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View of the Redbank Site looking South

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 6 The scope of this document includes the description of the plant functional operation and main equipment, 7 and a description of the proposed modifications to the plant and equipment to enable Biomass fuel firing.
- 8 Particular reference is made to the original Development Consent (1994), and where necessary to the
- 9 1997 Development Consent. The Amended EIS of 1993 forms part of the basis for the original
- 10 Development Consent (1994 Consent).
- 11 In summary it is proposed to use the Biomass fuel in the equipment and locations designated for the

12 "Supplementary fuel" described in the EIS and associated Consent documents. Due to the nature of the

13 Biomass fuel, some equipment modifications to the Supplementary fuel handling systems are proposed

- 14 as described in this document.
- 15 <u>Summary of proposed plant modifications</u>

16 The following summarises the extent of the modifications listed by plant functional areas to enable the 17 plant to use Biomass fuels.

- 18 Modifications proposed:
- 19 Internal roadways including new weigh bridges
- 20 Supplementary fuel receival, storage & reclaim
- 21 Supplementary fuel transport equipment
- 22 No modification proposed:
- 23 Site buildings and infrastructure works
- 24 Boiler plant
- 25 Steam turbine equipment
- 26 Tailing (BDT) fuel system
- 27 Water and waste-water treatment systems
- 28 Ash Handling plant
- 29 Switchyard and electrical transmission equipment
- 30 Cooling water systems
- 31 Steam and water systems Balance of Plant
- 32 Hunter River water make-up and discharge systems
- 33 Control System equipment
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- Refer to the site plan on the following page marked up to illustrate the location of the plant modifications proposed to enable the plant to handle Biomass fuel.

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# Abbreviations used in this document

1994 Consent 1997 Consent Biomass fuel BDT BOP db EIS GSE GCV HBD HP LEC LHV LP kV MCR MW Net Output	Development consent ordered in the LEC November 1994 Development consent ordered in the LEC dated 27.03.1997 Wood chips as specified in Appendix A to this document Beneficiated Dewatered Tailings Balance of Plant Dry Basis Amended Environmental Impact Statement No. 21333 of Nov. 1993. Gross Specific Energy (same as GCV) Gross Calorific Value (same as Gross Specific Energy) Heat Balance Diagram High Pressure Land and Environment Court of NSW Lower Heating Value (or NCV) Low Pressure Kilovolts Boiler Maximum Continuous Rating (261 t/h at full steam temperature) Megawatt Difference between the metered export power and metered import power
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
ROM	Run of Mine Coal (Supplementary fuel)
ST	Steam Turbine
t/h	tonnes/hour

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

## 66 **1.1 Plant overview**

67 The Redbank Power Project is a 128 MW power plant located near the Warkworth Mine in the Hunter 68 Valley, west of Newcastle, New South Wales (NSW), Australia. The primary fuel is derived from coal 69 washery tailings. The Redbank Power Station burns coal tailings and supplementary fuel to produce 70 electricity.

The Redbank Power Station was commissioned in 2001 to burn beneficiated dewatered coal (BDT) tailings as main fuel and run of mine coal as the Supplementary (or Run of Mine ROM) fuel. The plant consists of two fluidised bed combustion steam generator units of FiCirc<sup>™</sup> design and a single 151MW steam turbine and associated balance of plant equipment. The station has been out of operation since October 2014 and the current owners plan to convert of the plant to fire Biomass fuel (uncontaminated wood waste) as part of a recommissioning process. A view of the site appears below.

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## Figure 2 - View of Redbank Site from South



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The following summary is extracted from the 1993 Amended EIS, with footnotes to indicate the significant changes which resulted from the 1997 Development Consent which were due to improvements to the tailings fuel quality by integrating the coal dewatering in the Warkworth mine operations.

# 82 2 Summary of the 1994 Consent Description of Plant

Paragraphs shown below in Italic text are extracts from the Amended EIS (1993). This formed the basis
 for the 1994 Development Consent.

## 85 2.1 Plant Operation

86 87 "The major features of the design of the Redbank Power Project include: a nominal rating of 120 megawatts<sup>1</sup> (MWe) (gross), approximately 100MW net output; fuel for the plant

<sup>1</sup> The current plant rating of 128 MW is due to a higher plant efficiency from the higher quality fuel from 1997.

- 88 would be coal washery tailing supplied from the Warkworth and Lemington<sup>2</sup> coal
  89 preparation plants, augmented as necessary by existing tailing dams and supplemental
  90 fuel.
- 91 "Tailing would be transferred by slurry pipeline<sup>3</sup> from the Warkworth and Lemington
  92 washeries (and, as needed, from the Warkworth and Lemington tailing dams) to the Project
  93 site where the tailing would be stored for use as boiler fuel.
- 94 "Supplemental fuel would be trucked a short distance<sup>4</sup> to the Project site, where it would be stored and used as necessary to supplement the tailing fuel.
- 96 "The boiler station would consist of two atmospheric-pressure, hybrid bubbling/circulating
  97 bed type boilers of the 'FiCirc™" design of Combustion Power Company, a subsidiary of
  98 National Power. Tailing fuel would be mechanically dewatered and introduced into the
  99 boilers in paste form.
- 100 "The power generating unit would be a turbo-alternator generating at 11 kilovolts (kV).
  101 Connection to the Shortland electrical system would be via a new 132 kV electrical interconnect line of less than one kilometre (km) in length.
- 103 "This would connect with Shortland's existing 132 kV line from Singleton to Kurri Kurri.
- 104 *"The objectives of the Project are to:*
- 105 (1) improve the utilisation of natural (fuel) resources.
- 106 (2) introduce an alternative, environmentally responsible method of tailing disposal; and
- 107 (3) operate in a way that minimises or eliminates environmental impacts."
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## 109 2.1.1 Process Flow Diagram from the 1994 Development Consent.

- 110 The following Process Flow Schematic is the Figure 2.5.1 from Amended EIS 1993 which forms a part of 111 the 1994 Development Consent.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fuel sourced only from Warkworth mine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tailing fuel supplied by overland conveyor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Supplementary fuel supplied by overland conveyor



## Figure 3 – Redbank Process Flow Schematic (Fig 2.5-1 from Amended EIS)

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## 115 2.2 Description of the Plant based on the 1994 Development Consent.

