



MEDIA STATEMENT

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McArthur River Mine – Overburden Management Project

McArthur River Mine (MRM) has lodged a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the Northern Territory Government for the long-term management of its waste rock.

Over the past two years MRM has completed extensive technical studies working with a team of experienced specialists and consulted widely with stakeholders in developing this EIS.

After considering a range of project alternatives, we believe this EIS represents an environmentally responsible design and sustainable plan for the management of waste rock, ongoing environmental monitoring and eventual site closure.

Like many mining operations, only a portion of the material mined at MRM is ore suitable for processing into metal. The left over material is waste rock, or overburden, and includes topsoil, clay and other rock types. Different rock types can react differently when exposed to air and water.

As part of a previous commitment, refinements to MRM's classification of waste rock identified that less clean rock was available to cover the overburden emplacement facility and prompted this EIS process.

MRM General Manager Sam Strohmayr said the draft EIS outlines clear plans for the ongoing management of mining operations and a long-term plan for the site once mining ends.

"We have consulted with more than 400 people as part of preparing the EIS," said Mr Strohmayr.

"We look forward to working through the formal consultation and assessment process with the Northern Territory Government and will continue to engage with the local community of Borroloola and other key stakeholders throughout the process.

"Our aim is to be open and transparent in providing information, addressing any questions or concerns and take on board stakeholder feedback to inform the development of the EIS."

Further background to the EIS process and our proposed approach, including detailed factsheets, is available on our website at www.mcarthurrivermine.com.au.

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About McArthur River Mine

McArthur River Mine is located in the Northern Territory approximately 970km south-east from Darwin and 60km south-west of its closest township, Borroloola. MRM mines one of the world's largest zinc and lead deposits.

Established as an underground operation in 1995, MRM converted to open pit mining in 2006. MRM produces zinc and lead in concentrates which are primarily exported through Bing Bong loading facility on the southern coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The current mine life extends to 2036.

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