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## **BASELINE DUST MONITORING**

**At**

**KUNDIP**

**For**

**TECTONIC RESOURCES NL**

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**1. Introduction**

WestSafe was requested by Kim Bennett, Environmental Consultant for Tectonic Resources NL, to conduct baseline dust monitoring within the proposed Kundip project area, Ravensthorpe Western Australia. The Kundip project area is located approximately 17 km southeast of Ravensthorpe on the Ravensthorpe - Hopetoun Road. Historic mining of gold and copper has been conducted in this area since 1900 and WestSafe understands that Tectonic Resources intends to undertake mining of gold and copper ores from the Kundip project area, following approval being granted.

WestSafe established and ran a short dust monitoring program as per (Australian Standard 3640-2004) during the period 10 – 14 January 2005.<sup>(A)</sup> The program incorporated fifty (50) dust collection sites across the Kundip project area with subsequent analysis for inhalable dust and specified heavy metals.

**2. Limitations**

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### 3. Aim

The aim of this survey was to establish baseline dust levels across the Kundip project area prior to any significant disturbance by Tectonic Resources NL. Additional heavy metal analysis was deemed necessary to account for known entities and the possibility of contamination from a nearby Tailings stockpile, located approximately 7km north – north/west of Kundip, also on the Ravensthorpe - Hopetoun Road.

### 4. General Information

The historic Kundip mining centre is contained within the mining tenements held by Tectonic Resources NL. Mining of the ore bodies within the Kundip project area is an integral component of the Phillips River Gold Project proposed by Tectonic Resources NL.

Baseline sampling refers to sampling conducted at the prospective site of a mine prior to mining. It is useful in providing data on pre-existing dust conditions but, due to seasonal and annual variability in dust levels, should ideally be conducted over a number of years. In practice, this is rarely possible and any data collected can only reflect the dust load and chemical levels present during the specified sampling period.

### 5. Method

Dust sample collection was conducted using the method described in Australian Standard (AS) 3640-2004 – *Workplace Atmospheres – Method for sampling and gravimetric determination of inhalable dust*, as agreed with Tectonic Resources NL.<sup>(A)</sup> This method is primarily designed for personal sampling however it is also commonly used to obtain static samples at fixed locations.

SKC Universal XR Programmable Sampling Pumps were used with IOM filter head and sampling trains. Filters were pre-weighed and stored individually in petri dishes following collection. Weighing and analysis of samples was conducted by Analytical Reference Laboratories in Perth, Western Australia.

Pumps were fitted inside portable metal cases with 1m extension poles and suitable tubing to ensure filters were set a minimum of 1.2m above the ground. The pumps were calibrated prior to placement at approximately 6am each morning. Flow rates were set at 2.0L/min +/- 0.2 L/min and samples would have been rejected if they had fluctuated outside these parameters. Collection occurred at approximately 4pm each afternoon following a second calibration check on each pump, and filters were individually packed and labeled thereafter.

There is no standard method for determining the spatial arrangement of monitoring equipment or the optimal number of samplers that should be employed. Cost, access to potential sampling sites and the availability of power can often limit the options. WestSafe intended that a GPS would be available for use throughout the week to enable five solid lines of samples running N/W – S/E, covering the majority of the Kundip lease. This did not eventuate and every effort was made to achieve this aim manually. However, being unfamiliar with the site layout combined with limited access across all areas resulted in a slightly skewed arrangement with much of the sampling occurring close to past workings/waste dumps. A GPS was provided by Tectonic Resources NL on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of November and each sample collection site was revisited for identification, plots are shown at Appendix I.

## 6. Results

Results are shown in Table 1 below, which provides sample ID numbers and GPS locations referenced to Appendix I. A brief description of the collection point is also provided however this is not intended as a means of identifying that location and WestSafe recommends that only the GPS coordinates be used for this purpose. The decision to analyse for nickel, copper and arsenic was based on a chemical analysis of sediment from the uncontained Elverdton Tailings Stockpile located approximately 7 km north - northwest of the Kundip project area. Tectonic Resources NL provided this analysis in a document titled '*Assessment of sediment in retention trench (Elverdton May 2003)*', which is attached as Annex A.