116 The following description of the Redbank plant is consistent with the 1994 consent, of which the Amended 117 EIS of 1993 is a part with minor editing to the original wording to include:

- 118 Change of tense to clarify current plant configuration
- 119 Ignoring stated options in the EIS which were not included in the plant design
- 120 Provision of explanatory comments to explain variations from the 1994 Consent.
- 121 The plant operating description is divided into a number of functional areas, and the corresponding 122 sections of the Amended EIS (1993) are given for reference.
- 123 2.2.1 Amended EIS Para 2.6.1 Fuel supply and materials handling
- 124 The fuel supply consists of two major fuel streams, designated "Tailings" and "Supplementary Fuel" in 125 the Amended EIS.
- 126 Fuel Receiving
- 127Tailing reclaimed from dams and other emplacements would be transferred by slurry128pipeline from the moveable tailing reclaim system to the plant receiving tanks/thickeners.
- 129 The supplemental/startup fuels would be received on site by trucks or belt conveyor from the individual mines.
- 131 Fuel Storage

- 132This system would receive, thicken and store approximately 96 hours supply of tailing in133slurry form.
- Supplemental fuel storage consists of a truck unloading station and stockpile with a belt
  conveyor and stacker arrangement having multiple discharge points. Maximum storage
  capacity is approximately 35,000-40,000 tonnes of material. Reclaim is by front-end loader.
- 137 The addition of supplementary fuel occurs when the tailings are not available in sufficient138 quantities.

#### 139 Supplemental Fuel Preparation

- Supplemental fuel is transferred from the stockpile to the crusher by a combination of frontend loader and by conveyor where it is crushed to approximately 2 mm size. The crushing
  and screening station reduces the supplemental fuel size for feeding to the power plant
  boiler station.
- 144The crushed coal is then be transferred by covered conveyor to (silos) to supply fuel to the145two boilers

#### 146 2.2.2 (Boiler) Combustor and Steam Generator (Amended EIS para 2.6.2)

- The fuels are then prepared as necessary and fed to the two FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boilers which are a circulating fluidised bed boiler. The heat released from this process is collected in a high pressure steam header and fed to the condensing steam turbine generator [item 3.].
- 150The combustor/ boiler system fires the dewatered tailing from the dewatering station with<br/>addition of supplemental fuel as required to raise steam suitable for supplying the<br/>turboalternator system. The anticipated steam design conditions are 400-450 tonnes per<br/>hour (tph) of steam at 10-12 Megapascals gauge (MPa.(g)) and 515-540°C from nominally<br/>160°C feedwater.
- The boilers would meet the required emission limits of particulates, SO₂ and NOx while
  firing the dewatered tailing fuel and supplemental fuel. The low emission boilers are two
  FiCirc<sup>™</sup> fines circulating fluidised-bed boilers as designed by Combustion Power Company.
  The major components of the combustor/ boilers are as follows:
- 159 Boiler Fuel Feed System
- The tailings fuel feed system consists of (four) positive displacement hydraulically operated
  type pumps. The combustor feed pumps force dewatered tailing into the combustion
  chambers of the boilers through multiple injection ports. Jets of compressed air are used to
  disperse the fuel in the combustor.
- 164 Fluidised Bed Boilers
- Each of the two identical fluidised bed boilers are designed for delivery of combustion air to
  the plenum of the combustor by a Forced Draught (FD) fan system. The dense phase bed
  of suspended particles act as the primary combustion zone with secondary
  combustion/afterburning occurring in the freeboard above the bed. The fluidised bed
  contains evaporator heat exchanges in the steam generation circuit.
- The flue gas proceeds from the combustion zone to cyclones operating in parallel flow, to
  recycle all but the finest particles back into the fluidised bed. From the cyclones, the flue
  gases proceed to the convective section I which contains the superheaters, the remainder
  of the evaporator and the economiser sections of the boiler.

A combustion air preheater on the flue gas exhaust is used to enhance boiler efficiency.
The flue gases pass through the air preheater and then to the baghouse for particulate
clean up. From the baghouse the flue gases proceed through an Induced Draught (ID) fan
and from the ID fan to the stack.

178Limestone is fed to the combustor to capture  $SO_2$  and  $SO_3$  as solid calcium sulphate179(CaSO<sub>4</sub>). The CaSO<sub>4</sub> becomes part of the particulates which are removed from the boilers.

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## 183 Boiler Start-Up System

184A bed preheating system (fired by distillate fuel oil) is used for boiler start-up and restarts185after shutdowns. The oil start-up system includes a storage tank (e.g. 400,000 litres) which186is surrounded by a bund wall to ensure that spillage or leakage is contained and prevented187from causing soil or ground water contamination. As required, the ground beneath the tank188is sealed to prevent soil or groundwater contamination. After initial heating with oil or gas,189the boilers are further heated to operating temperature with the start-up fuel.

### 190 Flue Gas Cleaning

- The flue gas from the boilers are cleaned of particulate/ dust by fabric filter baghouses. The
  particulate emissions from each boiler (via the stack) is within the requirements of the NSW
  EPA.
- 194The baghouses consist of multiple chambers containing large numbers of fabric filter "bags.195The gases flow through the bags and the particulates are removed by filtration. The196collected particulate matter/ash is discharged periodically (by shaking the dust from the

- 197 outside of the filter bags with pulses of compressed air, which then is collected) in individual
   198 chambers and transferred to the ash handling system.
- 199 The dust is transferred from the individual chambers via a pressurised dense phase pneumatic 200 ash conveying system to the ash storage silo.

#### 201 Fluidising Air, Secondary Air and Induced Draught Fans

Fans are driven by electric motors. As needed, inlet and discharge silencers are fitted to
limit fan noise for personnel hearing protection. Silencing material would also be applied to
the fan inlet and outlet ducts and fan housings, as required.

#### 205 Boiler Forced Circulation Pumps

Pumps are used to maintain water circulation rates within the main evaporators. Each
boiler is fitted with redundant pumps, with one pump always in standby mode. Pumps are
of the single-stage centrifugal type, driven by electric motors.

#### 209 Boiler Feedwater Pumps

The boiler feedwater pumps raise the pressure of boiler feedwater from the deaerator to
pressures in excess of the operating pressure of the boilers. There are redundant pumps,
with one pump in standby mode. Pumps are of the multi-stage centrifugal type, driven by
electric motors.

#### 214 2.2.3 <u>Turboalternator, Condenser and Feedwater Heating (Amended EIS para 2.6.3)</u>

215To generate electricity, the high-pressure superheated steam produced in the boiler station216is expanded in a condensing steam turbine, which in turn drives an alternator. Steam is217bled from the turbine for boiler feedwater heating and deaerating, as required. The exhaust218steam from the turbine is condensed in a condenser subsystem. From the condenser,219pumps transfer the condensate to the deaerator, where additional steam would strip out220dissolved gases and heat the feedwater.

#### 221 The Turboalternator

- The steam turbine is a condensing machine driving a high-voltage alternator. The turbine
  consists of a high and low pressure section, rotating at synchronous speed, suitable for
  directly driving the alternator.
- 225The alternator is of air-cooled type, in which heat was transferred via a closed air circuit to226a water-cooled heat exchanger.

