

TSF 7 Conformance Statement July 2023

GISTM conformance for TSF 7 was self-assessed in accordance with the ICMM criteria in July 2023, with support by an external auditing firm. The conformance statement has been approved by the Accountable Executive. Newcrest is committed to conforming, through meaningful engagement and ongoing effort focused on dam integrity and public safety. Future updates will be made through the Newcrest website.

Of the 77 requirements:

- Meet conformance – 29
- Partially meet – 26
- Does not meet – 14
- Not applicable – 8

Newcrest interpretation of GISTM conformance protocols is below, Newcrest has not used meets with a plan for this facility at this stage.

Classification	Description of outcome	Reference
Meets	Systems are/or practices related to the Requirement have been implemented and there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the Requirement is being met.	Conformance protocol
Meets with a plan	Where major earthworks/remediation is required to address requirements – intent is understood, gaps identified and plans in place which require extended periods of time to address. Or, where the scope required to address the gap requires extended reviews or field surveys, but the intent is met with existing information. E.g., A dam breach study which does not include the volumes of tailings deposited but does provide a suitable tool for identifying persons at risk and understanding what mitigation measures are required.	Newcrest
Partially meets	Systems and/or practices related to meeting the Requirement have been only partially implemented. Gaps, weaknesses, or insufficient verifiable evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the activity is aligned to the Requirement. E.g., guidance/process document produced, not implemented on site or effective – INTENT of action is not met.	Conformance protocol
Does not meet	Systems and/or practices required to support implementation of the Requirement are not in place, or are not being implemented, or cannot be evidenced.	Conformance protocol
Not applicable	The specific requirement is not applicable to the context of the assets. E.g., an existing facility is not required to meet requirements for new facilities.	Conformance protocol

Telfer Mine Site, Western Australia

Telfer mine site is in the Pilbara region of Western Australia approximately 400 km inland from Port Hedland on the land of the Martu people, the traditional owners and native title holders.

Telfer mine and the TSFs are 100% owned and operated by Newcrest. The Telfer mine commenced open pit operations in 1977, the mine was put on care and maintenance in 2000 but re-opened in 2004 based as a high tonnage operation (Telfer Expansion Project).

There are two active TSFs and six inactive TSFs at Telfer. This conformance statement refers to TSF 7 only. Separate conformance statements are available for TSFs 1-6 and for TSF 8.

TSF 7 Facility description

Tailings Storage Facility 7 (TSF 7) was commissioned in November 2004 and operated as the main tailings storage facility for Telfer mine from 2004 to 2022, receiving approximately 164.5 Mm³ of tailings during that period. The current height of TSF 7 is 46 m (Stage 12) and is only permitted to Stage 13, at a maximum height of 49 m. TSF 7 Stage 12 is nearing capacity however the remaining capacity is being accessed on an ad hoc basis to enable maintenance of TSF 8 pumps and pipelines. TSF 8 is located immediately north of TSF 7.

TSF 7 has a near circular shaped embankment with a diameter of approximately 2,500 m. The circumference length of the downstream toe of the dam is approximately 7,900 m. TSF 7 is located at the southernmost extent of the mine site, approximately 6 km south-east of the Telfer village.

TSF 7 is a zoned earth and rock-fill embankment which was constructed as a downstream integrated waste landform in Stage 1 – 3, before moving to upstream raised methodology. Tailings are deposited sub-aerially from perimeter spigots to form a beach sloping towards a central decant pond. Recovered water from the decant pond is pumped back to the plant for reuse.

To ensure the facility is safely operated and maintained, Newcrest has appointed a Responsible Tailings Facility Engineer (RTFE) and an external Engineer of Record (EoR) for this facility to oversee and govern the operations, maintenance, and surveillance (OMS) of the facility.

Consequence Classification

Our tailings facilities are designed and operated to be safe and stable, however in very rare circumstances failures do occur. To ensure we understand what the worst outcome of a failure could be, a consequence category assessment is carried out for the TSF.