Analytical Reference Laboratories conducted the laboratory analysis and reports are provided at Appendix II. Analysis results have been incorporated into Table 1 for ease of reference. No measurable amount of copper, arsenic or nickel was found in any of the samples. The minimum measurable amount of dust collected during this survey was  $0.1\text{mg/m}^3$  with a maximum of  $0.9\text{mg/m}^3$ , less than 10% of the national exposure standard.<sup>(B)</sup> The variance between results across location and collection date is attributable to changes in wind speed and possibly, to soil composition and physical condition in the immediate vicinity of the sample collection point.

## 7. Discussion

Weather information collected for the sampling period is attached at Appendix III and shows prominent south westerly winds throughout the sampling period at three local weather stations for both of the daily recording times of 9am and 3pm.<sup>(E)</sup> Unfortunately this wind pattern did not assist in determining the spread of any dusts separated from the Elverdton Tailings Stockpile north - northwest of Kundip. The only collection day where a measurable quantity of dust was collected across all ten samples was Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January, which was also the day with the highest wind speeds, ranging from 37kph at Hopetoun to 39kph at Cheadenup to 31kph at Ravensthorpe. Dust levels on this day ranged from  $0.1$  to  $0.4\text{mg/m}^3$  and were variable over the area surveyed.

These results indicate that dust collection in even higher winds may exceed the exposure standard, and if the direction was north – northwest, there is a remote possibility that contamination from the Elverdton Tailings stockpile may be identified. However this cannot be confirmed without having sampled under those conditions.

## 8. Exposure Standards

National exposure standards for inhalable dust and the heavy metals listed in Table 1 are provided in WorkSafe Australia Standard - *Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment*, and are detailed below.<sup>(B)</sup>

Airborne Particulates – Inhalable Dust: The behaviour, deposition and fate of any individual particle after entry to the human respiratory system and the response that it elicits depends on the nature and size of the particle. Only the larger particles in any total quantity of dust present in a workers breathing zone will be deposited in the nose, pharynx and larynx. Smaller particles which may reach the gas exchange regions are known as the respirable fraction. The analytical method outlined in AS 3640 is a gravimetric analysis, providing a total dust result and as such takes into account both the inhalable and respirable fractions.

Sampling for respirable dust was not warranted on this occasion as the method is used for occupational exposures where a specific hazard has been identified. There may be a requirement to conduct sampling for respirable dusts in the future once the mine becomes operational.

For dusts not otherwise classified (i.e. not wood dusts or silica), the recommended exposure standard is  $10\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ . Where dust is known to contain a specific contaminant then the exposure standard applicable to the specific contaminant is used.

Copper: Copper dusts and mists (as Cu) - TWA exposure standard  $1\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ .

Arsenic: Arsenic as As - TWA exposure standard  $0.05\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ .

Nickel: Nickel sulphide roasting (fume & dust as Ni) - TWA exposure standard  $1\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ .

**Table 1** – Sampling Results for KUNDIP Mine Site – 10 – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2005

| Sample ID | Date Collected                | GPS Location    | Physical Description of Location  | Total Sampling Time (mins) | Ave Flow Rate L/min | RESULTS                          |                               |                               |                                |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|           |                               |                 |   |                            |                     | Inhalable Dust mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Nickel (Ni) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Copper (Cu) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Arsenic (Ar) mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| I5545     | 10 January 2005               | 0240455 6271539 | Opposite Northern Road Boundary Marker (Tyre)   | 517                        | 2.150               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5546     |                               | 0240558 6271170 | Small Tree on left on main northern road (approx 360m south of I5545)                         | 214                        | 2.125               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5547     |                               | 0240707 6270820 | On left of bend in road near main Kaolin Pit (approx 360m south of I5547)                     | 512                        | 2.035               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5548     |                               | 0240633 6270663 | Opposite Two Boys Pit at Tectonic Resources NL Survey Station                                 | 511                        | 2.035               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5539     |                               | 0240620 6270496 | Southern End of Two Boys Pit – Lone Tree near barrel dump                                     | 420                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5540     |                               | 0240554 6270661 | West Side of two Boys Pit - Tectonic Resources NL survey station pole                         | 490                        | 2.105               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5541     |                               | 0240993 6270340 | Track through Harbour View where Bush gets very close to sides of track (additional 50m east) | 499                        | 2.075               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5542     |                               | 0240878 6269310 | At Ore Vacuum Truck , S/E corner near tree  | 495                        | 1.920               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5543     |                               | 0240696 6268768 | Southern Boundary – (corner of north-south track)   | 479                        | 2.040               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5544     |                               | 0240667 6269140 | Road running N/W – S/E from southern boundary to ‘Old Truck’ road – approx 50m from top       | 501                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5642     | 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2005 | 0240505 6271130 | North of Large M74/180 Dump   | 662                        | 2.107               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5644     |                               | 0240633 6270850 | 100m west of Top track north of M74/180 dump  | 658                        | 2.055               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5646     |                               | 0240579 6270783 | Centre of Pits M74/180 – approx 150m south of I5644   | 596                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5650     |                               | 0240499 6270629 | At crossroads near main structures  | 648                        | 2.072               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5649     |                               | 0240593 6270479 | At southern end of Two Boys Pit, west side on mound   | 648                        | 2.055               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5647     |                               | 0240367 6270044 | At old ‘sterilisation’ track on left of road to Flag  | 648                        | 2.055               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5651     |                               | 0240774 6270298 | Road heading east across Harbour View – approximately 300m west of I5541 –                    | 617                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5635     |                               | 0240596 6269707 | Recent Track from Harbour View to Flag  | 501                        | 2                   | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5648     |                               | 0240701 6269206 | At Yellow Rock Pile on Road to Ore Vacuum Truck   | 642                        | 2.072               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5657     |                               | 0240557 6268753 | Half way between I5544 and White Survey pole on Southern Boundary track                       | 642                        | 2.055               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5625     | 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2005 | 0240374 6271198 | 100m further west from I5642  | 527                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5645     |                               | 0240570 6270957 | N/W corner of M74/180 (as seen on map)  | 631                        | 2                   | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5631     |                               | 0240504 6270842 | N/W corner of Kaolin Pit Dump   | 496                        | 2                   | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5638     |                               | 0240404 6270633 | Northern side of Western Gem Pit  | 627                        | 2.090               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5624     |                               | 0240382 6270526 | Southern Side of Western Gem Pit  | 623                        | 2.070               | 0.3                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5627     |                               | 0240226 6270259 | Junction of Road to Flag and Two Boys Pit   | 621                        | 2.010               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5643     |                               | 0240239 6269794 | Junction of Road to Flag and Road through Harbour View  | 619                        | 2.125               | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5655     |                               | 0240598 6269132 | At East side of existing works at Flag  | 618                        | 2.125               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5654     |                               | 0240329 6269132 | On E/W track from Flag to Hopetoun Road   | 615                        | 1.970               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5652     |                               | 0240309 6268739 | A Marker Point on Southern Boundary   | 614                        | 2.070               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |

