



## Response to Submissions

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION REPORTS ON MINING TENEMENTS

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### Introduction

Minor amendments to the Guidelines for Mineral Exploration Reports on Mining Tenements were proposed. Following a period of consultation the Guidelines will now proceed to gazettal.

### Consultation

The proposed amendments were released for public comment and a number of individuals, companies and industry bodies provided feedback.

Overall, the feedback was positive. The majority of concerns raised were with amendments gazetted in the previous version, with wording taken directly from the Mining Act or Mining Regulations and also with the formatting of reports produced using the DMIRS online wizard; none of which were the subject of the current proposed amendments.

DMIRS would like to thank all stakeholders for their considered feedback.

Proposed change	Stakeholder	Comment	Response
<b>Definition of report removing reference to Form 5</b>			
<b>Report compliance – two paragraphs have been combined into one (page 7)</b>	Hydra Consulting	Agrees	
	CME	Disagrees with “introduction” of forfeiture on the grounds of missing data  Want 35 days to correct a report and submit requested data rather than 30	This is not new, and is unchanged from the previously gazetted version.  30 days is the standard response time.
	DMIRS Resource Tenure Project Manager	Reference to “number of days” should be clarified to calendar days	Most of these parameters are set out in the Act and presumed as calendar days unless otherwise stated.
	Consultant	Agrees	
<b>Online submission – to become compulsory</b>			Online submission is encouraged but the Guidelines will not make online submission compulsory.
	Consultant	Agrees  However suggests we confuse the issue by referencing other digital media as acceptable.  Also has comments and suggestions for the online report lodgement system.	The paragraph referencing online submission has been repeated before the references to other digital formats.  Noted.
	CME	Agrees  However has concerns with the system and resulting pdf. Wants a user friendly system and clarity around file size.	Noted.
	Hydra Consulting	Agrees  However has comments on the system and reports being prepared online. Wants more of a drop-box solution.	The online wizard has been developed to ensure that all submitters understand and supply mandatory information.
<b>Mineralogical samples – detailing the format of the unique sample numbers (page 20)</b>			
	Hydra Consulting	Agrees	
	Consultant	Agrees	

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<b>Appendix 2 Example 2 SL4 template – Addition of the program of works approval number and site rehabilitation columns to the surface location template (page 35)</b>	Hydra Consulting	Disagrees. Rehab already reported back to Environment section at the conclusion of 4 year period. Mismatch in the period of validity of the PoW Duplication of reporting	This appears to be a misunderstanding. The requirement is for the approval (PoW) id and a yes/no answer regarding rehabilitation of the actual drillhole. No report is required.  Noted.
	Rio Tinto	Disagrees No value in this. RT's database does not contain the required functionality to do this. Beyond the stated requirements of a mineral exploration report. Already reported to DMIRS.	Rio subsequently accepted the requirement of additional columns
	Geobase Australia Pty Ltd	Update MRT software to include POW and Rehab columns as required fields	Noted.
	Consultant	Agrees	
<b>OTHER 3D Modelling Files – Previously Gazetted</b>	Rio Tinto	Disagrees with submitting Block Model related data. Wants changes to only require geological models. Agrees with submitting Geological Models Provided alternative wording for requirements	The requirement to submit 3D modelling data was included in the previously gazetted Guidelines and is not a new proposed amendment. Consultation has taken place and Rio's proposal has been noted.
<b>OTHER Update to MRT software</b>	Geobase Australia Pty Ltd	Thinks MTR software should be updated generally.	Noted.
<b>OTHER Heritage Surveys</b>	DMIRS Resource Tenure Approvals Facilitator	Heritage surveys	Where expenditure for heritage surveys is claimed on the Form 5, the survey should be reported to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (Reg96C(2)).