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**Subject:** RE: 2012/6339 - Venture Minerals - Riley Creek Mine [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
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We are considering our options at the moment. If I have any queries I will call you to discuss further.

Regards,  
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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 March 2015 12:19 PM  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** RE: 2012/6339 - Venture Minerals - Riley Creek Mine [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47F

Just following up on the close-out letter sent last week, I wanted to just touch base with you with respect to the next steps.

As noted in the letter, the requirements outlined in the conditions of approval do not cease upon suspension of operations. I just wanted to close this out in our system and thought I might confirm with you whether it was your intention to seek a variation from the Post Approvals Section, or resume monitoring?

Happy to discuss/provide further information if desired.

Kind regards,

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 February 2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** RE: 2012/6339 - Venture Minerals - Riley Creek Mine [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47F

Please find the close out letter to this case attached. I have placed the hard copy in the mail.

Kind regards,

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 February 2015 5:56 PM  
**To:** EPBC Monitoring  
**Subject:** RE: 2012/6339 - Venture Minerals - Riley Creek Mine [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s22,

Attached is our response to the matters your department have raised in the letter from s22 dated 28 January 2015.

Should you have any queries regarding the letter please do not hesitate in contacting me at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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**From:** EPBC Monitoring [<mailto:EPBCMonitoring@environment.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2015 12:15 PM  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** 2012/6339 - Venture Minerals - Riley Creek Mine [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Importance:** High

Dear s47F ,

The Department has identified some matters that may potentially constitute non-compliance with respect to the above EPBC Act approval (attached). Most grateful if you could please provide advice on the points raised in the letter (attached) by COB Friday 13 February 2015. I have placed the hard copy of the letter in the mail.

Happy to discuss or provide further clarification if desired.

Kind regards,

s22

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**Australian Government**

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

**Approval**

**Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)**

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

**Proposed action**

**person to whom the approval is granted** Venture Minerals Limited

**proponent's ACN (if applicable)** 119 678 385

**proposed action** To develop a direct shipping ore (DSO) hematite mine near Riley Creek in north western Tasmania [See EPBC Act referral 2012/6339].

**Approval decision**

Controlling Provision	Decision
Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)	Approved
Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)	Approved

**conditions of approval**

This approval is subject to the conditions specified below.

**expiry date of approval**

This approval has effect until 31 December 2023.

**Decision-maker**

**name and position** Mark Butler  
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Water

**signature**

**date of decision** 3 August 2013

## Conditions attached to the approval

### General protection of EPBC species

1. The person taking the action must develop an environmental induction training and awareness program that instructs all **staff, contractors and visitors** on the importance of protecting **EPBC species** at, and while travelling to and from, **the mine site**. The program must:
  - a. include face to face sessions, prominently displayed posters and provision of glovebox guides;
  - b. include clear images and simple descriptions (including distinguishing features) to aid in the identification of **EPBC species**;
  - c. includes information on how to identify signs and symptoms of tree dieback resulting from *Phytophthora cinnamomi* outbreaks;
  - d. include maps of high risk **EPBC species** roadkill locations, identified and updated every 6 months in consideration of monitoring data collected subject to these conditions and any information published by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program;
  - e. include instructions on how to avoid or reduce incidences of all fauna species roadkill;
  - f. include protocols for dealing with food waste to avoid attracting any **EPBC species** to the site;
  - g. include protocols for dealing with injured **EPBC species**, including:
    - i. animal welfare considerations;
    - ii. initial response provisions; and
    - iii. expert care provisions
  - h. provide information on roles and responsibilities, including recording and reporting obligations for staff who observe **EPBC species** (dead or alive) and provide any template documents used in these requirements; and
  - i. include reference to the penalties imposed on any workers found causing intentional harm to **EPBC species**, including legal and **onsite** environmental responsibilities.

The induction training program must commence at or prior to the **commencement** of the action and be maintained until **completion** of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation) to ensure that all **staff, contractors and visitors** who work, visit or travel to **the mine site** are inducted prior to any **onsite** activity. Details of induction (including names and contact details of attendees) must be logged and maintained within an induction register.

2. The person taking the action must ensure that monthly meetings are held prior to the commencement of each shift to maintain worker knowledge about the importance of avoiding and minimising impacts (particularly roadkill) on **EPBC species** and of recording and reporting observations of **EPBC species**.

3. The person taking the action must ensure that any sightings of **EPBC species** (dead or alive) by any staff, contractor or visitor are recorded. Details to be recorded must include:
  - a. species;
  - b. condition;
  - c. date;
  - d. time;
  - e. location **coordinates**; and
  - f. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of injury or death where relevant and known.
  
4. The person taking the action must ensure that targeted pre-clearance surveys for **EPBC species** are undertaken by a **suitably qualified person** prior to any **vegetation clearance**. Specific features to be targeted, along with a mandatory management response in parenthesis, must include:
  - a. **Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle** nests (if the **suitably qualified person** determines that the nest is occupied then all work within 500 m, or 1 km if activity is within the line of site of the nest, must cease during the breeding season, until any chicks have been fledged, as determined by a **suitably qualified person**);
  - b. **Masked owl** nests (if the **suitably qualified person** determines that the nest is occupied then all works within 50 m of the nest must cease during the breeding season);
  - c. **Tasmanian Devil** dens (cease all works within 50 m of the den until it is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a **suitably qualified person**); and
  - d. **Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll** dens (cease all works within 50 m until the den is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a **suitably qualified person**).

Pre-clearance surveys must be documented, including details of results, methodology, and personnel (and their qualifications).
  
5. The person taking the action must ensure that all **Tasmanian devil** and **spotted-tail quoll** denning opportunities (whether active or not) identified during targeted pre-clearance surveys required by Condition 4 of this approval, are documented. Details to be recorded must include:
  - a. description;
  - b. coordinate location;
  - c. quality; and
  - d. any evidence of recent use or activity.

6. The person taking the action must engage a ***suitably qualified person*** to design and plan the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens recorded in accordance with Condition 5 of this approval. The planned denning opportunities must:
  - a. be created using suitable tree trunks, large stumps, roots, branches and rocks removed during clearing activities ***onsite***;
  - b. be placed at intervals around the outskirts of the mining area at least 50 m from any disturbed area and roads;
  - c. achieve at least the quantum and quality of any denning opportunities disturbed, identified and recorded during pre-clearance surveys (in accordance with Condition 5); and
  - d. be built progressively as soon as adequate materials from clearing activities become available.
7. The person taking the action must ensure that progressive rehabilitation is undertaken during mining operations, including:
  - a. collection of seeds prior to timber harvesting to be stored and used in final rehabilitation;
  - b. the stockpiling of any removed coarse woody debris and large rocks ***onsite***; and
  - c. the spreading of any topsoil removed during excavation works over any exposed fines returned to the mined area following processing. If no returned fines are available, topsoil must be stockpiled on site separate from stockpiled rehabilitation materials; and
  - d. the covering of any returned topsoil as soon as practicable with mulched vegetation to prevent erosion.
8. The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum area of land disturbed by extractive and processing works, including associated roading, which may remain at any one time without rehabilitation works having been undertaken is 20 ha.
9. The person taking the action must ensure that the area of cleared and exposed land occurring at any one time in each of the zones marked Riley Laterite Area (RLA) A, RLA B, RLA C, and RLA D in Attachment A does not exceed 3 ha.
10. To ensure the protection of any Tasmanian azure kingfisher habitat that may occur downstream from **the mine site**, the person taking the action must implement surface water quality control measures. These measures must include:
  - a. sediment settling ponds. These ponds must be designed to successfully mitigate reasonably foreseeable sediment loss which would result from a 1 in 20 year storm event and be regularly cleaned to ensure design capacity is maintained; and
  - b. the collection and treatment of any polluted stormwater prior to discharge from **the mine site**;
  - c. the implementation of a minimum 15 m buffer between mining operations and Riley Creek and Three Mile Creek (as shown in Attachment B);
  - d. the implementation of a minimum 30 m buffer between mining operations and Trinder Creek (as shown in Attachment B);

- e. the implementation of cut-off drains and sediment basins in RLA B and RLA D to intersect surface flow before discharge downstream; and
  - f. the installation of temporary silt fences downslope from areas of returned fines to prevent fines entering any waterway. Silt fencing must be appropriately sized, cleaned and maintained to trap fine particles to ensure turbidity levels do not exceed those required by condition 11..
11. The person taking the action must develop a surface water quality monitoring and control plan (SWQMCP). The SWQMCP must include provisions for ongoing surface water monitoring at the sites identified in Attachment C and report against the following limits:
- a. pH levels must not be lower than 6.0 and must not exceed 8.0; and
  - b. Turbidity levels must not exceed 55 NTU.

The SWQMCP must outline what strategies will be implemented to ensure limits are not exceeded.

The SWQMCP must be submitted to **the minister** for approval prior to the **commencement of the action**. The action must not commence until the plan is approved by **the minister**. The approved SWQMCP must be implemented.

12. The person taking the action must implement measures to prevent the spread or establishment of new or additional weed species, and / or soil or plant pathogens within the mine site. These measures must include, but need not be limited to:
- a. the implementation of hygiene treatment stations at all entry points to the mine site;
  - b. that all machinery and vehicles undertaking earthworking activities are cleaned of all soil and vegetative material immediately prior to entering and leaving the site; and
  - c. any signs or symptoms of a *Phytophthora cinnamomi* infection identified within the mine site are treated in accordance with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment *Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines* (2005).

#### **Protection of EPBC species from traffic impacts**

13. The person taking the action must provide for each work shift a bus to transport **staff, contractors and visitors** between **the mine site** and (at least) the town of Tullah. The service must be:
- a. free of charge;
  - b. advertised through the environmental awareness and induction program described in Condition 1; and
  - c. capable of carrying all **staff, contractors and visitors**.

The person taking the action must implement measures to ensure that **staff, contractors and visitors** use the bus to travel to and from the **mine site** except in accordance with specified written exceptions agreed to in advance by **the department**.



14. The person taking the action must ensure that any new roads within **the mine site** are designed, built and maintained in a manner that minimises the potential for **EPBC species** roadkill, through deterrence and increased visibility, including in particular:
  - a. the use of **light coloured aggregate**; and
  - b. installation of table drains to minimise pooling of water and vegetation growth.
15. The person taking the action must ensure that all new and existing roads within **the mine site**:
  - a. are clearly signposted with speed limits of no more than 40 kph; and
  - b. undergo active management of vegetation within 5 m of the edge of the road for the life of the approval to maximise fauna visibility.
16. The person taking the action must ensure that no **authorised vehicle** used to transport product ore travels outside of **daylight hours**.
17. The person taking the action must ensure that all **authorised vehicles** are fitted with animal deterrence technology such as ultrasonic animal alert whistles.
18. The person taking the action must ensure that the section of Pieman Road between **the mine site** and the intersection with the Murchison Highway, and all roads within **the mine site**, are free of road kill before nightfall, by daily inspection, and removal of all carcasses (whether **EPBC species** or not) to at least 40 m from the edge of the road or disposed of offsite.
19. The person taking the action must ensure that all roadkill detected in accordance with Condition 18 are recorded. Information to be recorded must include:
  - a. species;
  - b. date;
  - c. time;
  - d. location **coordinates**; and
  - e. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of death where known.

#### **Monitoring and reporting**

20. Prior to the **commencement** of the action, the person taking the action must establish an **EPBC species** register on their website that includes all records of sighting of **EPBC species** (including carcasses), as collected under Conditions 3, 4 and 18 of this approval. This register must be updated at least once a month until **completion** of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation).
21. The person taking the action must undertake monitoring in accordance with the **Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll habitat management and monitoring plan** (HMMP), including:
  - a. the installation of four camera traps within **the mine site** prior to the **commencement** of the action, dedicated to identifying incidences of **DFTD**;

- b. the installation of an additional four camera traps, following the creation of built denning opportunities, dedicated to monitoring the use and effectiveness of built denning opportunities;
  - c. the placement of all camera in locations to be determined by a **suitably qualified person**. These locations may change over time to target devil hotspots and/or newly created denning opportunities; and
  - d. all camera traps must be checked and serviced weekly and remain operational until **completion** of the action (including closure and rehabilitation).
22. Within three (3) months of the **completion** of the action, the person taking the action must prepare and submit to **the department**, a report on the Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll habitat management. The report must be prepared in consultation with a **suitably qualified person** and include:
- a. details on the location, quantity and quality of denning opportunities created **onsite**;
  - b. details on the effectiveness of the created denning opportunities in reference to the results of the monitoring required by Condition 21.
  - c. any observed trends in the local populations of these species; and
  - d. details (location, date, circumstance) of any identified cases of **DFTD**.
23. Within fourteen (14) days of a request the person taking the action must make available any raw data relating to the Tasmanian Devil and **DFTD**, on request from any Commonwealth or Tasmanian Government agency or the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.

#### **Compensation for unavoidable impacts**

24. To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144 000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "**Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population**".

At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of **commencement** of the action, and the balance within two (2) years of **commencement** of the action.

**Note:** it is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided, within the parameters specified by these conditions, by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.

#### **Mine closure and rehabilitation**

25. Following the permanent cessation of product excavation and transportation, and prior to the commencement of **final rehabilitation** works on site, the person taking the action must submit the most recent version of the **Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan** (DRP) to **the minister** for information.
26. If **the minister** is not satisfied that the DRP referred to in Condition 25 will adequately provide for the permanent protection of **EPBC species**, **the minister** may require a supplement or additional plan to be prepared and submitted for approval.

Any supplements or additional plan must be implemented once it has been approved by **the minister**.

27. **The minister** may at any time review the security deposit lodged by the person taking the action pursuant to Schedule 2 of **Mining Lease 5M/2012**. If **the minister** is not satisfied that the security deposit lodged will adequately provide for the implementation of the plan referred to in Condition 25, as well as any supplements as described in Condition 26, he may require that the person taking the action establishes an additional security deposit in trust, under conditions approved by the minister.