#### 227 Low-Pressure Condensate Pumps

228There are redundant, e.g. 2 X 100% capacity pumps of the centrifugal type, each driven by229an electric motor and used to return condensate from the condenser.

### 230 Low-Pressure Feedwater Heater

This is of the shell and tube type to heat condensate between the condenser and deaerator.

#### 233 Deaerator

234This strips oxygen from the feedwater and heat the feedwater to a temperature suitable for235feeding to the boilers.

## 236 2.2.4 Cooling System (Amended EIS para 2.6.4)

- The Project uses two major cooling water systems: the Main Cooling Water System and the
   Auxiliary Cooling Water System.
- The main cooling water system is used to reject waste heat from the power cycle. This
  waste heat represents the energy in the steam exiting the turbo-alternator that cannot be
  recovered as useful work. The Redbank Project, like most thermal power stations, would
  use a cooling tower to reject this waste heat to the atmosphere.
- 243Acceptable water chemistry is maintained in the main cooling water system largely by244discharging a portion of the cooling water on a continuous basis as cooling tower245blowdown. Small quantities of biocides and sulphuric acid are added to the basin to control246biological growth and pH, respectively. Corrosion inhibitors and dispersants may also247typically be added, depending on the actual cooling water chemistry. Makeup water is248added to the cooling tower system to make up for the losses due to blowdown and249evaporation.
- 250 The auxiliary cooling water system provides cooling water to numerous minor auxiliary heat 251 loads located throughout the plant.

#### 252 2.2.5 Ash Handling (Amended EIS para 2.6.5)

253The ash handling system transports all ash from the plant to a location on the Warkworth254mine lease convenient for disposal by Warkworth.

#### 255 Ash Collection System

Ash is collected from the baghouse hoppers under the economizer and air preheater and from the combustor via an ash cooler. Ash from these points is collected and discharged through control valves into a pipework system to transport the ash to the ash storage silo.

#### 259 Ash Storage Silo

260The storage silo is located on the site5 and would act as a transfer station for loading ash261into trucks.

#### 262 Ash Conditioner

- The ash conditioning station utilising water spray is used for dust control upon discharge.
  Water is added to moisten the ash to prevent fugitive dusting.
- 265Dense phase (slurry) transport moves ash from the ash cooler to a mixing tank on the266Project site. The ash is mixed in this tank with water to achieve a water/ash ratio of267approximately 35% / 65%. This dense phase mixture is then pumped from the Project site268via small diameter pipe to open cut areas on the Warkworth lease.

### 269 2.2.6 <u>Water Treatment (Amended EIS para 2.6.6)</u>

Water for the Project is purchased from outside water agencies and piped to the Project site. Over ninety-five percent of the water used by the Project requires softening and/or filtration to make the supply water suitable for Project use. (These major uses for water include cooling tower make-up, service water and firewater.) Additional water uses (e.g. boiler make-up) and the associated water treatment is relatively small.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This silo is located on the Redbank site not the mine site.

#### 275 Cooling Tower Make-up/Service Water/Firewater

- The influent water is softened in a large solids-contact-type clarifier. Lime, soda ash,
  flocculants, and sulphuric acid are be added in the clarifier to reduce the hardness of the
  water. Softened water exiting the clarifier is filtered in a gravity sand filter. Filtered make-up
  water is stored in an above-ground storage tank. This water storage tank allows the plant to
  operate during brief interruptions in the make-up water supply system. The storage I tank
  would also supply water to the Project service water system.
- A dedicated firewater storage tank stores filtered water for use in the event of a fire on the
  Project site. Fire pumps distribute I firewater to underground distribution piping, fire
  hydrants, hose stations and building sprinkler systems located throughout the Project.

#### 285 Boiler Make-up Water

- High purity water is required for make-up to the boiler feedwater system. This water is
  needed to prevent scaling and corrosion in the boiler tubes and to prevent carry-over of
  contaminants into the steam turbine.
- The high purity boiler make-up water is generated by passing water from the make-up water storage tank sequentially through filtration elements, a Reverse Osmosis (RO) system, and a mixed bed demineraliser system.
- High purity water is then be piped to the boiler make-up water storage tank. From this tank
  the boiler make-up water is piped to the deaerator as needed to make up for losses in the
  boiler feedwater system.

#### 295 Chemical Feed and Storage Systems

296Storage tanks and associated feed systems are located on-site to supply the necessary297chemicals to the various water streams. For example sulphuric acid, biocides, corrosion298inhibitors, and dispersants are added to the main and auxiliary cooling water to control pH,299control biological growth (algae), reduce corrosion, and keep particulate matter in300suspension, respectively. Oxygen scavengers, corrosion inhibitors, and other chemicals are301be added to the boiler feedwater system to maintain boiler water quality. Lime, soda ash,302flocculant, and sulphuric acid are needed for the pre-treatment softener.

#### 303 2.2.7 Electrical System (EIS para 2.8)

- 304The turboalternator would generate power at 11 kV. An 11 kV feeder would tee off the load305side of the alternator circuit breaker to feed an 11 kV auxiliaries switchboard. This306arrangement would enable the plant auxiliaries to be back-fed from the utility interconnect307line for plant start-up. Output would be stepped up via a generator transformer to 132 kV to308connect to the Singleton to Kurri Kurri overhead transmission line. The plant electrical309system would consist of:
- 310 Main Switchyard
- This would consist of main step-up transformer, distribution-side breakers, isolators and
   protection gear as necessary. The substation would also contain the utility metering and
   protective devices.
- 314 High-Voltage Power Supplies
- 315 This would be required for major drives for the draught fans and boiler feed water pumps.

- 316 Low-Voltage Supply
- This would be for all other drives and power supply needs in the plant, including lightingand general power outlets.

## 319 2.2.8 Plant water system (EIS Para 2.7)

Figure 2.7-2 shows the water requirements for the Project based on an evaporative cooling system. In this scenario, water extracted from the tailing would be returned to the tailing ponds at the mines. Process water for the Project would be purchased from water agencies (e.g. Department of Water Resources) and supplied from the Glenbawn and Glennies Creek Dams via the Hunter River. Service water would be used directly, while boiler makeup water would undergo treatment. .... this water would be returned to the Hunter River but this would occur only if the water returned were desalinated to a point where it was of higher quality (i.e. lower salinity) than the river itself at the discharge point... Potable water for domestic consumption would be trucked to the Project site from outside sources. It is estimated that one to two weekly truck deliveries would be sufficient for those requirements. The potable water would be stored on site in an above ground storage tank.



(S)anitary wastewater would be treated in a small I (e.g. package type) treatment system.

