



## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION EL007241

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### Details of Application

The location of the land to which the application relates: Mansfield Victoria.  
Approximate area of application: 489 Km<sup>2</sup>.  
Date of application: 25th February 2020.  
Term of licence applied: 5 years.

### Work Program

#### Stage 1 – Historical Research/Data Compilation/Field Reconnaissance/Identify Stakeholders

Historical research on past exploration over this tenement will be undertaken along with data compilation to utilise all historical findings to forward plan the exploration program. Reconnaissance trips to site to undertake geological mapping and become familiar with the geology, ground conditions and local stakeholders.

#### Stage 2 – Geological Mapping/Soil Sampling

Planning for soil sampling grids over select targets will take place along with further detailed geological mapping and collection of local information to aid in all future exploration programs. Ground geophysics surveys such as Induced Polarisation (IP) and ground magnetics may be undertaken over high priority targets. Augur drilling may be undertaken if shallow geochemical targets are identified.

#### Year 3 – Ground Based Geophysics

Assess all results to date on the area. 3D modelling of identified lode targets. Determine appropriateness of selected geophysical methods to assist with target definition.

Should future higher impact exploration activities be planned such as exploration drilling, it will involve a submission of a low impact exploration plan or work plan to Earth Resources Regulation, detailed rehabilitation plans, and monitoring and auditing.

All rehabilitation will be carried out as soon as is practicable after exploration activities have taken place and in line with the current Guidelines for environmental management in exploration and mining. Minerva Resources Pty Ltd will ensure all staff and contractors are aware of all site-specific environmental sensitivities, such as weeds and endangered flora and fauna and will act accordingly.

Minerva Resources Pty Ltd are committed to minimising or where possible avoiding environmental impact and will work in accordance with the Guidelines as determined by the Victorian Government and will facilitate effective rehabilitation of all disturbed areas. No wetlands, waterways or lakes will be impacted by exploration activities.

## Community Engagement Plan

In general terms, the licensee's community engagement plan is broadly based on the following:

Identify individuals or groups which may be impacted by the operations on the licence. This would involve the compilation of a list of adjacent landowners, persons living on or in the vicinity of the licence and other community groups which may be impacted by the operations. Groups such as the Victorian Farmers Federation or the local Field Naturalists Club, Government Departments, Federal, State or local, and other government bodies such as CMA's who have a particular interest in the land on which the licence is situated should also form part of the consultation group.

It will be necessary to identify the expectations or attitudes of these groups and individuals. Often a direct face-to-face approach is the best way to engage many members of the community. The licensee will need to assess the impact of their operation on these individuals and groups. Following the consultation, the full impact would be assessed by guidelines provided by the Department.

