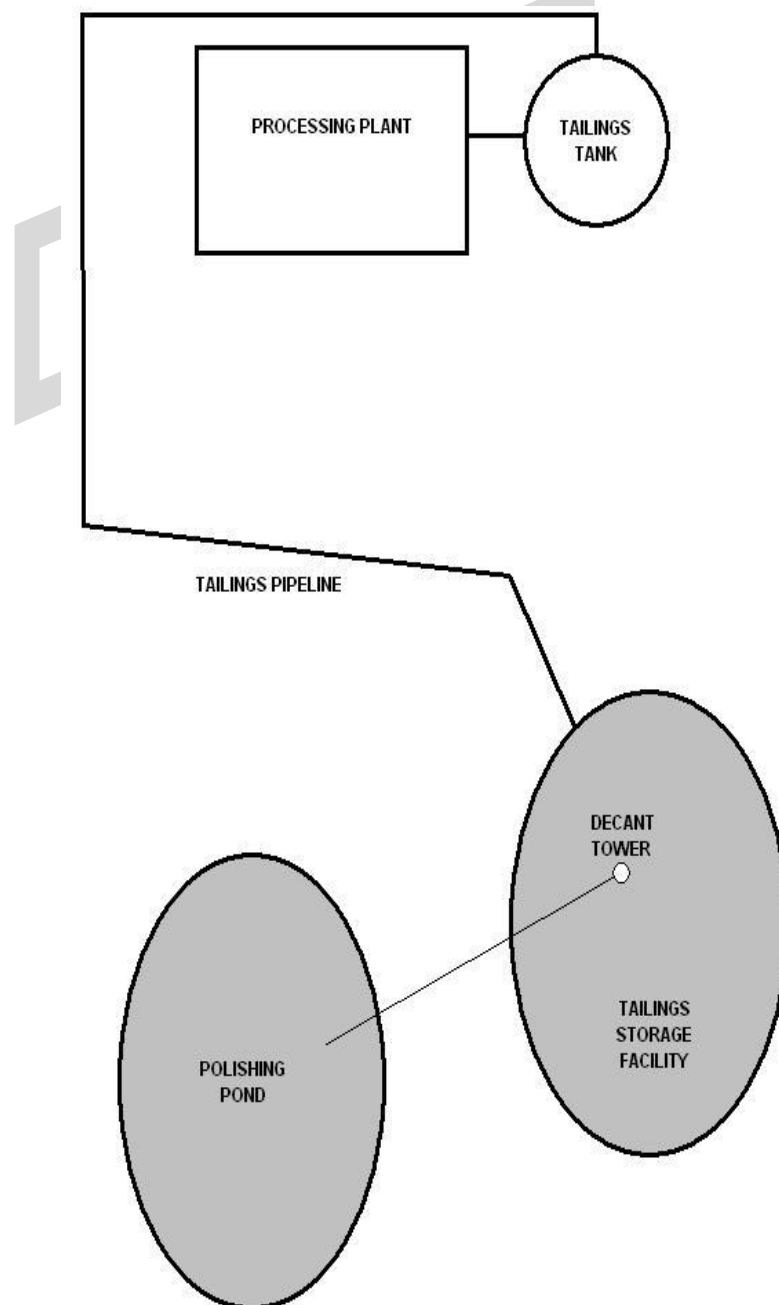
The tailings discharge shall be undertaken to comply with the following requirements:

- » Develop a flat uniform beach sloping to grade towards the decant pond located at the eastern central end of the reservoir towards the access road (towards the decant tower).
- » Manage particle segregation such that the coarser particles are placed along the TSF wall and reservoir sides and the finer particles towards the decant pond. This segregation is required to ensure drainage close to the embankment to allow upstream construction and the formation of lower permeability layers in the vicinity of the decant pond to minimise potential seepage.
- » Ensure that thin layers of tailings are placed and allowed to dry before placing the next layer to maximise drying and density.

### 5.3 Tailings Discharge System

Figure 5 gives an overview of the Tailings Discharge System and Table 3 lists the main equipment and its features.

**Figure 11 Tailings Discharge System – Overview on System**



**Table 6 Tailings Discharge System – Main Equipment and Features**

Equipment	Features	
Tailings Pumps	Location	Processing Plant
	Purpose	Transport the tailings to TSF
	Arrangement	2 pumps in series
	Operation	manual
	Monitoring	to be confirmed
Tailings Pipeline	Location	Along haul road and other access tracks
	Product	110mm DN PE100 PN10 HDPE
	Installation	Along access road to STWRD
	Arrangement	1 km long (approx) from processing plant to TSF
	Flow rate	65m <sup>3</sup> /s
	Monitoring	to be confirmed
Tailings discharge	Location	Along dam wall
	Product	8mm minus
	Operation	manually move discharge as required

#### 5.4 Tailings Discharge Management Plan

The present operation plan has been designed based on the available data, which will be reviewed once the operations system is completed and commissioned. Refer to Appendix G for figures relating to Tailings Management.

##### » PHASE 1 -START UP TAILINGS DISCHARGE : TSF Crest RL216m

The intention of discharge during this period is to ensure that the tailings are deposited sub-aqueous and maintained under water filling the rock borrow extents.

The following method is proposed;

- » Lay the tailings pipe along the dam wall to the eastern end to the furthest extent of rock borrow.
- » Extend single point end discharge down the batter to allow sub-aqueous discharge at any time.
- » Discharge from adequate location to target the lowest point of the borrow.
- » Change the discharge point along dam crest progressively toward north end to fill the rock borrow and maintain a decant pond over the discharged tailings.
- » Discharge from decant tower will occur once pond has reached RL212.6m
- » Decant water can be pumped to Polishing Pond if required for water recycle below minimum decant invert.

## **PHASE 2 ESTABLISH ROUTINE TAILINGS MANAGEMENT**

The intention of discharge during this period is to dispose the tailings along the full embankment. Commission the Stage 1 decant tower that will be operated to maintain a pond over the full reservoir and allow freeboard to cope with the design flood. Refer to the water management section for the water management requirements.

The following works are proposed:

- » Sequence the discharge over the full embankment wall progressively relocating the discharge point working from eastern dam wall to the northern end.
- » Lay the pipe down the batter to allow sub-aqueous discharge at any time.
- » Change outlet points regularly with a minimum weekly trial to be undertaken.
- » Stage 2 decant tower is to be constructed in this period

## **PHASE 3 TRANSITION FROM TSF EMBANKMENT STAGE 1 TO STAGE 2 Crest to RL220m**

The routine tailings management proposed above should be established prior to the lift of the embankment to Stage 2 and maintained during the period when the embankment is lifted. Stage 2 construction requires construction over the Stage 1 crest using low/high NAG rock, therefore the following tailings discharge and construction sequence must be maintained to continually operate TSF during raising.

The following works are proposed:

- » Prior to the commencement of the lift of the embankment, discharge the tailings from the eastern end of the embankment to initiate the sequence below.
- » Sequence the lift of the embankment with the tailings discharge progressing the construction and discharge from the eastern end of the embankment to the northern end.
- » At the completion of the embankment lift at the northern end, progressively relocate the tailings discharge point towards the eastern end of the embankment and continue the established routine tailings management.
- » Lay the pipe further down the batter of the raised embankment to allow sub-aqueous discharge at any time.
- » Change outlet points regularly with a minimum weekly.

## **PHASE 4 TRANSITION FROM TSF EMBANKMENT STAGE 2 TO STAGE 3 Crest to RL230m**

Above RL220m it is proposed to begin forming an exposed tailings beach at which point to upstream construction will be adopted. Tailings discharge may be changed from single end point to multiple point spiggoting with sub aerial discharge. The water cover will be reduced and the decant pond will be concentrated.

Note that a feasibility study will be required prior to upstream lift construction and the OMS manual will be reviewed and updated.

The following works are proposed:

- » Prior to the commencement of the lift of the embankment, discharge the tailings from the eastern end of the embankment to initiate the sequence below.
- » Sequence the lift of the embankment with the tailings discharge progressing the construction and discharge from the eastern end of the embankment to the northern end.
- » At the completion of the embankment lift at the northern end, progressively relocate the tailings discharge point towards the eastern end of the embankment and continue the established routine tailings management.
- » Change outlet points regularly with a minimum weekly.

#### **PHASE 5 TRANSITION FROM TSF EMBANKMENT STAGE 3 TO STAGE 4 Crest to RL240m**

Repeat process as outlined above.

#### **PHASE 6 TRANSITION FROM TSF EMBANKMENT STAGE 4 TO STAGE 5 Crest to RL250m**

Repeat process as outlined above.

### **5.5 Tailings Discharge and Earthworks Management**

To facilitate the transition of continuous construction, the downstream batter of Stage 2 embankment should be constructed up to the elevation of Stage 1 embankment over the full length of the embankment.

The earthworks to bring the dam wall elevation to the designed Stage 2 elevation shall then be sequenced with the tailings discharge as proposed above.

Tailings will be initially discharged from the eastern abutment, and gradually retracted towards the northern abutment as the level of tailings increases, it is estimated the discharge point should be moved weekly.

High NAG waste rock will be placed, from the upstream crest, onto the tailings beach to prepare for upstream construction. Upstream construction will commence at the eastern abutment whilst tailings are being discharged towards the northern abutment, such that discharging of tailings is not interrupted. Once discharge has reached the northern end, tailing discharge will recommence at the eastern abutment from the beach level and begin covering the older tailings. This process will be repeated as upstream lifts are constructed. Note that a feasibility study will be required prior to upstream lift construction and the OMS manual will be reviewed and updated. Stripped material from the TSF is to be stockpiled for use in rehabilitation works on the TSF embankment. Any potential sources for clay identified during stripping are to be removed for capping purposes.

## 6. Waste Rock Disposal

While operating the TSF, a long term waste rock storage and disposal will be implemented forming the downstream batter of the TSF. The waste rock will be continually disposed and compacted to form the downstream batter and upstream construction pad for the future stages of the TSF.

### 6.1 Waste Rock Characterisation

A comprehensive study of the different rock types on site was undertaken to define the potential of acid generating of the material. The SEMF report "Comstock Mine Visual Waste Rock Characterisation Manual" 2006 defines 6No. different rock types and some typical testing procedures for classification of acid producing potential.

### 6.2 Waste Rock on Site Classification

The intention of the on site classification is to define the potential acid drainage of the waste material to implement an environmental friendly disposal encapsulating the acid generating material into the batter.