| Sample ID | Date Collected                      | GPS Location    | Physical Description of Location   | Total Sampling Time (mins) | Ave Flow Rate L/min | RESULTS                          |                               |                               |                                |
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|           |                                     |                 |  |                            |                     | Inhalable Dust mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Nickel (Ni) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Copper (Cu) mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Arsenic (Ar) mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| I5640     | 13 <sup>th</sup><br>January<br>2005 | 0240224 6270723 | S/W Corner of P74/153  | 261                        | 2                   | 0.3                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5637     |                                     | 0240387 6270924 | West Side of large dam near Kaolin Pit – (left side of pit)                                | 418                        | 2.055               | 0.4                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5634     |                                     | 0240111 6270378 | South side of road to Western Gem Pit – approx 10m towards old works                       | 406                        | 2.070               | 0.8                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5656     |                                     | 0240047 6270168 | On Road to Two Boys Pit at Bend in road  | 404                        | 2.055               | 0.4                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5629     |                                     | 0240118 6269958 | 100m west of road to Flag – approx half way between Main road in and Harbour View Turn off | 402                        | 1.970               | 0.3                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5626     |                                     | 0240099 6269766 | At old tree stump just west of N/E – S/W road through Mayday opposite old workings         | 402                        | 2.125               | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5653     |                                     | 0239994 6269419 | Approx 200m south of I5623   | 402                        | 2.025               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5639     |                                     | 0240471 6269278 | N/W side of existing works at Flag   | 399                        | 2.125               | 0.4                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5618     |                                     | 0240187 6269405 | On Road past Mayday (from Flag to Hopetoun Road)   | 396                        | 2.055               | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5630     |                                     | 0240208 6269138 | At junction of tracks adjacent to southern boundary and between Flag and Hopetoun Road     | 401                        | 2                   | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5622     | 14 <sup>th</sup><br>January<br>2005 | 0239299 6270503 | Near the eastern branch of the Steere river (off to the left of the main road in)          | 408                        | 2.090               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5633     |                                     | 0239756 6270231 | On Main Road In – at Rise before Bend (just before junction in road)                       | 406                        | 2.132               | 0.2                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5636     |                                     | 0240114 6270723 | Off track – approx 20m west of Gem Pit and Kaolin Dump                                     | 374                        | 2.055               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5632     |                                     | 0240094 6270505 | Off Track from Gem Pit (west)  | 369                        | 2.090               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5613     |                                     | 0240037 6269889 | Off track to Flag – approx 100m south of I5629   | 360                        | 2.070               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5616     |                                     | 0240015 6269817 | West Side of Mayday  | 344                        | 2.090               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5628     |                                     | 0239950 6269789 | S/W Side of Mayday   | 345                        | 2.107               | <0.1                             | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5621     |                                     | 0239869 6269523 | S/W of Mayday oat rear of Cleared area behind old workings                                 | 339                        | 2.055               | 0.1                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5620     |                                     | 0239836 6269271 | At junction to Boundary  | 334                        | 2.090               | 0.9                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |
| I5641     |                                     | 0239892 6268684 | Along Southern Boundary  | 345                        | 2.040               | 0.5                              | <0.001                        | <0.001                        | <0.001                         |



## 9. Associated Health Hazards

Whilst results obtained during this survey do not indicate a measurable presence of heavy metals or significant dust levels, it is essential that the health effects of these potential hazards are recognised, given the likely increase in levels during future mining activities. The following information is provided in brief to highlight some of the known health hazards associated with inhalation of heavy metals and dust.

Inhalation of dusts and fumes of metallic copper may cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract, congestion of nasal mucous membranes, ulceration and perforation of the nasal septum, and pharyngeal congestion. Acute arsenical poisoning due to inhalation is exceedingly rare in the workplace however when it does occur it produces respiratory tract symptoms (cough, chest pain and dyspnoea), giddiness, headache, and extreme general weakness, followed by gastrointestinal symptoms including epigastric pain, vomiting and diarrhoea.<sup>(C)</sup>

Chronic signs of toxicity in workers exposed to arsenic compounds are related chiefly to the skin, mucous membranes, gastrointestinal and nervous systems, and less commonly to disorders of the circulatory system and liver. Lung cancer is the primary cause of concern with chronic inhalation of arsenic in the workplace. Deaths due to respiratory cancer have been observed among workers exposed to inorganic arsenic in gold mining, and in the smelting of nonferrous metals, especially copper.<sup>(C)</sup>

## 10 Recommendations & Conclusion

There is nothing in the results to indicate any reason for concern in relation to existing dust levels within the Kundip project area, although it must be acknowledged that the results obtained from this particular sampling program are only indicative of the dust levels that were present during that time. In general, mining activities contribute significantly to increased dust movement, and given the known presence of gold and copper in the Kundip soils it is possible that heavy metal presence in that dust will also increase.