#### Contingency conditions

28. In the event of the following excess **EPBC species** roadkill deaths over any 12 month period recorded in accordance with Condition 19, occurring within **the mine site**, or caused by an **authorised vehicle** travelling to or from **the mine site**, the following associated contingency compensation response must be undertaken:
- for each wedge-tailed eagle death beyond (1) in any twelve (12) month period, **the person** taking the action must contribute to regional or statewide wedge-tailed eagle monitoring strategies as agreed by **the department**;
- Note:** The contribution can be expected to be in the order of \$20 000.
- for each spotted-tail quoll death beyond one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must fund three (3) month program of feral dog and / or cat trapping and / or shooting; and
  - for each Tasmanian devil death beyond three (3) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute an additional \$48 000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Appeal (or other conservation organisation approved by **the minister**), explicitly for the purpose of "**Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population**".

#### Administrative conditions

29. Within fourteen (14) days after the **commencement** of the action, the person taking the action must advise **the department** in writing of the actual date of **commencement**.
30. The person taking the action must notify **the department** of any non-compliance with these conditions within two (2) days becoming aware of the non compliance, along with the proposed remediation response where appropriate. Once agreed with **the department**, any response must be implemented.
31. The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a management plan or reports , required by this approval, and make them available upon request to **the department**. Such records may be subject to audit by **the department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of **the EPBC Act**, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on **the department's** website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
32. Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the **commencement** of the action until **completion** of the action, the person taking the action must publish on their website, and provide **the department** with, a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval since the previous compliance report, including but not limited to the following:
- a summary of induction training and awareness activity undertaken or proposed;

- b. an extract for the reporting period of the **EPBC species** register established under Condition 20;
  - c. details of progress against actions (including documentary evidence of payments) required under Conditions 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 24, and, if required, 28;
  - d. details of any **emergency** travel undertaken outside of **daylight hours** as allowed under Condition 16;
  - e. information on compliance (and non-compliance) with any management plans and reports required by Conditions within this approval; and
  - f. details of any other incidences of non-compliance with these conditions along with any associated remedial action undertaken, underway or proposed.
33. Upon the direction of **the minister**, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to **the minister**. The independent auditor must be approved by **the minister** prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by **the minister** and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of **the minister**.
34. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to **the department** for **the minister's** written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until **the minister** has approved the varied management plan in writing. **The minister** will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If **the minister** approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.
35. If **the minister** believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of **EPBC species** to do so, **the minister** may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for **the minister's** written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless **the minister** has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.
36. If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not **substantially commenced** the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of **the minister**.
37. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by **the minister**, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan or report must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.

## Definitions

**Authorised vehicles** means any vehicles authorised by the person taking the action to enter **the mine site**, whenever they are operating at, or travelling to or from, **the mine site**.

**Civil twilight** refers to the time at which the sun is at 6 degrees below the horizon. At this time, there is enough light for objects to be easily distinguishable.

**Commencement** of the action means the construction of any infrastructure, excluding fences and signage, associated with the proposed action.

**Completion** of the action means the earliest of the following potential events:

- a) this approval expires or is revoked;
- b) **Mining Lease 5M/2012** expires or is permanently withdrawn, surrendered or revoked; or
- c) the mine is closed (including rehabilitation activities) in accordance with an approved mine closure plan.

**Coordinates** means latitude and longitude (or any other measure consistent with any protocol established by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program), measured by global positioning system (GPS) at **the mine site** and wherever else possible.

**Daylight hours** extend from 30 minutes after morning **civil twilight** until 30 minutes prior to evening civil twilight.

**Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan** refers to the document titled *Decommissioning & Rehabilitation Plan for the Riley Mine Project*, prepared by Pitt&Sherry for Venture Minerals Limited, dated March 2013, Rev 04, and any revisions of this plan submitted to the minister.

**DFTD** is the transmissible Tasmanian devil disease, devil facial tumour disease.

**Emergency** travel includes travel for the purpose of fire suppression, injury or illness response or maintenance and repair of infrastructure critical to the operation of the mine, as well as travel by official emergency services vehicles.

**The EPBC Act** is the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

**EPBC species** includes any flora or fauna species listed under **the EPBC Act** as threatened or migratory and that is known or considered likely to occur at **the mine site**, but must include the following species:

- wedge-tailed eagle (*Aquila audax* subsp. *fleayi*)
- Tasmanian azure kingfisher (*Ceyx azureus* subsp. *diemenensis* syn. *Alcedo azurea* subsp. *diemenensis*)
- Tasmanian masked owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae* subsp. *castanops*)
- spot-tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus* subsp. *maculatus*)
- Tasmanian devil (*Sarcophilus harrisii*)

**Final rehabilitation** means decommissioning of infrastructure and revegetation of mined and disturbed areas.

**Light coloured aggregate** means a colour shade that improves visibility of an *EPBC species* (particularly the Tasmanian devil) by increasing contrast between the animal and the road surface.

**Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population** includes any activities associated with the care of Tasmanian devils within the Insurance Population established and managed by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, including capture and release, transport, feeding, enclosure and security, monitoring, veterinary care and breeding support, but does not include program oversight and administration, public awareness or research activities.

**The mine site** (and "onsite") refers to the entire area (or areas) from which public access is excluded by signage and / or fencing, for the purposes of constructing and operating the approved mine.

**Mining Lease 5M/2012** is the lease granted by the Tasmanian Government under the *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995* for the undertaking of the action, as originally granted on 20 December 2012.

**Staff, contractors and visitors** includes all persons authorised by the person taking the action to enter *the mine site*.

**Substantially commenced** means the extraction of ore.

A **suitably qualified person** is a person with tertiary qualifications or a minimum of five (5) years experience relevant to the task in question.

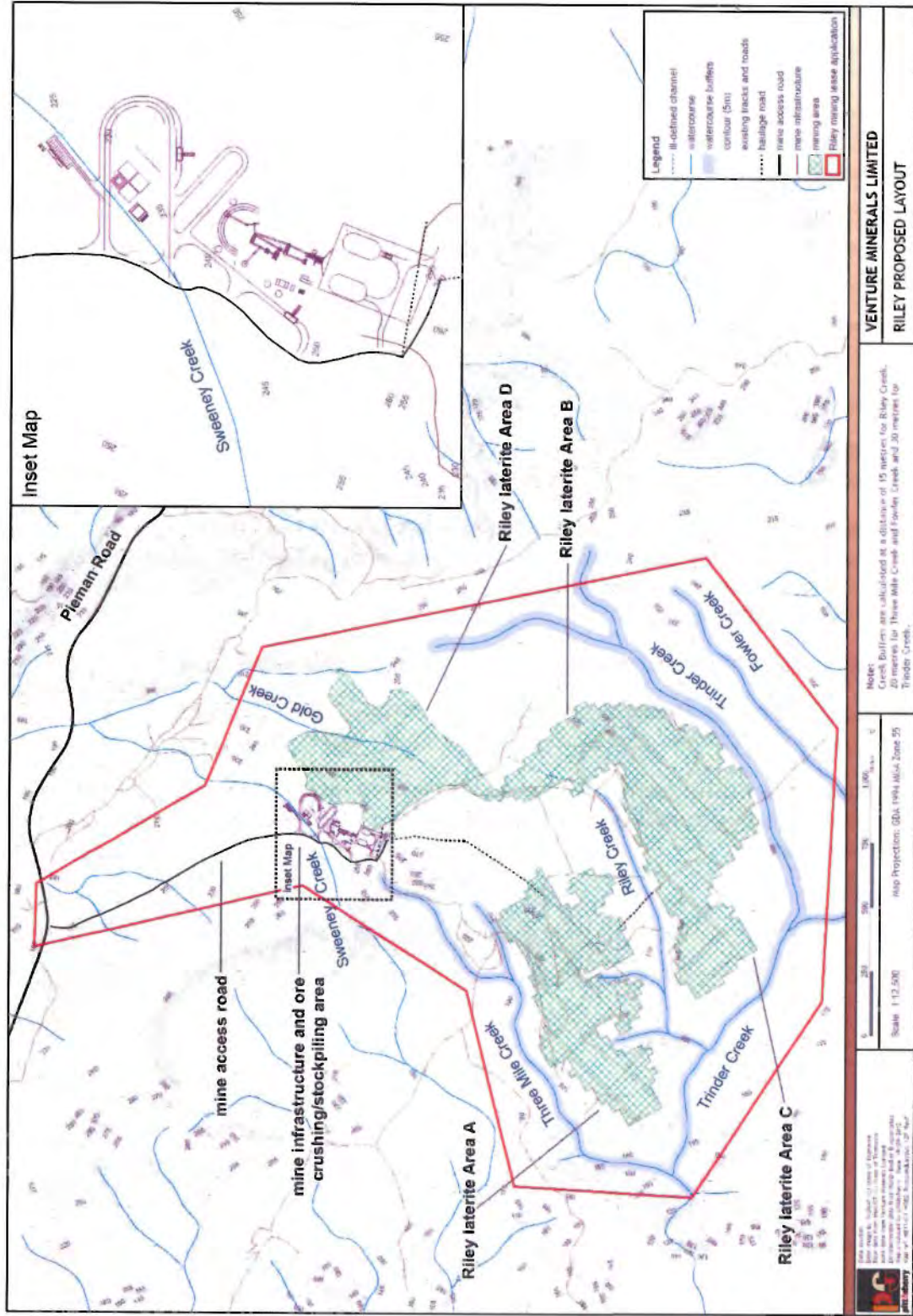
**Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll habitat management and monitoring plan** refers to the document titled *Riley Mine Project Tasmanian devil and spotted-tailed quoll habitat management and monitoring plan*, prepared by pitt&sherry for Venture Minerals Limited and dated February 2013, Rev 00.

**The department** is the Australian Government department administering *the EPBC Act*.

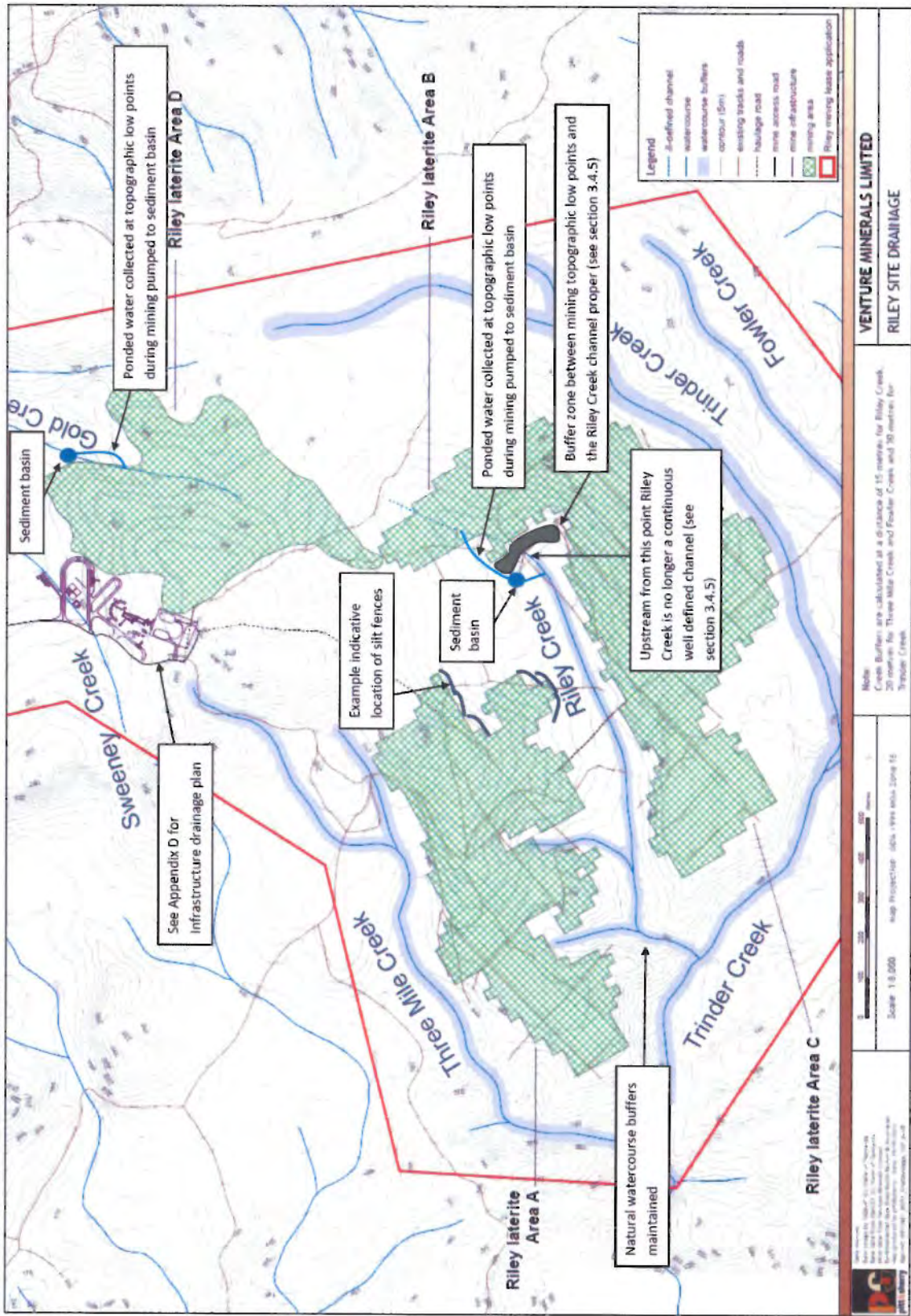
**The minister** is the Minister administering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and includes a delegate of the Minister.

**Vegetation clearance** includes the removal of native vegetation by any means including felling, uprooting, ringbarking or slashing. Native vegetation includes any plant species native to the area in question.