It is essential that the operators excavating the rock and constructing the TSF with the waste rock to be familiar with the WRC Manual.

A continued program of Acid Drainage (AD) testing will be implemented to classify the waste material. The proposed program is described in the GHD report "Waste Rock Disposal Management Program" 2007.

### 6.3 Waste Rock Disposal Requirements

The waste rock disposal shall be undertaken to comply with the following requirements:

- » Hard and high NAG (Net Acid Generating) material to be encapsulated into the embankment to limit the risk of acidic seepage.
- » Soft and low NAG to be placed over the downstream batter.
- » Clay layer of adequate thickness to be placed over the soft and low NAG waste material if the latter material does not have an adequate permeability to limit the infiltration.



## 7. Water Management

### 7.1 Water Management Plan

#### 7.1.1 Water Management Plan

The proposed water management plan for the site is outlined below for further details the Water Management Report for the site is attached in Appendix G;

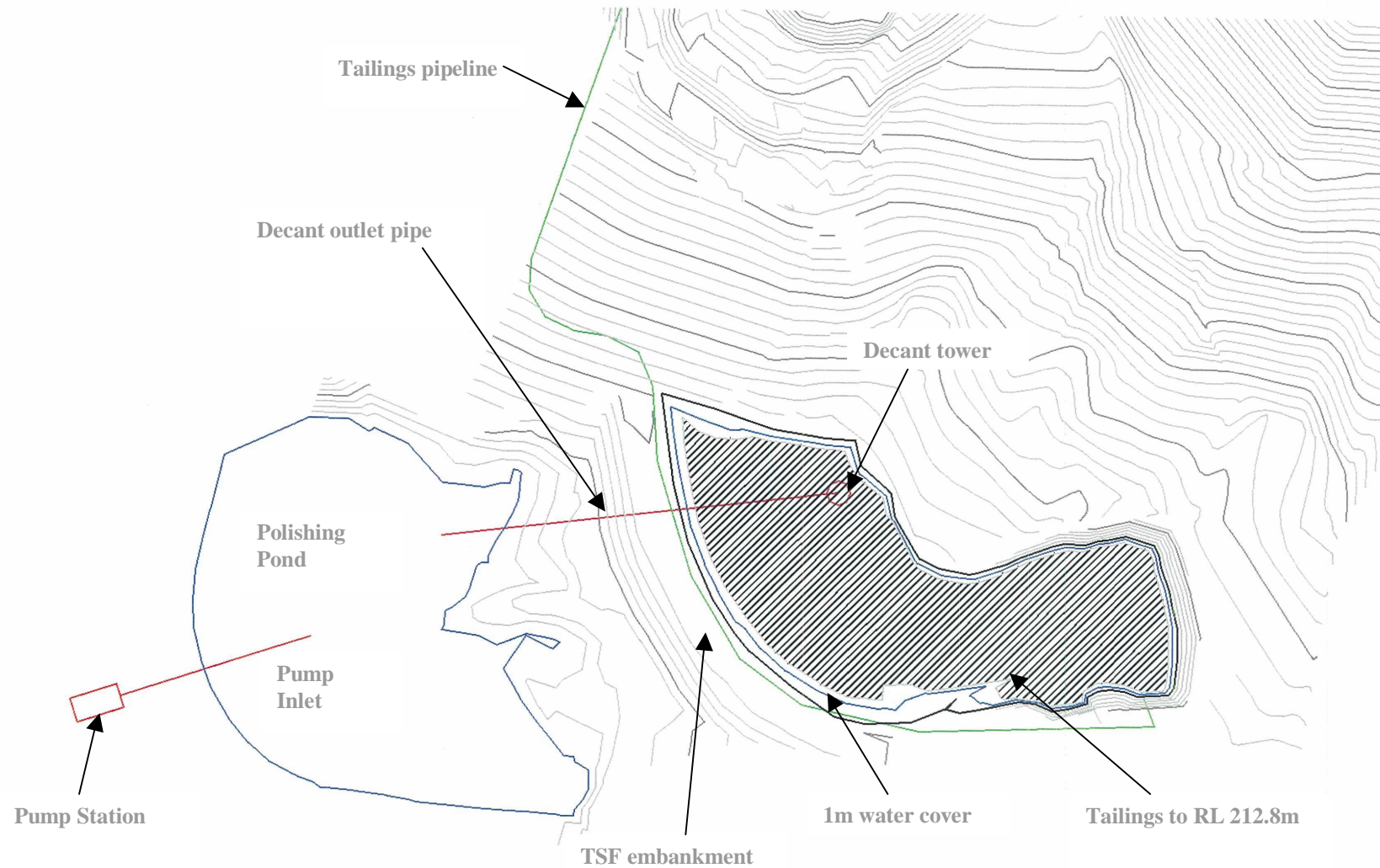
- » Three sources for process water are available;
  - Clearwater Dam (fed by Settling Pond)
  - Polishing Pond (fed by catchment and TSF decant water)
  - Adit (treated and diverted to the (Polishing Pond)
- » 6No. Header Tanks above the mill contain approximately 1hr of process water supply and feed process water to mill by gravity.
- » Header Tanks are filled from Clear Water Dam and Polishing Pond.
- » Priority water supply nominated as the Clear Water Dam as pump head is less than the Polishing Pond.
- » Water levels are maintained by using electrically driven pumps. The pumps are controlled via respective level sensing devices and control systems

#### 7.1.2 TSF Water Management Requirements

The water management shall be undertaken to comply with the following requirements:

- » Have the storage capacity to contain the inflows during a 72 hr 1 in 1,000 AEP storm event (6.5ML).
- » Maintain 0.6 m freeboard below the invert of the spillway.
- » Above freeboard requirements equates to 1.2m of total freeboard required in pond up to filling of Stage 1 to RL215m.
- » A minimum 1.0m water cover is to be maintained over the tailings until tailings are proved to be NAF (Non Acid Forming) and approval is given to once expose tailings.

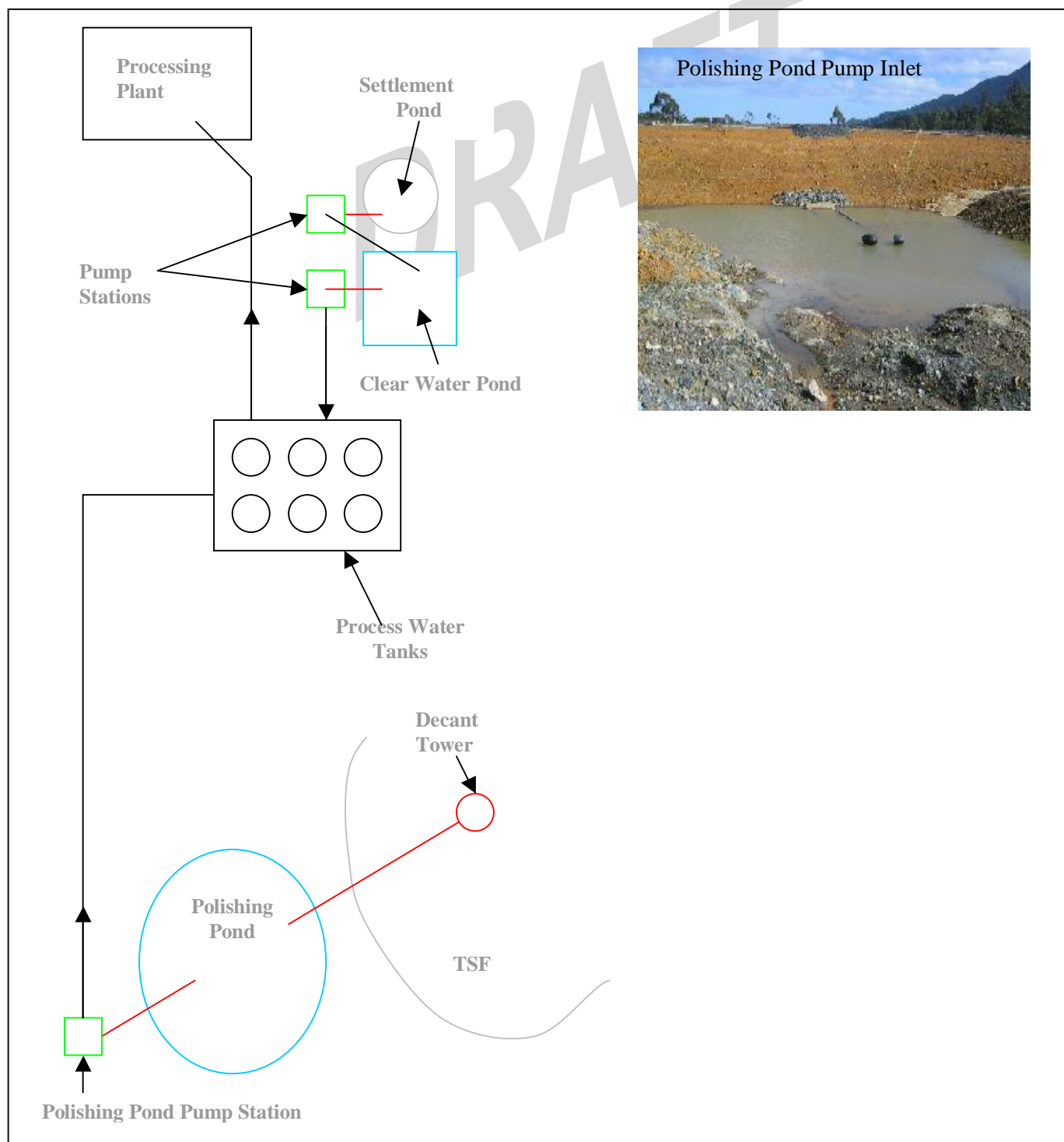
**Figure 12 Water Management – TSF and Polishing Pond Stage 1**



## 7.2 Water Management System

Figure 7 gives an overview of the Water Management System and Table 10 lists the main equipment and its features.