In order to gain a more thorough appreciation of existing and potential dust levels it may be of benefit to conduct additional sampling. WestSafe recommends using a type of Continuous particle monitor which can produce a continuous record of ambient dust levels. This is a significant advance over the standard high volume sampler in that it allows examination of short-term dust episodes. It can be utilised as a powerful management tool if matched to records of mining activity and continuous wind data. Two examples of continuous monitors are: TEOM™ and Beta gauges, further information on which can be found at References F, G and H.

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**Assessment of sediment in retention trench (Elverdton May 2003)**

|   |                   |                           |  |   |                   |                           |  |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Particle sizing of 03A60_001</b>   |                   |                           |  | <b>Particle sizing of 03A60_001-004</b>   |                   |                           |  |
| <b>DRY SIEVE</b>  |                   |                           |  | <b>WET SIEVE</b>  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Lab No</b>   |                   | <b>03A60_001</b>          |  | <b>Lab No</b>   |                   | <b>03A60_001</b>          |  |
| <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Sediment in trench</b> |  | <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Sediment in trench</b> |  |
| <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  | <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  |
| 1.0   | 22.7              | 77.3                      |  | 1.0   | 5.8               | 94.2                      |  |
| 0.6   | 16.2              | 83.8                      |  | 0.6   | 5.1               | 94.9                      |  |
| 0.3   | 11.5              | 88.5                      |  | 0.3   | 16.7              | 83.3                      |  |
| 0.15  | 8.9               | 91.1                      |  | 0.15  | 36.6              | 63.4                      |  |
| 0.075   | 2.1               | 97.9                      |  | 0.15  | 13.9              | 86.1                      |  |
| 0.106   | 2.7               | 97.3                      |  | 0.106   | 11.2              | 88.8                      |  |
| 0.075   | 4.9               | 95.1                      |  | 0.075   | 5.7               | 94.3                      |  |
| <b>Lab No</b>   |                   |                           |  | <b>03A60_002</b>  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Wind blown dump</b>    |  | <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Wind blown dump</b>    |  |
| <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  | <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  |
| 1.0   | 0.3               | 99.7                      |  | 1.0   | 0.3               | 99.7                      |  |
| 0.6   | 1.2               | 98.8                      |  | 0.6   | 1.3               | 98.7                      |  |
| 0.3   | 13.1              | 86.9                      |  | 0.3   | 13.6              | 86.4                      |  |
| 0.15  | 42.3              | 57.7                      |  | 0.15  | 40.9              | 59.1                      |  |
| 0.075   | 18.7              | 81.3                      |  | 0.075   | 16.5              | 83.5                      |  |
| 0.106   | 16.2              | 83.8                      |  | 0.106   | 14.9              | 85.1                      |  |
| 0.075   | 2.2               | 97.8                      |  | 0.075   | 7.9               | 92.1                      |  |
| <b>Lab No</b>   |                   |                           |  | <b>03A60_003</b>  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Matrix mine face</b>   |  | <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Matrix mine face</b>   |  |
| <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  | <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  |
| 1.0   | 29.7              | 70.3                      |  | 1.0   | 0.3               | 99.7                      |  |
| 0.6   | 16.2              | 83.8                      |  | 0.6   | 0.4               | 99.6                      |  |
| 0.3   | 11.5              | 88.5                      |  | 0.3   | 1.0               | 99.0                      |  |
| 0.15  | 5.9               | 94.1                      |  | 0.15  | 2.9               | 97.1                      |  |
| 0.075   | 2.1               | 97.9                      |  | 0.15  | 1.2               | 98.8                      |  |
| 0.106   | 2.7               | 97.3                      |  | 0.106   | 0.8               | 99.2                      |  |
| 0.075   | 4.2               | 95.8                      |  | 0.075   | 2.2               | 97.8                      |  |
| <b>Lab No</b>   |                   |                           |  | <b>03A60_004</b>  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Upper Catchment</b>    |  | <b>Sample</b>   |                   | <b>Upper Catchment</b>    |  |
| <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  | <b>Sieve (mm)</b>   | <b>% retained</b> | <b>% passing</b>          |  |
| 1.0   | 0.3               | 99.7                      |  | 1.0   | <0.1              | 100.0                     |  |
| 0.6   | 4.9               | 95.1                      |  | 0.6   | <0.1              | 100.0                     |  |
| 0.3   | 6.7               | 93.3                      |  | 0.3   | 0.5               | 99.5                      |  |
| 0.15  | 12.8              | 87.2                      |  | 0.15  | 0.7               | 99.3                      |  |
| 0.075   | 9.1               | 90.9                      |  | 0.075   | 0.2               | 99.8                      |  |
| 0.106   | 10.5              | 89.5                      |  | 0.106   | 10.1              | 89.9                      |  |
| 0.075   | 17.3              | 82.7                      |  | 0.075   | 14.6              | 85.4                      |  |
| Particle size distribution of each sample was measured by dry sieving through a set of standard wire mesh screens. The presence of easily stranded aggregates in each sample was noted, particularly Lab Nos 03A60_003 and 03A60_004. |                   |                           |  | Samples were dispersed in Dalglish's Oil, not sieved through a 0.075 mm sieve and the <0.075 mm fraction sized by dry sieving. AS 1582 3.6.1-1995 - Methods of testing soils for engineering purposes - Soil classification tests - Determination of the particle size distribution of a soil - Standard method of analysis by sieving. |                   |                           |  |