**ATTACHMENT A – Mine Plan**



**ATTACHMENT B – Site Drainage Plan**





**ATTACHMENT C – Water Sampling Sites**

Site ID	Coordinates	Location
RYSW1	367010E, 5376770N	On Three Mile Creek, 20m north of its confluence with Trinder Creek
RYSW2	367470E, 5376550N	At the base of Riley Creek, 50m north of its confluence with Trinder Creek
RYSW3	367445E, 5376510N	On Trinder Creek, 20m upstream from its confluence with Riley Creek
RYSW4	368730E, 5379000N	On Sweeney Creek downstream from the Sweeney-Gold Creek confluence, where it crosses under Pieman Road
RYSW5	368940E, 5376755N	On Trinder Creek, upstream from proposed mining operations
TBC	TBC	Downstream of the confluence of Three Mile Creek and Trinder Creek
TBC	TBC	TBC - Background water quality monitoring point

**From:** s22  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Thursday, 21 May 2015 4:18:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012-6339-variation notice.pdf](#)  
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Hi s47F

Please find attached the variation notice and notification letter signed by the delegate.

Regards

s22

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 May 2015 3:26 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Our changes are marked up in the attached version. Just a couple of typos. Otherwise we agree with your version of the variation notice.

Regards,

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 May 2015 8:49 AM  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s47F

s47F

Please find attached a draft variation notice for you agreement.

Please note that this is subject to delegate's consideration and approval.

Regards

s22

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 May 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s22

Thank you for your response.

s47F

Looking forward to your draft variation notice.

Regards,

s47F

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 May 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** s47F  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you s47F

I'll prepare the DRAFT variation notice and send it to you sometime next week for your comment/review/agreement.

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 May 2015 6:06 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s22

Please find attached our response to the relevant points in your email.

Regards,

s47F

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**From:** s22

**Sent:** Monday, 4 May 2015 2:45 PM

**To:** s47F

**Subject:** RE: Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339  
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47F

Further to our discussion this afternoon, in relation to the above subject, please respond to the following:

1. In your previous emails you have not specified the conditions that you request a variation for. As discussed, it appears that the only condition requiring a variation would be condition 24. This condition, as currently stands will require you to pay \$ 144,000 (GST inclusive) by 28 May 2015. Please provide a timeframe by which you propose to pay the initial 50% and then the balance. Also please justify why you need this extension and supporting information to confirm such as – No Tasmanian Devils have been recorded during pre – clearance surveys and/or through camera trapping?? No ore has been extracted?? List the type of operations that have been undertaken since commencement of operations on 28 May 2014 and ceasing of operations on 19 August 2014.
2. Please list what activities are currently ongoing in relation to any of the conditions and in particular to relating to the protection of the environment
3. As far as I can see, there is no need to amend any other conditions. As per condition 32, the first annual report is due by 28 August 2015 and it is best to provide the annual report for 2015 on or before 28 August 2015. Please provide an update against each of the approval conditions.
4. If you believe any other conditions that you may become non compliant with due to cease of operations please identify them and provide supporting information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

s22

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2015 4:58 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** Variation of conditions for Riley DSO Hematite Mine EPBC 2012/6339

s22

As discussed this afternoon, I have attached the previous correspondence between the Compliance & Enforcement Branch and Venture Minerals regarding EPBC 2012/6339.

**Regards,**  
s47F

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**VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL**

Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)

This decision to vary a condition of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Approved action**

**Person to whom the approval is granted**      Venture Minerals Limited

**Approved action**      To develop a direct shipping ore (DSO) hematite mine near Riley Creek in north western Tasmania [see EPBC Act referral 2012/6339].

**Variation**

**Variation of conditions of approval**      The variation is:

- Delete condition 24 attached to the approval dated 3 August 2013 and substitute condition 24 specified below.
- Delete the definition to ***substantially commenced*** and substitute the new definition below.

All other conditions and definitions attached to the approval dated 3 August 2013 remain unchanged.

**Date of effect**      This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed.

**Person authorised to make decision**

**Name and position**      Shane Gaddes  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Compliance & Enforcement Branch

**Signature**

*S. Gaddes*

**Date of decision**      *20 May 2015*

**Variation – conditions attached to the approval**

24. To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144 000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".

At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of **substantial commencement of the action**, and the balance within 24 months of **substantial commencement of the action**.

**Note:** It is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided, within the parameters specified by these conditions, by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.

Definition

**Substantially commenced/substantial commencement of the action** means the commencement of extraction of ore.



Our reference: 2012/6339

Contact Officer: s22  
Telephone: s22 Facsimile: (02) 6274 1878  
Email: post.approvals@environment.gov.au

s47F

Venture Minerals Limited  
PO Box 8234  
SUBIACO EAST WA 6008

Dear s47F

**EPBC 2012/6339 Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania – Variation to Condition 24**

I write in relation to your request of 23 March 2015 requesting a variation to the conditions of approval granted under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the above project due to the suspension of operations at the mine site.

I note that mining commenced on 28 May 2014 and was suspended on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal to the Federal Court. Condition 24 of the approval required you to contribute 50 percent of \$144 000 to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program by 28 May 2015.

Officers of the Post Approvals Section have reviewed the information provided and have recommended that a variation to condition 24 of the approval is required to ensure Venture Minerals Limited's compliance with the requirements of the approval. On this basis, and as delegate of the Minister for the Environment, I have decided to vary condition 24 and the associated definition. A copy of the variation notice is attached. You must undertake the action in accordance with varied condition 24.

Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to the conditions of approval, so that they can be made available to the Department on request. Such documents may be subject to audit and used to verify compliance. Summaries of results of audits may be published by the Department. Information about the monitoring and audit program can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/compliance-and-enforcement-policy-environment-protection-and-biodiversity-conservation-act>



You should note that any transfer of this approval to another person must have the consent of the Minister for the Environment under section 145B of the EPBC Act.

If you have any enquiries please contact s22 [REDACTED] on s22 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Shane Gaddes  
Assistant Secretary  
Compliance & Enforcement Branch

20 May 2015

*Note:* Under s 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* it is an offence to knowingly provide false and/or misleading information to a departmental officer.

**From:** s22  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 5:14:49 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Thank you s22

Will do.

Cheers

s22

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Department of the Environment and Energy  
Phone s22

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 5:14 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22

s47E(d)

s22

Senior Compliance Officer  
Office of Compliance  
Ph: s22  
Email: s22  
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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 August 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** EPBC Monitoring <[EPBCMonitoring@environment.gov.au](mailto:EPBCMonitoring@environment.gov.au)>; s22  
s22  
**Subject:** FW: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22

Can we discuss asap?

Cheers

s22

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 August 2019 2:32 PM  
**To:** s22

**Subject:** FW: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22

s47E(d)

**From:** s47F

**Sent:** Thursday, 18 July 2019 2:22 PM

**To:** s22

**Subject:** FW: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

s22

Below I received a response from s22 to an email I sent her, hence I am forwarding the letter I sent her to you as instructed.

Please find attached a letter to the Department of the Environment and Energy regarding the EPBC 2012/6339 approval for the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project.

**Regards,**

s47F

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**From:** s22

**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 3:46 PM

**To:** s47F

**Subject:** RE: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your email.

I am no longer working with the Department of Environment and Energy.

Please direct your email as follows:

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Your email will not be forwarded.

Kind regards

s22

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 5:32 PM

**To:** s22

**Subject:** Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339)

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17 July 2019

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Department of the Environment and Energy  
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Dear s22

**Re: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)**

Venture Minerals recently wrote to the EPA Tasmania Director, s47F, regarding our Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, and also enquired as who to similarly contact at the Department of the Environment and Energy. s47F suggested that you were the appropriate point of contact.

Venture Minerals received EPBC approval for our Riley Iron Ore Mine in August 2013. Following the receipt of all other necessary approvals, the company commenced operations on 28 May 2014. Operations were then subsequently suspended following a legal challenge to our EPBC approval in the Federal Court. The legal challenge ultimately was dismissed by the court. However, the forced suspension, compounded by a severe downturn in the iron ore market, resulted in Venture Minerals suspending operations indefinitely in August 2014.

The suspension has had a very significant financial impact, with \$5M (out of a project total of \$7M) having been spent by the Company prior to the suspension, and there has yet to be any financial return from the mine.

Operations prior to the suspension of activities included the excavation of over 10,000 tonnes of ore from 540 pits to assist with ore scheduling, determine the grade and metallurgical characteristics and to provide product for off-take/sales negotiations, the purchase of all processing plant equipment, the completion of all the required environmental studies and the assembly of a pre-development/mine start-up team of 15 Tullah based personnel. An additional \$1.9M was spent via a State Government grant to construct two rail passing loops on the Melba Line and install a belt sampling system at the Port of Burnie.

Venture Minerals is now pleased to advise that it will recommence mining in the coming months, as a consequence of improving iron ore prices.

As part of our planning for the recommencement of operations at the Riley Mine, Venture Minerals is examining all aspects of operations, including transport logistics. In this regard, the Company's Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP, Bilaterally Assessed) and resulting EPBC approval 2012/6339 have commitments and restrictions on trucking to reduce the risk of wildlife roadkill along the Pieman Road. These include condition 16 of the approval, which restricts trucking to daylight hours to minimise roadkill risk to EPBC species.

In the light of recent advances in wildlife protection technology, we seek an amendment to condition 16 to enable night-time trucking to occur through the implementation of alternative roadkill mitigation measures.

Night-time trucking would enable significant improvements in operational efficiencies by matching product transport to the 24-hour mining operations, thereby ensuring that the mine is more resilient in the face of the fluctuations in iron ore prices that will inevitably occur over the life of the mine.

During the preparation of our Riley Mine DPEMP, we considered alternatives to daylight-only trucking, such as the use of audible wildlife alarms on trucks. However, at that time the science of such alternatives was immature and their effectiveness questionable, and the simple restriction on trucking hours was determined to be the only reliable protective measure.

Since then there have been significant developments in wildlife protective technology, supported by peer reviewed scientific studies. Of particular note, is the 2019 paper by Fox *et al* (Australian Mammalogy 2019 [41](#): 205-211) reporting on trials of virtual fencing. Unlike alarms on trucks themselves, virtual fencing uses alarms installed along the road edge. The alarms are triggered well in advance by the headlights of approaching vehicles and therefore give much better warning to wildlife. The paper concludes that virtual fencing has "enormous potential to substantially reduce roadkill rates". These conclusions came from trialling done on the road between Arthur River and Marrawah, where the speed limit is 100 km/h – well above the speed at which ore trucks will be travelling on Pieman Road.

We understand that virtual fencing is now in use at nine locations in Tasmania.

As a result of these developments and initiatives, Venture Minerals would like to use virtual fencing technology on the Pieman Road for our operations, to replace our trucking-hours protective measures.

When preparing our DPEMP, we commissioned a wildlife roadkill risk study by Symbolix to identify roadkill risk hot spots along the 21 km stretch of Pieman Road from the Riley Mine to the Murchison Highway. We propose installing virtual fencing at these hotspots and limiting vehicle speeds there to a maximum of 60 km/h at twilight periods and night-time. All vehicles would also use high radiance (high intensity spot) and wide dispersal (wide angle pair) lighting.

After the regrettable extended suspension of mining, Venture Minerals is very keen to respond to the greatly improved market conditions by recommencing operations at the Riley Mine as soon as possible, and to maximise the efficiency of our operations while ensuring the highest level of environmental and wildlife protection.

Accordingly, we hereby request a variation to condition 16 of our EPBC 2012/6339 approval, to remove the restriction on night-time trucking and replace it with a requirement to install virtual fencing at the roadkill risk hotspots identified in the Symbolix study that accompanied our DPEMP, together with a limitation on vehicles speeds through these hotspots to 60 km/h from dusk to dawn and the use of high radiance (high intensity spot) and wide dispersal (wide angle pair) lighting on trucks.

We would be happy to discuss our amendment request in more detail with the Department and would be grateful if you could allocate an appropriate case officer, and for them to contact me at their earliest convenience. For your information, we have submitted a similar amendment request to the Tasmanian EPA through its s47F [REDACTED], and it may be appropriate for the discussions to involve all three parties.

Your sincerely,

s47F [REDACTED]

s47F [REDACTED]

**Venture Minerals Limited**

**From:** s22  
**To:** s47F  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** RE: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Friday, 9 August 2019 3:59:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012-6339 - Venture - 190809 Show cause.pdf](#)  
[image001.jpg](#)

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Dear s47F

Thank you for returning my call today. As discussed, please see attached a letter from the Director of Environmental Audit s22 regarding EPBC 2012/6339.

Kind regards

s22

Assistant Director  
Environmental Audit  
Office of Compliance

s22

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**From:** s22  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 August 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** s47F  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** FW: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s47F

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2019 to Department of the Environment and Energy in relation to the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC 2012/6339).

We would like to discuss some of the matters raised in your letter. If you are available today, please call me on s22

Kind regards

s22

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Environmental Audit  
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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 July 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** FW: Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

s22

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Regards,

s47F



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 5:32 PM

**To:** s22

**Subject:** Riley Iron Ore Mine (EPBC 2012/6339)

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**From:** s22  
**To:** s47F  
**Cc:** [EPBC Monitoring](#); s22  
**Subject:** EPBC 2012/6339 Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, TAS [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Friday, 30 August 2019 1:44:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012-6339 - Corro 190830 to s47F](#) - request for further information.pdf  
[image001.jpg](#)

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Dear s47F,

As discussed on 29 August 2019, please see attached a letter from s22, Director of Environmental Audit.

Kind regards

s22

Assistant Director  
Environmental Audit  
Office of Compliance

s22

Department of the Environment and Energy  
GPO Box 787 | Canberra ACT 2601

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 August 2019 11:34 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Subject:** FW: Response to letter Re: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)

s22

A copy as requested.

Regards,  
s47F

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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 August 2019 5:54 PM  
**To:** [EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au](mailto:EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Response to letter Re: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a letter addressed to s22, Director Environmental Audit.

Regards,  
s47F

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**From:** [EPBC Monitoring](#)  
**To:** s47F [EPBC Monitoring](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Response to letter Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, 5 September 2019 9:12:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Dear s47F,

The Department of the Environment and Energy is in receipt of your letter dated 4 September 2019.

The information you have provided will be considered by officers in the Office of Compliance and you will be contacted in due course.

