

Request to modify a major project



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date duly made: 10/2/2009

Modification No. P06-0025 Mod 1

1. Before you lodge

This form is required under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in order to request the Minister to modify the Minister's approval to carry out a project or concept plan to which Part 3A of the Act applies.

Before making this request, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your modification. The Director-General may issue environmental assessment requirements that must be complied with before your request will be considered by the Minister. If the changes proposed by the modification will result in a project that is consistent with the existing approval, the Minister's approval for a modification is not required.

Disclosure Statement

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Note: For more details about political donations disclosure requirements, including a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.

Lodgement

All modification requests must be lodged with the Director-General of the Department of Planning, by courier or mail. An electronic copy should also be e-mailed to the assessment contact officer assigned to the project.

NSW Department of Planning
Ground floor, 23-33 Bridge Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001
Phone 1300 305 695

2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

North Mining Limited

ABN

78 000 081 434

☒ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Craig

Family name

Stegman

Position

General Manager

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

Bogan Road

Suburb or town

Goonumbla

State

NSW

Postcode

2870

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 995

Suburb or town

Parkes

State

NSW

Postcode

2870

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02 6861 3529

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3. Identify the land

STREET ADDRESS (where relevant)

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Suburb, town or locality

Postcode

Local government area(s)

State/Electorate(s)

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Note: 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 proposed modification applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☒

MAP: A map of the site and locality should also be submitted with this request.

4. Details of the original major project or concept plan

Briefly describe what the original approval allows

- Continuation of existing copper/gold underground mine (block cave) and open cut pits
- Extension to underground mine, known as E48
- Ore processing at rate of 5.5 million tonnes per year
- Mining operations until 2018
- New overland conveyor route for ore transport to existing processing plant
- Underground ore hoisting via existing shaft and underground facilities
- Process residues (tailings) placed in: tailings storage facilities (TSF) 1 and 2, new TSF 3, infill between TSF 1 and 2 and in-pit tailings disposal (E27 and E22)
- Various waste rock / clay stockpiles and dumps
- Various ancillary activities, infrastructure and facilities
- Construction/development period for underground extension = 3 years (2006-2009)
- Employment: Construction/Development = 300 persons, Operations (ongoing) = 400 persons

What was the original project application no.?

What was the date of the approval?

What was the original application fee?

P06-0026

28 February 2007

\$92,200.50

Note: Clause 245K of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* provides information on calculating the maximum fee for a request for modification.

5. Describe the modification you propose to make to the approval

Describe the proposed modification

- The proposed modifications to original consent considered in this environmental assessment are:
- Construction of a new tailings storage facility "Estcourt" TSF including any associated floor preparation and drainage system;
 - Increase the limit of approval to 8.5 million tonnes of ore processed per year;
 - Extend the life of the mine through to 2025 through more efficient mining of the E48 resource;
 - Installation of a secondary and tertiary crusher adjacent to the hoisting shaft at underground operations; and
- Upgrades and modifications to existing processing infrastructure including:
- Module 1 and 2; Grinding Circuits & Flotation Circuits;
 - Module 3 Flotation Circuit;
 - Concentrate Handling Facilities; and
 - Tailings Handling Facilities.

Your modification request may need to be accompanied by an Environmental Assessment, including plans. An electronic and hard copy of this document will be required.

ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT VALUE

Please indicate the estimated capital investment value (CIV) of the modification to the project approval or concept plan (excluding GST).

\$45,374,206 AUD

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed modification. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (FTE)

45

Operational jobs (FTE)

300 (ongoing)

6. Landowner's consent (where required)

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this request being made by the proponent:

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Note: Under Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the Regulation), certain applications for approval under Part 3A of the Act do not require consent of the landowner, however, the proponent is required to give notice of the application (e.g. linear infrastructure, mining & petroleum projects, and critical infrastructure).

7. Political donation disclosure statement

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Have you attached a disclosure statement to this request?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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8. Proponent's signature

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

- provide a description of the modification to the project approval or concept plan and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75W of the Act, and
- declare that all information contained within this form is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature

Name

Craig Stegman

Date

01.02.09

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

GENERAL MANAGER

Name, if you are not the proponent