**Figure 13 Water Management – Overview on System**



**Table 7 Water Management – Main Equipment and Features**

Equipment	Features	
TSF Decant Tower	Location	North eastern side of TSF
	Arrangement	1050 mm ND Class 2 RC Flush joint pipes coupled to 225mm DN PE100 PN10 outlet pipe
	Flow rate	130 l/s
	Operation	To maintain a specific water cover. Refer to water management plan, Section 7.1.
	Control	Manual
Polishing Pond Pumps	Location	Downstream toe of Polishing Pond
	Arrangement	2 in series
	Flow Rate	65 l/s
	Operation	Supply water to Process Water Tanks
	Control	To be confirmed
Settlement and Clear Water Pond Pumps	Location	South east corner of settlement pond
	Arrangement	2 duty standby
	Flow rate	65 l/s
	Operation	Operating when level in dam is sufficient
	Control	To be confirmed

### **7.3 Water Management Operations**

### **7.4 Operating Procedure**

#### **7.4.1 Supply Header Tanks**

- » Water level in the supply header tanks is to be maintained between the low and high limits by pumping water from either the Clearwater Dam or the Polishing Pond.
- » A low level signal from the header tanks will start pumping to the tanks and initiate low level indication in the site control room.
- » A high level signal from the header tanks will stop pumping to the tanks and initiate high level indication in the site control room.
- » Pumping from the Clearwater Dam is the primary means of filling the header tanks.
- » Low Clearwater Dam level, or a Clearwater pond pump fault, will inhibit the respective pump from operating and initiate a start on the Polishing Pond pump.
- » Once the Polishing Pond pump has been started, it will complete one cycle of pumping the header tank to high level. Pumping to the header tank reverts back to the Clearwater Dam pump at the completion of one cycle, subject to the availability of a Clearwater Dam pump.
- » Header tank level indication will be provided locally and in the site control room.
- » Duty and standby pumps are fitted for each pumping operation, changeover from duty to standby pumps is controlled locally at the switchboard.
- » Running and fault indication for each pump will be provided locally and in the site control room.

#### **7.4.2 Settling Pond Pump Station**

- » Water level in the Clearwater Dam is to be maintained between the low and high limits by pumping water from the Settling Pond.
- » A low level signal from the Clearwater Dam will start pumping from the settling pond, and initiate low level indication locally and in the site control room.
- » A high level signal from the Clearwater Dam will stop pumping from the settling pond, and initiate high level indication locally and in the site control room.
- » Duty and standby pumps are fitted for each pumping operation, changeover from duty to standby pump is controlled locally at the switchboard.
- » Each pump will have running indication, locally and in the site control room.
- » Each pump will have a discharge flow switch, to indicate low discharge flow rate. Low discharge flow rate will stop and inhibit the respective pump operation, initiate local indication and the control room alarm.
- » An electrically actuated valve is installed in the settling pond pump station to allow back filling of the Clearwater Dam from the header tanks.

- » The valve will be operated remotely from the site control room or locally at the pump station switchboard. Valve operation is manually initiated and will be inhibited when a Clearwater Dam pump is running.
- » Valve position will be indicated on the plant control system, in the site control room and locally on the valve.

#### **7.4.3 Polishing Pond**

- » Polishing Pond pump operation will be determined by supply header tank level and Clearwater pump performance as detailed above.
- » Two pumps will be run in series as a pair to form the duty pump set, and two pumps will run in series as a pair to form the standby pump set.
- » Changeover from duty to standby pump is controlled locally at the switchboard.
- » Each pump will be fitted with soft starters and a delayed starting sequence will be used to further limit load during starting.
- » Each pump will have running indication, locally and in the control room.
- » Each pump will have thermal overload protection. Thermal overload will stop and inhibit the respective pump operation, initiate local indication and the control room alarm.
- » The pump station will be fitted with a Magflowmeter to monitor discharge flow rate. Low flow rate will stop and inhibit the respective pump set, initiate local indication and the control room alarm.
- » Low Polishing Pond level will stop and inhibit pump operation, initiate local indication and the control room alarm.

### **7.5 Water Quality**

Initial operations to control water quality are by manual liquid caustic soda dosing. Water quality requirements set are +/-1 pH unit of water upstream of the mine.

Further information on the water quality will be available after commissioning of the TSF. The manual shall then be reviewed and updated.

#### **7.5.1 Adit Caustic Dosing Systems**

The adit from the historical underground works discharge water at a low pH level.

A manual caustic soda dosing system is used to control pH with a specified dosing requirements dependant on the flow measured from the adit V-Notch weir. The dosing system will maintain a level of pH lower than 5, at the weir discharge.

#### **7.5.2 Tailings Caustic Dosing Systems**

Water quality in the TSF will initially be controlled via a manual caustic soda dosing system at the tailings tanks. Caustic soda is introduced to the tailings tanks under a

gravity fed line. Dosing requirements are to be adjusted according to pH monitoring twice daily at the TSF to meet pH control requirements.

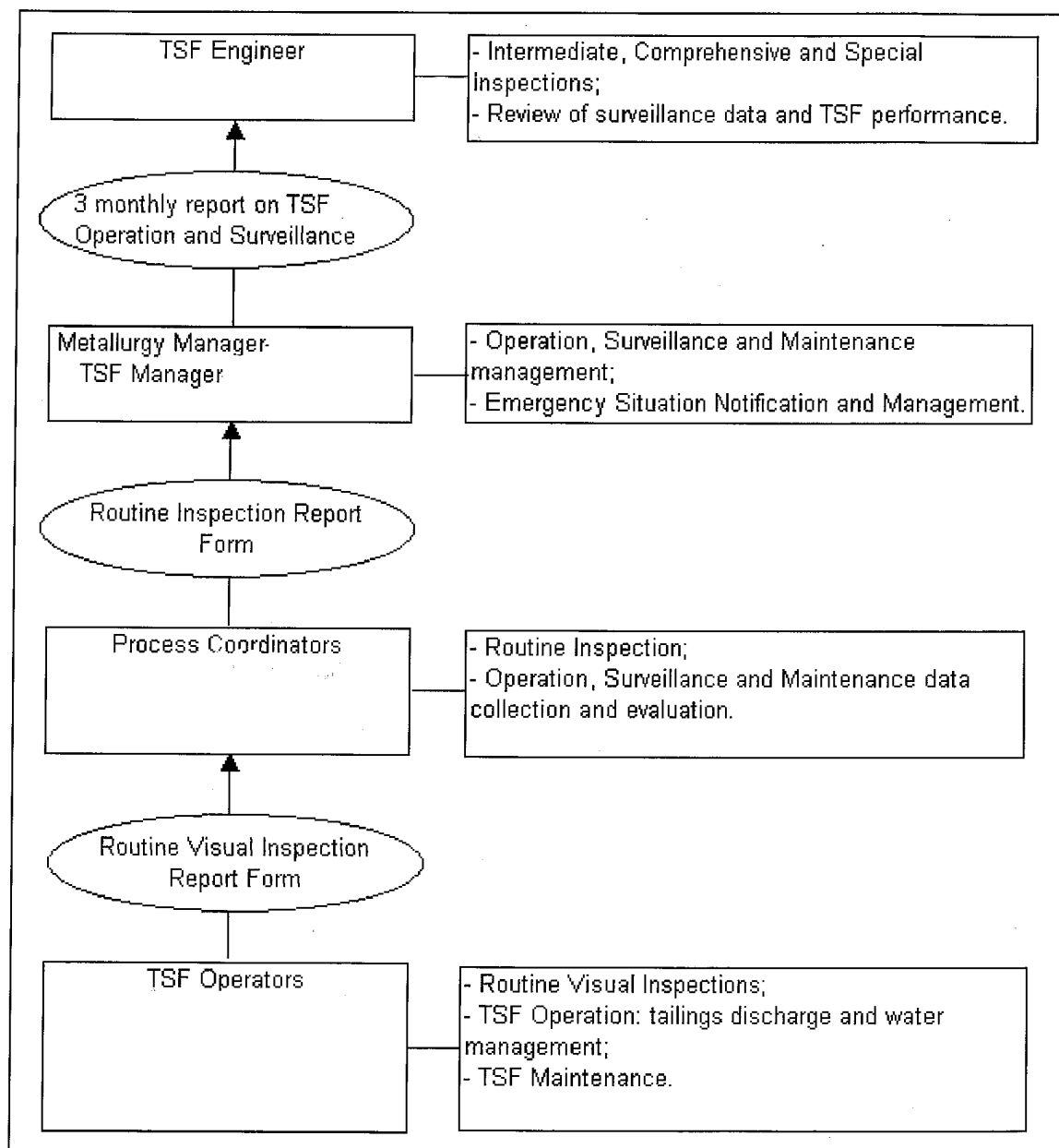
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## 8. TSF Surveillance

### 8.1 TSF Surveillance Management Structure

Figure 15 shows Zeehan Zinc Limited organisation chart focused on the TSF surveillance.

**Figure 14 TSF Surveillance Management Chart**







## 8.2 Operator's Surveillance Program

### 8.2.1 Routine Visual Inspection


The operators at Zeehan Zinc Mine carry out Routine Visual Inspection **daily** on the TSF. The purpose of this inspection is to GATHER and RECORD FACTS that may have an IMPACT ON the SAFETY and PERFORMANCE of the facility. The frequency of the operators surveillance is daily due continual waste rock placement in TSF.

The actions to be undertaken during the Routine Visual Inspection are detailed in Table 14.

**Table 8 Routine Visual Inspections**

	Action	Resource
Operation	Operate Tailings Pumps and spigots. Operate decant and water pumps. Observe waste rock placement.	Tailings Discharge and Water Management Plans, Sections 5.1 and 6.1. 
Surveillance	Identify and report any deficiencies by visual observation of the embankment as part of the duties at the TSF.  Prevent any environmental issues.	 Routine Visual Inspection Form, Section 8.
Maintenance	Action, monitor and report to the TSF Safety Coordinator the appropriate maintenance action.	TSF Specific Maintenance, Section 8.
Emergency Response	Identify and respond to any observed deficiency requiring emergency response by implementing the appropriate procedure.	Notification Procedures, Section 4.3; Emergency Response Procedures, Section 4.4.

### 8.2.2 Routine Visual Inspection Report Form

 A Routine Visual Inspection Report Form has been developed for TSF (including Polishing Pond) and presented in Figure 16 (also attached in Appendix E – Section E2).

**The operator must** have a good understanding of the Routine Visual Inspection Report Form operator to perform an efficient inspection and surveillance reporting. **The operator must** also be familiar with the safety issues and operation performance to report **any observation judged relevant concerning the safety and performance of the facility** (and would not be covered by the Inspection Report Form).

