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Statement No. 882

STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

SPOTTED QUOLL OPEN PIT NICKEL MINE SHIRE OF KONDININ

Proposal: Refer to Ministerial Statement 808.

Proponent: Western Areas NL

Proponent Address: Level 2, 2 Kings Park Road WEST PERTH WA 6005

Assessment Number: 1795

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Report 1417

Previous report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Report 1334

Previous Statement Number: 808 (published on 17 September 2009)

The implementation of the proposal to which the above report of the Environmental Protection Authority relates is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statement 808, as amended by the following:

1. Condition 8-2 replaced

Condition 8-2 of Ministerial Statement 808 is deleted and replaced with:

"8-2 The proponent shall submit a Rehabilitation and Mine Closure Plan which is to be prepared to the requirements of the CEO of the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority with the advice of other agencies as appropriate within 12 months of the commencement of ground disturbing activities.

The Rehabilitation and Mine Closure Plan shall cover:

1. landform design and material characterisation outcomes;

- 2. rehabilitation completion criteria consistent with Environmental Protection Authority Guidance Statement No. 6 *Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors: Rehabilitation of Terrestrial Ecosystems* to provide a self-sustaining, functional ecosystem comprising native vegetation of local provenance species;
- 3. progressive rehabilitation timelines and monitoring against key performance indicators;
- 4. annual reporting procedures;
- 5. procedures to review and revise the Rehabilitation and Mine Closure Plan;
- 6. measures for preventing groundwater contamination outside of the final pit void; and
- 7. in the event that a pit lake forms, management measures for ensuring the site is inaccessible to fauna identified as being at risk of impact and for protecting the surrounding native vegetation from potential adverse impacts. The management measures are to be practicable and in accordance with best practice mine closure safety and environmental standards."

2. Condition 8-3 deleted

Condition 8-3 of Ministerial Statement 808 is deleted.

[Signed 2 December 2011]

HON BILL MARMION MLA MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER