

SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT

(Waste Management and Pollution Control Act)

Date and Time of Notification:	24/03/2019
Person / Company:	Paul Walford, Plantation Management Partners
Incident:	Excessive rain at Port Melville leading to Basin 4 discharging water into Apsley Strait.
(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Heavy rainfalls during the past few days has caused tannin control basins to reach capacity, this morning the pumps could not keep up and Basin 4 overflowed in the Apsley Strait. As per Environmental Tannin Management Plan a sample was collected and photos were taken. There is also leakage seeping from the wall next to basin 1. As per Environmental Tannin Management Plan a sample was collected and photos were taken.
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Port Melville Tiwi Island
(c) the date and time of the incident	24 th of March
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	Tannin from woodchip is leaching into rainwater. It collects in basins dedicated to catching the tannin/water mixture. This high/heavy rainfall event caused basin 4 to fill and overflow.
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	A new pump was purchased to help in such cases but was not on the Island, arrives on the Barge Monday the 25/03/2019. The spare diesel pump was used to help basin 1 but as the water came up the pump was submerged and could not be used to help basin 4. Basin 4 had been increased in size this year to increase holding capacity. Dam sealant is being deployed into basin 1 to stop water leaking through the basin wall. Please see incident report attached.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Paul Walford Plantation Management Partners 08 89783773