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To the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure Re, no Specific Laws relating to Wind farms EL- 7796

Dear Sir,

In recent months I have had several meetings with Mr.Maddocks from sapphire wind farm trying to get some definite plans to move forward with as advised previously As I have not heard from him recently it appears he is not interested in any of the proposals that I have put forward to him regarding access to all areas on the lease area EL-7796

He also stated his concerns to the farmers about the lease area in a letter sent to them Between (4-7-11 //12-8-11) the wording in this letter was vastly different to what I had told the farmers about exploration and access

He states he was not sure whether we could co exist and the exempted corridor of 500 mtrs also in the proposal this 500 mtr exclusion zone runs the full length of the lease area and takes in all the areas of interest that led me to take up this area for exploration at this stage this would make the lease unviable (re-Map)

I find it ludicrous that I have a Low impact exploration license and if the Wind farm gets the go ahead they could dig upwards of 30,000 ton on this lease area alone and deny me access and the right to assay any of the rocks and dirt and this being in a potential mineral area this alone needs amending.

In the words of the premier we need to know what mineral reserves we have before the land is sterilized by the erection of a Wind farm

I attach a copy of letter sent to the farmers (back page map shows the 500 mtr exclusion zone) this letter was brought to my attention by a farmer to explain why he changed his mind from giving me prior access to deny me access because he had signed a confidential agreement with a wind farm

I am hoping the Departments can come up with some Rules Laws & Regulations so everyone knows what they can and can.t do in this situation before granting this application

Happy to answer any questions on my behalf Valbob Mining Pty. Ltd. DIRECTOR

Regards Robert Allen-

2 February 2012

[ADDRESS]



Dear xxx,

Sapphire Wind Farm & Mineral Exploration Licence 7796 (Valbob Mining)

As you may or may not be aware, an Exploration Licence was granted over part of your land on the 4th July this year. The map at the end of this letter shows the location of the Exploration Licence and which landowners it covers, besides you. This exploration licence is different to most licences in the area because they are looking for silver below the hills, as opposed to sapphires and other gemstones typically found in the valleys. We are currently in discussion with the owner of this licence to ensure that any exploratory works do not adversely impact on the planned installation of the Sapphire Wind Farm.

As we, the wind farm developer, have no rights over your land until we finalise the Option/Lease documents and have details put on title, I would ask that you consider the proposed location of the wind farm and its infrastructure when it comes to negotiating with Valbob Mining over the location(s) for any exploration activity. As I understand it, Valbob Mining will need to prepare an access agreement with each landowner before he can carry out any exploration activities (Section 140 & 141 of the Mining Act 1992).

We are not against mineral exploration taking place on your land, but we have to be conscious of how such activity impacts upon the proposed wind farm development. I am not sure at this time what level of disturbance such exploratory works would create. However, we would prefer to avoid impact on the proposed wind farm layout in case such works force us to relocate/remove turbines and infrastructure. I would therefore like to suggest the following conditions which should form part of any access agreement with Valbob Mining:

- Notice to be provided to Wind Prospect CWP of all exploration activity to take place within the proposed 250m lease corridor for the Sapphire Wind Farm;
- No invasive exploratory activity within a 100m radius of a turbine foundation, including directional drilling/mining belowground to within the same distance;
- No invasive exploratory activity within 25m of an access track; and
- All exploration within the proposed 250m lease corridor to cease six (6) months prior to the start of construction of the wind farm.

This is merely precautionary and it may be, through further discussions with Valbob Mining, that we can safely consider relaxing some of these constraints.

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3.N. 57 127 205 645 • Email: adrian.maddocks@wpcwp.com.au • Internet: <u>www.windprospect.com.au</u> OM22F AUS I appreciate that mining is a lucrative business, but I am not sure whether mining and wind farms can co-exist in this location. My understanding is that, were silver to be found, extraction activity may include open cast mining or shaft mining, as appropriate (the former is cheaper than the latter, of course). However, given the ecological sensitivities with the habitat in the area, it will not be a straightforward task to get a Mining Lease for the site. It is highly likely the wind farm will be consented and built before any application for a Mining Lease is submitted, as I understand it. At that time, the wind farm and infrastructure would constitute a 'significant improvement' over the land and prevent any mining activity (unless agreed otherwise).

I would be more than happy to assist in reviewing any access agreements which you are asked to sign up to, so that I can check it does not affect the wind farm development, and provide maps outlining the location of the wind farm components. Please understand I am not interested in the commercial aspects, merely in limiting the impact on the wind farm development. If mining and the wind farm can co-exist, then it is a win-win situation for all parties and we are happy to work towards that goal.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you want to discuss it further, or if you have any information about Valbob Mining which I may not be aware of at this time (I do not know of any access agreements being put in place yet, for example).

Kind regards

Adrian Maddocks Senior Development Manager Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd

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Map showing landowners affected by Exploration Licence 7796

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