

MINING, EXPLORATION & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Brittany

Project: Ginkgo Mineral Sands Mine Extension
Stage: Advice on Modification and provide a Resource and Economic Assessment
Development Application: DA251-09-01-MOD14

I refer to your correspondence dated 27 November 2020 inviting Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Ginkgo Mineral Sands Mine Extension (the Project) submitted by Tronox Mining Limited (the Proponent).

The relevant units internal to MEG have been consulted in generating this advice. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Energy, Resources & Compliance Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters concerning subsidence, subsidence management, mine operator, safety, rehabilitation and environmental impacts of final landform design are not assessed by MEG and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

MEG has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and provides the following advice:

The requirement for a mining authorisation and royalty liability

Mineral sands are prescribed minerals under the Mining Act 1992. The Proponent is required to hold appropriate mining title(s) allowing for mineral extraction, such as a mining lease, from MEG to undertake mining.

MEG notes that the Proposal, as it currently stands, is located within the existing operations area of Mining Lease 1504 (Act 1992). Based on current information, the holder of ML1504 is Peregrine Mineral Sands Pty Ltd, Imperial Mining (Aust) Pty Ltd and Probo Mining Pty Ltd. MEG is currently clarifying the status of the holding in relation to the Proponent, Tronox Mining Limited.

MEG met with the Proponent on 10 December 2020 to review the data request supporting a Resource and Economic Assessment (REA) update for Modification 14. A detailed submission including MEG's Resource and Economic Assessment will follow shortly.

For further enquiries and advice concerning this matter, please contact Scott Anson, Manager Assessment Coordination Unit, Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6972 or scott.anson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne' followed by a stylized surname.

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11 December 2020