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Our ref: RPI16/006/Footprint Resources

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Dear Ms Hourigan

**RPI16-006-FOOTPRINT RESOURCES – Proxham Project**

**Requirement Notice** (RPI Act, s44)

I refer to the assessment application, made on 28 October 2016 under section 29 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act), seeking a regional interests development approval (RIDA) for exploration and associated activities in the strategic environmental area.

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| <b>Applicant</b> | <b>Footprint Resources Pty Ltd ACN 167 751 868</b> |
| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Proxham Project</b>                             |

**Site Details**

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|---------------------------|---|
| Street address            | <b>Thorntonia Station, 11364 Gregory Downs-<br/>Camooweal Road, Gunpowder</b> |
| Real property description | <b>Lot 1 Crown Plan UN7</b>   |
| Local government area     | <b>Mount Isa City</b>   |

**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 that the proponent seeks to undertake exploration drilling within 500m of a Category B Environmentally Sensitive Area and that the site-specific Environmental Authority will require amendment. Neither the amendment to the Environmental Authority nor the application material has 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 owners<sup>1</sup> 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.dilgp.qld.gov.au/planning/regional-planning/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 is required to assess the application against the assessment criteria contained in the RPI Regulation, Schedule 2, Part 5. The requested further information is detailed in Attachments A and B.

If you require any further information, please contact Kassim Mahomed, RPI Act Development Assessment Team on 3452 7656 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> *Owner* of land is defined in the RPI Act and means the person who is entitled to receive rent for the land, or a 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. confirm that the definitions in Table 1 are an accurate description of the resource activities proposed in the application.
2. complete and confirm Table 2, column 4 detailing the total area of disturbance for each of the resource activities on each lot.

**Table 1: Definitions**

| Activity                             | Definition   |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Pre-collared core holes at drill pad | An area of approximately 400sq.m. (20x20m) with minor earthworks for the drill pads in some locations. Two drill sumps (typically 3x3m) are constructed side by side and downslope of the drill collar to contain the drilling waters. Sumps are fenced to prevent stock access. |
| Access tracks                        | A cleared track no greater than 3m wide to facilitate access to the drill sites or laydown storage area. Existing farm tracks will be used as is or upgraded using a grader to clear scrub and level where required.   |
| Laydown storage                      | A dedicated laydown area of approximately 20x20m for the storage of approximately 500 litres of oil and drilling fluids.   |
| Field campsite                       | A place where exploration activity personnel intermittently lodge for short terms of typically one to two months but typically not more than four consecutive months in a tent or tents, caravan or similar temporary means of shelter.  |

**Table 2: Proposed activities, location and area of disturbance**

| Area of regional interest    | Location             | Resource activity  | Area of disturbance |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Strategic environmental area | Lot 1 Crown Plan UN7 | Pre-collared core holes at drill pad                                       | 0.36ha              |
|                              |                      | Access tracks (new)  | 0.43ha              |
|                              |                      | Access tracks (upgraded) (exclude if no increase in disturbance footprint) | 1.49ha              |
|                              |                      | Campsite   | TBA                 |
|                              |                      | Laydown storage  | TBA                 |
| Total area of disturbance    |                      |  | TBA                 |



## ATTACHMENT B

### Information required for assessment against the SEA Criteria

#### In relation to RPI Act, Section 28

1. Orangegum Consulting have submitted the applicant on behalf of Footprint Resources Pty Ltd as the applicant. Orangegum Consulting are currently not identified as an 'authorised person' within the RPI Act Assessment Application Form.
  - **Provide** a letter of authorisation from Footprint Resources Pty Ltd confirming Orangegum Consulting to act on their behalf.

#### In relation to RPI Act, Schedule 2, Part 5 Required Outcome

1. Table 2.1 – Summary of project activities of Lot 1 on Plan UN 7 (Page 2) – the table identifies areas of disturbance as part of the proposal. It is presently unclear as to whether the 'track upgrade' will result in additional disturbance.
  - **Provide** clarification on the extent of disturbance required for upgrades of existing access tracks and if works associated with upgrades will be confined within the current footprint the existing tracks.
2. Table 2.1 – Summary of project activities on Lot 1 on Plan UN7 (Page 2) – the table currently does not identify the area of disturbance for the campsite and laydown area. The definition of 'Laydown Area' within Table 2.2 identifies the laydown area as being 20m x 20m. It is currently unclear whether the campsite and laydown area form part of the overall area of disturbance as part of this proposal.
  - **Provide** clarification on the extent of disturbance required in establishing campsite and dedicated laydown area. If required, revise disturbance areas within Table 2.1 (Page 2) and subsequent overall disturbance footprint.
3. The supporting maps provided within Attachment 1 have not been individually titled.
  - **Provide** revised mapping indicating a title for each map to assist in appropriate conditioning of plans.
4. Electronic mapping data has not been provided in support of the application. This would assist in assessment of the application.
  - **Provide** a data files in 'ESRI Shapefile' and 'Google Earth KMZ' format showing the locations of the drill sites, expected access tracks and creek crossings, Seymour River waterholes and campsite/laydown areas.
5. The plan 'Diamond Drilling Site Layout' by Tectonic Drilling Solutions provided within Attachment 1 denotes drill pad dimensions of 20m x **20-25m**. The activity definition within Table 2.2 (Page 2) for 'Pre collared core holes at drill pad' states the dimensions to be approximately 20m x 20m.
  - **Provide** clarification on the dimensions and footprint area of the drilling site layout arrangement. If required, revised 'Pad size' disturbance areas within Table 2.1 (Page 2) and subsequent overall disturbance footprint.

6. Table 2.1 – Drill site Lucky Note 1 notes that confirmation is required to ascertain if clearing or levelling is required for the drill pad. There is no further mention of any clearing requirements throughout the report for this drill site.
  - **Provide** clarification as to whether any clearing is required for establishing the drill pad. If clearing is required, please identify the extent and potential impact of clearing similar to that identified for drill sites DDHE and DDHG within Section 4.2.