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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)**

ORD RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (390)

ARGYLE DIAMOND MINES PTY LIMITED

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 615. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

2 Detailed 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 Weed Control

- 3-1 Prior to construction of the transmission line, the proponent shall ensure that appropriate plans are developed and implemented to ensure that operations do not introduce potentially harmful species, including contamination by water-borne declared plant seeds, to the satisfaction of the Agriculture Protection Board.
- 3-2 In addition to the requirements of condition 3-1, where operations may affect the proposed National Park, the proponent shall ensure that plans are developed and implemented to ensure that operations do not introduce potentially harmful species, including contamination by water-borne declared plant seeds, to the satisfaction of the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

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4 Borrow Pits and Quarries

- 4-1 Prior to the commencement of earthworks at each proposed borrow pit or quarry site, the proponent shall obtain approval from the Water Authority of Western Australia, the Western Australian Department of Mines and the Shire of Wyndham - East Kimberley for their locations.
- 4-2 In addition to the requirements of condition 4-1, where operations may affect the proposed National Park, the proponent shall obtain the approval of the Department of Conservation and Land Management for the location of borrow pits or quarry sites.

5 Future Use of Transmission Line

Not less than six months before the closure of the mine, the proponent shall refer to the Environmental Protection Authority a programme to remove the transmission line and rehabilitate the transmission line easement, or alternative proposals for its further use.

6 Proponent

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.

7 Time Limit on Approval

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.)

8 Compliance Auditing

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

- 8-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Compliance Reports" to help verify the environmental performance or otherwise of this project, in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority. The proponent may include the compliance reporting as part of its environmental reporting obligations pursuant to the Diamonds (Argyle Diamond Mines Joint Venture) Agreement Act.

Procedure

The conditions contained in this statement are to be complied with to the satisfaction of the Environmental Protection Authority except where they are required to be carried out to the satisfaction of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.

Should the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency and/or proponent be unable to resolve any dispute that occurs concerning these conditions and commitments, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.

Bob Pearce, MLA
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
29 APR 1992

MANAGEMENT COMMITMENTS

ADM is committed to a programme of environmental management and protection. This programme is detailed in Section 7 and specific commitments to environmental management and protection are as follows:

1. The environmental management programme and associated works will be carried out to the satisfaction of the EPA on advice from WAWA and SECWA and in accordance with practices relevant at the time.
2. ADM is committed to a rehabilitation programme of areas disturbed during project construction. Rehabilitation works will be designed on a site-specific basis and will generally include, where appropriate, soil erosion control works, surface re-shaping, drainage control, surface stabilization, and habitat restoration.
3. A continual programme of liaison and consultation will be carried out with the Doon Doon, Glen Hill and other relevant local communities during the construction phase of the project. In addition, ADM will control the movement of the workforce on pastoral leases and the use of off-road vehicles by project personnel for recreational purposes will not be permitted during construction of the power line. Contractors will be advised of their obligations under the Western Australian Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972-1980.
4. Blasting, when necessary, will be restricted to daylight hours.
5. The construction site will be cleaned up by the contractor prior to leaving the site. All construction and industrial waste will be removed to a waste disposal site that will be selected, designed, and operated in accordance with standard waste disposal practices.
6. ADM will require all contractors to comply with statutory regulations for the control of noise in the workplace.
7. During the construction period, there will be periods of heavy traffic use on various sections of roads in and around the dam and spillway area. Traffic management and control will be undertaken at all times during these periods by the project managers.
8. All vehicles used in construction of the transmission line will be equipped with fire extinguishers and knap-sack sprays in case of accidental fire.
9. Explosives will only be used for foundation preparation where ground conditions do not permit drilling or augering.
10. All foundation holes will be kept covered prior to pole erection to prevent injury to stock or native fauna.
11. Sites for laydown areas will be selected so that disturbance to the environment is minimised.
12. Each construction camp for the transmission line will be sited to ensure that there will be no impacts on ground or surface water resources.

13. The Department of Conservation and Land Management will be invited to participate in final route selection through Coolamon Pocket. In addition, ADM is committed to sound construction management principles for the powerline, which, together with design, will minimise visual impacts. ADM will discuss with station managers, the aspect of transmission line visibility in relation to aerial mustering.
14. At an appropriate time, ADM will liaise with SECWA and WAWA on relative alternative uses for the power and associated infrastructure. In addition, ADM will advise the EPA of ongoing uses for the power line.
15. An induction programme will be conducted during construction and operation to promote environmental awareness amongst employees and contractors.