

4 May 2023

Department of Planning and Environment
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Attention: Stephen O'Donoghue, Director, Resource Assessments

RE: Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project – Short-Term Haulage Route Use Extension

Dear Mr. O'Donoghue,

Tronox Mining Australia Limited (Tronox) is the proponent of the Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project (the Project) (including the Atlas-Campaspe Mine and Ivanhoe Rail Facility) approved under Part 4 of the New South Wales (NSW) *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) (Development Consent [SSD_5012]).

Tronox is seeking approval from the Secretary for an extension of the use of the approved short-term haulage route in accordance with Condition 8A, Schedule 2 of Development Consent (SSD_5012).

Background

Product generated at the Atlas-Campaspe Mine is approved to be transported to the Broken Hill Mineral Separation Plant (MSP) by a combination of road and rail via the Project haulage route for further processing.

In December 2022, Modification 4 to Development Consent (SSD_5012) was approved under section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act to allow for the for the short-term transport of product from the Atlas-Campaspe Mine directly to the MSP via the short-term haulage route as the Project haulage route had been significantly impacted by heavy rain and associated flooding in NSW.

As described in the Modification 4 Modification Report, once the Project haulage route roadworks had been completed such that product haulage can recommence, haulage on the short-term haulage route would cease. It is noted that there is significant financial incentive for Tronox to revert to the Project haulage route given the significantly shorter haulage distance.

Tronox commenced haulage on the short-term haulage route on 6 February 2023. The use of the short-term haulage route to transport product from the Atlas-Campaspe Mine directly to the MSP is therefore approved until **6 May 2023** in accordance with Condition 8A, Schedule 2 of Development Consent (SSD_5012).

Project Haulage Route Roadworks Update

The Balranald Shire Council and the Central Darling Shire Council have been progressing roadworks along the Project haulage route in 2023.

Tronox has assisted with these roadworks by releasing contractors from the Atlas-Campaspe Mine so that they can assist with the roadworks and by transporting road base to the site from Broken Hill.

Notwithstanding the above, the roadworks are not expected to be completed before 6 May 2023 and therefore Tronox is proposing a one-month extension of the use of the approved short-term haulage route to allow additional time for the roadworks to be completed.

Tronox has consulted with the Balranald Shire Council and the Wentworth Shire Council regarding the proposed one-month extension of the use of the approved short-term haulage route and both councils support the proposal.

Request

Condition 8A, Schedule 2 of Development Consent (SSD_5012) states:

The Applicant may transport mineral concentrate via the Short-term Haulage Route for a period of 3 months from the commencement of haulage, unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary.

In accordance with Condition 8A, Schedule 2 of Development Consent (SSD_5012), Tronox is seeking approval from the Secretary for a one-month extension of the use of the approved short-term haulage route to allow additional time for the roadworks on the Project haulage route to be completed.

Consistent with the Modification 4 Modification Report, once the Project haulage route roadworks had been completed such that product haulage can recommence, haulage on the short-term haulage route would cease.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if Department requires any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chaka Chirozva". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Chaka Chirozva
Environmental Lead
Tronox Mining Australia Limited