Kind regards

s22

Assistant Director  
Environmental Audit  
Office of Compliance

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Department of the Environment and Energy  
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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 September 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** EPBC Monitoring  
**Subject:** Response to letter Re: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)

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Venture Minerals consents to an inspection by representatives of the Department of the Environment and Energy (as mentioned in your email below) of the Riley DSO Hematite Mine project (EPBC 2012/6339) on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

Myself and the Site Manager s47F look forward to meeting yourself and s22 at the Riley Mine Site.

Please sent through further details on timing once your travel arrangements have been finalised.

**Regards,**

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**Subject:** Subject: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s47F,

As discussed today, as part of the Department of the Environment and Energy's active monitoring process, I am writing to seek your consent to conduct an inspection of the Venture Minerals Riley DSO Hematite Mine project (EPBC 2012/6339) on **Tuesday 17 September 2019**.

The purpose of the inspection is to discuss compliance with conditions of approval attached to EPBC 2012/6339, and to view works on site to date.

The inspection will be conducted by authorised officers using powers available under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, undertaken with the consent of the approval holder. Inspections are conducted in the company of the approval holder, and/or representatives.

In attendance will be myself and s22 both authorised officers under section 396 of the Act.

In the course of our visit, we may exercise powers under section 406 of the Act. These powers may include, but are not limited to, the taking of photographs, measurements, recording and taking samples.

You can revoke consent at any time in which circumstances the authorised officers will no longer be entitled to exercise the powers of an authorised officer under section 406 of the Act in relation to the site. I have provided details below of the relevant provisions of the Act that relate to consent to enter the site.

If you consent to this inspection or should you decline to consent, please respond to this email as soon as possible.

Please call me on s22 if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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## **EXTRACT - ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999**

### **SECTION 405 Access to premises**

- (1) An authorised officer may, with the consent of the occupier of any premises, enter the premises for the purpose of exercising the powers of an authorised officer under section 406.
- (2) If an authorised officer enters any premises under subsection (1), he or she may exercise the powers of an authorised officer under section 406.
- (3) An authorised officer who enters premises under subsection (1) must, if the occupier of the premises revokes his or her consent, leave the premises forthwith, and is not entitled to exercise, or continue to exercise, the powers of an authorised officer under section 406 in relation to the premises.
- (4) An authorised officer is not entitled to:
- (a) enter premises under subsection (1); or
  - (b) exercise any powers as mentioned in subsection (2);
- if the occupier of the premises has required the officer to produce written identification for inspection by the occupier and:
- (c) if the authorised officer is a member of a police force--the officer fails to produce, for inspection by the occupier, written evidence of the fact that he or she is a member of that police force; or
  - (d) if the authorised officer is an officer of Customs--the officer fails to produce, for inspection by the occupier, written evidence of the fact that he or she is an officer of Customs; or
  - (e) in any other case--the officer fails to produce his or her identity card for inspection by the occupier.

### **SECTION 406 Powers of authorised officers**

- (1) An authorised officer who boards a vehicle, vessel, aircraft or platform under section 403, or enters premises under section 405 may:
- (a) inspect and search the vehicle, vessel, aircraft, platform or premises, as the case may be; and
  - (aa) take photographs (including a video recording), and make sketches, of the premises or of any

substance or thing on the vehicle, vessel, aircraft, platform or premises; and

(b) inspect, take extracts from, and make copies of, any document that is, or that the authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds is, evidential material in relation to an offence against an environmental law, in relation to a contravention of an environmental penalty provision or in relation to both; and

(ba) in the case of an authorised officer who boards a vessel under section 403--subject to section 406A, search without warrant:

(i) a person on the vessel; and

(ii) the person's clothing;

to find out whether there is hidden on the person or in the clothing:

(iii) an eligible seizable item; or

(iv) a thing that may be evidential material in relation to an offence against an environmental law, in relation to a contravention of an environmental penalty provision or in relation to both; and

(c) inspect, and take samples of, any other evidential material in relation to an offence against an environmental law, in relation to a contravention of an environmental penalty provision or in relation to both; and

(ca) take measurements of, and conduct tests on, the vehicle, vessel, aircraft, platform or premises or any substance or thing on the vehicle, vessel, aircraft, platform or premises; and

(d) exercise powers of seizure conferred on the authorised officer by section 444A or 445; and

(e) take onto the vehicle, vessel, aircraft, platform or premises any equipment or material reasonably necessary for the purpose of exercising a power referred to in any of the other paragraphs of this subsection.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, **evidential material** means:

(a) in relation to an offence against an environmental law:

(i) any thing with respect to which the offence has been committed or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, of having been committed; or

(ii) any thing as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will afford evidence as to the commission of the offence; or

(iii) any thing as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is intended to be used for the purpose of committing the offence; and

(b) in relation to a contravention of an environmental penalty provision:

(i) any thing with respect to which the environmental penalty provision has been contravened or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, of having been contravened; or

(ii) any thing as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will afford evidence as to the contravention of the environmental penalty provision; or

(iii) any thing as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is intended to be used for the purpose of contravening the environmental penalty provision.

(2A) A reference to a thing in subsection (2) includes a reference to any such thing in electronic form.

(3) For the purposes of exercising a power under subsection (1), an authorised officer may break open any hold

*or compartment, or any container or other receptacle (including any place that could be used as a receptacle), on a vehicle, vessel, aircraft or platform or on any premises.*



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**s22**

In response to our discussions on the morning of the 8th October 2019 regarding the request for further information on the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339), Venture Minerals provides the following;

1. As shown in the attached ASX announcement titled "Venture Upgrades DSO Resource Base and Delivers a 4mt Maiden Ore Reserve" dated 26th July 2012, the Company had completed its exploration phase at the Riley Project in July 2012. This work included the completion of independent mine engineering studies resulting in the conversion of DSO resources to reserves in preparation for ore extraction.
2. Also attached is a copy of the paid invoice (dated 11th December 2013) from the mining contractor (Shaw Contracting) who excavated the 72 pits equating to over 1,400 tonnes of ore, that was extracted after the date of the approval of EPBC 2012/6339 as part of the process of starting mining operations at the Riley Mine.

Should you require any further documentation please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

**Regards,**

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## Venture Upgrades DSO Resource Base and Delivers a 4mt Maiden Ore Reserve.

ASX Announcement  
Thursday, 26/07/12  
Ref /VMS/606/VMS00287

Australian mineral exploration company, Venture Minerals Limited (ASX code: VMS), is pleased to announce 100% of the Company's DSO resource base has now been upgraded from the inferred to indicated category. Furthermore the Company has received a combined, independent maiden ore reserve of 4 million tonnes of Direct Shipping Ore ("DSO") from the Riley and Livingstone hematite deposits.

**The 4 million tonne maiden reserve represents a 90% conversion of resources to reserves.**

### Highlights:

- Resource upgrade at the Riley DSO Project represents a 100% conversion from inferred to indicated.
- Resource upgrade at the Livingstone DSO Project represents a 100% conversion from inferred to indicated.
- Total DSO resource base in the indicated category now exceeds 4.4mt @ 57% Fe

Table 1 - Resource Statement – DSO Projects

Project	Resource Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	Cr (%)	LOI (%)
Riley	Indicated	2.0mt	57	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.08	2.8	7.7
Livingstone	Indicated	2.4mt	57	61	5.4	1.9	0.07	0.05	-	7.0
<b>TOTAL=</b>	<b>Indicated</b>	<b>4.4mt</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.3</b>

- Venture receives an independent maiden ore reserve of 4mt at 57% Fe representing a 90% conversion of resources to reserves

Table 2 – Reserve Statement – DSO Projects

Project	Reserve Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	Cr (%)	LOI (%)
Riley	Probable	1.8mt	57	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.07	2.8	7.8
Livingstone	Probable	2.2mt	57	62	5.3	1.9	0.08	0.03	-	7.1
<b>TOTAL=</b>	<b>Probable</b>	<b>4.0mt</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.4</b>

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Venture has made major advancements on its DSO projects over the past four months with additional infill drilling and pitting defining a new combined indicated resource of 4.4mt @ 57% Fe, which represents a 100% conversion from the inferred to the indicated category. The high conversion rate indicates the consistent nature of both deposits.

Following completion of the new resource, an independent ore reserve has been estimated by mine engineering consultants at Rock Team Pty Ltd ("Rock Team"), who delivered a 90% conversion of resources to reserves. The high conversion rate was due to the consistent and near surface nature of both the Livingstone and Riley Deposits.

Venture Minerals Managing Director Hamish Halliday commented: "We have been working hard to advance our DSO Projects to production as soon as possible, so the receipt of an independent maiden reserve for both the Riley and Livingstone Projects represents a major milestone for us. The Company is particularly pleased with the high conversion rate of resources to reserves delivering us over four million tonnes of probable reserves".

Having completed the reserve statement the Company will now look to finalise off-take and ore transport agreements, as well as advance all necessary development approvals. As previously stated the Company is in a unique position of being able to bring the DSO Projects into production with a minimal capital outlay of only \$7 million (ASX: 19/04/12). This is a direct result of the excellent infrastructure surrounding the Riley and Livingstone Deposits, both of which are located within 2 kilometres of a sealed road that accesses existing rail and port facilities all of which have spare capacity.

### Riley DSO Project

The Riley DSO Project is located 12km from the Mt Lindsay Project (Ref fig 2) and occurs as a hematite rich pisolitic and cemented laterite. The deposit is all at surface, located less than two kilometres from a sealed road that accesses existing rail and port facilities.

Over the past few months Venture has completed infill pitting on the Riley Project which sees the deposit sampled to a density of 50m by 50m providing all the necessary data to complete a final resource upgrade. The new estimate has resulted in 100% of the inferred resource base being converted to the indicated category.

**Table 3 – Resource Statement – Riley DSO Project**

Resource Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	Cr (%)	LOI (%)
Indicated	<b>2.0mt</b>	<b>57</b>	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.08	2.8	7.7

\*refer to appendix one for parameters

The new resource was provided to independent mining engineers, Rock Team who were engaged to complete a mining study on the deposit and produce a reserve statement. Due to the near surface and consistent nature of the Riley Deposit (Ref fig. 2) the study delivered a very high conversion rate of resource to reserve.

**Table 4 – Reserve Statement – Riley DSO Project**

Reserve Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	Cr (%)	LOI (%)
Probable	<b>1.8mt</b>	<b>57</b>	61	3.7	2.6	0.03	0.07	2.8	7.8

**NOTES**

- An Ore Reserve estimate for the Riley DSO deposit has been determined using accepted industry practices.
- The deposit will be mined using conventional excavator and truck mining methods. Due to the nature of the deposit no drilling and blasting is expected to be required.
- The same cost and revenue assumptions were used as in the Scoping Study (refer to ASX announcement on April 19 2012).

**Livingstone DSO Project**

Livingstone is located 3.5km from the Mt Lindsay Tin/Tungsten Deposit (Ref fig 1) and consists of an outcropping hematite cap overlaying a magnetite rich skarn. The hematite occurs from surface, is consistent in grade and located only 2km from a sealed road which accesses existing rail and port facilities.

Over the past few months Venture has been focussed on upgrading the resource base at Livingstone and converting the resources to reserves. The Company completed a final infill drill program in the second quarter which sees the deposit now drilled to an average density of 50m by 20m. The new drilling has provided all the necessary data for a final resource upgrade, which resulted in 100% of the inferred resources now converted to the indicated category.

**Table 5 – Resource Statement Livingstone DSO Project**

Resource Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	LOI (%)
Indicated	<b>2.4mt</b>	<b>57</b>	61	5.4	1.9	0.07	0.05	7.0

\*refer to appendix one for parameters

The new resource was provided to independent mining engineers, Rock Team who were engaged to complete a mining study on the deposit and produce a reserve statement. Due to the near surface and consistent nature of the Livingstone Deposit the study delivered a very high conversion rate of resource to reserve.

**Table 6 – Reserve Statement – Livingstone DSO Project**

Reserve Category	Tonnes	Fe (%)	Fe (%) Calcined	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	P (%)	S (%)	LOI (%)
Probable	<b>2.2mt</b>	<b>57</b>	62	5.3	1.9	0.08	0.03	7.1

**NOTES:**

- The open pit for the Livingstone deposit was optimised using the Whittle Four-X implementation of the Lerchs–Grossman algorithm. Ore selection within Whittle has been based on cashflow. Ore is selected by comparing the cash flow which would be produced by processing versus the cashflow produced by mining it as waste. If the cashflow from processing is higher, the material is treated as ore. If not, it is treated as waste. Material is defined as ore when revenue less fixed, mining, processing and realisation costs is greater than zero.
- The 100% revenue factor shell has the highest undiscounted cash flow and is generated at the base DSO selling price. This shell has been used as the basis of detailed open pit designs.
- The same cost and revenue assumptions were used as in the Scoping Study (refer to ASX announcement on April 19 2012).