**Figure 15 Routine Visual Inspection Report Form**

<p>OCEANIA TASMANIA ZEEHAN ZINC MINE ROUTINE VISUAL INSPECTION REPORT FORM TSF</p>	<p>Date : _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inspection</p> <p>Name : _____</p> <p>Time : _____</p> <p>Weather : _____</p>	<p>Checked : _____ (by supervisor)</p>
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<b>TAILINGS</b> [Section 5 of OMS Manual]	
Delivery Line	Tailings pipeline condition    leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Tailings pipeline flow rate	@ pumps <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
@ TSF	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Operating Sub-Aqueous Outlets	Satisfactory outflow    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Line condition    leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TSF EMBANKMENT</b> [Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]	
Upstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> sink hole <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Crest	low areas <input type="checkbox"/> cracking: longitudinal <input type="checkbox"/> transverse <input type="checkbox"/> breach <input type="checkbox"/>
	sink hole <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Downstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> seepage <input type="checkbox"/> cave in <input type="checkbox"/>
	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Decant Tower	Flowing    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	clear <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>WATER MANAGEMENT</b> [Section 6 of OMS Manual]	
TSF	Is minimum 1m water cover maintained?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Water level <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Spillway	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> rill / slide <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> obstructions <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Polishing Pond	Water level <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Water Quality    good <input type="checkbox"/> bad <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Polishing Pond Pumps	# of pumps operating? (0, 1 or 2) <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement Pond (Paul's Dam)	Water level <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Clear Water Pond	Water level <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Flow from Settlement Pond to Clear Water Pond	# of pumps operating? (0, 1 or 2) <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Flowmeter reading <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comments / Sketches / Further Observations</p>	

### **8.2.3 Maintenance Tasks and Reporting**

#### **Routine Maintenance**

Routine scheduled maintenance tasks at a dam play a major role in ensuring the dam remains operating in a safe condition. The routine maintenance includes:

- » Mowing and general minor repairs;
- » Weed and/or re-growth management;
- » Maintenance of electrical and mechanical equipment and systems (eg. servicing pumps and stand-by generator);
- » Maintenance of monitoring equipment;
- » Testing monitoring equipment and alarms;
- » Testing security equipment;
- » Testing communication equipment.

#### **TSF Embankment Maintenance**

Earthfill dam requires maintenance work directed at controlling seepage and erosion, in order to prevent deterioration of the structure and development of seepage paths.

The maintenance program for the TSF may include regular management of the issues presented in Table 15 in Section 9.1. It should be performed on the TSF, the polishing pond and the clearwater dam.

#### **Maintenance Report List**

All maintenance tasks should be recorded in the Maintenance Report List. All maintenance tasks should be adequately responded to and remedied, with assessment of why the incident occurred and future prevention of.

A maintenance Report List is attached in Appendix E - Section E3. This list has to be updated according to manual control and update procedure (Appendix A-Section 2).






## 8.3 Process Coordinator's Surveillance Program

### 8.3.1 Routine Inspection Goals and Actions


The Process Coordinator at Zeehan Zinc Mine carries out Routine Inspection **every week** on the TSF. The purpose of this inspection is to **ASSESS THE STATUS** of the TSF and its features in terms of its structural and operational **SAFETY** and **PERFORMANCE**.

The actions to be undertaken during the Routine Inspection are detailed in Table 15.

**Table 9 Routine Inspection Goal and Actions**

	Action	Resource
Operation	Evaluate and report the tailings discharge and water management plans performance with the tailings beach development and decant pond formation.	Tailings Discharge and Water Management Plans, Sections 5.1 and 6.1. 
Surveillance	Identify and report any deficiencies, by structured observation of the TSF and surrounds, with recommendations for corrective actions.  Prevent any environmental issues.	 Routine Inspection Form, Section 8  
Maintenance	Inspect maintenance actions undertaken during the last month and evaluate TSF and equipment status.	 Maintenance Report List, Section 8.2.3.
Emergency Response	Analyse incident data and evaluate on the surveillance and maintenance management performance.	 Incident Report List, Appendix B – Section B3.

### 8.3.2 Routine Inspection Report Form

 A Routine Inspection Report Form has been developed for the TSF (including Water Ponds), and is presented in Figure 17 (also attached in Appendix E – Section E1). **The Process Coordinator must** have a good understanding of the Routine Inspection Report Form to perform an efficient inspection and surveillance reporting.

**Figure 16 Routine Inspection Report Form – TSF**

<p>OCEANIA TASMANIA ZEEHAN ZINC MINE ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT FORM TSF</p>	<p>Date : _____</p>	<p>Checked : _____ (by supervisor)</p>
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	<p><b>Inspection</b></p>	
	<p>Name : _____</p>	
	<p>Time : _____</p>	
	<p>Weather : _____</p>	

**SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS**

Items requiring more detailed monitoring?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Maintenance required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspection required by more senior personnel?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Not urgent <input type="checkbox"/>	[If urgent contact (NAME) (NUMBER) or (NAME) (NUMBER)]		
Specialist advice required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	

**TAILINGS** [Section 5 of OMS Manual]

Delivery Line	Tailings pipeline condition	leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Tailings pipeline flow rate @ pumps	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
	@ TSF	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Water Level in TSF 1m above Tailings?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Water level	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>		
Operating Sub-Aqueous Outlets	Satisfactory outflow	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Line condition	leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	

**TSF EMBANKMENT** [Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]

Upstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> sink hole <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Crest	low areas <input type="checkbox"/> cracking: longitudinal <input type="checkbox"/> transverse <input type="checkbox"/> breach <input type="checkbox"/>		
	sink hole <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Downstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> seepage <input type="checkbox"/> cave in <input type="checkbox"/>		
	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Downstream Toe	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/> water boil <input type="checkbox"/>		
	water: clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	

**WATER MANAGEMENT** [Section 6 of OMS Manual]

Decant Tower	Condition	good <input type="checkbox"/> damaged <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
TSF	Water level	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>		
	Is there enough storage capacity (water quality, flood event) ?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is minimum 1m water cover over tailings maintained?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
			OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Spillway	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> rill / slide <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> obstructions <input type="checkbox"/>		OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Polishing Pond	Water level	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>		
	V-Notch Weir Reading	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> mm (ruler)		
	clear <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> water clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/>		OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Spillway	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> rill / slide <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> obstructions <input type="checkbox"/>		OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic ADIT	V-Notch Weir Reading	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> mm (ruler)		
	clear <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> water clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/>		OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Caustic Dosage System	Dosage Rate	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> l/hr		
	Caustic bulka- box level above 20% ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	
Settlement Pond	Water level	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>		
Clear Water Pond	Water level	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>		
Settlement Pond and Clear Water Ponds Pumps				
	Pumps operating ?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	

#### **8.4 Metallurgy Manager - 3 monthly Surveillance Report**

The 3 monthly Surveillance Report is written by the TSF Safety Coordinator to be forward to the TSF Engineer. The objective is to conclude on the TSF Operation Maintenance and Surveillance management.

The report should documents the following:

- » Tailings Discharge and Water Management performance with the development of the tailings beach and decant pond and the water quality. Photographic and statistical summaries of relevant observations during the inspections should be produced.
- » Surveillance and Maintenance Management performance with statistics on incidents and maintenance tasks, and review of the safety status of the TSF.

Consulting the report, the TSF Engineer could advise the review of the following:

- » Tailings Discharge Management Plan                      Section 5.1,
- » Water Management Plan                                      Section 7.1,
- » Surveillance and Maintenance Program                      Sections 8 and 9.





## 8.5 Polishing Pond Surveillance

### 8.5.1 Routine Inspection Goals and Actions


The Environmental Technician at Zeehan Zinc Mine carries out Routine Inspection **every week** on the Polishing Pond. The purpose of this inspection is to **ASSESS THE STATUS** of the embankment and its features in terms of its structural **SAFETY**.

The actions to be undertaken during the Routine Inspection are detailed in Table 16.

**Table 10 Routine Inspection Goal and Actions**

	Action	Resource
Surveillance	Identify and report any deficiencies, by structured observation of the embankment and surrounds, with recommendations for corrective actions.  Prevent any environmental issues.	 Routine Inspection Form, Section 7.5.2.  
Maintenance	Inspect maintenance actions undertaken during the last month and evaluate equipment status.	 Maintenance Report List, Section 7.2.3.
Emergency Response	Analyse incident data and evaluate on the surveillance and maintenance management performance.	 Incident Report List, Appendix B – Section B3

### 8.5.2 Routine Inspection Report Form

 A Routine Inspection Report Form has been developed for the Polishing Pond (including Water Ponds), and is presented in Figure 17 (also attached in Appendix E – Section E1). **The Process Coordinator must** have a good understanding of the Routine Inspection Report Form to perform an efficient inspection and surveillance reporting.

**Figure 17** Routine Inspection Report Form – Polishing Pond

OCEANIA TASMANIA  
ZEEHAN ZINC MINE  
ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT FORM  
POLISHING POND

Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
Checked : \_\_\_\_\_  
(by supervisor)

Inspection  
Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Time : \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather : \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS

Items requiring more detailed monitoring?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Maintenance required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Inspection required by more senior personnel?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Not urgent <input type="checkbox"/>	[If urgent contact (NAME) (NUMBER) or (NAME) (NUMBER)]		
Specialist advice required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**POLISHING POND EMBANKMENT** [Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]

Upstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> sink hole <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Crest	low areas <input type="checkbox"/> cracking: longitudinal <input type="checkbox"/> transverse <input type="checkbox"/> breach <input type="checkbox"/> sink hole <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Downstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> seepage <input type="checkbox"/> cave in <input type="checkbox"/> dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Downstream Toe	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/> water boil <input type="checkbox"/> water: clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Spillway	obstructions <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> erosion <input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>

V-Notch Weir	Reading	mm (ruler)

Weir clear ? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Water sample ? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Water clear ? (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/>	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>

Water Level in Polishing Pond	
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## 8.6 TSF and Polishing Pond Instrumentation

The following tables list the TSF and Polishing Pond instrumentation equipment.