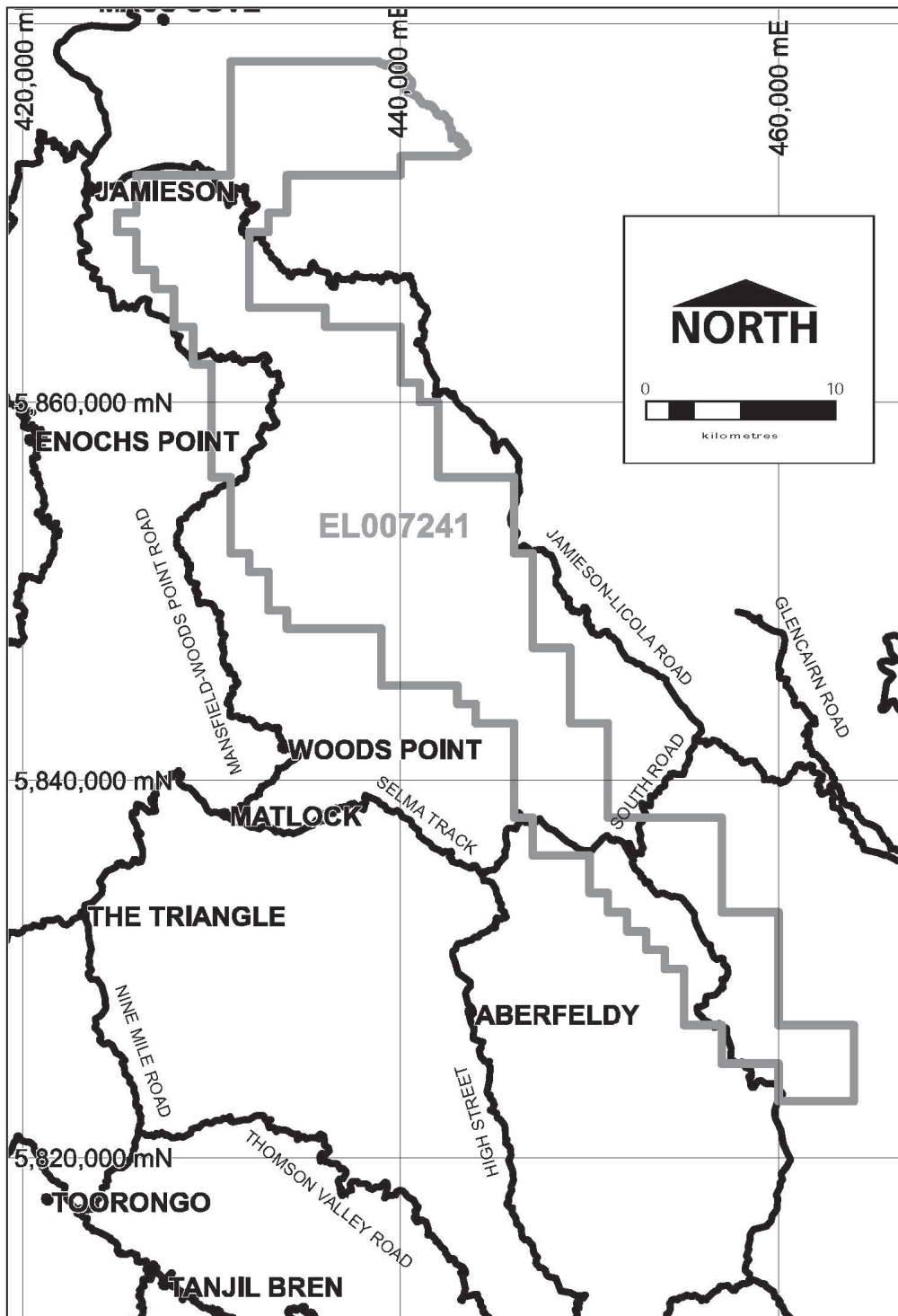
An assessment will be made following the consultation as to what level of community input and involvement can be achieved. There are likely to be a range of matters which may need to be considered. Ideally, many of the ideas and suggestions will be mutually beneficial to both the licensee and the local community. Matters such as working hours or attitudes to working on days of high fire danger or working on hot and windy days may be matters which the local community could have views which need to be considered by the licensees.

Any contact or complaint will be noted in a complaints book, and the licensee will promptly make suitable arrangements to contact the complainant. Where possible, the matter would be settled between the two parties, but the local inspector or the Mining Warden may be requested to assist in resolving and issue or mediating on the matter.

Such interaction with the community will be used to identify any issues that may be arising from the operations on the licence and will attempt to accommodate the views of the stakeholders in dealing with any such issues.

The community is welcomed for their interest and input into ensuring that there are minimum adverse effects to the amenity of the area, or the impact on the expectation of the community for the peaceful enjoyment of their local environment.

The licensee is mindful of the need to maintain these exceptionally good community relations and to ensure that the channels of communication between the licence holder and the community in which it operates are kept open. All discussion with community is based on mutual trust and respect.



Any person may object to a licence being granted (section 24 and 24A, Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990)).

A person who objects or comments must:

- a. Put the objection or comments in writing
- b. Include the grounds on which it is made

Objections must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised, and can be lodged online at <https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission> or posted to:

The Minister for Resources  
C/o Manager Licensing  
Earth Resources Regulation  
GPO Box 2392  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

It is recommended that objections are lodged online to ensure timely consideration. Enquiries can be made by writing to the Manager Licensing at the above address or by phoning the Earth Resources Information Centre on 1300 366 356.