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MRM RESPONDS TO COMMENTS BY ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS

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McArthur River Mining (MRM) said today's comments by environmental interests failed to acknowledge the evidence provided by the extensive studies and analysis reported in the August 2005 Environmental Impact Study, the December 2005 Environmental Impact Statement Supplement, the July 2006 Public Environmental Report (PER) and the Mine Management Plan for the proposed conversion of the mine to open pit operations.

MRM General Manager, Mr Brian Hearne said that without exception, all the concerns raised have been thoroughly investigated and addressed over the last 18 months through the Government's environmental assessment processes.

"We have already listened to all the concerns that emerged through the environmental assessment process and ensured they are answered," Mr Hearne said.

"The design for the river diversions incorporates the recommendations of the Environment Protection Agency's independent expert, Professor Wayne Erskine, to ensure it will stand up to all flood conditions.

"We have already committed to more than double our environmental monitoring and this includes expanding the range of locations monitored in the Gulf."

Mr Hearne said it must be remembered that comprehensive and regular environmental monitoring conducted since baseline studies in 1992, has found no adverse impact by the mine.

"There is no pollution in the McArthur River or Gulf caused by McArthur River Mine," he said.

"This was acknowledged in the EPA's assessment report from February this year."

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