Assigning a consequence category helps focus attention on the facilities which have the greatest potential to impact communities or the environment from concept, design, operations and closure, regardless of how unlikely this would be or the measures in place to mitigate any impact if a failure was to occur. Facilities with higher consequences also require more robust designs to

ensure that very rare events, like major earthquakes where buildings would fail, have less likelihood of causing a TSF failure.

Newcrest requires all facilities to be assessed using the GISTM classification, as well as the classification system of the local jurisdiction.

Facility	GISTM	Local classification	Last assessment
Telfer TSF 7	Very High	High A (ANCOLD)	2021 Assessed at end of Stage 15 (currently Stage 12)

A summary of risk assessment findings relevant to TSF 7

Newcrest's aspiration is to be leaders in tailings management with the ultimate goal of zero harm to people and the environment. Based on the Failure Modes Effects Analysis (FMEA), the primary potential failure modes for the facility and the associated existing controls are listed below.

Potential Failure Mode	Existing controls	Date of risk assessment
Seepage	Groundwater monitoring	2023 FMEA
Overtopping	Flood storage within the impoundment. Pump system designed to manage rare storm event. Surveillance. Freeboard between tailings surface and crest of embankment (beach freeboard).	2023 FMEA
Internal erosion (piping)	Monitoring instrumentation. Surveillance	2023 FMEA
Slope instability (embankments)	Monitoring instrumentation. Surveillance	2023 FMEA

A summary of impact assessments and of human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow failure scenarios

Newcrest strives to deliver sustainable long-term benefits to local communities in a way that respects their rights and aspirations, in line with our sustainability pillars, improving people's lives, respecting the environment, building a business for the future and being a trusted company.

The site is located within the Native Title determination area of the Martu people. Punmu is the closest community located approximately 142 km east of the site. The closest major centre is Marble Bar, located 310 km west of the site and has a population of approximately 350 people. The nearest pastoral property, Warrawagine Pastoral Station, is approximately 200 km north-west of the site.

Newcrest engages with the Martu people, local communities and other parties on all aspects of Telfer operations, including the TSFs. Newcrest work closely with the local communities to manage the potential impacts and realise the benefits of our operations. In the unlikely event of a catastrophic tailings facility failure, potential material impacts are below.

Aspect	Impact Description	Mitigation measures
Biodiversity loss	Loss of critical habitat (old growth spinifex)	Groundwater quality monitoring Dust management Environmental management plan
Water contamination	Groundwater contamination	Groundwater quality monitoring Upstream cyanide monitoring (prior to deposition)
Community	Impact to Martu cultural landscape values	Mitigation measures will be reviewed with the traditional owners.
Socio-Economic	Economic losses affecting the mine facility and impacting employment of community	Evaluation of impact and appropriate mitigation measures will be reviewed.
Human health	Short term risk of lack of sanitation and drinking water at the mine village. No other population in region reliant on ground or surface water.	Short term – all persons would be evacuated from site via the Telfer airstrip, modelling indicates this will remain functional in a failure scenario.
Cultural heritage	Loss of or impact to cultural heritage	Mitigation measures will be reviewed with the traditional owners.

A description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility lifecycle including the current and final height

The Telfer mine is in the Great Sandy Desert. The geology beneath the TSF 7 consists of sand and residual soils, underlain by sandstone and siltstone bedrock of the Punta Punta formation. The base of the facility is unlined but a cut off trench was constructed around the inner perimeter of the embankment to reduce seepage.

TSF 7 is a paddock (ring-dyke) style facility. The starter embankments to Stage 3 were raised by downstream construction method. The embankments were predominately constructed of rockfill with an inner zone of compacted low permeability material. From Stage 4 onward, the facility was raised by upstream construction method. The upstream raises were constructed with compacted low permeability material with rock armour on the downstream slope. TSF 7 is currently at 46 m with another raise, Stage 13 to 49 m, permitted.