| CHEMICAL ANALYSES |                  |          |                        |          |                |           |            |                |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| LAB NO            | SAMPLE           | pH (H2O) | SO4 <sub>2</sub> (ppt) | S (comb) | S (comb) mg/kg | S (ICP) % | Cu (ICP) % | Cu (ICP) mg/kg |
| 60_001            | Sediment trench  | 4.9      | 0.1                    | 0.1      | 1000           | 0.1       | 0.048      | 480            |
| 60_002            | Wind blown dump  | 5.1      | <0.1                   | 0.1      | 1000           | 0.1       | 0.038      | 380            |
| 60_003            | Matrix mine face | 5.1      | 0.4                    | 0.7      | 7000           | 0.8       | 0.124      | 1240           |
| 60_004            | Upper Catchment  | 4.9      | 0.2                    | 0.2      | 2000           | 0.2       | 0.126      | 1260           |

# Background Dust Monitoring Map

Kundip Project Area

January 2005

GPS Locations of Samples.

**LABORATORY REPORT****ARL Lab No: 1696**  
**DATE: 2 February 2005****CLIENT:** West Safe Pty Ltd  
75 Exchequer Avenue  
GREENFIELDS WA 6210**ATTENTION:** Ms Vanessa Thelan**DESCRIPTION:** Fifty filter samples for analysis of Inhalable Dust, Nickel, Arsenic and Copper. All samples analysed as received.**DATE RECEIVED:** 17 January 2005**METHOD:** ARL 099 – Analysis of Inhalable Dust  
ARL 103 – Analysis of Metal and Metalloid in Workplace Atmospheres**RESULTS:**

|       |            | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup></b><br><b>Inhalable Dust</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup></b><br><b>Nickel</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup></b><br><b>Arsenic</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup></b><br><b>Copper</b> |
|-------|------------|--|--|---|--|
| I5545 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5546 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5547 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5548 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5539 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5540 | 10/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5541 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5542 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5543 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |
| I5544 | 10/01/2005 | <0.1   | <0.001                                   | <0.001                                    | <0.001                                   |

