

Dear Applicant,

Your Non-Complying Exploration Activity application for *Wirlong Exploration Project* has been assessed pursuant to the requirements set out in Part 5, Division 5.1, of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. I have determined that the proposed activity is not likely to have significant impact on the environment and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

I have decided to grant an activity approval with terms. This activity approval is effective from 29 October 2024.

### ACTIVITY APPROVAL

Pursuant to the *Mining Act 1992*, approval is granted to carry out the activity "Wirlong Exploration Project" within EL 8126 (1992), from 29 October 2024 and subject to the following term(s):

1. The licence holder must only carry out "Wirlong Exploration Project" in accordance with the *APPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE ASSESSABLE PROSPECTING OPERATIONS Wirlong Exploration Project* (including the supporting documents listed in this document).
2. When carrying out the activity, the licence holder must comply with Part B of the *Exploration Code of Practice: Environmental Management* (NSW Department of Planning & Environment, July 2015, as amended from time to time).

Note: Part B of the *Exploration Code of Practice: Environmental Management* (NSW Department of Planning and Environment, July 2015) prevails in the event of any inconsistency in it and *APPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE ASSESSABLE PROSPECTING OPERATIONS Wirlong Exploration Project*.

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT (ASSESSED DEPOSIT)

Approval of Wirlong Exploration Project has triggered assessment of the security deposit required to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations under EL 8126 (1992).

You will receive separate correspondence regarding the outcomes of this assessment if a change to the current security deposit is required.

### REHABILITATION OBJECTIVES AND COMPLETION CRITERIA

If you are yet to provide your rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria associated with this activity, please note that the *Exploration Code of Practice: Rehabilitation* (NSW Department of Planning and Environment, July 2015) requires you to provide to the Secretary, no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of any surface disturbance activity associated with an assessable prospecting operation:

1. a copy of specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria for activities associated with that activity, developed in consultation with relevant landholders, and

2. if associated with higher risk prospecting operations, a copy of a Rehabilitation Management Plan which provides for the effective rehabilitation of areas disturbed by that activity.

Compliance with the Exploration Code of Practice: Rehabilitation is a condition of EL 8126 (1992).

## OTHER

You are reminded of your obligations under the *Mining Act 1992* to provide and maintain a security deposit to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations under the authorisation, including obligations under the authorisation that may arise in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact the NSW Resources Regulator on 1300 814 609 (option 2, then 5) or email [nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com](mailto:nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com) referencing APO0001712 in the subject line.

Regards,

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### **Approved under delegation from the Minister for Natural Resources**



*The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development acknowledges that it stands on Country which always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work.*

A dark blue banner with the NSW Government logo on the left. The text reads "Report an incident or injury" and "1300 814 609" in large white font. On the right, there is a photograph of two workers in high-visibility clothing and hard hats talking on a construction site.

APO Approval Confirmation:20240603