**Table 11 TSF Tailings Discharge Instrumentation**

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Level indicator	Above Tails Tank	Monitor the level in the Tank	Continuous SCADA audible alarm
Tailings Pipeline	Adjacent SWRD access road	Monitor for leaks	Daily
Caustic Dosing	Tails Tank	Check for leaks, and level in caustic bulkabox.	Daily
Caustic Dosing	Adit	Check for leaks, and level in caustic bulkabox.	Daily

**Table 12 TSF Water Management Instrumentation**

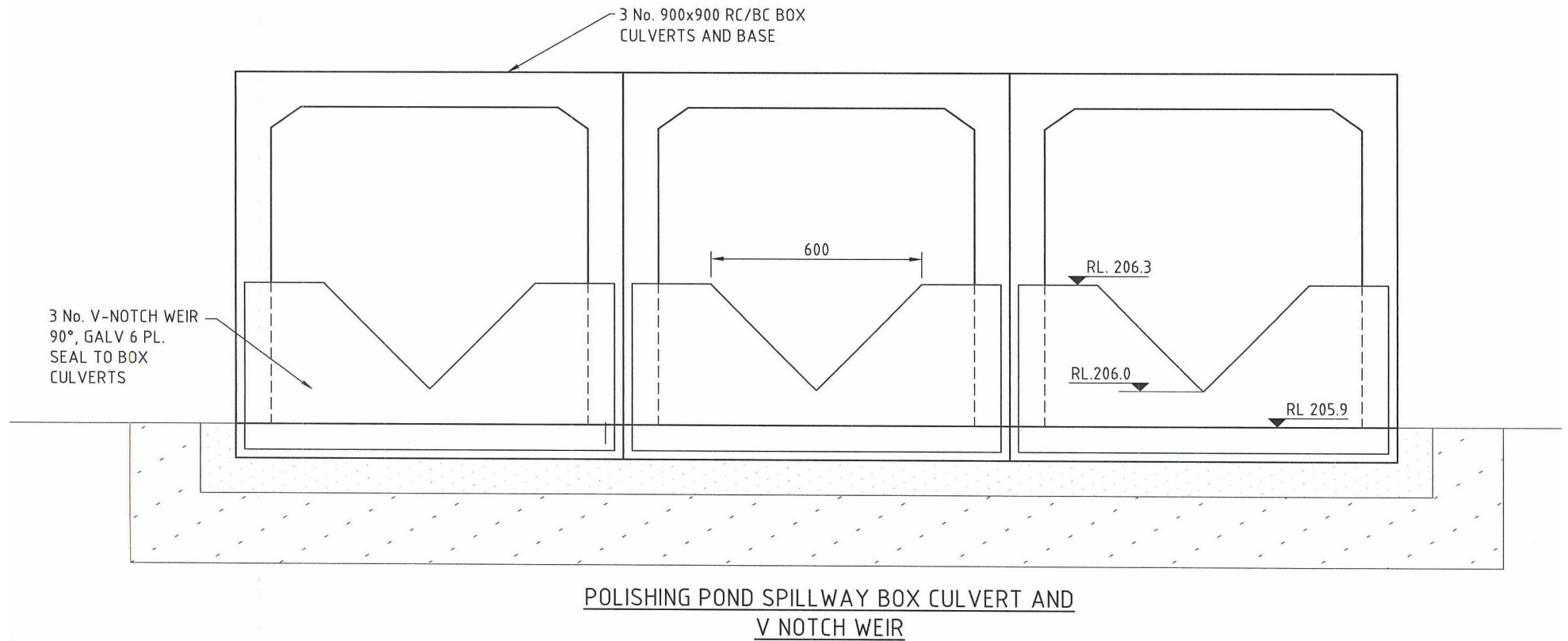
<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Water level sensors	Header tanks	Monitor the level in the water Tanks and control PP, CW pumps.	Weekly (Routine Visual Inspection)

**Table 13 Polishing Pond Embankment Instrumentation**

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
V-Notch weir	As shown on Figure 20	Monitor the quantity of seepage overflowing the V-notch weir	Monthly (Routine Inspection)

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Figure 18 Polishing Pond V-Notch Weirs



## 9. Maintenance

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance should be regularly performed. When minor problems are identified during an inspection, they should be dealt with as quickly as possible to avoid any complications. Therefore, it is essential that all personnel working at the TSF should maintain visual awareness of the facility in the course of their normal duties.

Embankment maintenance is detailed in Table 22, Section 8.1.

This section initiates a maintenance database, which should be kept itemising all equipment onsite, make and model, estimated operating life, date of installation, maintenance and predicted change out date. This database may also be used to provide comments on suitability of equipment i.e. comments on rate of wear and usability

All dam, delivery system, decant system and electrical and instrument equipment maintenance should be recorded in the maintenance database.

All maintenance issues identified onsite should be remediated as soon as possible.

### **9.1 Embankment Maintenance**

Earthfill embankment requires maintenance work directed at controlling seepage and erosion, in order to prevent deterioration of the structure and development of seepage paths.

The maintenance program for the TSF may include regular management of the issues presented in Table 21. It should be performed on the TSF, the polishing pond and the clearwater pond.

**Table 14 Embankment Maintenance - Maintenance and Consulting Actions**

Issues Requiring Maintenance	Maintenance Action	Consulting Action
<b>CREST</b>		
Ruts along crest	Re-grade and re-compact crest to original elevation with a slope towards the upstream crest edge. Provide surface resistance to rutting by adding gravel.	
Longitudinal/Transverse cracks	Excavate and backfill with compacted clay to prevent seepage. Monitor area for future movement.	
Low area	Re-grade the crest to the original design.	A TSF engineer should determine the cause and recommend method to repair and prevent reoccurrence.
Sinkhole		A TSF engineer should determine the cause and recommend method to repair.
<b>UPSTREAM FACE</b>		
Breaching and Scarps (erosion)	Re-grade the upstream slope to the original design grade. Provide adequate slope protection.	
Cracks and slide or slump	Cease tailings discharge and drawn down the decant pond.	A TSF engineer should determine the cause and recommend a course of action.
Sinkhole	Draw down the decant pond. Look for other sinkholes and their exit. Examine outflow for dirty water.	A TSF engineer should evaluate the situation and recommend a course of action.
<b>DOWNSTREAM FACE</b>		
Longitudinal Cracks	Drying cracks should be sealed.	A TSF engineer should determine the cause of the cracks and recommend a course of action.
Slump or slide	Cease tailings discharge and drawn down the decant pond.	A TSF engineer should determine the cause and recommend a course of action.

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Issues Requiring Maintenance	Maintenance Action	Consulting Action
Seepage	Examine outflow for 'dirty' water (cloudy, sediments present). Advise environmental representative for chemical analysis.  Monitor flow and drawn down the decant pond if seepage flows increase. Contain seepage.	A TSF engineer should assess the situation and recommend a course of action.  Consult a TSF engineer immediately if flow volume increases or if dirty water is present.
Cave in/Collapse	Monitor area for change.	A TSF engineer should determine the cause and recommend a course of action.
Erosion	Re-grade slope and seed a shallow rooting vegetative cover.	
<b>DOWNSTREAM TOE</b>		
Seepage water from a water boil (water bubbling up from the ground)	Examine outflow for 'dirty' water (cloudy, sediments present).  Monitor flow and drawn down the reservoir if seepage flows increase.	A TSF engineer should evaluate the situation and recommend a course of action.  Consult a TSF engineer immediately if flow volume increases or dirty water is present.
Standing water	Provide adequate drainage to a containment area to prevent ponding.  Identify seepage path.	Consult a TSF engineer immediately if flow volume increases or dirty water is present.
<b>SPILLWAY / CHANNEL</b>		
Eroded channel/slide	Repair with compacted fill.  Provide adequate erosion protection.  Re-grade the channel if necessary.	
Blocked channel	Remove the blockage.  Prevent future blockage.	
Rills	Backfill with compacted material.	

## 9.2 Main Equipment

Table 15 lists the main equipment involved in the supply of tailings and process water.

**Table 15 Main Equipment**

Equipment	Features
Tailings Tanks	
Tailings Pumps	
Tailings Pipeline	HDPE PN10 PE100
Polishing Pond Pumps	2 pumps sets in series Aquaplus
Clearwater Dam Pumps	2 pumps sets duty standby Varisco

## 9.3 Pumps

### 9.3.1 Polishing Pond Pumps

Table 16 presents the main characteristics of the Polishing Pond Pumps. Maintenance inspections should be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications attached in Appendix F.

**Table 16 Polishing Pond Pumps Characteristics**

Make	Aquaplus
Model	AQUAP80-26-S10 C/W 75kW
Manufacturer	Malcolm Thompson Pumps

Table 17 lists the main design requirements.

**Table 17 Polishing Pond Pump Design Requirements**

Requirement	Description
Duty	Transport TSF return water and Adit water to Header Tanks
Flow	65 l/s
Head	130m
Suction	DN150mm



## 9.4 Tailings Pipeline

### 9.4.1 Pipeline

The maintenance program for the 110DN PN10 PE100 pipeline may include regular management of the issues presented in Table 25.

**Table 18 Pipeline Maintenance – Action and Frequency**

Issues Requiring Maintenance	Maintenance Action	Maintenance Frequency
Rupture in pipeline at flanges	Replace section of pipe and repair flange	as required
Wear on pipeline	Plan rotation of the pipe if signs of wall thinning	2-monthly basis
Blockage in pipeline	Flushing according to procedure	after every Tank transfer of tailings dam
Scale in pipeline	Pigging	to be defined when issue encountered

Table 19 presents the design requirements of the tailings pipeline.

**Table 19 Tailings Delivery Pipe Design Requirements**

Requirement	Description
Flow rates	X L/sec at full production X L/sec potential short-term flow
Minimum flow velocity	X m/s
System Friction Head	
System Static Head	

## 9.5 Electrical and Instrumentation Equipment

### 9.5.1 General

Electrical equipment be completed on finalisation of plant.

### 9.5.2 Electrical Equipment

Table 26 lists the electrical equipment of the TSF.

**Table 20 Electrical Equipment of the TSF**

Equipment	Features	Maintenance
Control Panels	Mainly contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ power supply distribution,</li><li>○ variable speed drive.</li></ul>	Keep air filter clean
Readout box		

## 9.6 Contamination Management

Prior to undertake each maintenance task, consideration must be given to prevention of contamination of unprotected ground. This consideration should be included in both the Job Safety and Environment Analysis (JSEA).

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Appendix A

# OMS Manual Complementary Information

*OMS Manual Sections 1 and 2*

Section A1

OMS Manual Status

Section A2

Competency and Training

Section A3

Reference Documents

**Section A1**  
**OMS Manual Status**

The OMS Manual must be kept current and should be revised regularly, consistent with continual improvement and particularly after significant incidents.