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**RESULTS:**

|       |            | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Inhalable Dust</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Nickel</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Arsenic</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Copper</b> |
|-------|------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| I5642 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5644 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5646 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5650 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5649 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5647 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5651 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5635 | 11/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5648 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5657 | 11/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
|       |            |  |                                    |                                     |                                    |
| I5625 | 12/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5645 | 12/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5631 | 12/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5638 | 12/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5624 | 12/01/2005 | 0.3  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5627 | 12/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5643 | 12/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5655 | 12/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5654 | 12/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5632 | 12/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |

**RESULTS:**

|       |            | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Inhalable Dust</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Nickel</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Arsenic</b> | <b>mg/m<sup>3</sup><br/>Copper</b> |
|-------|------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| I5640 | 13/01/2005 | 0.3  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5637 | 13/01/2005 | 0.4  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5634 | 13/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5656 | 13/01/2005 | 0.4  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5629 | 13/01/2005 | 0.3  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5626 | 13/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5653 | 13/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5639 | 13/01/2005 | 0.4  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5618 | 13/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5630 | 13/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
|       |            |  |                                    |                                     |                                    |
| I5622 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5633 | 14/01/2005 | 0.2  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5636 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5632 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5613 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5616 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5628 | 14/01/2005 | <0.1                                       | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5621 | 14/01/2005 | 0.1  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | 0.001                              |
| I5620 | 14/01/2005 | 0.9  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |
| I5641 | 14/01/2005 | 0.5  | <0.001                             | <0.001                              | <0.001                             |

**mg/m<sup>3</sup> values calculated using supplied run times.**

**Daniel Haworth  
Environmental Officer**

**METEROLOGICAL DATA FOR SAMPLING PERIOD*****Hopetoun, Western Australia - January 2005 Daily Weather Observations***

| Date | Day | Temps |      | Rain | Evap | Sun | Max wind gust |      |       | 9 am |    |                 |     |      |        | 3 pm |    |                 |     |      |        |
|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|--------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|--------|
|      |     | Min   | Max  |      |      |     | Dir           | Spd  | Time  | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir | Spd  | MSLP   | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir | Spd  | MSLP   |
|      |     | °C    | °C   |      |      |     |               | km/h | local | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |     | km/h | hPa    | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |     | km/h | hPa    |
| 10   | Mo  | 18.7  | 24.4 | 0    |      |     | SW            | 56   | 03:57 | 22.0 | 56 |                 | SW  | 28   | 1015.0 | 22.3 | 61 |                 | S   | 26   | 1013.1 |
| 11   | Tu  | 13.2  | 24.4 | 0    |      |     | WSW           | 43   | 08:17 | 22.4 | 51 |                 | WSW | 30   | 1018.0 | 21.6 | 57 |                 | S   | 19   | 1017.4 |
| 12   | We  | 11.6  | 29.2 | 0    |      |     | SE            | 35   | 13:39 | 24.3 | 47 |                 | NNE | 7    | 1016.2 | 24.9 | 42 |                 | SSE | 22   | 1011.9 |
| 13   | Th  | 15.3  | 23.4 | 0.2  |      |     | SW            | 57   | 12:07 | 17.7 | 92 |                 | SW  | 33   | 1015.8 | 19.5 | 53 |                 | SSW | 37   | 1018.1 |
| 14   | Fr  | 15.6  | 22.0 | 0    |      |     | SSW           | 41   | 00:15 | 18.8 | 46 |                 | S   | 20   | 1023.8 | 19.4 | 43 |                 | S   | 24   | 1022.1 |