Figure 4 – Water Balance – wet cooling EIS Fig. 2.7-2



## 335 3 CHANGES FROM 1994 CONSENT TO 1997 CONSENT (AS BUILT PLANT)

The 1994 Development Consent is based on the Amended EIS of 1993. This section of the document compares the "as built" modifications to the description of the plant from the 1994 Development Consent. The "as built" plant incorporated a number of process and physical equipment alterations which arose from the 1997 Development Consent.

Comments are made "by exception", thus where no comment is made, then no substantial change has
 occurred, however, each significant change is only described once in the following and not re-iterated
 each time the item is reference in the 1994 Consent.

The major difference between the 1994 Consent and the 1997 Consent is that the "Tailings Slurry Thickening" occurs at Warkworth mine, and this process incorporates a beneficiation process which separates excess ash from the tailings in the dewatering process, and improvers the fuel quality.

### 346 **3.1** The use of BDT Fuel

The 1994 Consent describes the fuel resource as tailings from Warkworth or Lemington mines which
 represents very wet and high-ash tailing product which is an inherent characteristic of coal mine washery
 waste.

The improved fuel preparation facilities associated with the 1997 Consent and built at the Warkworth mine included the provision of Jameson (froth flotation) Cells which provided the beneficiated and dewatered tailings (BDT) which was the basis of the fuel burned at Redbank during its operation until shut down in 2014. The 1997 Consent process is based on included the following considerations relating to the BDT fuel compared to the Tailing fuel described in the 1994 Development Consent.

- 355 Improved Fuel Preparation
- 356 Same fuel energy consumption (annual)
- 357 Improved Thermal Efficiency
- 358 Less ash to emplace
- 359 Fuel Preparation integrated with Mine Coal Preparation Facilities
- 360 Improved Fuel Handling and Storage
- 361 Increased plant net output
- Output of CO2 will be reduced by over 15% per MW-h of output, and 10% per year.
- Annual emissions of SO2 and NOx remain the same

#### 364 **3.2 Fuel Transfer Systems**

The use of tailings fuel (as BDT) enabled the use (sharing) of the conveyor transport system designated for the Supplementary fuel in the 1994 Consent without the need for a separate slurry pipeline.

This has resulted in the conveyor arrangement shown on the plant conveyor drawings which are included in Appendix C to this document. The function of the individual conveyors within the development is as

- 369 described below:
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Figure 5 – Table of plant conveyors

#### Conveyor

#### Function

V8700 Overland Provides the tailings (as BDT) and the Supplementary (as BUF) fuels from the Warkworth washery facility to the fuel receival transfer point on the Redbank site. The fuels are provided in separate delivery runs (and not simultaneously)

Conveyor	Function
CV34 Tailings and Supplementary fuel	Transports the fuels from the overland conveyor delivery point to the following locations:
	<ul> <li>Tailings mode – fuel directly to the tailings (as BDT) storage silos located between the two boilers.</li> <li>Supplementary fuel mode – fuel is transported to the transfer house local to the coal stockpile where it is tripped off the conveyor onto the stockpile stacker conveyor (CV36), see below.</li> </ul>
	The conveyor does not carry both fuels simultaneously.
CV36 stacker conveyor (Supplementary fuel)	Transports the Supplementary fuel from the transfer house to the stockpile, and discharges fuel onto the stockpile.
CV76 Reclaim conveyor	Collects the Supplementary fuel from the stockpile and transports it to the crusher house.
CV35 Supplementary fuel conveyor	Transports the crushed Supplementary fuel from the crusher house to the Boiler 1 and Boiler 2 fuel silos.

## 372 3.3 Increased Thermal Efficiency and Electrical Output

- Based on the use of BDT fuel as described above rather than tailings results in a higher thermal efficiency,
- and electrical output. The difference is summarised below:
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Figure 6 – Redbank plant performance 1994 Consent vs. 1997 Consent (as built)

Item	Units	1994 Consent	1997 Consent	
Annual Fuel Heat Input	Million GJ/annum	12.7	12.7	
Net electrical output	MW	100	128	

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The Gross Fuel Heat Input is the product of (annual fuel delivery) x (Gross Specific Energy) of the Fuel. The 1994 Consent provides for 975,000 te/annum of fuel of GSE of 13 GJ/te.

### 379 3.4 Water Requirements (Amended EIS ref.2.7)

- 380 The plant water requirements are substantially as shown on the water balance in the Amended EIS 381 labelled "Water Balance Wet Cooling", except that:
- The dewatering associated with the tailing fuel preparation is located within the Warkworth
   mine
- Wastewater is stored on site in a storage pond of 60ML and returned to the Hunter River as
   part of the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS).
- A Redbank "as built" water balance (Process Flow Balance Diagram) is provided in Appendix C to this
   document, as approved by the EPA during the plant construction phase.

# 388 4 EFFECTS OF MODIFICATIONS TO FIRE BIOMASS FUEL - 2021

389 This section considers the effect of biomass fuel (in the place of the ROM Coal, or supplementary fuel) 390 on the plant operation. The plant will remain capable of firing BDT fuel, and it is not intended to fire BDT 391 and Biomass fuel at the same time in any FiCirc<sup>™</sup> combustion chamber. The fuel preparation (drying, chipping, screening etc...) is performed off site such according to the fuel specification in Appendix A to this document. The fuel sizing is nominally 50mm maximum size, with typically 4% less than as fines of <1mm.

## 395 4.1 Biomass fuel Effect on Plant Performance

- 396 The plant net electrical output will not change when firing biomass fuel, however Biomass fuel will have
- the following effects on the plant performance.
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Figure 7 – Redbank anticipated performance – Biomass fuel firing

	Units	1994 Consent	1997 Consent	Proposed Mods
Fuel Type	-	Coal tailings	BDT	Biomass fuel
Reference fuel moisture	%	dry basis	25	25
Net Plant Output (reference)	MW	100	128	128
Fuel gross specific energy	GJ/te	13 (dry)	21 (wet)	15.21 (wet)
Fuel energy consumption (annual)	GJ/annum	12.7 million	12.7 million	12.7 million
Approximate fuel consumption <sup>6</sup>	Te/annum	975,000 (dry)	600,000 (wet)	835,000 (wet)
Approximate fuel consumption	Te/annum	975,000	450,000	626,000
Calculated efficiency (GSE basis)	%	22.7% <sup>7</sup>	29.9%	27.2%

