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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)**

**MAJOR STAGED EXPANSION OF PINE LOG SAWMILL
MOORE ROAD, DARDANUP (725)**

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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 and in response to issues raised following public submissions. These commitments are consolidated in Environmental Protection Authority Bulletin 669 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 Noise Limits

The proponent should conduct operations so that combined noise emissions do not unreasonably impact on the surroundings.

- 3-1 The proponent shall ensure that noise emissions do not exceed:

- 40 dB LA10, 1 hour slow and 50 dB LA max slow between 2200 hours and 0700 hours on any day when measured on any noise-sensitive premises;
- 45 dB LA10, 1 hour slow and 55 dB LA max slow between 1900 hours and 2200 hours on any day, and between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on Sundays and gazetted public holidays, when measured on any noise-sensitive premises;
- 50 dB LA10, 1 hour slow and 70 dB LA max slow between 0700 hours and 1900 hours on Monday to Saturday inclusive, when measured on any noise-sensitive premises; and

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- 65 dB L_A slow when measured at or near the boundary of premises that are not noise-sensitive premises (other industries);

where such emissions would result in the noise level present at the affected premises exceeding the ambient noise level present at any time by more than 5 dB L_A slow.

- 3-2 The proponent shall ensure that noise emissions from those activities which are of concern to occupiers of noise-sensitive premises do not exhibit tones, amplitude and frequency modulation, and impulsiveness of a nature which increases the intrusiveness of the noise.
- 3-3 The proponent shall conduct noise surveys and assessments in consultation with the Environmental Protection Authority.

4 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.

- 4-1 At least six months prior to decommissioning, the proponent shall prepare a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan.
- 4-2 The proponent shall implement the plan required by condition 4-1.

5 Proponent

These conditions legally apply to the nominated proponent.

- 5-1 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.

6 Time Limit on Approval

The environmental approval for the proposal is limited.

- 6-1 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.)

7 Compliance Auditing

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

- 7-1 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.

Procedure

- 1 The proponent shall request the Minister for Resources Development pursuant to the Dardanup Pine Log Sawmill Agreement Act 1992 to inform and convey any supporting documentation to the Minister for the Environment of matters or requirements contained in conditions 2, 5, 6 and 7 of this statement.
- 2 The Minister for the Environment shall, before making determinations required by conditions 2, 5 and 6 of this statement, consult with the Minister for Resources Development who will in turn ascertain whether any action is required under the Dardanup Pine Log Sawmill Agreement Act 1992.
- 3 The Minister for the Environment shall, as soon as practicable after making a determination required by condition 2, 5 and 6 or procedure 5, inform the Minister for Resources Development of his decision. The Minister for Resources Development may inform the proponent of the decision.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

Kevin Minson MLA
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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PROPONENT'S COMMITMENTS

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LOG SAWMILL MOORE ROAD,
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The proponent has made the following environmental commitments:

1. The proponent will comply with EPA noise regulations and will carry out further noise reduction measures if necessary to ensure compliance with EPA regulations.
2. The proponent will ensure that the sound output levels of all new equipment purchased for the sawmill will allow ongoing conformance to EPA Regulations.
3. The proponent will conduct a monitoring program for noise to the satisfaction of the EPA.
4. The proponent will, with the co-operation of others, establish a community liaison committee. This committee shall be established prior to the commencement of Stage 1 and be to the satisfaction of the EPA.
5. The proponent will continue to water pine logs stored within the mill site to ensure that fugitive dust levels do not create a nuisance.
6. The proponent will prepare and implement a lighting strategy to the satisfaction of the EPA.
7. The proponent commits to seek and co-operate with the implementation of the following measures designed to minimise traffic hazards that relate to the sawmill on Moore Road:

Reduction in the speed limit to 80kph.

Kerbing and sign posting with stop signs at all access points and side roads.

Removal of vegetation and fences that currently restrict sight distances near exits from the sawmill, particle board plant and resin plant.

If agreed by the Department of Main Roads and Shire of Dardanup, these measures will be implemented as soon as possible.

8. The proponent will plant and maintain a visual buffer of vegetation 20 to 30m in width around the southern and western portions of the sawmill site's periphery.
9. The proponent will take the necessary steps to ensure that the sawmill site is free of chemical contamination in accordance with the then prevailing standards once the current use of the site has ceased.
10. The proponent will investigate the economic feasibility of constructing a residues pipeline to the particle board plant when log intake to the sawmill reaches 200,000m³ per annum.
11. The proponent will prepare and implement a water monitoring program to meet the requirements of WAWA.

In addition, the Department of Conservation & Land Management (CALM), which will be responsible for the supply of pine logs to the Dardanup mill, makes the following commitments as part of this CER:

12. CALM will ensure that all of its operations relating to the supply of pine logs to the Dardanup sawmill are in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation and Land Management Act, 1984 and Regulations thereto, and with all relevant approved and then current Forest Management Plans.
13. CALM will ensure that road haulage contractors employed by CALM involved in the transport of the logs to the Dardanup sawmill receive specific direction on the routes to be used between each plantation and the mill, together with the need to comply with any conditions on the use of any route determined by the Main Roads Department or a Local Authority in accordance with their respective statutory responsibility or power.