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Assessment Officer
Department of Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
RPI Act Development Assessment Team
PO Box 15009
BRISBANE QLD 4002

06 November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: REQUIREMENT NOTICE FOR RPI19/007 – RIO TINTO – ELYSE
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

We are in receipt of your letter dated 10 October 2019 wherein you requested additional information in relation to our assessment application for a Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA). The letter has also advised that the RIDA assessment application must undergo a public notification process.

Due to the sensitive nature of the area it is preferable for RTX to engage with key stakeholders prior to the application being publically advertised and while these discussions have commenced, we require additional time. Discussions to date have been with various internal stakeholders as well as the manager of the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve which borders the area of our exploration permits EPM 25526 & EPM 26076 and these are ongoing. We also plan to engage with the local community and aboriginal representatives of the area. Therefore, we respectfully apply to the Chief Executive to extend the period in which to comply with the public notice requirements to 10 August 2020. This date also coincides with the date that the additional information must be provided to the Department.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 3625 3521 or via email at rachel.bird@riotinto.com.

Yours faithfully,



Rachel Bird
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