

North Mining Limited

Proposed Northparkes Mines – E48 Project Project Description Report – 19 December 2005

LOCATION: (see Figure A)

- 20km north-northwest of Parkes.
- 20km southwest of Peak Hill.

PROPONENT:

North Mining Limited

LAND DESCRIPTION:

See Attached Schedule A.

PLANNING FOCUS MEETING:

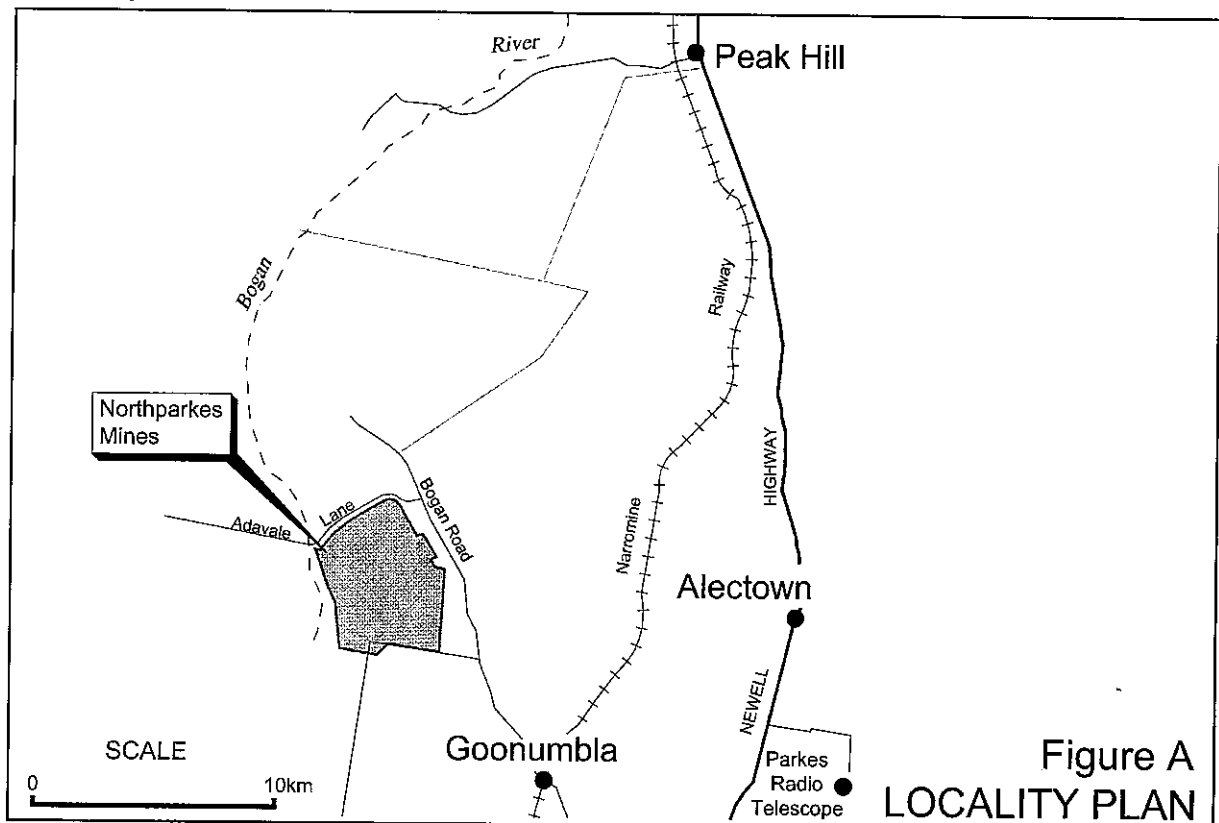
- 28 January 2005

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

The Proponent has kept its neighbours regularly informed about the E48 Project over the past 18 months. A community meeting was convened in Parkes on 12 April 2005.

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Underground copper/gold mine.
- Second major underground mine on site.
- 34 million tonnes of ore.
- Mining operations by rock caving (with 68ha subsidence area) - ore hoisting via existing shaft.
- New above-ground conveyor route for ore to existing processing plant.
- Ore processing at existing rate of 5.5 million tonnes per year.
- Process residues (tailings) to be emplaced in two new tailings storage facilities.
- Construction / development period = 3 years (2006 – 2009).
- Mine operations = 6 ½ years (2009 – 2016).
- Employment:
 - Construction/Development = 300 persons.
 - Operations (Ongoing) = 400 persons.



Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date received: 29 / 12 / 05

Project Application No. 06 - 0026

1. Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your Project.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must

- complete ALL parts of this form, and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

All applications must be lodged with the Director-General, by courier or mail.

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2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

North Mining Limited

ABN

78 000 081 434

☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family name

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

Bogan Road

Suburb or town

Via PARKES

State

NSW

Postcode

2870

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 995

Suburb or town

PARKES

State

NSW

Postcode

2870

Daytime telephone

02 6861 3024

Fax

02 6861 3101

Mobile

0408 163 866

Email

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3. Identify the land you propose to develop

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Bogan Road

Suburb, town or locality

Via PARKES

Postcode

NSW

Local government area

PARKES

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☒

The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

Northparkes Mines – E48 Project. An underground mining operation providing ore for processing in the existing processing facilities and storage of processing residues on site. Concentrate produced is transported by road to the nearby Goonumbla Rail Siding.

Is the application related only to a part of a Project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

You are also required to provide a Project Description Report and address any matters required by the Director-General in accordance with 75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Electronic version: ☒ Yes ☐ No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format).

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Not Yet Available)

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director-General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a concept approval, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full-time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

300

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

400

5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- ☐ an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- ☐ an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- ☒ a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- ☐ a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- ☒ an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- ☐ a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

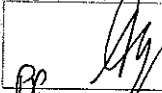
Estimated Project Cost

\$190 million

7. Owner's Consent

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the Proponent:

Signature



Name

Barry Lavin
MANAGING DIRECTOR
NORTHPARKES MINES

Date

21/12/05

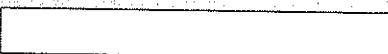
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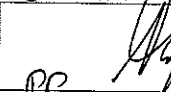
Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, unless the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

8. Proponent's Signatures

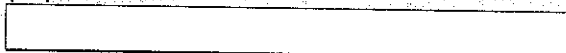
As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent



Name

Barry Lavin
MANAGING DIRECTOR
NORTHPARKES MINES

Name, if you are not the proponent

Date

21/12/05