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Good afternoon Morag,

I hope you have been well.

I refer to the application for a Regional Interest Development Approval (RIDA) lodged by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited (RTX) on 25 September 2019. The RIDA covered two exploration permits held by RTX, EPMs 25526 & 26076 (the tenements). As you know the Department had requested additional information to support the RIDA and had provided 12 months to lodge the further information as well as undertake the public notification requirements.

However, due to current events caused by COVID-19 RTX are requesting a further extension of time to comply with the information request and public notification requirement. The tenements are contiguously positioned to the east of a mining lease (ML) 7031 which is held by Alcan South Pacific Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of the Rio Tinto Group). There is opportunity within the tenements to add a significant, economically viable resource which would contribute considerably to the operational capacity and life of mine schedules for Alcan South Pacific Pty Ltd. Due to the potential continuity of the resource across the ML / EPM boundary, exploration work within the tenements was aligned with the schedules for the ML holder. However, due to the pandemic of COVID-19 Alcan South Pacific Pty Ltd has had to delay their program schedule significantly which has in turn affected RTX's ability to undertake our planned activities.

RTX and Alcan South Pacific Pty Ltd have met and agreed that the planned works that have been impacted by COVID-19 have now been pushed to Q2/2021.

Therefore, RTX would respectfully request a further extension to comply until 30 June 2021. However, if this isn't feasible I would appreciate any advice/feedback you could provide.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards,

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