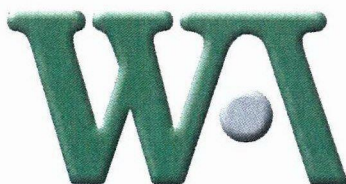


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Re: Weston Aluminium – Spent Potlining Material

Dear Chris,

On behalf of Weston Aluminium Pty Limited (Weston Aluminium) I advise the Department of Planning of our intention to seek a modification to our Development Consent to undertake addition SPL treatment trials.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Weston Aluminium recently undertook a trial for the treatment of Spent Potline Material (SPL) at our Kurri Kurri premises on 14 August 2010 (DA 86-04-01 Mod 4). The trial was undertaken to investigate the suitability of current emissions-control systems whilst thermally processing SPL.

The trial consisted of the treatment of two separate SPL blends within a gas-fired rotary furnace to remove residual cyanide contamination. SPL batches were approximately 3T in quantity and were heated to a temperature greater than 650°C. Exhaust gases from the rotary furnace were treated through a lime-scrubber and fabric filter baghouse pollution control system. Emissions were monitored throughout the trial by NATA-accredited stack emission testing and real-time fluoride and particulate monitoring systems.

Stack emission data collected during the trial was detailed within the monitoring and verification report, which was sent to DECCW, Cessnock City Council and the Director-General on 8 November 2010. Air emission concentrations were found to be significantly below regulatory compliance limits, as defined within our Development Consent and Environmental Protection License, confirming the suitability of the existing pollution control systems.



PROPOSED PROJECT OUTLINE

In order to further refine operating parameters and to develop commercial end use opportunities, Weston Aluminium is proposing to conduct a series of additional trials at our Kurri Kurri site.

Weston Aluminium is proposing to treat a quantity up to 200 tonnes of SPL over a period of 6 months. The extended SPL trial period will allow Weston Aluminium to:

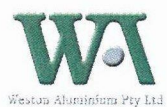
- Optimise the SPL treatment process conducted in our rotary furnace through the collection of additional operational data points;
- Increase product reuse opportunities through the addition of compatible material following thermal treatment;
- Develop treated SPL market opportunities through the supply of treated SPL material samples to potential end use customers for product evaluation; and
- Optimise SPL treated blends following feedback from potential end use customers.

Similar to the previous trial, Weston Aluminium proposes to:

- Prepare a Risk Assessment and update Safe Operating Procedures to include the safe transport, handling, storage and processing of SPL at our Kurri Kurri premises;
- Source and co-ordinate the delivery of 2nd cut SPL from Tomago Aluminium and Hydro Aluminium by a licensed Dangerous Goods transport contractor;
- Ensure the storage of all SPL materials and treated products within under-cover and bunded areas to prevent the contact with, and potential contamination of, stormwater;
- Notification to regulatory bodies prior to, and upon conclusion, of trial activities;
- Ensure that untreated SPL would not be transported, stored or stockpiled on our premises unless specifically required for a trial and a suitable treated material destination identified; and
- Ensure environmental emission compliance by the use of real-time fluoride and particulate monitoring systems.

Weston Aluminium seeks Director General Requirements to assist in the development of documentation to support our Development Consent Modification application. Additionally, we will consult with the DECCW to outline the proposed application and seek advice for any additional requirements.

I trust the information meets your requirements and look forward to discussing the project further with you. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 49362166.



Yours sincerely,

Weston Aluminium Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antony Taylor', is written over the printed name.

Antony Taylor
Manager, Alternative Materials and Environment