

# Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

Tamworth – 15-17 Gunnedah Rd, NSW 2340



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### 1.0 Notification of a Pollution Incident

A pollution incident is required to be immediately notified if there is a risk of ‘material harm to the environment’, defined under section 147 of the POEO Act as:

1. harm to the environment is material if:
  - a. it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
  - b. it results in actual or potential loss or property damage or an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
2. loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

### 2.0 Responsibility to notify

Under Section 148 of the POEO Act, the following people have a duty to notify a pollution incident occurring in the course of an activity that causes or threatens material harm to the environment:

1. The person carrying on the activity;
2. An employee or agent carrying on the activity;
3. An employer carrying on the activity;
4. The occupier of the premises where the incident occurs.

Once determined that the incident causes or threatens material harm to the environment, notification must be given immediately, i.e. promptly, and without delay, after the person becomes aware of the incident.

### 3.0 Emergency response

If a pollution incident occurs, all necessary action should be taken to minimise the size and any adverse effects of the release. If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service should be contacted first for emergency assistance (phone 000). The other response agencies (Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Health, WorkCover NSW and the local council) must still be contacted as soon as practicable after that to satisfy notification obligations. The detailed procedure is covered in section 6.5 of this PIRMP.

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### 4.0 Contaminated land

Persons whose activities have contaminated land and owners of land who become aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that the land has been contaminated must notify the EPA as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the contamination, if the contamination meets certain criteria. The duty to notify is a requirement under section 60 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (CLM Act).

### 5.0 Notification and Contact Details for Relevant Authorities

In response to requirements under changes to 5.7 of the POEO Act regarding pollution incident notification, the following specific information and contact details are provided for Boortmalt in the event of an environmental incident.

If an environmental incident is determined to have caused or threatened material harm to the environment at the Boortmalt site, the following relevant authorities must be contacted immediately, in alignment with internal notification and escalation procedures, in the order detailed below:

Order	Authority	Phone
1	If immediate threat to property or to human health: <b>Call 000</b>	000
2	<b>Environment Protection Authority – Pollution Hotline</b>	131 555
3	<b>NSW Ministry of Health</b>	(02) 9391 9000
4	<b>Work Cover Authority</b>	131 050
5	<b>Tamworth Regional Council</b>	02 6767 5555
6	If 000 has not already been called: <b>Fire &amp; Rescue NSW Report Hotline</b>	1300 729 579

Complying with these notification requirements does not remove the need to comply with any other obligations for incident notification, for example, those that apply under other environment protection legislation or legislation administered by WorkCover NSW.

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### 6.0 Communicating with the local community

Communication and updates regarding pollution incidents will be undertaken in accordance with existing emergency response procedure, dependent upon the nature and scale of an incident.

1. Immediate neighbours
2. In the event of a notifiable pollution incident, and dependent upon nature and scale, immediate neighbouring properties will be contacted under the direction of Emergency Services with immediate response information.

#### Contact details

Boortmalt Tamworth's contact details are.

15-17 Gunnedah Rd Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone: 0437 436 230

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### 7.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) is to provide the requirements to satisfy the obligations under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and associated *Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011* (POELA Act) for licensed facilities.

Under Boortmalt Crisis Communications Management Plan, detailed emergency response procedures are already in place for the management of incidents, across Boortmalt operational sites. Under the provisions of Part 3A 98B(2) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012*, to allow for the integration of requirements into existing plans in respect to pollution incident response, requirements under POEO legislation have been integrated into these existing plans where appropriate.

This document has been created as a reference to existing corporate and site emergency response plans. It also details additional supplementary site-specific information as required under the POEO legislation, in respect to the relevant Environment Protection Licence (EPL) holder.

### 8.0 Scope

This PIRMP covers Boortmalt (Minto) Malt Plant. This plan applies to all activities, products and services on the site over which Boortmalt has operational control.

### 9.0 Definition

Term	Description
Environmental hazard	is a term for any situation or state of events which poses a threat to the surrounding environment.
EPA	Environment Protection Authority – regulatory agency
Pollution Incident	The definition of a pollution incident (as defined by Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Dictionary) is:  ‘an incident or set of circumstances during or as a consequence of which there is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on a premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise’.

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### 10.0 Revision

This document is required to be reviewed as a minimum:

1. Annually, or:
2. In the event of an injury or near miss incident
3. As a result of a legislative or corporate change
4. As a result of an audit finding

### 11.0 References

Region	Document
Australia	Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 (POELA Act) The Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012 Environment Protection Licence (EPL)

### 12.0 Management of Change

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1.0		New document introduced
2.0		
3.0		
4.0		
5.0		
6.0	27/05/2019	
7.0	14/11/2019	Replaced Cargill with Boortmalt 1. Notification - removed - What must be notified 13. Communicating with the local community - removed Communication 6. Communicating with the local community - removed - Additionally Cargill operates a service centre where feedback or complaints can be lodged; the contact details are available on <a href="http://www.cargill.com.au">www.cargill.com.au</a> including a phone number and an online email notification.

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