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WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**CHEMICAL BATCHING AND PACKAGING PLANT, NAPIER ROAD, PINJARRA(470)**

**RHONE-POULENC CHIMIE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD**

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made in the Consultative Environmental Review and in response to matters raised during the public review. (A copy of the consolidated commitments is attached).
2. Subject to these conditions, the manner of detailed implementation of the proposal shall conform in substance with that set out in any designs, specifications, plans or other technical material submitted by the proponent to the Environmental Protection Authority with the proposal. Where, in the course of that detailed implementation, the proponent seeks to change those designs, specifications, plans or other technical material in any way that the Minister for the Environment determines on the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, those changes may be effected.
3. The proponent shall be responsible for decommissioning and removal of the plant and facilities installed for this proposal, and rehabilitating the site and its environs, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. At least six months prior to decommissioning, the proponent shall prepare and subsequently implement a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
4. No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

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5. If the proponent has not substantially commenced the project within five years of the date of this statement, then the approval to implement the proposal as granted in this statement shall lapse and be void. The Minister for the Environment shall determine any question as to whether the project has been substantially commenced. Any application to extend the period of five years referred to in this condition shall be made before the expiration of that period, to the Minister for the Environment by way of a request for a change in the condition under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act. (On expiration of the five year period, further consideration of the proposal can only occur following a new referral to the Environmental Protection Authority).

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Bob Pearce, MLA  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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## Proponent's list of environmental management commitments

The Proponent makes the following commitments to the Environmental Protection Authority relating to its proposal to establish a Chemical Batching and Packaging Plant at its existing Gallium Plant site, Pinjarra.

### General commitments

1. The proponent will adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and will fulfil the commitments made below.
2. Any additional construction, to the already Environmental Protection Authority approved Gallium Plant, will be carried out in compliance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

### Transport

3. The proponent will, at all times, comply with all regulations, as set down by the Department of Mines for the labelling, packaging and transport of all its raw materials and products under the "Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations".

### Wastewater/spillage and contaminated stormwater runoff

4. The proponent will maintain its wastewater/spillage and drainage system and evaporation ponds at all times, to the satisfaction of Environmental Protection Authority.
5. The facility will be constructed and operated to contain any liquid spillages, contaminated runoff within the site boundaries to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
6. In the case of leakage to the surrounding environment, the proponent will immediately clean up such leakage to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
7. Above-ground storage tanks areas, if any, will be bunded or otherwise provided with means of preventing escape of liquids either to the ground or as surface runoff. All contained spillages, wash-water and contaminated runoff within the sealed and bunded areas will be diverted to the evaporation ponds. All this will be done to the satisfaction of Environmental Protection Authority.

### Monitoring

8. Prior to commissioning, the proponent will submit and subsequently implement a monitoring programme to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. The monitoring programme will include:
  - parameters to be measured;
  - sampling sites and times;
  - pre-operational baseline data;
  - reporting times to Environmental Protection Authority; and,
  - a commitment to modify the environmental management programme, if necessary, to reduce any impact of pollution, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
9. All samples taken in the monitoring programme will be analysed in a laboratory acceptable to Environmental Protection Authority.

### Solid waste

10. The proponent will dispose of all solid wastes including spent containers in a manner satisfactory to the Environmental Protection Authority.

### **Fire security**

11. The plant equipment, process, and storage area will be made and kept safe from explosion or fire by flammable constituents to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.

### **Noise**

12. The proponent will operate the plant so as to minimise noise generation and noise levels at the boundary of its site at all times and in compliance with the Environmental Protection Act.

### **Dust**

13. Dust will be controlled at all times and during normal operations will not be visible.

### **Other commitments**

14. The proponent will take immediate remedial action should failure of the spillage collection system or evaporation pond system occur and this will be done immediately to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
15. If spillage or leakage were to cause an environmental impact, the proponent will rectify that impact as soon as possible to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
16. The proponent will control insects and weeds around the evaporation pond to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
17. The proponent will modify its pollution control operations, if necessary, so the potential for an environmental impact is reduced to a level acceptable to the Environmental Protection Authority.
18. The proponent will be responsible for decommissioning the plant and rehabilitating the site and its environs, to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.
19. The proponent will, at least six months prior to decommissioning, prepare a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority.

### **General reporting**

20. Reports will be provided to the Environmental Protection Authority, as requested by Environmental Protection Authority, on the operation of the facility after the plant is commissioned. Reporting will include advice to the Environmental Protection Authority on the fulfilment of any Ministerial Conditions and Commitments given by the proponent at relevant project stages.

### **Other**

21. The proponent will not transfer ownership of the Chemical Batching and Packaging plant without first advising the Environmental Protection Authority.