



## **MINING INDUSTRY LIASION COMMITTEE**

# **INFORMATION PAPER**

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## **SURVEY OF MINING AND GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES**

The Mineral Titles Division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum advises Industry through the MILC of its intention, under Regulation 118(3) of the Mining Act 1978, to direct that survey be carried out for all granted unsurveyed Mining and General Purpose Leases.

Currently there are 2511 granted Mining and 365 granted General Purpose Leases that remain unsurveyed.

On the basis that the Department has historically directed the survey of approximately 300-450 leases per year (including approx 40 new grants per year) the backlog of unsurveyed granted leases could take approximately 6 years to clear.

The Department is adopting this approach for the following reasons:

- The first condition of the Grant of any mining or general purpose lease is survey;
- The Grant of any lease is only of the ground available after survey;
- Survey establishes security of tenure (accurate lease instrument) for tenement holder as it will accurately determine the geographical position and legal area;
- Increases the accuracy of DMP's spatial systems which improves approval process decision making;
- To ensure equity in dealing with Mining Act 1978 compliance; and
- Resolves boundary disputation and concerns over illegal mining and exploration activity.

Surveys of lease will be directed to be carried out according to the following priority of circumstances:

- Upon the approval of any Mining Proposal, Program of Work or ground disturbing activity that requires a bond to be lodged. (Mining Act 1978 Section 80 and Regulation 118 (2), (3) 118A, B, C);
- If the lease was/is applied for and granted post 10th February 2006 on the basis of an approved Mining Proposal or Mineralisation Report. (Mining Act 1978 Sections 74, 80);



- On the renewal of mining and general purpose leases (in force for over 21 years). (Mining Act 1978 Section 80 and Regulation 118 (1)); and
- Progressive chronologically from the oldest granted date if none of the above have applied, over a period of approximately 6 years, until all are surveyed. (Mining Act 1978 Section 80 and Regulation 118(2),(3) 118A,B,C).

In some circumstances, the Department may recommend the survey of additional leases in close proximity to those that are directed to be surveyed to reduce the mobilisation cost of survey to the client.

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