**OMS Manual History**

This is the first issue of the OMS Manual. It covers the TSF at its Stage 1, RL 216m the OMS is a working document should be revised during Stage 2 construction and after a workshop with operation personal.

**Documentation Changes**

Any change or update performed on the manual should be done in accordance with the control and update policy presented below and recorded in the following table.

**Table 21 OMS Manual – Documentation Change or Update**

Change	Section	Name	Date

## OMS Manual Control and Update

Table 22 lists the key updating tasks to be performed and the personnel in charge of them.

**Table 22 OMS Manual Control and Update**

Tasks	Personnel	Frequency
Distributing and filing the manual and supporting document	Zeehan Zinc Ltd	as required
Reviewing and Updating the manual	TSF Design Engineer / ZZL	annually
Removing and archiving out of date materials	TSF Design Engineer / ZZL	as required

As soon as some experience is gained in tailings discharge management, a review of this manual should be performed. Tailings characteristics have to be assessed, discharge and water management improved with the assistance of professional dam engineers.

Revisions to design during operations should follow a defined review and approval process, appropriately involving company management, site personnel and regulators. The review and approval process involves:

1. Identification of the need for change either by management, operator, inspector or TSF Design Engineer;
2. Review of proposed change by ZZL;
3. Review of proposed change by TSF Design Engineer;
4. Implementation into OMS Manual; and
5. Communicate to all Operators and designated personnel and train where necessary.

If the proposed change will not affect the operation and performance of the TSF, then Step 3 may be removed from the review process.

Table 23 identifies the main changes that could occur, which would require review, update and improvement of the OMS Manual:

**Table 23 OMS Manual Revisions**

<b>Revision</b>	<b>Responsible Personnel</b>
Incorporation of as-built records of construction	TSF Design Engineer
Variation of performance from design	TSF Design Engineer
Changes in site management organisation, facility description, roles and responsibilities, and operating and reporting procedures	ZZL
Suggestions for improvement (best practice)	TSF Design Engineer
Regulatory change	ZZL

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## **Section A2**

### **Competency and Training**

It is essential for the integrity of operations that the facility management structure and individual roles, responsibilities and required competencies of personnel be clearly defined and that the personnel have an appropriate understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.

#### **Scope of Training**

ZZL is to provide appropriate training to ensure that all personnel working at the facility, including contractors and suppliers, understand the following:

- » the OMS Manual,
- » the factors that constitute sound performance of a tailing and water management facility,
- » how deviations from expected performance may indicate developing problems.

Refresher training is to be undertaken annually.

#### **Specific Operator Training**

Training for operators of the ZZL TSF should include the following information:

- » Roles and responsibilities;
- » Managing change;
- » Overview of the TSF including:
  - Components;
  - Water management, water balance, management requirements;
  - Spillway;
  - Decant system;
  - Instrumentation, Switchboards and SCADA system and Alarms.
- » Tailings Discharge Management including:
  - Method of discharge;
  - Phases of discharge;
  - Surveillance and performance evaluation.
- » Surveillance including:
  - Responsibilities;
  - TSF Log Book;
  - Data collection and evaluation; and
  - Automated surveillance.
- » Alarms:
  - Automated Alarms
  - Manual Surveillance Alarms
- » Maintenance;
- » Legislative and licence requirements;
- » Emergency Response Procedures including:
  - Types of emergencies; and

- Level of response.

Onsite training shall also be provided to operators consisting of field instruction to the satisfaction of the trainer and ZZL, followed by a minimum of four supervised inspections including full manual readings.

### **Competency Assessment**

The training shall include a competency assessment of all operators based on the information included in the training to identify an understanding of:

- » the key components of the TSF,
- » responsibilities and surveillance requirements,
- » failures and emergency response, and
- » demonstrate inspection requirements including:
  - manual reading of all instrumentation onsite, and
  - automated instrumentation.

The training should be undertaken by personnel experienced in the management of the ZZL TSF and the requirements of the OMS Manual.

It is the responsibility of ZZL to determine if a trainee or operator is competent to undertake his/her role.

### **Competency and Training**

- » ZZL shall provide appropriate training to all personnel working at ZZL TSF.
- » Training will include both office and field instruction.
- » Training shall include a competency assessment based on the information included in the training.



**Section A3**  
**Reference Documents**

**Regulatory Requirements**

Table 24 lists the regulatory approvals required for the TSF.

**Table 24    TSF Regulatory Approvals**

Approval	Reference Documents

**Design References**

Table 25 lists the reports that shall be used for reference on site and design details of the facility. Copies of these documents are held by Zeehan Zinc Administration.

**Table 25    Design References**

Report	Author	Issue date	Features

Appendix B

## Emergency Planning and Response

*OMS Manual Section 3*

Section B1

ANCOLD Hazard Rating –TSF and Polishing Pond

Section B2

Notification Procedures and Emergency Response Procedures

Section B3

Incident Report Form and List

**Section B1**  
**ANCOLD Hazard Rating**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Zeehan Zinc TSF				
<b>Stream Name</b>	Comstock Creek				
<b>Estimated Capacity at FSL</b>	1.2Mm3 (tailings & rockfill)				
<b>Location</b>	Comstock Mine, Zeehan				
<b>Damage and Loss</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Severity Level</b>			
		Negligible	Minor	Medium	Major
<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b> (The costs are indicative only. For future reference the costs are in 1998 values and should be					
Residential	Not expected	▼	YES	.	.
Commercial	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼	.	YES	.
Infrastructure	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼	.	YES	.
Dam repair or replacement cost	\$100 000 - \$10M	▼	.	YES	.
Provision of temporary services by owner	\$1M - \$10M	▼	.	.	YES
Clean up	\$1M - \$10M	▼	.	.	YES
<b>Estimated cost severity level =</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>				
<b>SERVICE AND BUSINESS RELATING TO THE DAM</b>					
Importance of the system and need to replace the dam	Essential to maintain supply	▼	.	.	YES
Effect on services provided by owner	Reduced services with reasonable restrictions (80% of full	▼	.	.	YES
Practicality of replacing the dam	No impediment	▼	YES	.	.
Community resistance to replacement	Some reaction but short lived	▼	.	YES	.
Effect on continuing credibility	Severe widespread reaction	▼	.	.	YES
Political implications	None expected	▼	YES	.	.
Impact on financial viability	Able to absorb in one financial year	▼	.	YES	.
Value of water in storage (Assessed by the owner in relation	Negligible	▼	YES	.	.
<b>Service and business damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>				
<b>SOCIAL</b>					
Loss of services to the community	None expected	▼	YES	.	.
Public health adversely affected	No effect	▼	YES	.	.
Cost of emergency management	<100 person days	▼	.	YES	.
Dislocation of people	No effect	▼	YES	.	.
Dislocation of business	No effect	▼	YES	.	.
Employment affected	No jobs lost	▼	YES	.	.
Production affected	Regional output affected by <10%	▼	.	YES	.
Post disaster trauma and stress	None expected	▼	YES	.	.
Injured and hospitalised	Nil	▼	YES	.	.
Loss of reservoir recreational facility	None expected	▼	YES	.	.
Loss of other recreational facilities	None expected	▼	YES	.	.
<b>Social damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MINOR</b>				
<b>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>					
Area of impact	>10 km2	▼	.	.	YES
Vegetation and forest damage	Minor	▼	.	YES	.
Duration fo impact	1 month - 1 yr	▼	.	YES	.
Significant factors	Forested land may contain environmental factors	▼	.	YES	.
Ecological effects	Significant habitat may exist	▼	.	.	YES
Habitat units	Major effect	▼	.	.	YES
<b>Natural environment damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>				
<b>Highest damage and loss severity level =</b>					
		<b>MAJOR</b>			
<b>Population at Risk (PAR)</b>	0 ▼	<b>HAZARD CATEGORY =</b>		<b>Significant</b>	
PAR includes all those persons who would be directly exposed to flood waters within the dam break affected zone if they took no action to evacuate					
Note 1: With a PAR of 5 or more people, it is unlikely that the severity of damage and loss will be "Negligible"					
Note 2: "Minor" damage and loss would be unlikely when the PAR exceeds 10					
Note 3: "Medium" damage and loss would be unlikely when the PAR exceeds 1000					
Note 4: Change to "Significant" where the potential for one life being lost is recognised					
Note 5: Change to "High" where there is the potential for one or more lives being lost					
Note 6: See section 2.7 and 1.6 of ANCOLD guidelines					

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Zeehan Zinc Polishing Pond				
<b>Stream Name</b>	Comstock Creek				
<b>Estimated Capacity at FSL</b>	40MI				
<b>Location</b>	Comstock Mine, Zeehan				
<b>Damage and Loss</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Severity Level</b>			
		Negligible	Minor	Medium	Major
<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b> (The costs are indicative only. For future reference the costs are in 1998 values and should be					
Residential	Not expected	▼	YES		
Commercial	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼		YES	
Infrastructure	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼		YES	
Dam repair or replacement cost	\$100 000 - \$10M	▼		YES	
Provision of temporary services by owner	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼		YES	
Clean up	\$10 000 - \$1M	▼		YES	
<b>Estimated cost severity level =</b>	<b>MINOR</b>				
<b>SERVICE AND BUSINESS RELATING TO THE DAM</b>					
Importance of the system and need to replace the dam	Restrictions needed during peak days and peak hour	▼			YES
Effect on services provided by owner	Services can easily be replaced	▼	YES		
Practicality of replacing the dam	No impediment	▼	YES		
Community resistance to replacement	None expected	▼	YES		
Effect on continuing credibility	None expected	▼	YES		
Political implications	None expected	▼	YES		
Impact on financial viability	Able to absorb in one financial year	▼		YES	
Value of water in storage (Assessed by the owner in relation to)	Negligible	▼	YES		
<b>Service and business damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>				
<b>SOCIAL</b>					
Loss of services to the community	None expected	▼	YES		
Public health adversely affected	No effect	▼	YES		
Cost of emergency management	<100 person days	▼		YES	
Dislocation of people	No effect	▼	YES		
Dislocation of business	No effect	▼	YES		
Employment affected	No jobs lost	▼	YES		
Production affected	Regional output affected by <10%	▼		YES	
Post disaster trauma and stress	None expected	▼	YES		
Injured and hospitalised	Nil	▼	YES		
Loss of reservoir recreational facility	None expected	▼	YES		
Loss of other recreational facilities	None expected	▼	YES		
<b>Social damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MINOR</b>				
<b>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>					
Area of impact	0.1 km2 - 1 km2	▼		YES	
Vegetation and forest damage	Minor	▼		YES	
Duration fo impact	1 month - 1 yr	▼		YES	
Significant factors	Forested land may contain environmental factors	▼		YES	
Ecological effects	Likely to alter, say fish habitat	▼		YES	
Habitat units	Minor effect on wetland or forest	▼		YES	
<b>Natural environment damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MINOR</b>				
<b>Highest damage and loss severity level =</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>				
<b>Population at Risk (PAR)</b>	0	▼	<b>HAZARD CATEGORY =</b>		<b>Low</b>
PAR includes all those persons who would be directly exposed to flood waters within the dam break affected zone if they took no action to evacuate					
Note 1: With a PAR of 5 or more people, it is unlikely that the severity of damage and loss will be "Negligible"					
Note 2: "Minor" damage and loss would be unlikely when the PAR exceeds 10					
Note 3: "Medium" damage and loss would be unlikely when the PAR exceeds 1000					
Note 4: Change to "Significant" where the potential for one life being lost is recognised					
Note 5: Change to "High" where there is the potential for one or more lives being lost					
Note 6: See section 2.7 and 1.6 of ANCOLD guidelines					

