

## SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (*Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

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| <b>Date and Time of Notification:</b>  | 21/01/2023 11am   |
| <b>Person / Company:</b>   | Plantation Management Partners Ltd  |
| <b>Incident:</b>   | Discharge of dilute Tannin water into Apsley Strait   |
| <b>(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution</b>  | Tannin basins 1 and 4 overflowed into Apsley Straight. The electric pump system was overwhelmed after 238mm of rain had fallen in the 24 hours prior.   |
| <b>(b) the place where the incident occurred</b>   | Port Melville   |
| <b>(c) the date and time of the incident</b>   | 21/01/2023  |
| <b>(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur</b>   | Tannin from woodchip leeches into a series of catch ponds around the chip storage site. These ponds auto-pump to a main pond T4, which then auto-distributes into surrounding forested area. The extreme rainfall event has caused a lot of general run-off to enter ponds T1 and T4 and this has caused dilute tannin water overflow down spillways to the strait. |
| <b>(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</b> | An additional pump was installed in basin 4 in 2020.<br><br>Basin 4 was increased in size 2020<br><br>Automation of pump system to ensure pumps start when site is unmanned 2022  |
| <b>(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA</b>   | Josh Mitchell   |