

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) – Section 42**Draft terms of reference for an
environmental impact statement (EIS)****Proposed Bauxite Hills Project**

Aldoga Minerals Pty Ltd's (Aldoga), a wholly owned subsidiary of Metro Mining Limited, proposes to develop the Bauxite Hills Project (the project) located on the western coastline of Cape York, Queensland, approximately 35 kilometres (km) northeast of Mapoon. The project, on mining leases (ML) ML20676, ML20689, ML20688, and MLA100051, would include an open cut operation, haul roads, barge loading facility, shipping and would produce and transport up to 5 million tonnes per annum of ore over 12 years. Bauxite would be transported by barge via the Skardon River to the transshipment site, approximately 12km offshore, and loaded into ocean going vessels and shipped to customers. The construction of the mine is due to commence late in 2016 and the first shipment of bauxite is planned for 2017. The workforce is estimated to be 75 employees during construction and 160 employees at the peak of operations.

The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) accepted Aldoga's application for an environmental authority for bauxite mining on 17 August 2015. On 2 September 2015 EHP decided that an EIS would be required to properly assess the application.

On 18 September 2015, the Department of the Environment determined the proposed project to be a controlled action (EPBC 2015/7538) under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities), and sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species), and sections 23 and 24A (Commonwealth marine areas). The EIS process will assess potential impacts of the project on the controlling provisions consistent with the bilateral agreement (section 45 of the EPBC Act) between the Australian and Queensland governments for the purposes of the Australian Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

Aldoga submitted draft terms of reference (TOR) for an EIS for the proposed project on 11 November 2015.

This public notice, the draft TOR and a description of the project are available on the EHP website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au. These documents can also be obtained by contacting the proponent on (07) 3009 8000, by emailing info@metromining.com.au or visiting Metro Mining Limited - Bauxite Hills Project.

The draft TOR may be viewed at:

- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Brisbane CBD Business Centre
Floor 3, 400 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Cairns Business Centre
5b Sheridan Street
CAIRNS QLD 4870
- Weipa Town Council Library Service
Hibberd Library
WEIPA QLD 4874

EHP's chief executive invites written comments from any person in relation to the draft TOR, within the comment period from **7 December 2015 to close of business 3 February 2016**.

Please address written comments to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Bauxite Hills Project)
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

or by email to eis@ehp.qld.gov.au

When the EIS is released, public submissions will be invited. For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS coordinator on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@ehp.qld.gov.au.

Privacy statement: EHP is collecting the information provided in comments for consideration in the EIS process. All comments (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent as required under section 44 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to EHP. This consultation is a public process, and any comments you provide may be published (including online) and may be transmitted outside of Australia. You may wish to bear this in mind when providing your comments. Your information will not be disclosed by EHP to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.