## 399 4.2 Boiler Plant Operation

- The FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boilers at Redbank were designed to fire coal tailings (as BDT) and Supplementary Fuel (as
   ROM coal). The boilers are suitable for Biomass fuel firing without change as demonstrated overseas
- 402 (refer below), and the following gives an overview of their performance firing Biomass fuel.
- 403 4.2.1 <u>FiCirc<sup>™</sup> Boilers</u>
- 404 CFB boilers are widely used and well suited for power generation due to the following characteristics:
- 405 Able to utilise a wide variety of fuels
- 406 Lower combustion temperatures result in lower oxides of nitrogen emissions
- 407 In-situ removal of sulphur oxides by reaction with limestone sorbent if required
- 408 High combustion efficiency
- In B&PPS experience the Redbank FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boilers and similar units are widely used to fire Biomass fuel
   and we:
- 411 are familiar with the Redbank boilers
- 412 have done extensive performance modeling of FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boilers
- 413 are familiar with a similar FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boiler firing Biomass fuel
- 414 have visited the Schiller Plant in Portsmouth, NH, USA
- 415 Schiller Plant
- The Schiller plant which operated until 2018 included a FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boiler having the following characteristics
- 418-Boiler TypeFiCirc™419-FuelBiomass fuel (forest product residue)

<sup>6</sup> 1994 fuel properties on dry basis as delivered fuel moisture was uncontrolled and dewatering occurred on the Redbank site. Where "dry basis" is stated, it means bone dry (with no moisture).

<sup>7</sup> Not explicitly stated but implied from the data given.

- 420 Location
- 421 Electrical Generating Capacity 50 MW electrical
- 422 There are also a large number of fluidized bed units of similar design by other manufacturers which fire 423 Biomass fuel. This includes plants at Visy in Tumut, NSW, and at Worsley Alumina in W.A.
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### Figure 8 – Redbank FICirc<sup>™</sup> CFB Boiler Orientation

Portsmouth, NH, USA



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426 The figure above shows an illustration of the CFB FiCirc<sup>™</sup> Boilers at Redbank. No modifications are 427 required to the boiler to fire Biomass fuel.

## 428 4.2.2 Boiler operation with different Biomass fuel moisture levels

During Biomass fuel firing, the FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boiler steam output (and hence the plant net electrical output) will
depend on the Biomass fuel moisture level as shown in the table below. At Biomass fuel moisture levels
above about 25%, the plant electrical output is be reduced due to the flue gas system limitations.

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Figure 9 – Boiler response to different Biomass fuel moistures

Moisture	-	10%	15%	25%	35%	45%
GCV	GJ/te	18.25	17.2	15.2	13.2	11.2
Gross heat release	GJ/h	1,643	1,660	1,700	1,675	1,600
Flue gas flow	Te/h	700	715	750	750	750
Steam flow	%MCR	100%	100%	100%	94%	85%
Fuel flow	Te/h	89.8	96	112	127	143

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434 From the above table, the maximum heat input (Gross heat release) occurs at 25% fuel moisture content.

## 435 4.2.3 Plant operating range

The plant can operate in a number of operating modes. In normal automatic control mode with both boilers in service, the plant can accept electrical output load changes between 70% and 100%. The plant 438 can also operate with only one boiler in service. This means that depending on the operating 439 configuration, the normal plant operating electrical output range can be considered as follows:

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Mode	Net Plant Electrical Output Range
Two boilers normal operation	90 – 128 MW
One boiler out of service operation	50 – 64 MW

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- 442 Plant electrical output outside of this range are not considered routine operations.
- 443 4.2.4 <u>Flue Gas Emissions</u>

The existing flue gas cleaning equipment will be used for Biomass fuel. The FiCirc<sup>™</sup> boilers are inherently
 able to control the NOx and SOx as discussed in the section previously.

446 The Fabric Filter bags are used to reduce the particulate emissions as required by the EPA.

447 The existing cyclones located at the outlet of the FiCirc<sup>™</sup> combustion chamber are designed to prevent 448 all but the finest particles (typically <15 micron) from passing through to the back pass where the gases 449 are cooled prior to entry to the fabric filter bags. This prevents burning cinders from entering the baghouse 450 which is a problem with other types of firing such as stokers and bubbling fluidized beds.

451 4.2.5 Ash Handling

The 1994 Consent provided for the return of the Redbank boiler ash to Warkworth mine by a slurry pipeline. This is not proposed for the Biomass fuel conversion as Warkworth are not able to accept ash from Biomass from the Redbank plant.

The collection and storage of the ash (primarily fly-ash from the boiler combustion process collected by the bag filters) will not change. The ash it will be loaded into trucks by either of the following two systems which are located at the discharge of the 500 cubic meter capacity ash silo:

- 458 Wet paddle mixer discharge into a truck.
- 459 Dry ash transfer via telescopic chute to dry product handling truck.
- 460 The existing slurry pumping equipment will be stored on site enable future use. No new equipment is 461 required.

## 462 5 EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS TO UTILISE BIOMASS FUEL -

- This section of the document describes the physical alterations to the plant and process equipment necessary to fire Biomass fuel.
- The modifications are necessary as Biomass is much less dense than coal, and has a lower Calorific Value, and tends to arch or bridge over outlet openings and cause blockages. Additional conveyor volume capacity is required, and some modification to silos and transfer systems which are designed according to the following principles.
- 469 The Supplementary fuel as envisaged in the Amended EIS (unmarketable coal) will not be
  470 used for the plant as supplementary fuel.
- 471 The Biomass fuel will be transported and stored in the equipment and locations which were
   472 designated for the Supplementary fuel.
- 473 The Supplementary fuel equipment will be modified as necessary to accommodate the
   474 characteristics of the Biomass fuel. Such modifications are not irreversible.

- 475 The BDT fuel capability will be maintained.
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   The existing dust collection equipment associated with the fuel handling system will be reused
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   and where new transfer points are proposed, new dust filter systems will be provided.
- 478 Existing equipment that is not required for biomass firing will be left in-situ or stored on the site
   479 to enable future re-use.
- 480 A Key Plan of the proposed works is provided below and in Appendix C.
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Figure 11 - Key Plan of Proposed Works



- 483 The following outlines the key features of the proposed system.
- 484 Installation of an additional weighbridge and internal road works
- 485 Biomass fuel supply, stockpile and reclaim
- 486 Conveyor system modifications
- 487 Boiler silo and feed system modifications

## 488 **5.1 Fuel Receiving and Distribution**

Biomass fuel will be delivered by B-Double vehicles via two dual truck unloading stations near the existing
 ash silo and the stations will feed the Biomass fuel onto either:

491 - A mobile stacker feed conveyor from the delivery area to the stockpile stacker unit, with an
492 elevated discharge chute and with stockpile reclaim via front-end loader to "moving floor bulk
493 unloader bins".

- 494 A separate unloading conveyor to feed the CV76 reclaim conveyor directly via "moving floor
- 495 bulk unloader bins" as shown below (per Keith manufacturing)
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Figure 12 - Moving Floor Bulk Unloader Bin



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These devices replace the existing stacking conveyor CV36, as it is not of sufficient dimension or capacity for handling Biomass fuel.

