



1 September 2016

The Hon. Michael Gunner
Minister for Mines and Energy
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Dear Minister

Independent Monitor's Report for the McArthur River Mine covering the 2015 Operational Period

We reference the report issued by the Independent Monitor (IM) on 3rd August 2016 in relation to the McArthur River Mine's (MRM) environmental performance for the 2015 operational period.

MRM acknowledges the important role the IM has played in independently reviewing MRM's environmental performance since 2007 and in particular the ERIAS Group for the last three years of review. The interactions with the IM representatives during the associated site visits are particularly valuable and we appreciate the open, frank and objective discussions. We thank them again for their hard work in completing this report.

MRM acknowledges the environmental risk and potential impact associated with our operations. We have made considerable improvements in operational management to control identified issues as well as improving our understanding of the longer term potential impacts. The effort and progress in these areas is noted by the IM.

Our Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) team has made significant progress during the review period on the long term closure strategies for the site. The integration of these closure strategies with current operational practices is already well advanced.

MRM respects the advice the IM provides to complement the scientific analysis of our monitoring results. We have made significant progress on implementing recommendations from previous IM reports (as acknowledged by the IM). MRM continues to invest significant resources towards these endeavours and ongoing community and regulatory engagement.

MRM is committed to being open and transparent about our operations and we commend the positive contribution of the IM to this process.

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Yours sincerely

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