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Dear Meghna,

**Sunrise Nickel/Cobalt Mine Modification 6 (DA374-11-00 Mod 6)
Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 22 January 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Sunrise Nickel/Cobalt Mine Modification 6 (the Project) Environmental Assessment submitted by Clean Teq Holdings (the Proponent).

The Division has reviewed the adequacy of information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and provides the following advice:

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for Rehabilitation have been adequately addressed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. The Division has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

The proposed site is covered by current Exploration Licences for Group 1 Minerals as shown in Figure 1. Exploration Licence 5534 (Act 1992) held by Rimfire Pacific Mining N.L. (Rimfire Pacific) partially covers the eastern extent of the proposed site. This title is associated with the Fifield Platinum Project which hosts the "Sorpresa" gold/silver deposit. Exploration Licence 8478 (Act 1992) held by Australian Mines Limited (AUZ) partially covers the western extent of the proposed site.

Based on the regional geology, geophysical surveys as well as current and historical exploration, the regional area is considered highly prospective for scandium, nickel, cobalt, gold, silver, copper, platinum and minor base metals (Refer to Figure 1).

Whilst the proposed modified accommodation camp appears to have been sited to the south of priority resource target areas, potential may remain for the camp and associated water and electricity infrastructure to sterilise mineral resources.

The Division requires the proponent to consult with titleholders to establish if the proposal is likely to have significant impact on current or future mineral exploration, recovery or extraction.

The Proponent is to provide evidence of authentic consultation with titleholders to the Division; this will include a letter of notification of the proposal and a letter of response from titleholders. If responses are not received from titleholders, the Proponent is to contact the Division.

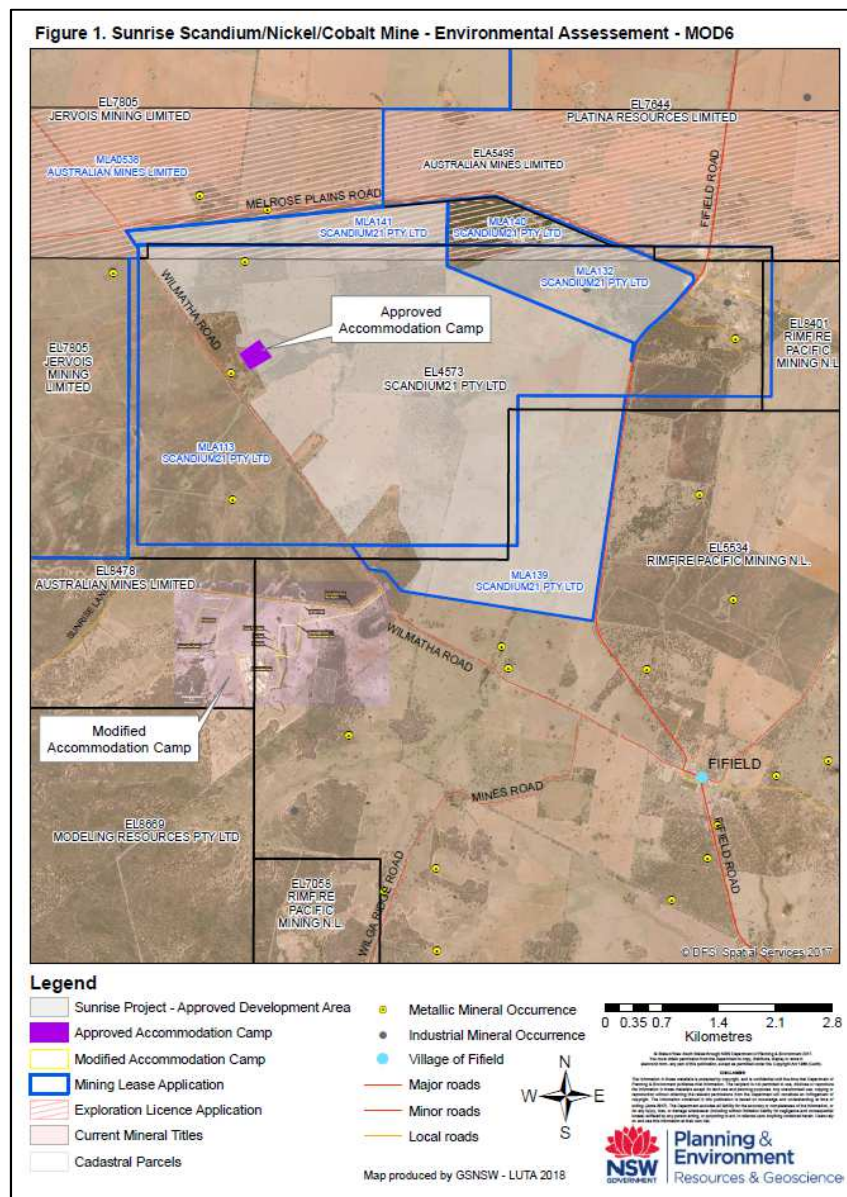
To assist the proponent, the Division provides the following contact details:

- Rimfire Pacific Pty Ltd
Suite 411
530 Little Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
- Australian Mines Limited
Level 1
83 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Titles Agent:
Mining Title Services Pty Ltd
9 Kinsellas Drive
LANE COVE NORTH NSW 2066

Titles Agent:
Hetherington Exploration & Mining Title Services
Level 7, Suite 702
92 Pitt Street
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Should biodiversity offsets be considered for this project, the Division requests consultation to ensure there is no potential resource sterilisation.



The Division requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

Further enquiries regarding this matter please contact: Adam Banister, Senior Advisory Officer
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Yours sincerely



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