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Dear Ms Hourigan

RPI15-002-PHOSPHATE INTERNATIONAL – Barr Creek Project

Requirement Notice (RPI Act, s44)

I refer to the assessment application, made on 30 April 2015 under section 29 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act), seeking a regional interests development approval for exploration activities and associated activities in a strategic environmental area.

Applicant	ACN132668314 Pty Ltd
Project	Barr Creek Project

Site Details

Street address	Barr Creek Station, 129 Mount Oxide Road, Gunpowder and Thorntonia Station, 11364 Gregory Downs- Camooweal Road, Gunpowder
Real property description	Lot 4 Crown Plan UN803944 and Lot 1 Crown Plan UN7
Local government area	Mount Isa City

Public notification requirement

You are advised that it has been determined that the above assessment application requires notification under the RPI Act, Part 3 and Division 4. The reason for the decision is that the site specific land uses have not previously been sufficiently publically advertised.

It is stated on page 1 of the application report, *Barr Creek Project (EPM25239)-Proposed Exploration Drilling*, that the proponent seeks to increase the extent of surface impacts associated with this drilling program and that the site-specific Environmental Authority will require amendment. Both the amendment to the Environmental Authority and the application material have not yet been publically notified.

Section 35 of the RPI Act requires the applicant to publish a notice about the assessment application in the way prescribed in section 13 of the *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014* (RPI Regulation) and give the owners¹ of the land notice about the application.

Notification must commence within 20 business days of the date of this letter. The notification period is 15 business days.

The approved form for notification is available on the department's website here: <http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/regional-development/rpi-act-forms-guidelines-and-fact-sheets.html>

Refer to *RPI Act Guideline 06/14 notification requirements under the RPI Act* for further information.

Information Requirement

You are advised that in accordance with the RPI Act, Section 44, further information may be required to assess the application and an additional information request may be issued.

Application Details

Confirmation of the application details in Attachment A is required to enable further assessment of the application and a future decision notice to accurately reflect the location and extent of the activities proposed in the application.

If you require any further information, please contact Mitzi Venn, RPI Act Development Assessment Team on 3452 7609 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Kylie Williams

Executive Director: Regional and Precinct Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

¹ Owner of land is defined in the RPI Act and means the person who is entitled to receive rent for the land, or a the lessee of a lease issued under the *Land Act 1994* for agricultural, grazing or pastoral purposes.

ATTACHMENT A

To enable the issuing of a decision notice that succinctly identifies the resource activities, their location and the area of disturbance:

1. complete Table 1, column 4 detailing the total area of disturbance for each of the resource activities on each lot
2. confirm the definitions in Table 2 are an accurate description of the resource activities proposed in the application.

Table 1: Proposed activities, location and area of disturbance

Area of regional interest	Resource activity	Location	Total area of disturbance (ha)
Strategic environmental area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 Reverse Circulation (RC) drill sites • Access tracks • Campsite • Laydown storage 	Lot 4 Crown Plan UN803944	3.0ha Tba 0.04ha 0.04ha
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 RC drill sites • 2 diamond drill sites • Access tracks • Campsite • Laydown storage 	Lot 1 Crown Plan UN7	0.3ha 0.3ha Tba 0.04ha 0.04ha

Table 2: Definitions

Activity	Definition
Reverse Circulation (RC) drill site	An area of approximately 750sq.m (30x25m), typically requiring limited disturbance with mature trees avoided and pads orientated to minimise clearing. Drill holes are 150mm in diameter with a depth ranging from 30-65m. The drill pad is rehabilitated by sweeping soil and plant matter over the drill pad to create a pre-disturbance condition.
Diamond drill site	An area of approximately 1500sq.m (30x50m) with minor earthworks for the drill pads. Two 10x5m drill sumps are constructed side by side to contain the drilling waters. Sumps are fenced to prevent stock access. The drill pad is rehabilitated to a pre-disturbance condition
Access tracks	A cleared track between 5-7m wide constructed to facilitate access to the drill sites. Tracks are constructed along natural grades wherever possible and tracks solely for exploration will be rehabilitated to pre-disturbance condition prior to the onset of the wet season (i.e. end of October).
Field campsite	A temporary campsite located outside the 500m buffer zone around the endangered RE mapped along the Thornton River and tributaries. All waste will be disposed in accordance with conditions contained in the environmental authority.
Laydown storage	Approximately 20x20m dedicated laydown area for the storage of approximately 500litres of oil and drilling fluids, located outside the 500m buffer zone around the endangered RE.
Other terms	Definition
Chief Executive	Chief Executive responsible for administering the <i>Regional Planning Interests Act 2014</i> .