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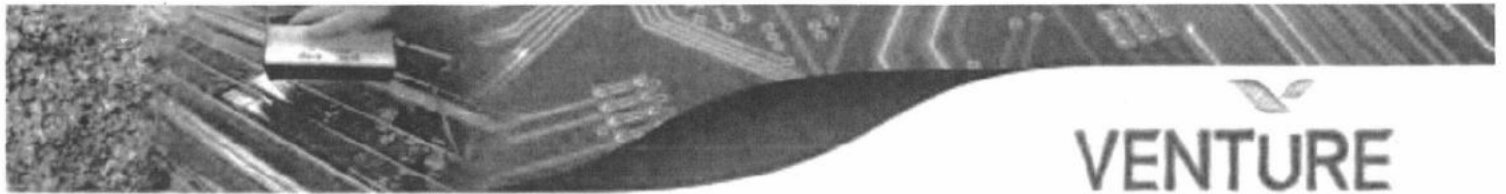
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Kind regards  
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**Hamish Halliday**  
**Managing Director**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Exploration Targets or Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Andrew Radonjic, who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Andrew Radonjic is a full-time employee of the company. Mr Andrew Radonjic has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Andrew Radonjic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears

The information in this letter that relates to Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Denis Grubic, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Grubic is an independent consultant employed by Rock Team Pty Ltd. Mr Grubic qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Grubic consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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## APPENDIX One:

### Resource Estimation Parameters

- The Resources have been allocated entirely into the Indicated category with the Livingstone resource reported above a 46% Fe cut-off with no top cut applied, whilst the Riley resource is reported for +1mm screened product above a 53% Fe cut-off with no top cut applied.
- The reported grades and tonnages are rounded to two significant figures in accordance with recommendations of the JORC code.
- This Resource estimation covers approximately 750 m strike extent of the Livingstone iron deposit and an area approximately 1100 m by 1200 m (c. 130 ha) of the Riley iron laterite deposit. The Livingstone deposit includes a range of shallow dipping to vertical bodies. The Riley laterite deposit is a gently sloping surficial veneer.
- A total of 59 diamond core drill holes for a total of 8,247 m and one 20 m adit channel sample were used to define the geological model and hematite mineralized zones for the Livingstone resource estimate. Of this drilling some 35 holes for 5,048 m pierced the mineralised zone, including 34 holes for 4,914 m of NQ and HQ size (47.6 mm and 63.5 mm diameter respectively) and 134 m of BQ size (36.5mm diameter). Drill hole intercept density in the Livingstone deposit ranges from approximately 5 m by 50 m to c. 50 m by 75 m.
- Some 312 test pits were excavated by a 20 t excavator on c. 50 m spacings along lines 50 m apart to an average depth of 2.5m to define the Riley resource.
- The entire Livingstone resource is within 200 m of surface, and all of the Riley resource is within 4 m of surface.
- The Livingstone drill core was sampled by core saw in a continuous and volumetrically consistent basis generally in 1.5 m to 2 m intervals (average 1.8 m) across the mineralised zones.
- The Livingstone samples were submitted to ALS Global, Perth for assay by XRF on fused glass beads made with a lithium metaborate flux for Fe, Si, Al, K, Na, Mg, Ca, Ti, P, S, LOI and an extensive suite of minor and trace elements.
- The Riley test pits were sampled in lithological intervals between 0.1 and 5.4 m (average 0.9 m) thickness and submitted to Bureau Veritas, Perth where all samples were dried, crushed to -10 mm then screened at 1 mm to produce +1mm and -1mm fractions. Weight proportions of the two fractions were determined, and both +1 mm and -1mm fractions were assayed by XRF on fused glass beads using a lithium metaborate flux for Fe, Si, Al, K, Na, Mg, Ca, Ti, P, S, Ni, Cr, LOI and a board suite of trace elements.
- Venture Minerals Limited's QAQC samples included standards and field duplicates which were submitted with each drill hole and at a rate of 1 per 10 samples with the pitting samples. The QC data is considered to be very acceptable for the current resource estimate.
- All diamond drill core and all test pits were geologically logged.
- Density for the Livingstone resource was based on 1270 dry specific gravity measurements made on the diamond drill core and estimated to the block model using Inverse Distance Weighting to the power of two. Average density for the Livingstone iron resource at a 46% Fe lower cut off is 2.79 t/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Seven test pits were excavated within the Riley resource area to determine dry density (by volume and weight) of the lateritic materials and an average density has been assigned to the resource block model according to the modelled lithology. 2.48 t/m<sup>3</sup> was assigned to gravelly material, 2.56 t/m<sup>3</sup> for cemented laterite.
- All drill hole collars and test pits used in the resource estimate were surveyed in MGA Zone 55 GDA94 by licensed surveyors using a combination of differential GPS and total station survey systems. Some 63% of drill holes were down hole surveyed with non-magnetic instruments (Gyroinclinometer and Deviflex) and 19% with conventional magnetic instruments (all plunge but only selected azimuth data were accepted).
- Terrain models for both the Livingstone and Riley deposits were triangulated from data collected by a high quality airborne laser scanning LiDAR survey conducted in 2011. Project specifications and technical processes were designed to achieve vertical data accuracy of 0.30 m and horizontal data accuracy of <0.30 m.
- Two mineralisation wireframes representing the hematite zone >50% Fe within the Livingstone Skarn were constructed from geological cross section interpretation for this Resource estimate. The wireframes were filled with blocks of 10x5x2.5 m xyz dimensions with 4x2x2 m sub-blocking. The iron grades were then interpolated to the blocks by Inverse distance Weighting to the power of two with an initial 25x26x19 m search ellipse oriented parallel to the strike and dip of the mineralised skarn followed by progressively more relaxed searches until all blocks were assigned an iron grade. Four sectors were used for each search ellipse with a maximum of 6 points per sector, and a minimum of 3 points per sector for the first, third, fifth, sixth and seventh search, two points for second, fourth and eighth search, and one point for the ninth and last search.
- Two mineralisation wireframes representing the hematite zone >50% Fe were constructed for the Riley deposit from geological cross section interpretation. The wireframes were filled with blocks of 25x25x1 m xyz dimensions with 5x5x4 m sub-blocking. The iron grades were then interpolated to the blocks by Inverse Distance weighing with an initial 50x50x1 m search ellipse oriented parallel to the strike of the mineralised material. Progressively more relaxed searches followed until all blocks were assigned an iron grade. A flattening function was used in the interpolation to account for the strong influence of the topography on the deposit. Four sectors were used for each search ellipse, with a maximum of 10 points per sector and a minimum of 4 points for the first two searches, 3 points for third and fourth search, two points for fifth and sixth search and one point of the seventh and last search.

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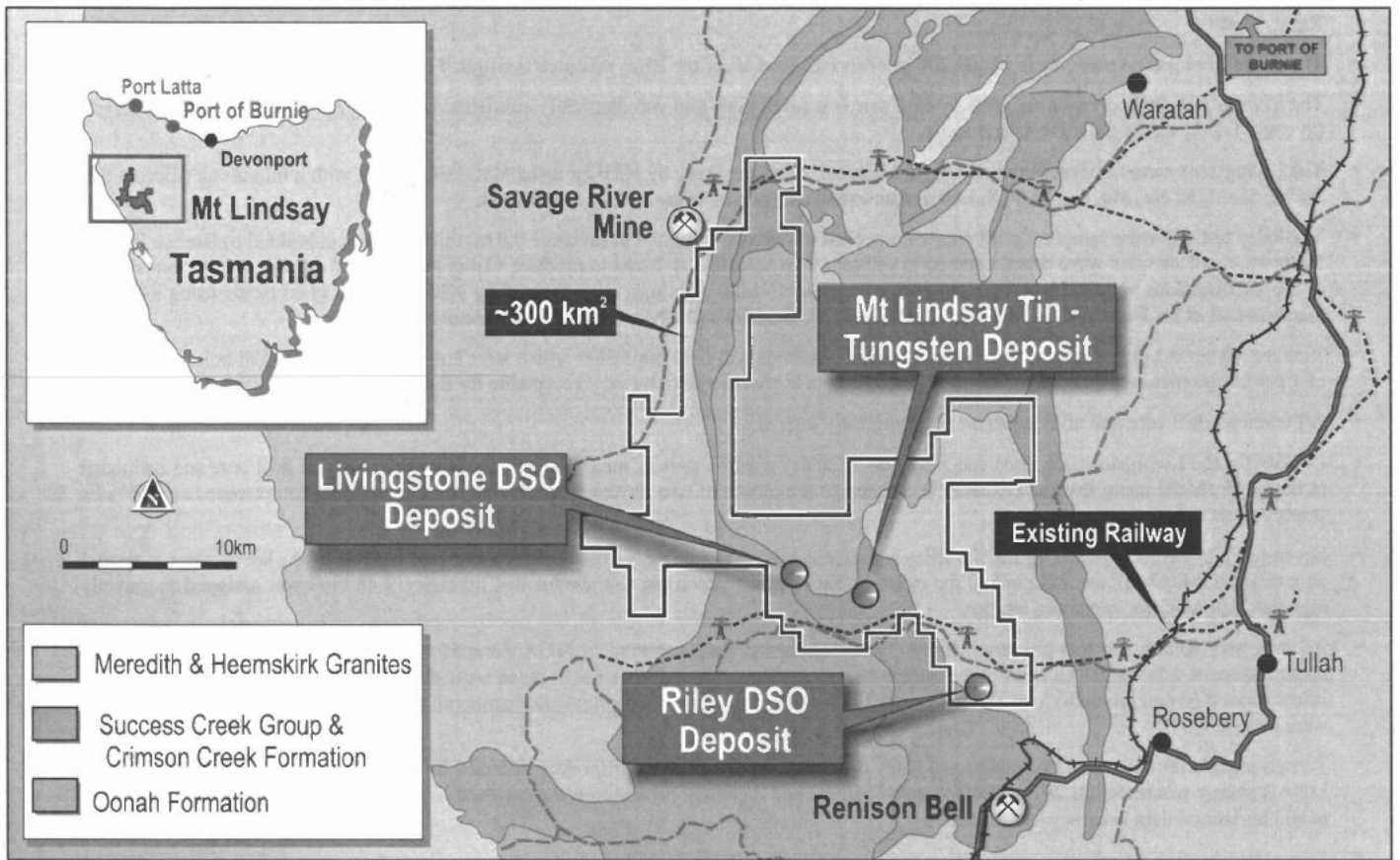


Figure 1: Location Map for Mt Lindsay Tin/Tungsten Deposit/Riley DSO Project/Livingstone DSO Project



Figure 2: Riley DSO Project







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Thank you for your correspondence.

In the 2015 letter, the company considered only the activities it had completed since 28th May 2014, this led to Venture Minerals seeking a variation to Condition 24 based on the fact that operations at Riley had only occurred for a short period of time and that the activities did not involve the bulk transportation of ore and therefore there had been no unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill. However, earlier this year Venture Minerals completed a detailed review of all activities conducted by the company post the approval and post the completion of exploration activities in July 2012. That review concluded that in late 2013 ore extraction had taken place as part of the process of starting mining operations prior to the 28th May 2014.

If there are any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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**From:** EPBC Monitoring

**Sent:** Friday, 11 October 2019 1:20 PM

**To:** s47F

**Cc:** s22

**Subject:** Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s47F

As discussed today, please see attached a letter from the Director of Environmental Audit s22 regarding EPBC 2012/6339, and associated letters to the Department of 6 May 2015, 17 July 2019 and 15 August 2019.

Kind regards

s22

Assistant Director

Environmental Audit | Office of Compliance  
Department of the Environment and Energy  
GPO Box 787 | Canberra ACT 2601

s22

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6 May 2015

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Venture Minerals Limited  
288 Churchill Avenue  
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Contact Officer  
Approvals Monitoring North Section  
Compliance and Enforcement Branch  
Environment Assessment and Compliance Division  
Department of the Environment  
GPO Box 787  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear §22

**Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)**

In response to your queries (as emailed 4 May 2015) regarding our request for a variation to the approval conditions for the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project we provide the following responses to the corresponding relevant points:

1. In respect to Condition 24, Venture Minerals proposes to vary this condition where it is required to pay at least 50% of the sum (\$144,000) as compensation for unavoidable impacts to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill from “within twelve (12) months of commencement of the action” to “within twelve (12) months of having substantially commenced the action”. The term *substantially commenced* is already defined in the conditions as meaning “the extraction of ore”.  
The Company did commence the action on 28 May 2014 but was forced to cease preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal to the Federal Court regarding the proposed action (which has still not been resolved). Later with no further ground disturbance activities on site the Company suspended operations at the Riley Mine on 19 August 2014 and that remains the case till today and for the foreseeable future.  
Venture Minerals believes that since the mine operations had only occurred for one week and that it only involved preliminary clearing of the plant site and no extraction or transportation of ore, that there has been no unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill as confirmed by the EPBC Sighting Register which can be found at <http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/epbc-species-register/register>
2. Current activities at the Riley Mine Site are focussed on meeting the requirements of the Care and Maintenance Plan as approved by the EPA of Tasmania and fulfilling the requirements of the conditions of the Approval to the proposed action for the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC 2012/6339). These activities include but are not limited to erosion control, surface and ground water quality monitoring, recording sightings of EPBC species, control and prevention of weed species, removal of roadkill and, checking and servicing of camera traps.

Should you have any further queries regarding the above points or any other queries concerning the action please contact me to discuss at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

**Venture Minerals Limited**



Our reference: 2012/6339

Email: [EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au](mailto:EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au)

s47F

Venture Minerals Limited  
PO Box 1175  
West Perth WA, 6872

Dear s47F

***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***  
**RE: Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project, Tasmania (EPBC 2012/6339)**

The Department is seeking clarification of information provided by Venture Minerals in the letter of 6 May 2015 in relation to the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC 2012/6339).

In particular, please clarify the advice in point one of the request for a variation of condition 24 in the letter of 6 May 2015. New information provided to the Department by Venture Minerals on 17 July 2019 and 15 August 2019 appears to conflict with this advice. The letters are attached for your consideration.

The information supplied to the Department will be used in determining if approval conditions have been met, and what enforcement measures may apply, if any.

Please note that Section 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* makes it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents to specified persons who are known to be performing a duty or carrying out a function under the Act or the regulations. You may choose to obtain independent legal advice in relation to any concerns you may have relating to potential non-compliance of the Act.

Please submit your response by email to [EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au](mailto:EPBCmonitoring@environment.gov.au) within two weeks of the date of this letter. For further information relating to this matter please call me on s22.

Yours sincerely

s22

Director  
Environmental Audit  
// October 2019

**From:** s22  
**To:** s47F  
**Cc:** [EPBC Monitoring](#)  
**Subject:** EPBC 2012/6339 [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 3 December 2019 3:25:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [2012-6339 - Corro 191203 to s47F - Venture - provision of INs.pdf](#)  
[2012-6339 - Tax Invoice 18036401.pdf](#)  
[2012-6339 - Infringement Notice Condition 24 - OOC19-040.pdf](#)  
[2012-6339 - Infringement Notice Condition 29 - OOC19-041.pdf](#)

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Dear s47F

As discussed, please see attached a letter from the Chief Compliance Officer, Monica Collins, the Tax Invoice and associated infringement notices relating to EPBC 2012/6339.

