

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994

Section 233

Application notice

Hail Creek Coal Mine

Resource activity: Mining activity relating to a mining lease

It is advised that Queensland Coal Pty Ltd ACN 000 003 921, Marubeni Coal Pty Ltd ACN 009 932 236, Sumisho Coal Development Queensland Pty Ltd ACN 082 435 149, and Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd ACN 001 445 049 (the Hail Creek Joint Venture) have lodged an application for a major amendment to an environmental authority in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. The environmental authority being amended is EPML00661913.

The application relates to resource activities (being mining activities) on mining lease ML4738, located approximately 120 kilometres southwest of Mackay and 35 kilometres northwest of Nebo, accessed via the Suttor Developmental Road off the Peak Downs Highway. The mining lease encompasses 20,380 hectares (ha), of which surface rights are held for 11,540 ha within the eastern part of the lease. Activities the subject of the application will be located entirely within the existing Surface Rights Area of ML4738. The application relates to the following land parcel(s) within the Isaac Regional Council:

Lot 17 on SP236270 Leasehold land

The resource activity will involve:

Mining black coal through the transition to open cut operation extensions and an underground mining operation, entirely contained within the existing Surface Rights Area of ML 4738 and associated activities.

The application documents for the project consist of:

- the application, comprising: the application form for an application to amend an environmental authority; and the supporting *Hail Creek Transition Project Section 226 Consideration Report*; and
- the response to the Information Request issued by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 May 2014, being the *Hail Creek Transition Project Environmental Assessment Report*.

Application documents are available on the internet at www.riotinto.com/copperandcoal/hail-creek-mine-10422.aspx. Application documents may be inspected or accessed at the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP), Emerald Office, 99 Hospital Road QLD 4720. Copies of, or extracts from, the application may be obtained by contacting the local EHP office on (07) 4987 9320.

Copies of, or extracts from, the application may also be obtained by accessing the EHP website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.

It is advised that any person may make a submission about the application during the submission period, which is from 2nd June 2015 to 30th June 2015. Intending submitters may contact EHP on 1300 130 372 to obtain a submission form or obtain a copy from the department's website www.ehp.qld.gov.au. A properly made submission must be received on or before the last day of the submission period. Submissions must be sent to:

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Environmental Services and Regulation,
Business Centre Coal
PO Box 3028
EMERALD QLD 4720
Jacinta.Griffin@ehp.qld.gov.au
Attention: Jacinta Griffin, Principal Environmental Officer

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as administering authority shall accept all properly

made submissions and may accept written submissions even if they are not properly made. A properly made submission must meet all of the following requirements:

- be written or made electronically
- state the name and address of each submitter
- be made to the administering authority stated above
- be received on or before the last day of the submission period
- state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

Enquiries about the application can be made directly to:

Rio Tinto Coal Australia
GPO Box 391
Brisbane QLD 4001
Attention: Mr Luke Holley
(07) 3625 3000