

11 November 2015

The Hon. David Tollner Minister for Mines and Energy GPO Box 3146 Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister

Independent Monitor's Report for the McArthur River Mine covering the 2014 Operational Period

We reference the report issued by the Independent Monitor (IM) on 7th October 2015 in relation to the McArthur River Mine's (MRM) environmental performance for the 2014 operational period.

MRM acknowledges the important role the IM has played in reviewing MRM's environmental performance since 2007 and we thank them again for their hard work in completing this report.

We note that the IM has recognised a number of developments and improvements at MRM since the previous report and has commended MRM for the actions that have addressed previous recommendations.

These include significant improvements in operation of the tailings storage facility, improvements in management of waste rock and expansion of the water monitoring program.

MRM respects the advice the IM provides to complement the scientific analysis of our monitoring results. We are already progressing or investigating further in terms of implementation many of the recommendations made by the IM in the 2014 report.

A number of the issues identified by the IM are complex, such as waste rock classification and management and we are working on detailed studies for long term solutions as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process, as well as progressing interim approvals with the DME.

MRM will respond more fully to each of the priority risks and recommendations contained in the IM report in due course, including highlighting activities completed since the date of the IM's report and clarification of any inconsistent facts.

For any other further information please contact Julie Crawford, Health, Safety, Environment and Community Manager on 0457 883 807 or via email on julie.crawford@glencore.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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