Kind regards

s22

Assistant Director

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Venture Minerals Limited  
PO Box 1175  
West Perth WA, 6872

Dear s47F

**RE: Breach of Conditions attached to EPBC 2012/6339**

I refer to the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC 2012/6339). As you are aware, on 3 August 2013 Venture Minerals received approval to undertake the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act). The approval has 37 conditions attached to it.

Condition 24 of the approval requires that upon substantially commencing the action the Venture Minerals must contribute funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program for the purpose of Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population. The Department understands that the action substantially commenced on 27 November 2013. To date, Venture Minerals has not contributed funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program for the purpose of Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.

Condition 29 of the approval requires within 14 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement. The approval holder failed to notify the Department that the action had actually commenced on 27 November 2013. On 17 July 2019 the Department became aware that that the action commenced on site on 27 November 2013.

Sections 142B and 497 of the Act and associated regulations provide for the issue of Infringement Notices when conditions attached to an approval are contravened. The Department has identified that conditions 24 and 29 attached to the approval EPBC 2012/6339 have been contravened.

Please find enclosed two Infringement Notices totalling \$25,200. Your options for payment or appeal in relation to these notices are detailed on the reverse of the notice.

For further information relating to this matter please call the Director of Compliance, Mr s22 on s22.

Yours sincerely

Monica Collins  
Chief Compliance Officer  
Office of Compliance

3 December 2019



Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

**INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**

IN No. OOC19/040

Alleged offender details:

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Date of Birth: Not Applicable	Telephone Number:	+61 8 6279 9428	
	Email:	info@ventureminerals.com.au	
Company details:	ACN:	119 678 385	
	ABN:	51 119 678 385	

The authorised officer whose name appears below has reasonable grounds for believing that on or about the 17th day of July 2019, you committed an offence against section 142B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act)

Nature of alleged offence:	Condition 24 of the approval requires that upon substantially commencing the action Venture Minerals must contribute funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program for the purpose of Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population. The Department understands that the action substantially commenced on 27 November 2013. To date, Venture Minerals has not contributed funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program for the purpose of Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.		
Location:	Riley Creek, Tasmania		
<b>The amount payable for this infringement notice penalty is:</b>		<b>\$12,600</b>	
The maximum penalty that may be imposed by a court for the offence should you choose not to comply with the conditions of this notice is:		\$63,000	

**PLEASE SEE NOTES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS NOTICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

Issuing officer details: s22 EPBC Inspectors Identity Card number s22 /EPBC	Signature of issuing office <b>s22</b>
Date 3	

1.	<p><b>PAYMENT</b></p> <p>If you prefer the matter not be dealt with by a court, you may pay this infringement notice penalty:</p> <p>a. no later than 28 days after the date it has been issued; or</p> <p>b. If more time is allowed for payment by the Chief Compliance Officer, Office of Compliance, before the end of that period; or</p> <p>c. If payment by instalments is permitted, in accordance with the approved scheduled</p>						
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Signature:..... Date:.....



*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

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Nature of alleged offence:	Condition 29 of the approval requires within 14 days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement. Venture Minerals failed to notify the Department that the action had commenced within 14 days after the commencement of the action. On 17 July 2019 Venture Minerals notified the Department that they had identified that that the action commenced on site on 27 November 2013.	
Location:	Riley Creek, Tasmania	
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Issuing officer details: <b>s22</b> EPBC Inspectors Identity Card number <b>s22</b> EPBC	Signature of issuing officer <b>s22</b> Date 31 July 2019
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Infringement notice # Environment Protection and Biodiversity  
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 Att: Andrew Radonjic Managing Director

**PAYMENT ADVICE**

**TOTAL AMOUNT \$25,200.00**

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 (ABN 51119678385)

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**To:** [EPBC Monitoring](#)  
**Cc:** s22  
**Subject:** FW: Venture Minerals Limited- Compliance Report | EPBC 2012-6339 Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
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**From:** s47F  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2016 2:49 PM  
**To:** Post Approval  
**Subject:** Venture Minerals Limited- Compliance Report | EPBC 2012-6339 Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project

Please find attached Venture Minerals' Compliance Report for EPBC 2012-6339 for Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project for the twelve month period 28 May 2015 to 28 May 2016.

Kind regards

s47F

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**Compliance Report**  
**Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project**  
**EPBC 2012/6339**  
**Twelve month period from 28 May 2015 to 28 May 2016**



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## Introduction

This Annual Report is submitted in fulfilment of Condition 32 of Venture Minerals Limited's ("the Company") approval of the proposed action being the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC2012/6339) ("Riley Mine") and covers the twelve month period up to 28 May 2016.

The Company's Riley Mine is situated 18km west of Tullah in Western Tasmania. State approval of the Riley Mine was granted in May 2013 and an amended planning permit following an appeal was granted in September 2013. Federal approval was granted in August 2013.

Equipment was mobilized to the Riley Mine site in October 2013 but site works did not commence as a submission for a Judicial Review of the Federal Minister's decision to approve the mine was lodged. The Judicial Review was heard in February 2014 and dismissed with costs in May 2014.

The Company commenced at the Riley Mine on 28 May 2014 but was forced to cease preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Review being submitted to the Federal Court. Work on site ceased and the equipment was demobilized.

A total area of 1.4ha was cleared with associated vegetation and top soil stockpiled.

With no further ground disturbance occurring, on 19 August 2014 the Company suspended all operations at the Riley Mine. As of the 2 year anniversary of the commencement the operations remain suspended until further notice due to ensuing economic conditions.

The appeal against the judgement of the Federal Court given in May 2014 was heard in November 2014 and dismissed with costs in June 2015.

Consequently with the suspension of operations the Company placed the mine on care and maintenance. A Care and Maintenance Plan ("CMP") of the Riley Mine was approved by the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") on 24 September 2014. The CMP was implemented and a Caretaker appointed until the mine is restarted.

Activities since 19 August 2014 to 28 May 2016 at the Riley Mine Site have been focussed on meeting the requirements of the CMP and fulfilling the requirements of the conditions of the approval. These activities include but are not limited to erosion control, surface and ground water quality monitoring, recording sightings of EPBC species, control and prevention of weed species, removal of roadkill and, checking and servicing of camera traps.

Conditions attached to the approval

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
<p><b>Environmental Induction Training &amp; Awareness Program</b>                      (Conditions 1 to 3)</p>			
1a - 1i	<p>The person taking the action must develop an environmental induction training and awareness program that instructs all staff, contractors and visitors on the importance of protecting EPBC species at, and while travelling to and from, the mine site. The program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. include face to face sessions, prominently displayed posters and provision of glovebox guides;</li> <li>b. include clear images and simple descriptions (including distinguishing features) to aid in the identification of EPBC species;</li> <li>c. includes information on how to identify signs and symptoms of tree dieback resulting from <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> outbreaks;</li> <li>d. include maps of high risk EPBC species road kill locations, identified and updated every 6 months in consideration of monitoring data collected subject to these conditions and any information published by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program;</li> <li>e. include instructions on how to avoid or reduce incidences of all fauna species roadkill;</li> <li>f. include protocols for dealing with food waste to avoid attracting any EPBC species to the site;</li> <li>g. include protocols for dealing with injured EPBC species, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Animal welfare considerations;</li> <li>ii. Initial response provisions; and</li> <li>iii. Expert care provisions</li> </ul> </li> <li>h. provide information on roles and responsibilities, including recording and reporting obligations for staff who observe EPBC species (dead or alive) and provide any template documents used in these requirements; and</li> <li>i. include reference to the penalties imposed on any workers found causing intentional harm to EPBC species, including legal and onsite environmental responsibilities.</li> </ul> <p>The induction training program must commence at or prior to the commencement of the action and be maintained until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation) to ensure that all staff, contractors and visitors who work, visit or travel to the mine site are inducted prior to any onsite activity. Details of induction (including names and contact details of attendees) must be logged and maintained within an induction register.</p>	Compliant	<p>Health, Safety and Environmental Inductions have been carried out for all personnel working on site since September 2013 and complies with the Company's Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") as approved by the EPA on 3 October 2013. A register of all inductions for staff, visitors, contractors and government personnel is maintained by the Company.</p> <p>The induction manual contains an environmental induction section which complies with the Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program conditions of 1 to 3 of EPBC 2012/6339.</p> <p>Routine induction sessions are held on a regular basis for new staff, contractors and visitors, with additional sessions scheduled when necessary.</p> <p>Meetings were conducted on a daily basis with site staff up until the 19 August 2014 and since on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Under the CMP the Company continues to maintain monitoring of EPBC species and a monthly register is provided on the Company's website.</p>

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2	The person taking the action must ensure that monthly meetings are held prior to the commencement of each shift to maintain worker knowledge about the importance of avoiding and minimizing impacts (particularly roadkill) on EPBC species and of recording and reporting observations of EPBC species.		
3	The person taking the action must ensure that any sightings of EPBC species (dead or alive) by any staff, contractor or visitor are recorded. Details to be recorded must include: a. species; b. condition; c. date; d. time; e. location coordinates; and f. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of injury or death where relevant and known.		
<b>Pre-clearance surveys</b> (Conditions 4 to 12)			
4	The person taking the action must ensure that targeted preclearance surveys for EPBC species are undertaken by a suitably qualified person prior to any vegetation clearance. Specific features to be targeted, along with a mandatory management response in parenthesis, must include: a. Tasmanian Wedged-tailed Eagle nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all work within 500m, or 1km if activity is within the line of site of the nest, must cease during the breeding season, until any chicks have been fledged, as determined by a suitably qualified person); b. Masked owl nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all works within 50m of the nest must cease during the breeding season); c. Tasmanian Devil dens (cease all works within 50m of the den until is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person); and d. Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens (cease all works within 50m until the den is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person).	Compliant	In relation to conditions 4 to 6 of EPBC 2012/6339 the Company engaged Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology to complete a targeted preclearance survey for EPBC species in September 2013. The survey included the identification of denning opportunities of Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll.  Mr Nick Mooney will be responsible for the design and planning the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll dens recorded.



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9	The person taking the action must ensure that the area of cleared and exposed land occurring at anyone time in each of the zones marked Riley Laterite Area (RLA) A, RLA B, RLA C, and RLA 0 in Attachment A does not exceed 3ha.		
10	<p>To ensure the protection of any Tasmanian azure kingfisher habitat that may occur downstream from the mine site, the person taking the action must implement surface water quality control measures. These measures must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sediment settling ponds. These ponds must be designed to successfully mitigate reasonably foreseeable sediment loss which would result from a 1 in 20 year storm event and be regularly cleaned to ensure design capacity is maintained; and</li> <li>the collection and treatment of any polluted storm water prior to discharge from the mine site;</li> <li>the implementation of a minimum 15m buffer between mining operations and Riley Creek and Three Mile Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>the implementation of a minimum 30m buffer between mining operations and Trinder Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>the implementation of cut-off drains and sediment basins in RLA Band RLA D to intersect surface flow before discharge downstream; and</li> <li>the installation of temporary silt fences downslope from areas of returned fines to prevent fines entering any waterway. Silt fencing must be appropriately sized. Cleaned and maintained to trap fine particles to ensure turbidity levels do not exceed those required by condition 11.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>Mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.</p> <p>During the period preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) was completed for a total of 1.4ha. The Company installed cut off drains and silt fences downslope of the cleared area. The silt fencing is cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.</p>
11	<p>The person taking the action must develop a surface water quality monitoring and control plan (SWQMCP).</p> <p>The SWQMCP must include provisions for ongoing surface water monitoring at the sites identified in Attachment C and report against the following limits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pH levels must not be lower than 6.0 and must not exceed 8.0; and</li> <li>Turbidity levels must not exceed 55 NTU.</li> </ol> <p>The SWQMCP must outline what strategies will be implemented to ensure limits are not exceeded.</p> <p>The SWQMP must be submitted to the minister for approval prior to the commencement of the action. The action must not commence until the plan is approved by the minister. The approved SWQMCP must be implemented.</p>	Compliant	<p>Prior to the commencement of the action, the Company submitted to the Minister of Environment the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Control Plan ("SWQMCP") and was approved on the 13 September 2013. This report is available on the Company's website as the following link  <a href="http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports">http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports</a>.</p> <p>Surface Water Monitoring has been completed on a monthly basis during the period.</p> <p>There have been no readings outside of the pH and Turbidity limits.</p>

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12	<p>The person taking the action must implement measures to prevent the spread or establishment of new or additional weed species, and or soil or plant pathogens within the mine site. These measures must include, but need not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the implementation of hygiene treatment stations at all entry points to the mine site;</li> <li>b. that all machinery and vehicles undertaking earth working activities are cleaned of all soil and vegetative material immediately prior to entering and leaving the site; and</li> <li>c. any signs or symptoms of a Phytophthora cinnamomi infection identified within the mine site are treated in accordance with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines (2005).</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>The Company has implemented a hygiene treatment station at the main and only entrance to the mine site and has developed a procedure to clean all machinery and vehicles entering and leaving the site as per the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment 'Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines' (2005). The guidelines are used to aid identification of Phytophthora cinnamomi infection on site.</p>
<p><b>Protection of EPBC species from traffic impacts</b>                      (Conditions 13 to 19)</p>			
13	<p>The person taking the action must provide for each work shift a bus to transport staff, contractors and visitors between the mine site and (at least) the town of Tullah. The service must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. free of charge;</li> <li>b. advertised through the environmental awareness and induction program described in Condition 1; and</li> <li>c. capable of carrying all staff, contractors and visitors.</li> </ul> <p>The person taking the action must implement measures to ensure that staff, contractors and visitors use the bus to travel to and from the mine site except in accordance with specified written exceptions agreed to in advance by the department.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company requested exemptions from the Department of the Environment to condition 13 of EPBC 2012/6339 and received approval on 13 September 2013. The exemptions request was updated and approved in May 2014. During the reporting period only exempt vehicles have been used to access the site.</p>
14	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that any new roads within the mine site are designed, built and maintained in a manner that minimises the potential for EPBC species roadkill, through deterrence and increased visibility, including in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the use of light coloured aggregate; and</li> <li>b. installation of table drains to minimise pooling of water and vegetation growth.</li> </ul>	Not-applicable	<p>No new roads have been constructed during the reporting period.</p>

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15	The person taking the action must ensure that all new and existing roads within the mine site: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. are clearly signposted with speed limits of no more than 40kph; and</li> <li>b. undergo active management of vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road for the life of the approval to maximise fauna visibility.</li> </ol>	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company sign posted the existing road with a 40kph speed limit sign and continues to manage the vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road.
16	The person taking the action must ensure that no authorised vehicle used to transport product ore travels outside of daylight hours.	Not-applicable	
17	The person taking the action must ensure that all authorised vehicles are fitted with animal deterrence technology such as ultrasonic animal alert whistles.	Compliant	The Company installed ultrasonic animal alert whistles on all authorised vehicles.
18	The person taking the action must ensure that the section of Pieman Road between the mine site and the intersection with the Murchison Highway, and all roads within the mine site, are free of road kill before nightfall, by daily inspection, and removal of all carcasses (whether EPBC species or not) to at least 40m from the edge of the road or disposed of offsite.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company have completed inspections and removal of all carcasses of the section of the Pieman Road between the site and Murchison Highway and all roads within the site.
19	The person taking the action must ensure that all roadkill detected in accordance with Condition 18 are recorded. Information to be recorded must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. date;</li> <li>c. time;</li> <li>d. location coordinates; and</li> <li>e. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of death where known.</li> </ol>		All roadkill detected during the reporting period has been recorded with the required information.



