

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Sections 51 and 52 **Public notice of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** **Proposed Dugald River Project**

An EIS has been prepared on behalf of the Mining and Metals Group (MMG) Pty Ltd for the proposed Dugald River Project to be located on mining development licence 79, exploration permit minerals 12163, mining leases 2467-71, 2477-82, 2496-99, 2500-02, 2556-59, 2596, 2599, 2601, 2638, 2684-85, 7496, 90047, 90049 and 90050-51, mining lease applications 90211, 90212 and 90213, and parcel prospecting permits 90520-23.

The proposed project is located approximately 65 kilometres north-west of Cloncurry, in north-western Queensland and involves a zinc, lead, silver and potentially copper underground mining operation. The expected mine life would be more than 23 years with a mining rate of 2 000 000 tonnes a year (t/y) of zinc, lead, silver ore and potentially 1 000 000 t/y of copper ore. The project is estimated to produce 408 000 t/y of zinc and silver concentrate, 40 000 t/y of lead and silver concentrate and potentially 75 000 t/y of copper concentrate.

The concentrates will be transported off site by covered quad road trains to the Yurbi Rail Loading Facilities, east of Cloncurry. From here, the concentrate will be transported by rail to the Port of Townsville where it will be unloaded for export. The project will include the development of a power transmission line from Chumvale and a water pipeline from the existing Lake Julius and Ernest Henry pipeline.

The EIS is currently available for review and anyone may make a submission to the Chief Executive about the submitted EIS. A copy of the EIS can be inspected at the locations listed below:

Brisbane Business Centre
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Level 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Mount Isa Business Centre
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Corner Camooweal and Mary Streets
MT ISA QLD 4825

Cloncurry Municipal Library
Corner Scarr and King Streets
CLONCURRY QLD 4824

An electronic copy of the EIS can be obtained from the MMG website at www.mmg.com. A free CD copy can also be obtained by phoning Alejandro De Bary from MMG on 0422 238 267 or writing to PO Box 19421, Southbank, Victoria 3006.

Submissions may be made on the EIS from **Monday 24 January 2011 until the close of business on Monday 7 March 2011**. Submissions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Attention: The EIS Coordinator, Dugald River Project
Environment and Natural Resource Regulation Division
Department of Environment and Resource Management
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

The Chief Executive will accept all properly made submissions and may accept written submissions even if they are not properly made. A properly made submission is one that:

- is written
- is signed by or for each person who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

Please note that it is a statutory requirement that all submissions will be forwarded to the proponent so that they may consider them and provide a response to DERM.

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