



MINING REHABILITATION ADVISORY PANEL

COMMUNIQUE – NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2015

A summary of the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel's Extraordinary Meetings on 30 November 2015 & 15 December 2015

1. GAZETTAL OF NOTICE – FORMER ELLENDALE DIAMOND PROJECT

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel was provided with an update of ongoing environmental & safety issues relating to the former Ellendale Diamond Project.

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel determined to advise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Department of Mines & Petroleum (DMP) that lands within the former Ellendale Diamond Project is suitable to be declared an abandoned mine site under section 9 of the *Mining Rehabilitation Fund Act (MRF) 2012*.

Following receipt of the advice from the Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel the CEO DMP declared lands related to the former Ellendale Diamond Project an abandoned mine site and published a notice in the Government Gazette on Friday 4th December 2015.

2. PROPOSED ELLENDALE URGENT WORKS

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel considered the proposed priority of works to be conducted by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) to ensure the site is safe and stable prior to the onset of the wet season.

The Mining Rehabilitation Advisory Panel advised the CEO that the expenditure for the proposed rehabilitation work is appropriate.

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Michael Slight
Chair