



MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE;  
~~WATER RESOURCES~~

Statement No.

000575

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

SILICON PROJECT, KEMERTON AND MINE AT MOORA

**Proponent:** Simcoa Operations Pty Ltd

**Proponent Address:** PO Box 1389, BUNBURY WA 6231

**Assessment Number:** 1383

**Previous Assessment Numbers:** 165 and 737

**Previous Statement Numbers:** Statement No. 027 published on 13 May 1988  
Statement No. 279 published on 10 August 1992

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletin 1027

**Previous Reports of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Bulletins 328 and 631.

The implementation of the proposal to which the above reports of the Environmental Protection Authority relate is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statements Nos. 027 (13 May 1988) and 279 (10 August 1992), as amended by the following:

*Conditions 1A and 1B (Commitments and Implementation) of Statement No. 279 are deleted and the following conditions are inserted:*

**Commitments and Implementation**

1-1 In implementing the proposal, including the proposed amendment reported on in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 631, the proponent shall fulfil the commitments of statement no. 027 (13 May 1988).

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- 1-2 The proponent shall implement subsequent commitments which the proponent makes as part of the fulfilment of the conditions in this and previous statements.
- 1-3 Where the proponent seeks to change any aspect of the proposal in any way that the Minister for the Environment and Heritage determines, on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is substantial, the proponent shall refer the matter to the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 1-4 Where the proponent seeks to change any aspect of the proposal in any way that the Minister for the Environment and Heritage determines, on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, is not substantial, the proponent may implement those changes upon receipt of written advice.

*Condition 12 (Monitoring of Regelia megacephala) of Statement No. 027 is deleted and the following conditions are inserted:*

- 12-1 Within one year following the formal authority issued to the decision-making authorities under Section 45(7) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, the proponent shall prepare a monitoring and management programme to manage the effect of mining activities on the Coomberdale Chert Threatened Ecological Community, and on populations of *Regelia megacephala* and other priority and declared rare flora species, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.
- 12-2 The proponent shall implement the monitoring and management programme required by condition 12-1 to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

*The following conditions 20 (Mining and Conservation Strategy), 21 (Surrender of mining lease) and 22 (Rehabilitation) are inserted immediately following condition 19 of Statement No. 027:*

20. Prior to expansion of mining into the Eastern Ridge area, the proponent shall prepare, and then subsequently implement, a Mining and Conservation Strategy, in co-operation with the Department of Conservation and Land Management, and to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority.

The objective of this strategy is to ensure that conservation of biodiversity values is achieved whilst maintaining long-term access to the chert resource.

The Mining and Conservation Strategy shall address the following matters:

- (1) Additional reconnaissance exploration to identify other parts of the Coomberdale Chert formation, both within and outside current lease areas, which may contain sufficiently high grade quartz in areas where the chert-associated vegetation is already absent or degraded;
  - (2) Provision of support (subject to negotiation) to the Department of Conservation and Land Management for regional flora surveys to identify and map other parts of the Coomberdale Chert formation which may contain the same or other significant flora associated with the chert;
  - (3) Based on the outcomes of (1) and (2) above, and in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Land Management, development of the best strategy to ensure both access to the resource and conservation, in secure reserves, of the flora of the Coomberdale Chert formation;
  - (4) Additional conservation offsets, if required, such as the Cairn Hill North area and other significant areas of vegetation to form "stepping stones" or "linkages" with Cairn Hill and other ridges in the area; and
  - (5) Provision for fencing of significant areas of vegetation, whether part of reserves or other properties, and, during the operational life of the mine, provision of resources for conservation management.
21. The proponent shall surrender Mining Lease no. M70/1055 covering Cairn Hill at such time as requested by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Conservation and Land Management. The Mining lease shall be surrendered in accordance with procedure 3 below.
22. Within one year following the formal authority issued to the decision-making authorities under Section 45(7) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, the proponent shall prepare a Rehabilitation Plan and commence rehabilitation trials, using local native flora species, including priority and declared rare flora species, to the requirements of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage on advice of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

*The following procedure is inserted immediately following the two procedures of Statement No. 279:*

3. Surrender of Mining Lease no. M70/1055 covering Cairn Hill (See condition 21).

The proponent will effect surrender of Mining Lease no. M70/1055 immediately following gazettal of the A-Class Reserve at Cairn Hill. The Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources has confirmed that it has no objection to the establishment of the A-Class Reserve.

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