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The Hon. Ken Vowles
Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
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Dear Minister

Independent Monitor's Report for the McArthur River Mine Covering the 2016 Operational Period

We reference the report issued by the Independent Monitor (IM) on 20 October 2017 in relation to the McArthur River Mine's (MRM) environmental performance for the 2016 operational period (October 2015 to September 2016).

MRM acknowledges the important role the IM continues to play in independently reviewing the performance of MRM's operations and identifying priority areas for mitigation and management of potential impacts.

We are pleased to note the ongoing improvements identified by the IM in its review, for example the completion of geochemical testing and investigations, improved waste rock classification criteria, completion of studies to improve overburden management and effective operation of the tailings storage facility.

We also note that since the 2016 operational period, MRM has continued to refine on-site environmental management practices and has made significant progress towards completion of the Overburden Management Project Environmental Impact Statement. MRM continues to invest significant resources towards these endeavours in addition to ongoing community and regulatory engagement.

Improvements to the IM reporting process have recently been suggested to the Department of Primary Industries and Resources (DPIR). These suggestions relate to aligning the IM process with MRM's annual monitoring reporting requirements, which would have the benefit of minimising the lag time between the IM operational period and the provision of the IM's report. We look forward to discussing these matters further with the DPIR.

For any further information please contact Ryan Pascoe, Manager - Environment, Safety & People, on 0457 833 807 or via email on ryan.pascoe@glencore.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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