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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)**

BENTONITE MINING LEASE 70/738, GUNYIDI, SHIRE OF COOROW (706)

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This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1 Proponent Commitments

The proponent has made a number of environmental management commitments in order to protect the environment.

- 1-1 In implementing the proposal, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments (which are not inconsistent with the conditions or procedures contained in this statement) made and included in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 659. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

2 Implementation

Changes to the proposal which are not substantial may be carried out with the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

- 2-1 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 Proponent

These conditions legally apply to the nominated proponent.

- 3-1 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.

4 Time Limit on Approval

The environmental approval for the proposal is limited.

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- 4-1 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.)

5 Compliance Auditing

In order to ensure that environmental conditions and commitments are met, an audit system is required.

- 5-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Progress and Compliance Reports", to help verify the environmental performance of this project, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority.

Procedure

The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.

If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.



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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

COMMITMENTS

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WATHEROO CLAY PROJECT - LAKE E
REVISED COMMITMENTS - NOVEMBER 1992

COMMITMENT 1: End Land Use.

Following the final assessment of ore reserves and prior to productive mining the company will, in conjunction with the Department of Minerals and Energy and to the requirements of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, develop a management strategy that will permit the reinstatement of the mined area into the Watheroo National Park following the cessation of mining.

COMMITMENT 2: Flora.

Following mining consent, Western Minerals will install a plain wire fence to clearly define the approved mining area and access roads, thereby providing a physical barrier and restricting access for vehicles so as to control unnecessary disturbance to vegetation and fauna habitats. This will be located and constructed to the requirements of the Department of Minerals and Energy on advice from the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Commitment 3: Fauna

The company undertakes to;

- enforce restrictions on the use of firearms,
 - exclude domestic animals from its operations,
 - ensure the mine is kept free of rubbish,
- to the requirements of the Department of Minerals and Energy

COMMITMENT 4: Dieback & Weed Management.

Western Minerals will implement a dieback management strategy as detailed in Appendix 2 of the CER. Key points include:

- . restrict vehicles to designated roads and work areas
- . keep vehicles and machinery clean,
- . operate under dry soil conditions,
- . construct roads from local limestone material,

. fence laneway and mining area,
to the requirements of the Department of Minerals and
Energy on advice from the Department of Conservation and
Land Management.

COMMITMENT 5: Fire.

The company undertakes that:

- . no fires will be permitted by operations personnel on the mining lease;
- . all vehicles will be fitted with regulation mufflers;
- . support will be provided to the volunteer bush fire fighters and C.A.L.M. in the event of fires in the region;

to the requirements of the Department of Minerals and Energy, on advice from the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the local shire councils.

COMMITMENT 6: Water

The proponent undertakes to:

- . ensure that no activity shall be conducted that will cause pollution to the ground or surface water.
- . monitor ground and surface water quality and quantity during mining operations

to the requirements of the Department of Minerals and Energy.

COMMITMENT 7: Noise

All mining vehicles will be fitted with approved and serviceable silencers that conform to the Mines Regulation Act as directed by the Department of Minerals and Energy.

COMMITMENT 8: Rehabilitation

Following the final assessment of ore reserves and prior to productive mining the proponent will, in conjunction with the Department of Minerals and Energy and to the requirements of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, develop a rehabilitation strategy conducive to the designated end land use. The strategy will be implemented progressively during the life of the mine.