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<b>Monitoring and reporting</b> (Conditions 20 to 23)			
20	Prior to the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must establish an EPBC species register on their website that includes all records of sighting of EPBC species (including carcasses), as collected under Conditions 3, 4 and 18 of this approval. This register must be updated at least once a month until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation).	Compliant	On the 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 an EPBC species register was established on the Company's website.  The link is <a href="http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register">http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register</a> .  The register is updated on the website on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of each month.  Refer Appendix A for EPBC species register for the reporting period.
21	The person taking the action must undertake monitoring in accordance with the Tasmanian devil and spotted-tall quoll habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP), including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the installation of four camera traps within the mine site prior to the commencement of the action. Dedicated to identifying incidences of DFTD;</li> <li>b. the installation of an additional four camera traps, following the creation of built denning opportunities, dedicated to monitoring the use and effectiveness of built denning opportunities;</li> <li>c. the placement of all camera in locations to be determined by a suitably qualified person. These locations may change over time to target devil hotspots and/or newly created denning opportunities; and</li> <li>d. all camera traps must be checked and serviced weekly and remain operational until completion of the action (including closure and rehabilitation).</li> </ol>	Compliant	The Company installed four camera traps at locations determined by a consultant Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology, within the site prior to commencement of the action.  The Company has not come to the stage of building any denning opportunities.  The Company checks and services weekly all camera traps operational during the period.
22	Within three (3) months of the completion of the action. The person taking the action must prepare and submit to the department, a report on the Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll habitat management. The report must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified person and include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. details on the location, quantity and quality of denning opportunities created onsite;</li> <li>b. details on the effectiveness of the created denning opportunities in reference to the results of the monitoring required by Condition 21.</li> <li>c. any observed trends in the local populations of these species; and</li> <li>d. details (location, date, circumstance) of any identified cases of DFTD.</li> </ol>	Not-applicable	

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23	Within fourteen (14) days of a request the person taking the action must make available any raw data relating to the Tasmanian devil and DFTD, on request from any Commonwealth or Tasmanian Government agency or the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.	Not-applicable	
<p><b>Compensation for unavoidable impacts</b> (Condition 24)</p>			
24	<p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of commencement of the action, and the balance within two (2) years of commencement of the action.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p>	Not-applicable	<p>During the reporting period the Company requested a variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339. On the 20 May 2015, the Department of the Environment made the following variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339:</p> <p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>, and the balance within 24 months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p> <p><u>Definition</u> <b>Substantially commenced/substantial commencement of the action</b> means the commencement of extraction of ore.</p>
<p><b>Mine closure and rehabilitation</b> (Conditions 25 to 27)</p>			
25	Following the permanent cessation of product excavation and transportation, and prior to the commencement of final rehabilitation works on site, the person taking the action must submit the most recent version of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) to the minister for information.	Not-applicable	

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26	If the minister is not satisfied that the DRP referred to in Condition 25 will adequately provide for the permanent protection of EPBC species, the minister may require a supplement or additional plan to be prepared and submitted for approval.	Not-applicable	
27	<p>The minister may at any time review the security deposit lodged by the person taking the action pursuant to Schedule 2 of Mining Lease SM12012. If the minister is not satisfied that the security deposit lodged will adequately provide for the implementation of the plan referred to in Condition 25, as well as any supplements as described in Condition 26, he may require that the person taking the action establishes an additional security deposit in trust, under conditions approved by the minister.</p> <p>Any supplements or additional plan must be implemented once it has been approved by the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	
<p><b>Contingency conditions</b>                      (Condition 28)</p>			
28	<p>In the event of the following excess EPBC species roadkill deaths over any 12 month period recorded in accordance with Condition 19, occurring within the mine site, or caused by an authorised vehicle travelling to or from the mine site, the following associated contingency compensation response must be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. for each wedge-tailed eagle death beyond (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute to regional or state-wide wedge-tailed eagle monitoring strategies as agreed by the department,                          Note: The contribution can be expected to be in the order of \$20,000.</li> <li>b. for each spotted-tail quail death beyond one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must fund three (3) month program of feral dog and/or cat trapping and/or shooting; and</li> <li>c. for each Tasmanian devil death beyond three (3) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute an additional \$48,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program Appeal (or other conservation organisation approved by the minister), explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.</li> </ul>	Compliant	During the reporting period, no EPBC species roadkill deaths were recorded.

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<b>Administrative conditions</b> (Conditions 29 to 37)			
29	Within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Compliant	The Company notified the Department of the Environment on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 on the commencement of the action.
30	The person taking the action must notify the department of any non-compliance with these conditions within two (2) days becoming aware of the non-compliance, along with the proposed remediation response where appropriate. Once agreed with the department, any response must be implemented.	Not-applicable	
31	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a management plan or reports, required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the department. Such records may be subject to audit by the department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company maintained accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval.
32	<p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action until completion of the action, the person taking the action must publish on their website, and provide the department with, a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval since the previous compliance report, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a summary of induction training and awareness activity undertaken or proposed;</li> <li>b. an extract for the reporting period of the EPBC species register established under Condition 20;</li> <li>c. details of progress against actions (including documentary evidence of payments) required under Conditions 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 24, and, if required, 28;</li> <li>d. details of any emergency travel undertaken outside of daylight hours as allowed under Condition 16;</li> <li>e. information on compliance (and non-compliance) with any management plans and reports required by Conditions within this approval; and</li> <li>f. details of any other incidences of non-compliance with these conditions along with any associated remedial action undertaken, underway or proposed.</li> </ul>	Compliant	The Company completed and submitted the Annual Compliance Report for EPBC2012/6339 for the 12 month reporting period up to 28 May 2016.

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
33	Upon the direction of the minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the minister.	Not-applicable	
34	If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the ministers written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.	Not-applicable	
35	If the minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC species to do so, the minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the minister has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.	Not-applicable	
36	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the minister.	Not-applicable	
37	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan or report must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.	Compliant	The Company has published all management plans and reports referred to in the conditions of EPBC 2012/6339 on the website.

### Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorization being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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15 August 2016

Appendix A



Riley DSO Mine Project

EPBC Species Register

12 months up to 28 May 2016

Grid system MGA55 GDA 94

Name	Date	Time	Species	Condition	Location description	Location co-ordinates	Comments/Notes
<b>Pre-clearance survey</b>							
K.Donohue	11/9/2015	1.00	Tasmanian devil	Appears Healthy	Front of Riley Mine gate	5379100 mN 367950 mE	Video footage - night shot - appears in good health - No signs of DFTD

<b>EPBC Species list</b>	Tasmanian devil Spotted-tailed quoll Wedge-tailed eagle Tasmanian azure kingfisher Tasmanian masked owl
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## Introduction

This Annual Report is submitted in fulfilment of Condition 32 of Venture Minerals Limited's ("the Company") approval of the proposed action being the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC2012/6339) ("Riley Mine") and covers the twelve month period up to 28 May 2017.

The Company's Riley Mine is situated 18km west of Tullah in Western Tasmania. State approval of the Riley Mine was granted in May 2013 and an amended planning permit following an appeal was granted in September 2013. Federal approval was granted in August 2013.

Equipment was mobilized to the Riley Mine site in October 2013 but site works did not commence as a submission for a Judicial Review of the Federal Minister's decision to approve the mine was lodged. The Judicial Review was heard in February 2014 and dismissed with costs in May 2014.

The Company commenced at the Riley Mine on 28 May 2014 but was forced to cease preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Review being submitted to the Federal Court. Work on site ceased and the equipment was demobilized.

A total area of 1.4ha was cleared with associated vegetation and top soil stockpiled.

With no further ground disturbance occurring, on 19 August 2014 the Company suspended all operations at the Riley Mine. As of the 2 year anniversary of the commencement the operations remain suspended until further notice due to ensuing economic conditions.

The appeal against the judgement of the Federal Court given in May 2014 was heard in November 2014 and dismissed with costs in June 2015.

Consequently with the suspension of operations the Company placed the mine on care and maintenance. A Care and Maintenance Plan ("CMP") of the Riley Mine was approved by the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") on 24 September 2014. The CMP was implemented and a Caretaker appointed until the mine is restarted.

Activities since 19 August 2014 to 28 May 2017 at the Riley Mine Site have been focussed on meeting the requirements of the CMP and fulfilling the requirements of the conditions of the approval. These activities include but are not limited to erosion control, surface and ground water quality monitoring, recording sightings of EPBC species, control and prevention of weed species, removal of roadkill and, checking and servicing of camera traps.

Conditions attached to the approval

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<p><b>Environmental Induction Training &amp; Awareness Program</b>                      (Conditions 1 to 3)</p>			
1a - 1i	<p>The person taking the action must develop an environmental induction training and awareness program that instructs all staff, contractors and visitors on the importance of protecting EPBC species at, and while travelling to and from, the mine site. The program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. include face to face sessions, prominently displayed posters and provision of glovebox guides;</li> <li>b. include clear images and simple descriptions (including distinguishing features) to aid in the identification of EPBC species;</li> <li>c. includes information on how to identify signs and symptoms of tree dieback resulting from <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> outbreaks;</li> <li>d. include maps of high risk EPBC species road kill locations, identified and updated every 6 months in consideration of monitoring data collected subject to these conditions and any information published by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program;</li> <li>e. include instructions on how to avoid or reduce incidences of all fauna species roadkill;</li> <li>f. include protocols for dealing with food waste to avoid attracting any EPBC species to the site;</li> <li>g. include protocols for dealing with injured EPBC species, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Animal welfare considerations;</li> <li>ii. Initial response provisions; and</li> <li>iii. Expert care provisions</li> </ul> </li> <li>h. provide information on roles and responsibilities, including recording and reporting obligations for staff who observe EPBC species (dead or alive) and provide any template documents used in these requirements; and</li> <li>i. include reference to the penalties imposed on any workers found causing intentional harm to EPBC species, including legal and onsite environmental responsibilities.</li> </ul> <p>The induction training program must commence at or prior to the commencement of the action and be maintained until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation) to ensure that all staff, contractors and visitors who work, visit or travel to the mine site are inducted prior to any onsite activity. Details of induction (including names and contact details of attendees) must be logged and maintained within an induction register.</p>	Compliant	<p>Health, Safety and Environmental Inductions have been carried out for all personnel working on site since September 2013 and complies with the Company's Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") as approved by the EPA on 3 October 2013. A register of all inductions for staff, visitors, contractors and government personnel is maintained by the Company.</p> <p>The induction manual contains an environmental induction section which complies with the Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program conditions of 1 to 3 of EPBC 2012/6339.</p> <p>Routine induction sessions are held on a regular basis for new staff, contractors and visitors, with additional sessions scheduled when necessary.</p> <p>Meetings were conducted on a daily basis with site staff up until the 19 August 2014 and since on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Under the CMP the Company continues to maintain monitoring of EPBC species and a monthly register is provided on the Company's website.</p>

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2	The person taking the action must ensure that monthly meetings are held prior to the commencement of each shift to maintain worker knowledge about the importance of avoiding and minimizing impacts (particularly roadkill) on EPBC species and of recording and reporting observations of EPBC species.		
3	The person taking the action must ensure that any sightings of EPBC species (dead or alive) by any staff, contractor or visitor are recorded. Details to be recorded must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. condition;</li> <li>c. date;</li> <li>d. time;</li> <li>e. location coordinates; and</li> <li>f. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of injury or death where relevant and known.</li> </ul>		
<b>Pre-clearance surveys</b> (Conditions 4 to 12)			
4	The person taking the action must ensure that targeted preclearance surveys for EPBC species are undertaken by a suitably qualified person prior to any vegetation clearance. Specific features to be targeted, along with a mandatory management response in parenthesis, must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tasmanian Wedged-tailed Eagle nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all work within 500m, or 1km if activity is within the line of site of the nest, must cease during the breeding season, until any chicks have been fledged, as determined by a suitably qualified person);</li> <li>b. Masked owl nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all works within 50m of the nest must cease during the breeding season);</li> <li>c. Tasmanian Devil dens (cease all works within 50m of the den until is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person); and</li> <li>d. Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens (cease all works within 50m until the den is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person).</li> </ul> Pre-clearance surveys must be documented, including details of results, methodology, and personnel (and their qualifications). The person taking the action	Compliant	In relation to conditions 4 to 6 of EPBC 2012/6339 the Company engaged Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology to complete a targeted preclearance survey for EPBC species in September 2013. The survey included the identification of denning opportunities of Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll.  Mr Nick Mooney will be responsible for the design and planning the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll dens recorded.