## 500 5.2 Fuel Storage Area

501 The Biomass fuel stockpile will occupy the area dedicated to the Supplementary Fuel storage, and its 502 tonnage capacity is reduced due to the lower density of the Biomass fuel compared to coal. The stockpile 503 area accommodates 3 days storage capacity.

504 Biomass fuel storage will be stored in an uncovered area. Covered storage is more commonly used 505 overseas in colder, wetter climates for protection against the elements and to maintain a more consistent 506 moisture content fuel.

507 We draw your attention to some local examples. The large industrial sized woodchip fired power plant at

508 Visy Tumut in NSW uses uncovered storage of approximately 28,000 m<sup>3</sup>/ 11,000 te as shown below and

509 they are in a wetter climate than Redbank.

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Figure 13 - View of Visy Tumut Stacker (AMECO)



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512 Another example is Rocky Point in Gold Coast, 30 MWe power plant in QLD, it fires wood waste in the 513 off season and does not have any covered storage.

514 Based on the considerations above and Redbank FiCirc<sup>™</sup> Fluidised bed boiler combustion capability to 515 handle various moisture content woodchips an outdoor uncovered stockpile is proposed.

## 516 5.3 Fuel Conveyors

517 The Biomass fuel proposal considers the re-use of both the BDT and Supplementary fuel conveyors. A 518 substantial portion of fuel transport equipment may be re purposed for Biomass fuel including.

- 519 CV76 Existing reclaim conveyor
- CV34 Existing tailing/ supplementary fuel conveyor (from tripper house to Boiler 1)
- 521 CV35 Existing Supplementary Fuel (BUF) conveyor (from crusher house to Boiler 2)

522 In order to transport the necessary quantity of Biomass fuel form the stockpile to the boilers, it is 523 necessary to use both conveyors CV34 and CV35 simultaneously. Conveyor CV34 (also the tailings 524 conveyor) will be used to feed boiler 1, and CV35 (the Supplementary fuel conveyor) will be sed to feed 525 boiler 2.

- 526 The following sections describe the changes necessary to accomplish the above.
- 527 5.3.1 Transfer Crusher house transfer point

528 The transfer from the Supplementary fuel reclaim conveyor (CV76) to the main Supplementary fuel 529 conveyor (CV35) occurs at the crusher house. As the crusher is no longer needed, a new chute is required 530 to replace the coal crusher assembly and remove the coal crusher from service.

A Biomass fuel flow splitter will be provided at the outlet of the conveyor CV76 (in the crusher house) to

532 split the Biomass fuel stream to feed both the existing conveyor CV35 and the proposed new extension

- 533 of CV76 to feed conveyor CV34.
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536 5.3.2 <u>Fuel transfer at the boiler silo roof areas</u>

537 The current system of chutes discharging Supplementary fuel from conveyor CV35 to the boiler fuel silos 538 is not suitable for use with Biomass fuel as the fuel is likely to hang up or choke in the chutes, and so to 539 feed Biomass fuel from the existing CV34 and CV35 conveyors into the fuel silos the following 540 modifications are proposed:

- 541 A new fixed tripper (diverter) pulley set and transfer chute-work for the tailings conveyor (CV34) 542 in the Boiler Unit 1 silo roof area to allow either of the following to occur:
- 543 544
- Provide Biomass fuel to the reversing conveyor system, OR
- Allow BDT to continue its travel to the BDT silos located between Boiler Units 1 and 2.
- 545 The existing Supplementary fuel conveyor (CV35) then feeds the reversing conveyor system for 546 boiler unit 2 only.
- 547 The reversing conveyors distribute the fuel from the delivery points for boiler 1 and boiler 2 from 548 CV34 and CV35 respectively and distribute the fuel into the existing fuel silos.

549 The following diagrams illustrate the above description:



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Note - The above sketch indicates modification to tailings conveyor local to boiler 1. Grey equipment (including conveyor gantries, silo cylinder and roof) is existing, and modifications for Biomass fuel are shown with green shading.





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## 561 5.4 Boiler Supplementary Fuel Feed System

### 562 5.4.1 <u>Fuel Silos</u>

563 The existing boiler fuel silos have dual-outlet trouser-leg hoppers designed for Supplementary fuel. The 564 base of the existing silos will be converted to be suitable for Biomass fuel by the replacement the portion 565 of the silo below the existing construction joint to include a flat-bottom bin with a rotary screw auger. The 566 rotary screw augers provide Biomass fuel for the boiler fuel feeding system. Fire deluge nozzles will be 567 fitted to each of the existing silos.

No. of silos	3 per boiler (six total)
Nominal diameter	6000mm (existing portion)
	4676mm (new bottom portion)
Storage capacity (nominal)	250m <sup>3</sup> each
Residence time (nominal)	4 hours
Biomass fuel outlet feeder	600mm auger screw type

Figure 18 - Fuel Silo Modification Specification

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## 570 5.4.2 Fuel feeding system (from silo to feeder)

- 571 The existing Supplementary fuel weigh feeders are not of sufficient capacity for the Biomass fuel volume
- 572 and will be replaced by screw feeders to deliver Biomass fuel from the bin auger discharge to the existing 573 boiler feed chutes.
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- Figure 19 View of modified silo bases and Biomass fuel feeders



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576 The above sketch shows (in green colour) the new bottom portion of the silos and the Biomass fuel boiler 577 screw feeders. The grey components including steelwork remain unchanged.

578 The above feed system discharges into six fuel spreaders located on the side wall of the FiCirc<sup>™</sup> 579 combustion chamber. These fuel spreaders will be retained as they are suitable for Biomass fuel.

## 581 APPENDIX A – FUEL ANALYSIS

582 The following is the specification for the "Design Biomass" fuel analysis which has used for the design 583 basis for the conversion of the Redbank plant to fire biomass.

584 Type of fuel: Wood chip or equivalent Biomass fuel consistent with the requirements of the EPA NSW document "<u>Eligible Waste Fuel Guidelines</u>" of December 2016.

586 The following table specifies the range of fuel properties consistent with the boiler plant design 587 capabilities.

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Figure 20 - Design Biomass Fuel (analysis by mass%).