Since initial construction, only two external parties have been involved in the ongoing design and construction. Whilst this was not referred to as an Engineer of Record (EoR) until 2021, the ongoing involvement of the previous designer was similar in intent to an EoR role. An EoR has formally been appointed to this facility.

A summary of material findings of annual performance reviews and dam safety review, including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)

Newcrest uses the Canadian Dam Association guidelines for Dam Safety Reviews (DSR) for all TSFs, regardless of jurisdiction unless otherwise required by legislation. For consistency in the prioritisation of actions, Newcrest have adopted the following ranking system, level 1 actions are classified as a material finding.

Priority of actions:

- Level 1 – dam safety deficiency: A high probability of becoming a dam safety issue or are actual dam safety issues that require immediate attention and are considered immediately dangerous to life, health or the environment, or a significant regulatory enforcement.
- Level 2 – dam safety deficiency: If not corrected, could likely result in dam safety issues leading to injury, environmental impact or significant regulatory enforcement; or, a repetitive deficiency that demonstrates a systematic breakdown of procedures.
- Level 3 – dam safety deficiency: Single occurrences of deficiencies or non-conformances that alone would not be expected to result in dam safety issues.
- Level 4 – dam safety non-conformance: Best Management Practice as a suggestion for continuous improvement towards industry best practices that could further reduce potential risks. This typically includes ongoing construction items within the appropriate construction cycle, governance, or operational requirements.

No outstanding material findings at TSF 7.

Historically, material findings have been made with respect to stability and internal erosion of the embankment. As a result, the following measures were taken:

- Localised remediation and earthworks including a buttress on the western extent;
- Short term production changes were made to manage tailings inflows;
- A new TSF was designed and constructed (TSF 8) to accept the majority of tailings production;
- Further investigations completed to inform future planning; and,
- A detailed design update was completed.

A summary of material findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme including implementation of mitigation measures

Similar to the above requirement, level 1 actions are classified as any regulatory action taken against social or environmental license requirements for the site within the previous 12 months, that would otherwise be disclosed elsewhere.

No material findings for both environmental and social monitoring program for this facility.

A summary version of the tailings facility Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow failure event that:

The available modelling indicates any failure of TSF 7 would be limited to the immediate vicinity of Telfer Mine. A failure could impact the Telfer mine site village to the east, or mine site infrastructure if the breach was to the west.

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) is covered under the Dam Safety Emergency Plan (DSEP) and the site emergency response plan.

The purpose of DSEP is to enable Newcrest to manage incidents that could occur at Telfer TSF 7 and/or TSF 8. The DSEP identifies potential events and incidents, defines those personnel responsible for dam operation and implementation of the response, and describes procedures for notification, communication and escalation of the emergency response.

The purpose of the site Emergency response plan is to activate and follow standard emergency processes once the dam safety incident progresses to a site emergency. This includes integrated incident and crisis management tools which are standardised throughout Newcrest.

In the event of a tailings dam related emergency, the site emergency response team would be the first and primary responders. Due to the distance between Telfer and the nearest major centres, the site emergency response team plan all initial responses without support from public agencies. Mutual aid agreements are in place however due to distance, these supports are not relied upon.

Dates of most recent and next independent reviews

Newcrest uses the Canadian Dam Association guidelines for Dam Safety Reviews for all TSFs, regardless of jurisdiction, and the frequency is driven by the most frequent of regulatory requirements, ITRB recommendations and GISTM.

Facility	Date of last Dam Safety Review	Dam Safety Review Required Frequency	Next Dam Safety Review
Telfer TSF 7	2019	5 years	2024

Closure capacity

The 2022 Telfer Mine Closure Plan was approved by the Regulator (DMIRS) in June 2023, meeting the regulatory requirements for closure liabilities and providing adequate financial capacity for closure.

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