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Dear Sirs

**Assessment Application for a Regional Interests- RPI17/001 - Norton Gold Fields Limited**

We refer to the above assessment application under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (Qld) for a regional interest RPI17/001 by Norton Gold Fields Limited (**Norton**) made in relation to the Mount Morgan Mine.

We act for the Applicant to the Gaangalu Nation People native title claimant application QUD400/2012 (**Applicant**) (**GNP Claim**). The persons who comprise the Applicant are Lynette Blucher, Robert Toby, Lila Harrison, Rodney Jarro, Viola Sheridan, Lynette Anderson, Kevina Suey and Margaret Kemp.

The Mount Morgan Mine within the claim area of the GNP Claim. The Applicant has noted RPI17/001. The Applicant is concerned to ensure that the Proposed Resource Activities outlined in Item 2 Attachment to RPI17/001 in relation to the Mount Morgan Mine do not further compound the extensive contamination and pollution which currently exists at the Mount Morgan Mine.

One of the native title rights and interests claimed in the GNP Claim is the ability to maintain places of importance and areas of significance to the native title holders under their traditional laws and customs and to protect those places and areas from physical harm. Mount Morgan is a place of importance and area of significance to the Gaangalu Nation People. To the extent that the Proposed Resource Activities listed in Item 2 Attachment to RPI17/001 may affect the exercise of the Gaangalu Nation People's native title rights and interests in this regard, the Applicant submits that it would not be supportive of the approval of RPI17/001.

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Furthermore, the Applicant is concerned that Norton intends to construct mineral processing plants, haul roads and a tailings storage facility over areas of Unallocated State Land, which are currently unoccupied. To the extent that these types of activities are contemplated by Norton under RPI17/001 and to the extent that these types of activities are likely to impact generally the exercise of native title rights and interests of the Gaangalu Nation People or constitute future acts for the purposes of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), the Applicant specifically reserves its rights under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

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