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Mr Sanjay Loyalka
Chairman
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The Pines Business Centre
Unit 2, 88 Forrest Street
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Dear Mr Loyalka

NELSON BAY RIVER MANGNETITE MINE, NELSON BAY ISSUE OF GUIDANCE

As advised in the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's) correspondence of 5 December 2017, the environmental impact of the above proposal is being assessed by the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (the Board) as a class 2C assessment under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPC Act).

In accordance with section 27D of the EMPC Act, and acting under delegation from the Board, I enclose guidelines for the preparation of a Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) to assist you in preparing the case for assessment.

The assessment cannot proceed further until you have presented a satisfactory DPEMP prepared in accordance with the following guidelines:

- *DPEMP Project Specific Guidelines for Shree Minerals Nelson Bay River Magnetite Mine, Nelson Bay River, North West Tasmania.*

The DPEMP General Guidelines provide generic information on the preparation of a DPEMP. A copy of these guidelines can be downloaded from the internet at:
<http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/guidance-documents>.

The DPEMP Project Specific Guidelines, prepared based on the permit application, prescribe additional information requirements over and above the DPEMP General Guidelines. Please note that if the proposal should change from that described in the permit application the Board may need to modify the DPEMP Project Specific Guidelines.

Close consultation with the EPA Division and Circular Head Council during the preparation of the DPEMP is recommended. A draft of the DPEMP should be submitted to this office for review, with the intention of lodging a satisfactory case for assessment under section 27F. It is recommended that you follow the headings and section numbering in the guidelines in preparing the DPEMP for the proposal.

Once a satisfactory DPEMP has been received, the proposal will be advertised and the public invited to make representations in relation to the application. The DPEMP will also be referred to relevant State Government agencies for comment.

At the end of the public consultation period, you may be requested to provide the Board with additional supporting information, or to modify the proposal, in response to the public and agency comments.

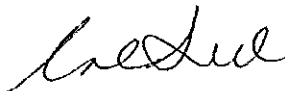
On completion of its assessment, the Board will notify you and Circular Head Council of the result of the assessment and of any conditions or restrictions which the Board has decided to impose in any permit granted by Council, or will direct Council to refuse to grant a permit.

Section 27F(1) of the EMPC Act requires the DPEMP to be prepared in accordance with the Board's guidelines, and within 12 months of the Board providing that guidance. Failure to provide a satisfactory DPEMP within 12 months of your receipt of the enclosed guidelines may result in rejection of the application or proposal under section 27F(2) of the EMPC Act.

Please note that the Board is required to publicly disclose all information relating to the environmental impact of the proposal except where there is a legitimate commercial, national security or environmental reason for confidentiality. Please indicate where you would prefer information to remain confidential, and the basis for the request.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact David Oldmeadow on (03) 6165 4503.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Budd
A/ BRANCH MANAGER – POLICY & BUSINESS
Delegate for the Board of the Environment Protection Authority

Encl:

- *DPEMP Project Specific Guidelines for Shree Minerals Nelson Bay River Magnetite Mine, Nelson Bay River, North West Tasmania*

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