

**Government of South Australia** 

Department for Energy and Mining

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21 August 2019

Matthew Harding Iluka Resources Limited GPO Box U1988 Perth WA 6845

Dear Mr Harding,

## Notification of approved Native Vegetation Clearance and Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) for Exploration Lease (EL) 5947 and Mineral Lease (ML) 6315 for the Proposed Atacama Access Track

The native vegetation clearance and SEB set out in the Letter titled "*Proposed Atacama Access Track*" (Doc. Ref: 19ADL-13183) dated 15 August 2019 is approved.

The clearance of 2.79 ha of native vegetation required for the Proposed Atacama Access Track is approved under delegation pursuant with Regulation 14(1) of the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017.

The SEB for the removal of this vegetation has been calculated by your native vegetation accredited consultant as requiring an offset of 102.32 SEB points. The SEB of 102.32 SEB points required for the Proposed Atacama Access Track is approved under delegation pursuant with Regulation 14(2) of the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017.

The SEB for the clearance of this vegetation will be delivered through draw down on credits for the existing SEB for the Jacinth Ambrosia mine (previous payment into the Native Vegetation Fund) which satisfies the requirement to provide SEB prior to the commencement of native vegetation clearance activities.

As a result of Iluka requesting that SEB for this new clearance be delivered through draw down on credits from the existing SEB for the J-A Mine, the forthcoming PEPR review for the Jacinth Ambrosia Mine must address the following matters:

- 1. Include a detailed review, audit and reconciliation of the current approved native vegetation clearance and current approved SEB for the Jacinth Ambrosia mine.
- 2. The review must investigate the current approved vegetation clearance to ensure that the addition of 2.79 ha of new vegetation clearance is clearly accounted for in relation to previously approved areas of clearance.
- 3. The review must investigate the effect of using the current approved SEB offsets for this new clearance, including (but not limited to), the implications (if any) of the current

approved SEB being calculated in accordance with the previous Native Vegetation Regulations and guidelines, and the native vegetation clearance and SEB for the Proposed Atacama Access Track being calculated in accordance with the current Native Vegetation Regulations and guidelines.

- 4. Include a clear description of the rehabilitation requirements for the Proposed Atacama Access track, including consideration of the following:
  - a. In the event that a new Mineral Lease (ML) is sought to support the proposed Atacama Project and the Proposed Atacama Access track clearance activity were to become permanent (i.e. no rehab of the access track by 21 August 2022), further assessment of the clearance activity would be required to consider the permanent clearance activity and the SEB be re-calculated to account for permanent clearance (i.e. consider that the application of the 0.5 reduction factor would need to be re-assessed and any difference in SEB calculated and approved).

This approval authorises Iluka to undertake the vegetation clearance as outlined in your letter dated 15 August 2019.

Regulation 14(1)(b) of the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017 will be satisfied with the inclusion of all documentation relating to this approval within the forthcoming Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR).

Should you require any further assistance, please contact Nathan Zeman (Principal Mining Assessment Officer) on 8429 2494 or email: Nathan.Zeman@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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