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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)**

BODDINGTON GOLD MINE, DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN ANOMALIES (700)

WORSLEY ALUMINA PTY LTD

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 in the Consultative Environmental Review. These commitments are consolidated in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 661 as Appendix 1. (A copy of the commitments is attached.)

2 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 Decommissioning

The satisfactory decommissioning of the project, removal of the plant and installations and rehabilitation of the site and its environs is the responsibility of the proponent.

- 3-1 At least six months prior to decommissioning, the proponent shall prepare a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan to the requirements of the State Mining Engineer and the Environmental Protection Authority.
- 3-2 The proponent shall implement the plan required by condition 3-1 to the requirements of the State Mining Engineer and the Environmental Protection Authority.

4 Proponent

These conditions legally apply to the nominated proponent.

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- 4-1 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.

5 Time Limit on Approval

The environmental approval for the proposal is limited.

- 5-1 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.)

6 Compliance Auditing

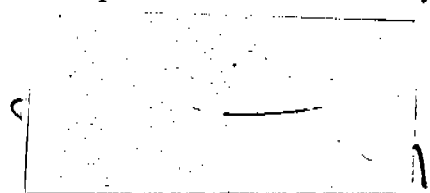
In order to ensure that environmental conditions and commitments are met, an audit system is required.

- 6-1 The proponent shall prepare periodic "Progress and Compliance Reports", to help verify the environmental performance of this project, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority. This can be achieved through existing reporting mechanisms.

Procedure

The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for verifying compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, with the exception of conditions stating that the proponent shall meet the requirements of either the Minister for the Environment or any other government agency.

If the Environmental Protection Authority, other government agency or proponent is in dispute concerning compliance with the conditions contained in this statement, that dispute will be determined by the Minister for the Environment.



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PROPONENT'S COMMITMENTS

**BODDINGTON GOLD MINE - DEVELOPMENT OF
EASTERN ANOMALIES (700)**

WORSLEY ALUMINA PTY LTD

Summary of Environmental Commitments

In implementing and operating the Eastern Anomalies Operation, Worsley Alumina would meet the following commitments.

- (1) Adherence to the relevant policies, procedures and commitments contained in the April 1987 Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for the initial BGM Project, supplemented by the State's conditions of approval of the 4.5 Mt/a (February 1988) and 6 Mt/a (December 1988) expansions of the oxide operation and the October 1989 Supergene/Basement Project.
- (2) Adherence to the conditions of EP Act Licence No. 2322, concerning noise, dust and water and residue management - it is envisaged that this Licence may be supplemented and/or modified to include the Eastern Anomalies Operation.
- (3) Include the Eastern Anomalies Area in the regional salinity impact re-assessment currently being carried out as a requirement of Works Approval No. 750 for the F3 residue area - the report on this study, which is necessarily concerned primarily with the impacts of residue storage, is scheduled for submission to the State in the fourth quarter of 1992.
- (4) In the event of mine dewatering being necessary, ensure that the salinities of water bodies and water courses receiving discharges do not exceed 5,000 mg/l TDS as a result of those discharges; monitor and report impacts of such release on downstream vegetation, and adjust procedures as appropriate.
- (5) Continue to monitor surface and groundwater in the area, as part of the regional programme established in the early 1980s, and report findings to the State.
- (6) Develop rehabilitation strategies and prescriptions in consultation with the State, and monitor and report on the success of rehabilitation.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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

PROJECT : BODDINGTON GOLD MINE, MINING AND PROCESSING
OF SUPERGENE/BASEMENT ORES

CONDITIONS SET : 22 NOVEMBER 1989

Condition 1 has been amended to read as follows:

- 1A. In implementing the proposal (including the documented modifications of 1 March 1990) the proponent shall fulfil the commitments made in the Notice of Intent of July 1989 (as amended) and shall carry out the mining and processing of the Supergene/Basement Ores in accordance with the relevant commitments documented in the Environmental Management Programme for the Boddington Gold Mine of April 1987. (A copy of commitments summarized and consolidated on 30 October 1989, is attached).
- 1B. Subject to the conditions in the Minister for the Environment's Statement of 22 November 1989, as modified by condition 1A, 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.


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