**Section B2**  
**Notification Procedures and**  
**Emergency Response Procedures**  
*OMS Manual Section 3 – Emergency Response Plan*



Emergency Notification Procedure

Emergency Response Procedure – Pipeline



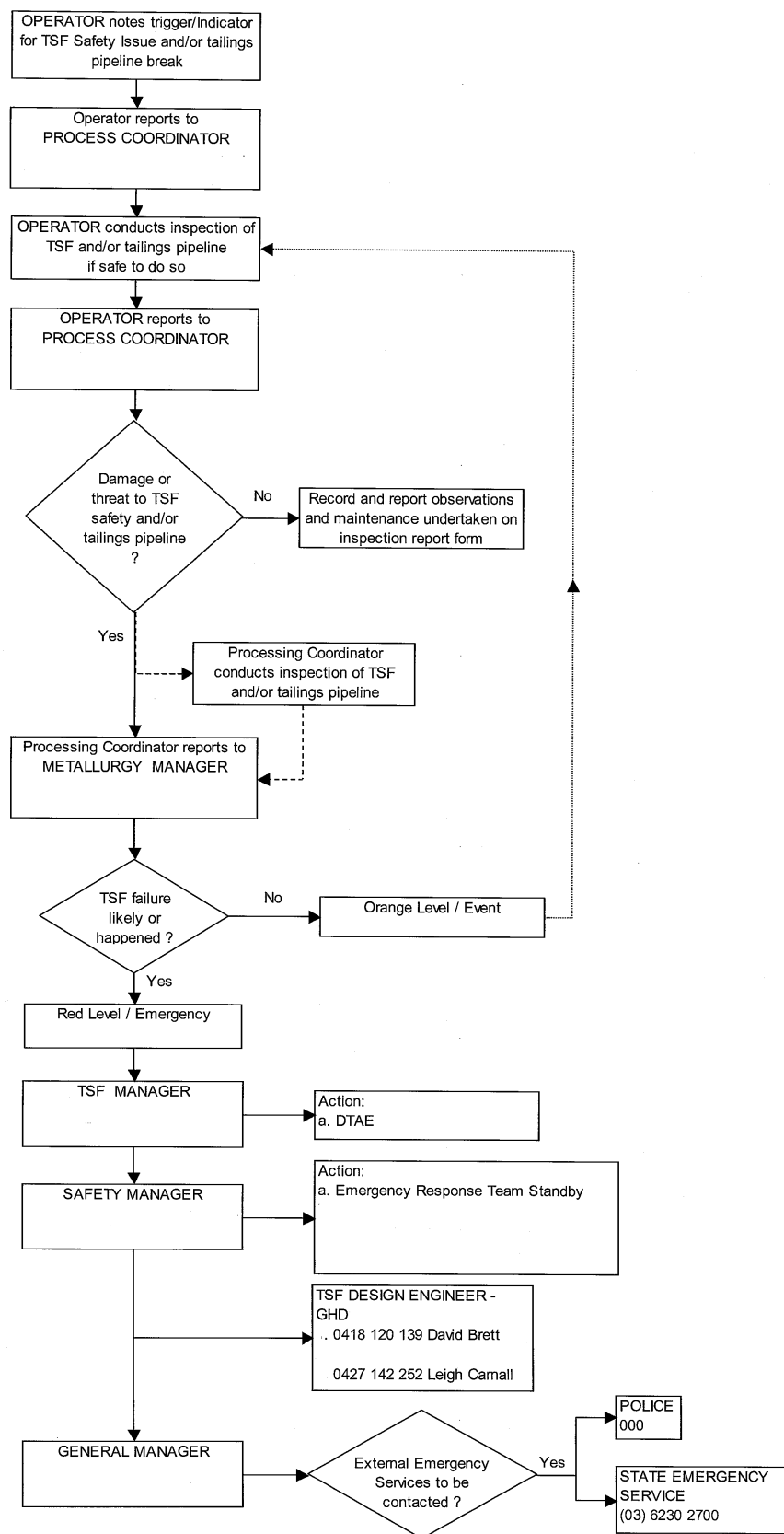
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Emergency Response Procedure – Flooding

Emergency Response Procedure – Seepage

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## Emergency Notification Procedure



### Section B3

## Incident Report Form and List

### TAILINGS INCIDENT DATA FORM

Completed after any Incident,  
and attached to Incident Investigation Report

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Checked : \_\_\_\_\_  
(by supervisor)

#### Incident

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Time : \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by : \_\_\_\_\_

Incident notification : \_\_\_\_\_

\* Any relevant information (photographs, incident notice or report, TSF/Environmental Engineer, DTAE) on the incident,  
please attach documents.

### INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

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### INCIDENT CONSEQUENCES

Environmental damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Environmental damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Structural damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Structural damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Embankment damages?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Embankment damages level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Operational consequences	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Consequences level?	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Very High <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Operations Management Review required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/> _____

### ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

Maintenance performed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Routine <input type="checkbox"/> TSF Specific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Monitoring required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Emergency Procedure Implemented	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Procedure update required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TSF Engineer Consultancy Involved?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Special Inspection <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

### REPORTING

Report to TSF Safety Coordinator?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Report to TSF Management?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Report to DPIWE?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Listed on Incident Report List?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Comments / Sketches / Further Comments

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## Appendix C

# Tailings Discharge Management Standard Task Procedures

### *OMS Manual Section 5*

Pre-start checks and operations of all equipment to be identified by ZZL operators and included in OMS Manual



## **Standard Task Procedures for Tailings Discharge Operations**

Information to be supplied by ZZL Operators.

It is important to always remember that STP's are designed to ensure your safety and the safety of others and therefore must be adhered to **at all times**. If any deviation from the set procedure is required, authorisation must be obtained from the Process Coordinator or his/her representative.

If you are not in agreement with information stated in the STP, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Training Co-ordinator and the Process Coordinator, through the completion of the **Change Request Form**.

If amendments are found to be warranted they will be made and personnel will be informed. Operating procedures are not effective unless they are up to date therefore it is important if you have a printed copy to ensure that it is the latest version by contacting the Training Co-ordinator. The OMS Manual must be updated and incorporate the updated STP.

## Appendix D

# Water Management Standard Task Procedures

### *OMS Manual Section 6*

#### Standard Task Procedures for Water Management Operations:

Polishing Pond and Clearwater Dam Pump Operation and Check,



#### Standard Task Procedures for Water Quality Management:

Collection of Water Samples for Analysis,

Measurement of Water pH levels,

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Analysis,

Sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4^{-2}$ ) Analysis.



## Standard Task Procedures for Water Management Operations and Water Quality



Polishing Pond and Clearwater Dam Pump Operation and Check,  
Collection of Water Samples for Analysis,  
Measurement of Water pH levels,  
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Analysis,  
Sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ) Analysis.

Information to be supplied by ZZL Operators.

It is important to always remember that STP's are designed to ensure your safety and the safety of others and therefore must be adhered to **at all times**. If any deviation from the set procedure is required, authorisation must be obtained from the Process Coordinator or his/her representative.

If amendments are found to be warranted they will be made and personnel will be informed. Operating procedures are not effective unless they are up to date therefore it is important if you have a printed copy to ensure that it is the latest version by contacting the Training Co-ordinator or alternatively viewing them on the site intranet. The OMS Manual must be updated and incorporate the updated STP.

## Appendix E

# TSF Surveillance

### *OMS Manual Section 7*

#### Section E1 Further Information on Surveillance

#### Section E2 Inspection Report Forms



Routine Visual Inspection Report Form –TSF,

Routine Inspection Report Form – TSF,

Routine Inspection Report Form – Polishing Pond.

#### Section E3

#### Maintenance Report List



Maintenance Report List

## **Section E1**

### **Further Information on Surveillance**

#### **Objective**

The objective of the Surveillance Plan is to define the Zeehan Zinc Limited responsibilities, and activities designed to:

- » Verify performance parameters, and identify unusual conditions that may endanger the dam;
- » Provide a warning system for actions to prevent the failure of the embankment; and
- » Provide warning on conditions likely to impact on the environment or community.

#### **Components of Surveillance Plan**

The dam safety surveillance program includes:

- » Inspections:
  - Routine inspections undertaken by the Zeehan Zinc Limited Operations staff;
  - Annual and comprehensive inspections undertaken by TSF Design Engineer;
- » Monitoring;
- » Collection of other information relating to dam performance (eg. investigation, design and construction reports);
- » Evaluation and interpretation of observed data and other information at various levels; and
- » Comprehensive (surveillance) assessments undertaken by TSF Design Engineer.

## TSF Surveillance Inspections

TSF Surveillance Inspections are conducted to determine the status of the dam and its features in terms of its structural and operational safety. Five general levels of dam safety inspection are recommended in ANCOLD 2002. Table 26 shows the inspections carried out at Zeehan Zinc **for TSF and Polishing Pond**.

