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## MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MINING METHODS OF ENEABBA SOUTH OPERATION FROM DRY MINING TO DREDGING - ASSOCIATED MINERALS CONSOLIDATED LIMITED

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent fulfilling the commitments given in the Notice of Intent and subsequent correspondence (summary of major commitments attached).
- The mining operation being carried out in accordance with the provisions for the protection and management of the environment in the Mineral Sands (Western Titanium) Agreement Act and the Mineral (Allied Eneabba) Agreement Act (as amended). These provisions ensure that the Company carries out a programme of investigation and research, to ascertain the effectiveness of its measures to protect the environment. Under the Agreements a Mineral Sands Rehabilitation Co-ordinating Committee (including EPA representation) has been established, which monitors the rehabilitation situation at Eneabba and advises the Minister for Minerals and Energy.

Barry Hodge, MIA MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

1.5 OCT 1907

## COMMITMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATED MINERALS CONSOLIDATED LTD. FOR THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MINING METHODS OF ENEABBA SOUTH OPERATION FROM DRY MINING TO DREDGING

- 1. The Company will undertake further investigations of the surficial aquifer.
  - (ie measure the gradient of the existing mound in aquifer from east to west.)
- The Company will ensure that areas will be closed off as soon as they can be released from mining and services; thus reducing the amount of area open.
- 3. Tailings will be rehabilitated and revegetated.