Parameter	Units	Design	Range or Limit
General Properties			
Calorific Value	MJ/kg (dry ash free)	20.2	19 - 22
Moisture	% (as fired)	25	10 to 50
Ash	% (as fired)	0.5	0.3 - 4
Chlorine	% (dry ash free)	0.02	up to 0.05
Sulphur	% (dry ash free)	0.1	up to 0.2
Particle size (Comply with P45A EN 15149-1)			
≥_120 mm	% mass	0	
< 120 mm & > 100 mm	% mass	≤ 3.5%	
< 100 mm & > 63 mm	% mass	≤6%	
< 45 mm & > 8 mm	% mass	≥75%	
< 3.15 mm	% mass	≤8%	
Physical Properties (Note 1)			
Bulk Density	kg/m3		160 - 490
Ash Analysis (dry basis) (Typical)			
Silicon as SiO3	% in ash		10 to 30
Aluminium as AL2O3	% in ash		5 to 30
Iron as Fe2O3	% in ash		3 to 12
Calcium as CaO	% in ash		10- to 30
Magnesium as MgO	% in ash		5 to 22
Sodium as Na2O	% in ash		0.3 to 1.7
Potassium as K2O	% in ash		5 to 15
Titanium as TiO2	% in ash		0.1 to 1
Manganese as Mn2O4	% in ash		0.3 to 8
Sulphur as SO3	% in ash		1 to 9
Phosphorus as P2O5	% in ash		1 to 5
Ash Fusion Temperatures			
Initial Deformation	°C		>1200
Hemispherical	°C		>1230
Trace Elements (dry fuel basis)			
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg in fuel		<0.1
Cadmium + Thallium (Cd + Tl)	mg/kg in fuel		<1
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg in fuel		<100
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg in fuel		<20
Chromium (Cr), Copper (Cu), Arsenic (As)	mg/kg in fuel		<21

590 The following table gives a range of fuel properties which may be considered. Typical values for Tailings

- 591 (as BDT) and for Supplementary Fuel (as ROM). The properties are tabled for reference purposes.
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Figure 21 – Typical fuel ultimate analysis by mass%.

Comparison of analyies of Wood, BDT & ROM Coal		Hunter Energy SGS Wood	Hunter Energy SGS Wood	Hunter Energy SGS Wood	Hunter Energy SGS Wood	Typical Wood Chips	BDT (tailing) Mean HRL 2005	ROM Coal HRL 2005
BASIS		As Fired 15%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 35%	As Fired 45%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 33.4%	As Fired 9.7%
Carbon	% Mass	43.94	38.77	33.60	28.43	36.68	39.03	52.24
Hydrogen	% Mass	5.11	4.51	3.91	3.31	4.44	2.41	3.30
Nitrogen	% Mass	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.28	0.89	1.13
Sulphur	% Mass	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.32	0.42
Oxygen	% Mass	35.30	31.15	27.00	22.84	32.85	4.88	7.16
H2O	% Mass	15.00	25.00	35.00	45.00	25.00	33.40	9.70
ASH	% Mass	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.29	0.73	19.08	26.05
TOTAL	% Mass	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
ASH	% Mass db	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.97	28.65	28.85
GCV	MJ/Kg	17.24	15.21	13.18	11.15	15.07	16.01	21.40
NCV	MJ/Kg	15.74	13.60	11.46	9.32	13.48	14.66	20.44
			-					
GCV daf	MJ/Kg	20.39	20.39	20.39	20.39	20.29	33.68	33.31

- where GCV.daf in the above table indicates Gross Calorific Value on a dry as-free basis.

595 The "Design Biomass" fuel used for the Redbank plant performance calculations firing biomass is the 596 Wood fuel listed in the "As fired 25%"(moisture)" column in the figure above.

## 597 Fuel Sizing

598 Fuel will be sized and screened off site and be prepared in accordance with the boiler requirements.

- Wood chipped and screened to 50 mm nominal size
- Maximum of the sum of three dimensions to be less than 150 mm (length+width+thickness)
- Recommended Sizing is Indicated by the dark line
- Acceptable Sizing is indicated by the Shaded Band
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## 607 **APPENDIX B – FUEL CALORIFIC VALUE**

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## 609 B1.0 Calorific value

This Appendix explains the basis of the calculation of the Gross Calorific Value (or GCV) for woodyBiomass fuels such as these proposed for use at the Redbank Power Station.

The Calorific Value of a fuel is the amount of heat liberated by its complete combustion expressed as
 kJ/kg (or MJ/kg or GJ/t) for solid fuels. The terms Higher Heating Value, or Gross Specific Energy may
 also be used but are synonymous with GCV in relation to solid fuels.

The calorific value can be either a Gross Heating Value or a Net Heating Value and are by convention calculated with respect to a standard reference temperature.

617 Gross Calorific Value (GCV) is also known as Higher Heating Value (HHV)

### 618 Net Calorific Value (NCV) is also known as Lower Heating Value (LHV)

619 The difference between GCV and NCV above is that the GCV includes, and the NCV excludes the energy

used to vaporise water contained in the original energy form or created during the combustion process.

- 621 Thus the difference for a solid fuel may be expressed as:
- 622 NCV = GCV (Latent heat of water x (Water in fuel + 8.94 x Hydrogen in fuel))
- 623 Where the water and hydrogen in fuel are expressed as mass fractions.
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## 625 **B2.0 Basis of Gross Calorific Value for the Redbank Plant**

For a consistent basis of determining the anticipated power plant performance and stack emissions a "Design Biomass fuel" fuel must be defined.

The basis for B&PPS documents prepared for Hunter Energy is a Design Biomass fuel having a Gross Calorific Value of 15.21 MJ/kg (GJ/t) and containing a moisture content of 25%. This value was determined from an average (arithmetic mean) of samples analysed by SGS during June 2020 and the average moisture content of the Biomass fuel that will be supplied to Redbank. The SGS analytical report and Biomass fuel moisture were provided to B&PPS by Costa Tsiolkas of Hunter Energy.

633 B&PPS were subsequently provided with another analytical report prepared by HRL dated October 2020.

- A comparison for the laboratory analyses is provided in Table 1.
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Biomass Analysis for Redbank 2020		SGS Sample Average 5 Jun 20	SGS Sample 1 Top 5 Jun 20	SGS Sample 2 Middle 5 Jun 20	SGS Sample 3 Bottom 5 Jun 20	HLR Sample Average 21 Oct 20	HRL Karuah - Shavings/ Sawdust 21 Oct 20	HRL Heron Creek Sample 2 Boral 21 Oct 20	HRL Buladelah Newells Creek Sawmill 21Oct 20	HRL Buladelah Relts 21 Oct 20	HRL Sweetmans Sawmill 21 Oct 20
BASIS		As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%	As Fired 25%
С	% Mass	38.77	38.42	38.94	38.95	38.21	38.18	38.03	38.25	38.33	38.25
Н	% Mass	4.51	4.54	4.49	4.50	4.19	4.13	4.35	4.20	4.13	4.13
Ν	% Mass	0.14	0.20	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.08	0.12	0.14	0.21
S	% Mass	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
0	% Mass	31.15	31.23	31.10	31.11	32.24	31.92	32.49	32.31	32.25	32.22
H2O	% Mass	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
ASH	% Mass	0.40	0.56	0.32	0.32	0.24	0.66	0.07	0.12	0.15	0.20
TOTAL	% Mass	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.01	100.00	100.01	100.01	100.00	100.00
Gross CV	MJ/Kg	15.21	14.87	15.47	15.28	15.00	14.85	14.85	15.08	15.08	15.15
Nett CV	MJ/Kg	13.60	13.26	13.86	13.68	13.46	13.33	13.28	13.53	13.55	13.63
GCV daf	MJ/Ka	20.39	19 98	20.71	20.47	20.06	19.98	19.82	20.13	20.14	20.25

### 636 <u>Table 1 – Results of Laboratory Samples of Woody Biomass fuel</u>

Fuel: Biomass Laboratory Analysis for Redbank by SGS and HRL

Notes

Anayses brought to same 25% moisture basis

637 SGS Sample Average used for Design Biomass Fuel

daf = oven dried ash free basis. This is a method of comparing calorific value of Biomass fuel with varying moisture and ash contents.

639 The following References for the SGS and HRL reports are given below:

SGS Analytical Report NCM20-01874 RO	HRL Report 201187-1
Dated 1 June- 2020	Dated 21 October 2020
SGS Australia – Mayfield West	HRL Technology Group Pty Ltd
6A Metal Pit Drive	Unit 4, level 1, 677 Springvale Road
Steel River Industrial Estate	Mulgave Victoria 3070

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641 The HRL results are not substantially different from SGS and they all fall within the expected variation for

642 woody Biomass fuel which varies between tree species, growing location, soil types, method of harvesting

643 etc.

## 644 B3.0 Comparison of Calorific Value with Published Data for Woody Biomass fuel

The variation in Higher Heating Value (HHV) or GCV for dry woody Biomass fuel is shown in Table IX
 below. This is an extract from "Combustion Fossil Power", a reference book on fuel burning and steam
 generation published by Combustion Engineering, fourth edition 1991.

Note that the Gross Calorific Values for the SGS and HRL samples fall within the same range of typical
 values when compared on a dry basis to those in Table IX. The SGS and HRL values (last row of table
 1) range between 19.98 and 20.71 MJ/kg and the typical values in table 2 (last column) range between

- 19.03 and 22.35 if the outlier 26.33 is disregarded.
- 652 It is B&PPS experience that wood Biomass fuel on a dry ash free basis found in Australia is normally in 653 the range of 20 to 20.4 MJ/kg if the sample population is of reasonable size.

Table IX. Typical Analyses of Dry Wood					1 Btu/I	o = 2.326 kJ/kg		
			% by	Weight			HHV,	 HHV **
Sugar Sec.	С	H <sub>2</sub>	S	02	N2	Ash	Btu/Lb	GJ/t dry
Softwoods +								
Cedar, white	48.80	6.37		44.46		0.37	8400*	19.54
Cypress	54.98	6.54		38.08		0.40	9870*	22.96
Fir, Douglas	52.3	6.3		40.5	0.1	0.8	9050	21.05
Hemlock, western	50.4	5.8	0.1	41.4	0.1	2.2	8620	20.05
Pine, pitch	59.00	7.19		32.68		1.13	11320*	26.33
white	52.55	6.08		41.25		0.12	8900*	20.70
yellow	52.60	7.02		40.07		0.31	9610*	22.35
Redwood	53.5	5.9		40.3	0.1	0.2	9040	21.03
Hardwoods †								
Ash, white	49.73	6.93		43.04		0.30	8920*	20.75
Beech	51.64	6.26		41.45		0.65	8760*	20.38
Birch, white	49.77	6.49		43.45		0.29	8650*	20.12
Elm	50.35	6.57		42.34		0.74	8810*	20.49
Hickory	49.67	6.49		43.11		0.73	8670*	20.17
Maple	50.64	6.02		41.74	0.25	1.35	8580	19.96
Oak, black	48.78	6.09		44.98		0.15	8180*	19.03
red	49.49	6.62		43.74		0.15	8690*	20.21
white	50.44	6.59		42.73		0.24	8810*	20.49
Poplar	51.64	6.26		41.45		0.65	8920*	20.75

\*Calculated from reported high heating value of kiln-dried wood assumed to contain 8-percent moisture.

"The terms "hard" and "soft" wood, contrary to popular conception, have no reference to the actual hardness of the wood. According to the Wood Handbook, prepared by the Forest Products Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, hardwoods belong to the botanical group of trees that are broad-leaved whereas softwoods belong to the group that have needle or scalelike leaves, such as evergreens: cypress, larch, and tamarack are exceptions.

654 \*\* Conversion to GJ/t added by B&PPS

#### 655 Note GJ/t = MJ/kg

656 However, while it is convenient to compare Biomass fuel on an oven dry basis, woody Biomass fuel in

657 nature contains moisture ranging from about 15% to 25% for seasoned air-dried logs to over 50% for

658 freshly cut green timber. For the 25% moisture and 0.4% ash in fuel as fired, the Fuel Gross Calorific

659 Value on a DAF (Dry Ash Free) is calculated as follows:

Parameter	Value
Fuel moisture content	25%
Fuel Ash Content	0.4%
Fuel Gross Calorific Value (measured)	15.21 MJ/kg
Fuel DAF Calorific Value (calculated)	20.39 MJ/kg

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661 Thus the measured calorific value is consistent with the values noted in Table IX, and with the 662 considerations above.

## 663 APPENDIX C – DRAWINGS

664 The following drawings are provided as a part of this document.

## 665

Drawing No.	Rev	Dated	Description
80034-000-5001	7	18.10.2021	ALSTOM drawing marked-up to show proposed changes.
80034-007-P-PI-063-8551	2	29.09.1999	ABB/ USF Water Treatment Plant – Flow Balance Diagram
C12198-000-010	В	18.10.2021	Key Plan Showing Proposed Modifications
C12198-000-100	D	20.10.2021	Boiler Plant Area East Elevation "View A-A"
C12198-000-120	В	18.10.2021	Boiler Plant Area South Elevation "View B-B"
C12198-000-130	А	18.10.2021	Boiler Plant Area West Elevation "View C-C"
C12198-000-140	А	18.10.2021	Boiler Plant Area North Elevation "View D-D"
C12198-121-105	А	18.10.2021	Biomass Plant Area East Elevation "View E-E"
C12198-121-110	С	20.10.2021	Biomass Plant Area South Elevation "View F-F"
C12198-121-111	Е	18.10.2021	Boiler Plant Area Conveyor System Plan
C12198-PFD-001	Е	19.10.2021	Material Handling Process Flow Diagram

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# Figure 22 - Key Plan of Site Views in this report











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