***Cheadanup (Munglinup District), Western Australia - January 2005 Daily Weather Observations***

| Cape May (Marlin) District, Western Australia - January 2005 Daily Weather Observations |     |       |      |      |      |     |               |      |       |      |    |                 |     |      |        |      |    |                 |     |      |        |
|---|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|--------|------|----|-----------------|-----|------|--------|
| Date  | Day | Temps |      | Rain | Evap | Sun | Max wind gust |      |       | 9 am |    |                 |     |      | 3 pm   |      |    |                 |     |      |        |
|   |     | Min   | Max  |      |      |     | Dir           | Spd  | Time  | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir | Spd  | MSLP   | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir | Spd  | MSLP   |
|   |     | °C    | °C   |      |      |     |               | km/h | local | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |     | km/h | hPa    | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |     | km/h | hPa    |
| 10  | Mo  | 17.6  | 26.4 | 0    |      |     | SW            | 52   | 03:58 | 20.3 | 60 |                 | SW  | 28   | 1014.6 | 24.3 | 36 |                 | SSW | 19   | 1012.4 |
| 11  | Tu  | 10.5  | 27.3 | 0    |      |     | WSW           | 43   | 08:24 | 21.5 | 46 |                 | WSW | 26   | 1017.9 | 25.6 | 30 |                 | S   | 20   | 1017.0 |
| 12  | We  | 10.8  | 35.7 | 0    |      |     | W             | 43   | 13:44 | 24.6 | 18 |                 | NNW | 11   | 1016.8 | 35.1 | 9  |                 | WNW | 19   | 1011.8 |
| 13  | Th  | 12.9  | 22.5 | 0    |      |     | SSW           | 59   | 13:29 | 20.9 | 65 |                 | SSW | 31   | 1015.0 | 19.9 | 47 |                 | SSW | 39   | 1017.2 |
| 14  | Fr  | 11.7  | 22.0 | 0.2  |      |     | S             | 43   | 14:42 | 16.6 | 52 |                 | SSE | 17   | 1023.1 | 20.5 | 39 |                 | S   | 26   | 1021.1 |

***Ravensthorpe, Western Australia - January 2005 Daily Weather Observations***

| Perth, Western Australia - January, 2005 Daily Weather Observations |     |       |      |      |      |     |               |      |       |      |    |                 |      |        |      |      |    |                 |     |        |      |
|---|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|----|-----------------|------|--------|------|------|----|-----------------|-----|--------|------|
| Date  | Day | Temps |      | Rain | Evap | Sun | Max wind gust |      |       | 9 am |    |                 |      |        | 3 pm |      |    |                 |     |        |      |
|   |     | Min   | Max  |      |      |     | Dir           | Spd  | Time  | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir  | Spd    | MSLP | Temp | RH | Cld             | Dir | Spd    | MSLP |
|   |     | °C    | °C   |      |      |     |               | km/h | local | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |      | km/h   | hPa  | °C   | %  | 8 <sup>th</sup> |     | km/h   | hPa  |
| 10  | Mo  | 16.9  | 28.3 | 1.0  |      |     |               |      | 20.2  | 58   | 6  | SW              | 4    | 1015.1 | 24.5 | 45   | 0  | S               | 9   | 1012.3 |      |
| 11  | Tu  | 12.3  | 27.9 | 0    |      |     |               |      | 21.9  | 44   | 0  | SW              | 19   | 1018.0 |      |      |    |                 |     |        |      |
| 12  | We  | 10.3  | 35.0 | 0    |      |     |               |      | 24.9  | 26   | 4  |                 | Calm | 1016.4 | 33.9 | 15   | 0  | SW              | 9   | 1011.7 |      |
| 13  | Th  | 13.5  | 21.5 | 0    |      |     |               |      | 21.0  | 65   | 8  | SW              | 28   | 1014.9 | 20.5 | 49   | 8  | SW              | 31  | 1016.9 |      |
| 14  | Fr  | 14.0  | 21.4 | 0    |      |     |               |      | 16.9  | 50   | 8  | S               | 4    | 1023.4 | 18.7 | 43   | 0  | S               | 9   | 1021.4 |      |