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Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation

Attention: Mr Darren Brewer – Manager Assessment Division

Via email: darren.brewer@dsmip.qld.gov.au; RPIAct@dsmip.qld.gov.au

Dear Darren,

Re: RPI19/004 - Minor Amendment Application

Hansen Bailey, on behalf of Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd (Anglo), are seeking a minor amendment to the existing Mt Isa South Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA) (RPI19/004) under Section 55 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act).

A RIDA was previously granted for the Mt Isa South exploration program activities within the Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area (SEA) on 11 November 2019. Exploration commenced within the SEA in January 2020 however, works ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As discussed in the Pre-Lodgement meeting on 21 August 2020, Anglo is now seeking a minor amendment to the existing RIDA to increase the Magnetotelluric (MT) survey site disturbance area and to include Gravity Surveys in the exploration program. The amended survey program involves a minor increase in the total approved disturbance area (less than 2% increase) and will not result in any significant environmental impacts on the SEA.

Anglo also requests the Chief Executive's consideration of waiving the public notification requirement for the following reasons:

- The original application for the current RIDA was publicly notified in September 2019 and no submissions were received;
- The proposed amendments relate to very low impact activities with a minor increase (less than 2%) in the total approved disturbance area; and
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Anglo has lost significant time and needs to re-commence the exploration activities by mid to late September 2020.

Hansen Bailey has undertaken a detailed review of the proposed activities and potential impacts within the SEA and prepared this application on behalf on the proponent. The following documents comprise the RIDA amendment application:

1. Completed RIDA Assessment Application form;
2. Supplementary Information Report (including title searches for the properties within the exploration area and SEA); and
3. Spatial data relevant to the proposed activities within the SEA.

As discussed in the Pre-Lodgement meeting, due to the delays encountered from the COVID-19 pandemic, Anglo respectfully requests that this amendment application be assessed as quickly as possible.

Should you have any queries in relation to this letter, please contact Rebecca Miller on rmiller@hansenbailey.com.au or 0429 783 565.

Yours faithfully

HANSEN BAILEY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Miller', is written over a vertical line.

Rebecca Miller
Principal Environmental Scientist

Attachments:

1. *RIDA Assessment Application Form*
2. *Supplementary Information Report*
3. *Spatial Data*