**Table 26 Five TSF Surveillance Inspections for ZZL**

Type of Inspection	Personnel	Purpose	Frequency
Routine Visual (Not required for Polishing Pond)	Operations Personnel	The identification and reporting of deficiencies by visual observation of the embankment as part of their duties at the dam.	Twice weekly
Routine	Processing Coordinators	The identification and reporting of deficiencies, by structured observation of the dam and surrounds, with recommendations for corrective actions.	Weekly
Intermediate	TSF Engineer	The identification of deficiencies by visual examination of the dam and review of surveillance data against prevailing knowledge with recommendations for corrective actions. The tailings and water management shall be assessed.  Equipment is inspected but not necessarily operated.	Annually
Comprehensive	TSF Engineer and Specialists (where required)	The identification of deficiencies by a thorough onsite inspection; by evaluating surveillance data; and by applying current criteria and prevailing knowledge.  Equipment should be test operated to identify deficiencies.	5 yearly
Special / Emergency	TSF Engineer and Specialists	The examination of a particular feature of a dam for some special reason (eg. after earthquakes, heavy floods, emergency situation) to determine the need for pre-emptive or corrective actions.  The review of the tailings management according to the beach development.	As required

## Monitoring

Dam monitoring is one means of determining trends in structural performance. It helps verify design parameters and assumptions, construction techniques, analyse adverse events, and verify apparent satisfactory performance. In addition, monitoring will give notice of any activities that could impact on the environment.

This process consists of **the collection, recording, analysis and presentation of data** from measuring devices installed at or near the TSF.

## Inspections

The most important activity in a dam surveillance program is the frequent and regular site inspections for any abnormalities in conditions and for deterioration of dam and its associated structures. Dam safety inspections should be conducted **to determine the status of the dam and its features in terms of its structural and operational safety**. Different levels of inspection are required for different purposes. Five general levels of dam safety inspection are recommended in ANCOLD 2002 as shown in Table 26 above.

Inspections should be carried out by **experienced people**, trained to recognise deficiencies in dams. Where unusual observations are detected by the operations staff, then inspections, requiring technical evaluations, should generally be carried out by a dams engineer, and other specialists. ZZL shall ensure that all operational personnel are suitably trained and are aware of the consequences of failure of the TSF and of the deficiencies that have been found in similar storages.

## TSF Log Book

The TSF Log Book encompasses the documentation of investigation, design, construction, operation, maintenance, surveillance, remedial action, as well as all monitoring measurements.

The documentation of operation includes procedures on the use sequence / schedule of the outlets spigots and the water management (decant water level, pumping activity, seepage). Photographic and statistical summaries should also be collected to help in the performance evaluation.

Much of the information will never be changed and is suitable for reduction and permanent storage electronically with backups. Sufficient information should be kept on hand in the Log Book in easily accessible form to meet any situations, which could arise.

## Surveillance Data Evaluation

Evaluation in this context means the on-going assessment of the safety of a dam based on data obtained from inspections and monitoring, in terms of its condition and operation. Evaluation is an important step where decisions affecting the safety and operation of the dam are made. Many dam deficiencies are detected by visual inspections. There are cases where instrumentation has not detected problems that are known to exist. There are also situations where an instrument may purport to indicate an anomaly but no visual distress can be seen. Surveillance data evaluation is necessary concerning both decant and tailings management for the TSF.

Day-to-day evaluation is to be undertaken by the ZZL operations staff and any anomalies are raised to be verified by the TSF Design Engineer. An anomaly constitutes a change in operating parameters away from the normal trend developed with continuous monitoring. An anomaly may also constitute a data trend away from design parameters.

Performance and observation evaluation of a more comprehensive nature should be undertaken by the TSF Design Engineer who experienced and qualified to make recommendations based on their interpretations.

## Comprehensive Surveillance Reports

Comprehensive Surveillance and Reports are an in-depth review of the performance of a dam with a view to stating whether or not the dam is considered to be safe. They should be prepared at regular

intervals (minimum of every five years) with the Hazard category reviewed every five years. The report should summarise and extend previous reports to provide a clear picture of long-term trends. The reports should be prepared by experienced TSF Design Engineer who is familiar with the dam in term of its components and history.

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## Section E2

### Inspection Report Forms

Routine Inspection Report Forms have been developed for the TSF and Polishing Pond **to help the operator and TSF Safety Coordinator performing efficient inspections and surveillance reporting.**

**The operators and TSF Safety coordinator must** also be familiar with the safety issues and operation performance to report **any observation judged relevant concerning the safety and performance of the facility** (and would not be cover by the Inspection Report Forms).



Routine Visual Inspection Report Form –TSF,

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Routine Inspection Report Form – Polishing Pond.

## Figure 20 Routine Visual Inspection Report Form

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ROUTINE VISUAL INSPECTION REPORT FORM

TSF

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Checked : \_\_\_\_\_

(by supervisor)

Inspection

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Time : \_\_\_\_\_

Weather : \_\_\_\_\_

### TAILINGS

[Section 5 of OMS Manual]

Delivery Line Tailings pipeline condition leaking ☐ blocked ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Tailings pipeline flow rate @ pumps  OK ☐ Actioned ☐

@ TSF  OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Operating Sub-Aqueous Outlets Satisfactory outflow Yes ☐ No ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Line condition leaking ☐ blocked ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

### TSF EMBANKMENT

[Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]

Upstream Wall erosion ☐ cracking ☐ slump / slide ☐ sink hole ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Crest low areas ☐ cracking: longitudinal ☐ transverse ☐ breach ☐  
sink hole ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Downstream Wall erosion ☐ cracking ☐ slump / slide ☐ seepage ☐ cave in ☐

dry ☐ damp ☐ wet areas ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Decant Tower Flowing Yes ☐ No ☐

clear ☐ blocked ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

### WATER MANAGEMENT

[Section 6 of OMS Manual]

TSF Is minimum 1m water cover maintained? Yes ☐ No ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Water level

Spillway erosion ☐ rill / slide ☐ discharge ☐ obstructions ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Polishing Pond Water level

Water Quality good ☐ bad ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Polishing Pond Pumps # of pumps operating? (0, 1 or 2)  OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Settlement Pond (Paul's Dam) Water level

Clear Water Pond Water level

Flow from Settlement Pond to Clear Water Pond

# of pumps operating? (0, 1 or 2)  OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Flowmeter reading  OK ☐ Actioned ☐

Comments / Sketches / Further Observations

## Figure 21 Routine Inspection Report Form – TSF

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ZEEHAN ZINC MINE

ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT FORM

TSF

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Checked : \_\_\_\_\_

(by supervisor)

Inspection

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Time : \_\_\_\_\_

Weather : \_\_\_\_\_

### SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS

Items requiring more detailed monitoring?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Maintenance required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Inspection required by more senior personnel?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Not urgent <input type="checkbox"/>	[If urgent contact (NAME) (NUMBER) or (NAME) (NUMBER)]		
Specialist advice required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

<b>TAILINGS</b>	[Section 5 of OMS Manual]
Delivery Line	Tailings pipeline condition leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Tailings pipeline flow rate @ pumps _____ OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	@ TSF _____ OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Level in TSF 1m above Tailings?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Water level _____
Operating Sub-Aqueous Outlets	Satisfactory outflow Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Line condition leaking <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>TSF EMBANKMENT</b>	[Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]
Upstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> sink hole <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Crest	low areas <input type="checkbox"/> cracking: longitudinal <input type="checkbox"/> transverse <input type="checkbox"/> breach <input type="checkbox"/>
	sink hole <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Downstream Wall	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> cracking <input type="checkbox"/> slump / slide <input type="checkbox"/> seepage <input type="checkbox"/> cave in <input type="checkbox"/>
	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Downstream Toe	dry <input type="checkbox"/> damp <input type="checkbox"/> wet areas <input type="checkbox"/> water boil <input type="checkbox"/>
	water: clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>WATER MANAGEMENT</b>	[Section 6 of OMS Manual]
Decant Tower	Condition good <input type="checkbox"/> damaged <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
TSF	Water level _____
	Is there enough storage capacity (water quality, flood event) ? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
	Is minimum 1m water cover over tailings maintained? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Spillway	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> rill / slide <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> obstructions <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Polishing Pond	Water level _____
	V-Notch Weir Reading _____ mm (ruler)
	clear <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> water clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Spillway	erosion <input type="checkbox"/> rill / slide <input type="checkbox"/> discharge <input type="checkbox"/> obstructions <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic ADIT	V-Notch Weir Reading _____ mm (ruler)
	clear <input type="checkbox"/> blocked <input type="checkbox"/> water clear <input type="checkbox"/> coloured <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Caustic Dosage System	Dosage Rate _____ l/hr
	Caustic bulk- box level above 20% ? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>
Settlement Pond	Water level _____
Clear Water Pond	Water level _____
Settlement Pond and Clear Water Ponds Pumps	
	Pumps operating ? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> OK <input type="checkbox"/> Actioned <input type="checkbox"/>

**Figure 22 Routine Inspection Report Form – Polishing Pond**

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ZEEHAN ZINC MINE

ROUTINE INSPECTION REPORT FORM

POLISHING POND

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Checked : \_\_\_\_\_  
(by supervisor)

Inspection

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Time : \_\_\_\_\_

Weather : \_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS**

Items requiring more detailed monitoring? Yes ☐ No ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance required? Yes ☐ No ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection required by more senior personnel? Yes ☐ No ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Urgent ☐ Not urgent ☐ [If urgent contact (NAME) (NUMBER) or (NAME) (NUMBER)]

Specialist advice required? Yes ☐ No ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**POLISHING POND EMBANKMENT** [Section 8.1 of OMS Manual]

Upstream Wall erosion ☐ cracking ☐ slump / slide ☐ sink hole ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Crest low areas ☐ cracking: longitudinal ☐ transverse ☐ breach ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

sink hole ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Wall erosion ☐ cracking ☐ slump / slide ☐ seepage ☐ cave in ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

dry ☐ damp ☐ wet areas ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Toe dry ☐ damp ☐ wet areas ☐ water boil ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

water: clear ☐ coloured ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Spillway obstructions ☐ discharge ☐ erosion ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

V-Notch Weir Reading  mm (ruler)

Weir clear ? (Y/N) ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Water sample ? (Y/N) ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Water clear ? (Y/N) ☐ OK ☐ Actioned ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Water Level in Polishing Pond

Comments / Sketches / Further Observations

## Maintenance Report List

## MAINTENANCE REPORT LIST

Completed after any maintenance task.

Issue date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lot Number:**

All maintenance tasks should be adequately responded to and remedied, with assessment of why the incident occurred and future prevention of.

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Appendix F  
Water Management Report

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Appendix G

## Tailings Management Plans

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