

INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) invites people to make a submission on this proposal. The environmental impact assessment process is designed to be transparent and accountable, and includes specific points for public involvement, including opportunities for public review of environmental review documents. In releasing this document for public comment, the EPA advises that no decisions have been made to allow this proposal to be implemented.

Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd (Moly Mines) proposes to construct and operate the Spinifex Ridge Molybdenum Project (Spinifex Ridge), which is located approximately 50 km north east of Marble Bar in Western Australia.

The project will involve the open pit mining and processing of 20 Million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of ore to produce an average 23,000 tpa of molybdenum concentrate and 48,000 tpa of copper concentrate (co-product) and development of associated infrastructure. Spinifex Ridge has a nominal ten year life of mine and will be a significant contributor to the world molybdenum market. In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986, a Public Environmental Review (PER) has been prepared which describes this proposal and its likely effects on the environment. The Draft PER is available for a public review period of 6 weeks from 20th September to 2nd October 2007.

Comments from government agencies and from the public will assist the EPA to prepare an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

VIEWING THE PER

The PER can be downloaded from the Moly Mines website www.molymines.com or be viewed at the following locations:

Department of Environment and Conservation Library/Reading Room 4th Floor, The Atrium 168 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000	Department of Environment and Conservation Pilbara Region Office PO Box 835 KARRATHA WA 6714
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Port Hedland Public Library

Marble Bar Public Library

Newman Public Library

JS Battye Library

Hard copies of the PER are available at a cost of \$10 for the main document or \$5 for a CD-ROM version (includes postage and packaging). Requests for hard copies or CD-ROM copies should be directed to:

Moly Mines Ltd,
P.O. Box 8215,
Subiaco East,
Western Australia, 6008
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WHY WRITE A SUBMISSION?

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action - including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Electronic submissions will be acknowledged electronically. The proponent will be required to provide adequate responses to points raised in submissions. In preparing its assessment report for the Minister for the Environment, the EPA will consider the information in submissions, the proponent's responses and other relevant information. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided

and received in confidence, subject to the requirements of the *Western Australian Freedom of Information Act 1992*, and may be quoted in full or in part in each report.

WHY NOT JOIN A GROUP?

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining with a group or other groups interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people) please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

DEVELOPING A SUBMISSION

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the PER or the specific proposals. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal environmentally more acceptable.

When making comments on specific proposals in the PER:

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable;
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND.

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the PER;
- if you discuss different sections of the PER, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering;
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name;
- address;
- date; and
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The closing date for submissions is: 2nd October 2007

The EPA prefers submissions to be made electronically using one of the following:

- the submission form on the EPA's website: www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp;
- by email to submissions.eia@dec.wa.gov.au;
- by email to the officer douglas.betts@dec.wa.gov.au.

Alternatively submissions can be

- posted to: Chairman, Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 33, CLOISTERS SQUARE WA 6850, Attention: (Douglas Betts); or
- delivered to the Environmental Protection Authority, Level 4, The Atrium, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth, Attention: (Douglas Betts); or
- faxed to (08) 6467 5562.

If you have any questions on how to make a submission, please ring the EPA assessment officer, Douglas Betts on 6467 5406.