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5	must ensure that all Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll denning opportunities (whether active or not) identified during targeted pre-clearance surveys required by Condition 4 of this approval, are documented. Details to be recorded must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>description;</li> <li>coordinate location;</li> <li>quality; and</li> <li>any evidence of recent use or activity.</li> </ol>		
6	The person taking the action must engage a suitably qualified person to design and plan the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens recorded in accordance with Condition 5 of this approval. The planned denning opportunities must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be created using suitable tree trunks, large stumps, roots, branches and rocks removed during clearing activities onsite;</li> <li>be placed at intervals around the outskirts of the mining area at least 50 m from any disturbed area and roads;</li> <li>achieve at least the quantum and quality of any denning opportunities disturbed, identified and recorded during pre-clearance surveys (in accordance with Condition 5); and</li> <li>be built progressively as soon as adequate materials from clearing activities become available.</li> </ol>		
7	The person taking the action must ensure that progressive rehabilitation is undertaken during mining operations, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>collection of seeds prior to timber harvesting to be stored and used in final rehabilitation;</li> <li>the stockpiling of any removed coarse woody debris and large rocks onsite; and</li> <li>the spreading of any topsoil removed during excavation works over any exposed fines returned to the mined area following processing, If no returned fines are available, topsoil must be stockpiled on site separate from stockpiled rehabilitation materials; and</li> <li>the covering of any returned topsoil as soon as practicable with mulched vegetation to prevent erosion.</li> </ol>	Not applicable	Mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.  During the period preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) was completed for a total of 1.4ha.  During the clearing, associated vegetation and top soil was stockpiled.
8	The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum area of land disturbed by extractive and processing works, including associated roading, which may remain at any one time without rehabilitation works having been undertaken is 20ha.		

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9	The person taking the action must ensure that the area of cleared and exposed land occurring at anyone time in each of the zones marked Riley Laterite Area (RLA) A, RLA B, RLA C, and RLA 0 in Attachment A does not exceed 3ha.		
10	<p>To ensure the protection of any Tasmanian azure kingfisher habitat that may occur downstream from the mine site, the person taking the action must implement surface water quality control measures. These measures must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. sediment settling ponds. These ponds must be designed to successfully mitigate reasonably foreseeable sediment loss which would result from a 1 in 20 year storm event and be regularly cleaned to ensure design capacity is maintained; and</li> <li>b. the collection and treatment of any polluted storm water prior to discharge from the mine site;</li> <li>c. the implementation of a minimum 15m buffer between mining operations and Riley Creek and Three Mile Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>d. the implementation of a minimum 30m buffer between mining operations and Trinder Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>e. the implementation of cut-off drains and sediment basins in RLA Band RLA D to intersect surface flow before discharge downstream; and</li> <li>f. the installation of temporary silt fences downslope from areas of returned fines to prevent fines entering any waterway. Silt fencing must be appropriately sized. Cleaned and maintained to trap fine particles to ensure turbidity levels do not exceed those required by condition 11.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>Mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.</p> <p>During the twelve month period since the commencement of the action on 28 May 2014, preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) was completed for a total of 1.4ha. The Company installed cut off drains and silt fences downslope of the cleared area. The silt fencing is cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.</p>
11	<p>The person taking the action must develop a surface water quality monitoring and control plan (SWQMCP).</p> <p>The SWQMCP must include provisions for ongoing surface water monitoring at the sites identified in Attachment C and report against the following limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. pH levels must not be lower than 6.0 and must not exceed 8.0; and</li> <li>b. Turbidity levels must not exceed 55 NTU.</li> </ul> <p>The SWQMCP must outline what strategies will be implemented to ensure limits are not exceeded.</p> <p>The SWQMP must be submitted to the minister for approval prior to the commencement of the action. The action must not commence until the plan is approved by the minister. The approved SWQMCP must be implemented.</p>	Compliant	<p>Prior to the commencement of the action, the Company submitted to the Minister of Environment the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Control Plan ("SWQMCP") and was approved on the 13 September 2013. This report is available on the Company's website as the following link  <a href="http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports">http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports</a>.</p> <p>Surface Water Monitoring has been completed on a monthly basis during the period.</p> <p>There have been no readings outside of the pH and Turbidity limits.</p>

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12	<p>The person taking the action must implement measures to prevent the spread or establishment of new or additional weed species, and or soil or plant pathogens within the mine site. These measures must include, but need not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the implementation of hygiene treatment stations at all entry points to the mine site;</li> <li>b. that all machinery and vehicles undertaking earth working activities are cleaned of all soil and vegetative material immediately prior to entering and leaving the site; and</li> <li>c. any signs or symptoms of a Phytophthora cinnamomi infection identified within the mine site are treated in accordance with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines (2005).</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>The Company has implemented a hygiene treatment station at the main and only entrance to the mine site and has developed a procedure to clean all machinery and vehicles entering and leaving the site as per the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment 'Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines' (2005). The guidelines are used to aid identification of Phytophthora cinnamomi infection on site.</p>
<p><b>Protection of EPBC species from traffic impacts</b>                  (Conditions 13 to 19)</p>			
13	<p>The person taking the action must provide for each work shift a bus to transport staff, contractors and visitors between the mine site and (at least) the town of Tullah. The service must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. free of charge;</li> <li>b. advertised through the environmental awareness and induction program described in Condition 1; and</li> <li>c. capable of carrying all staff, contractors and visitors.</li> </ul> <p>The person taking the action must implement measures to ensure that staff, contractors and visitors use the bus to travel to and from the mine site except in accordance with specified written exceptions agreed to in advance by the department.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company requested exemptions from the Department of the Environment to condition 13 of EPBC 2012/6339 and received approval on 13 September 2013. The exemptions request was updated and approved in May 2014. During the reporting period only exempt vehicles have been used to access the site.</p>
14	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that any new roads within the mine site are designed, built and maintained in a manner that minimises the potential for EPBC species roadkill, through deterrence and increased visibility, including in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the use of light coloured aggregate; and</li> <li>b. installation of table drains to minimise pooling of water and vegetation growth.</li> </ul>	Not-applicable	<p>No new roads have been constructed during the reporting period.</p>



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15	The person taking the action must ensure that all new and existing roads within the mine site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. are clearly signposted with speed limits of no more than 40kph; and</li> <li>b. undergo active management of vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road for the life of the approval to maximise fauna visibility.</li> </ul>	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company continued to have the existing road sign posted with a 40kph speed limit sign and continues to manage the vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road.
16	The person taking the action must ensure that no authorised vehicle used to transport product ore travels outside of daylight hours.	Not-applicable	
17	The person taking the action must ensure that all authorised vehicles are fitted with animal deterrence technology such as ultrasonic animal alert whistles.	Compliant	The Company installed ultrasonic animal alert whistles on all authorised vehicles.
18	The person taking the action must ensure that the section of Pieman Road between the mine site and the intersection with the Murchison Highway, and all roads within the mine site, are free of road kill before nightfall, by daily inspection, and removal of all carcasses (whether EPBC species or not) to at least 40m from the edge of the road or disposed of offsite.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company have completed inspections and removal of all carcasses of the section of the Pieman Road between the site and Murchison Highway and all roads within the site.  All roadkill detected during the reporting period has been recorded with the required information.
19	The person taking the action must ensure that all roadkill detected in accordance with Condition 18 are recorded. Information to be recorded must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. date;</li> <li>c. time;</li> <li>d. location coordinates; and</li> <li>e. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of death where known.</li> </ul>		

<b>Monitoring and reporting</b> (Conditions 20 to 23)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
20	Prior to the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must establish an EPBC species register on their website that includes all records of sighting of EPBC species (including carcasses), as collected under Conditions 3, 4 and 18 of this approval. This register must be updated at least once a month until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation).	Compliant	<p>On the 6 September 2013, an EPBC species register was established on the Company's website.</p> <p>The link is <a href="http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register">http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register</a>.</p> <p>The register is updated on the website on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.</p> <p>Refer Appendix A for EPBC species register for the reporting period.</p>
21	<p>The person taking the action must undertake monitoring in accordance with the Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP), including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the installation of four camera traps within the mine site prior to the commencement of the action. Dedicated to identifying incidences of DFTD;</li> <li>the installation of an additional four camera traps, following the creation of built denning opportunities, dedicated to monitoring the use and effectiveness of built denning opportunities;</li> <li>the placement of all camera in locations to be determined by a suitably qualified person. These locations may change over time to target devil hotspots and/or newly created denning opportunities; and</li> <li>all camera traps must be checked and serviced weekly and remain operational until completion of the action (including closure and rehabilitation).</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company installed four camera traps at locations determined by a consultant Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology, within the site prior to commencement of the action.</p> <p>The Company has not come to the stage of building any denning opportunities.</p> <p>The Company checks and services weekly all camera traps operational during the period.</p>
22	<p>Within three (3) months of the completion of the action. The person taking the action must prepare and submit to the department, a report on the Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll habitat management. The report must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified person and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>details on the location, quantity and quality of denning opportunities created onsite;</li> <li>details on the effectiveness of the created denning opportunities in reference to the results of the monitoring required by Condition 21.</li> <li>any observed trends in the local populations of these species; and</li> <li>details (location, date, circumstance) of any identified cases of DFTD.</li> </ol>	Not-applicable	

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23	Within fourteen (14) days of a request the person taking the action must make available any raw data relating to the Tasmanian devil and DFTD, on request from any Commonwealth or Tasmanian Government agency or the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.	Not-applicable	
<b>Compensation for unavoidable impacts</b> (Condition 24)			
24	<p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of commencement of the action, and the balance within two (2) years of commencement of the action.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p>	Not-applicable	<p>During the previous reporting period the Company requested a variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339. On the 20 May 2015, the Department of the Environment made the following variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339:</p> <p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>, and the balance within 24 months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p> <p><b>Definition</b>  <b>Substantially commenced/substantial commencement of the action</b> means the commencement of extraction of ore.</p>

<b>Mine closure and rehabilitation</b> (Conditions 25 to 27)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
25	Following the permanent cessation of product excavation and transportation, and prior to the commencement of final rehabilitation works on site, the person taking the action must submit the most recent version of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) to the minister for information.	Not-applicable	
26	If the minister is not satisfied that the DRP referred to in Condition 25 will adequately provide for the permanent protection of EPBC species, the minister may require a supplement or additional plan to be prepared and submitted for approval.	Not-applicable	
27	The minister may at any time review the security deposit lodged by the person taking the action pursuant to Schedule 2 of Mining Lease SM12012. If the minister is not satisfied that the security deposit lodged will adequately provide for the implementation of the plan referred to in Condition 25, as well as any supplements as described in Condition 26, he may require that the person taking the action establishes an additional security deposit in trust, under conditions approved by the minister.  Any supplements or additional plan must be implemented once it has been approved by the minister.	Not-applicable	

<b>Contingency conditions</b> (Condition 28)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
28	<p>In the event of the following excess EPBC species roadkill deaths over any 12 month period recorded in accordance with Condition 19, occurring within the mine site, or caused by an authorised vehicle travelling to or from the mine site, the following associated contingency compensation response must be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. for each wedge-tailed eagle death beyond (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute to regional or state-wide wedge-tailed eagle monitoring strategies as agreed by the department, Note: The contribution can be expected to be in the order of \$20,000.</li> <li>b. for each spotted-tail quail death beyond one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must fund three (3) month program of feral dog and/or cat trapping and/or shooting; and</li> <li>c. for each Tasmanian devil death beyond three (3) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute an additional \$48,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program Appeal (or other conservation organisation approved by the minister), explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.</li> </ul>	Compliant	During the reporting period, no EPBC species roadkill deaths were recorded.
<b>Administrative conditions</b> (Conditions 29 to 37)			
29	Within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Compliant	The Company notified the Department of the Environment on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 on the commencement of the action.
30	The person taking the action must notify the department of any non-compliance with these conditions within two (2) days becoming aware of the non-compliance, along with the proposed remediation response where appropriate. Once agreed with the department, any response must be implemented.	Not-applicable	

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31	<p>The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a management plan or reports, required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the department. Such records may be subject to audit by the department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>	Compliant	<p>During the reporting period, the Company maintained accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval.</p>
32	<p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action until completion of the action, the person taking the action must publish on their website, and provide the department with, a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval since the previous compliance report, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a summary of induction training and awareness activity undertaken or proposed;</li> <li>an extract for the reporting period of the EPBC species register established under Condition 20;</li> <li>details of progress against actions (including documentary evidence of payments) required under Conditions 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 24, and, if required, 28;</li> <li>details of any emergency travel undertaken outside of daylight hours as allowed under Condition 16;</li> <li>information on compliance (and non-compliance) with any management plans and reports required by Conditions within this approval; and</li> <li>details of any other incidences of non-compliance with these conditions along with any associated remedial action undertaken, underway or proposed.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company completed and submitted the Annual Compliance Report for EPBC2012/6339 for the 12 month reporting period up to 28 May 2017.</p>
33	<p>Upon the direction of the minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	

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34	<p>If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the ministers written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.</p>	Not-applicable	
35	<p>If the minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC species to do so, the minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the minister has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.</p>	Not-applicable	
36	<p>If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	
37	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan or report must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company has published all management plans and reports referred to in the conditions of EPBC 2012/6339 on the website.</p>

### Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorization being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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Venture Minerals Limited (ABN 51 119 678 385)

Date

25 August 2017



Appendix A

Name	Date	Time	Species	Condition	Location description	Location co-ordinates	Comments/Notes
<b>Pre-clearance survey</b>							
K.Donohue	14/09/2016	1:00:00 AM	Tasmanian Devil	Appears Healthy	Camera 2	5377835 mN 368200 mE	Video footage - night shot - appears in good health - No signs of DFTD
K.Donohue	20/12/2016	1:40:00 PM	Small Wedge-tailed Eagle	Appears Healthy	Plant site - looking East	5377835 mN 368200 mE	Video footage - flying below plant site

<b>EPBC Species list</b>	Tasmanian Devil Spotted-tailed Quoll Wedge-tailed Eagle Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher Tasmanian Masked Owl
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Can you please confirm that you have received this report at your earliest convenience?

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Kind regards,

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## Introduction

This Annual Report is submitted in fulfilment of Condition 32 of Venture Minerals Limited's ("the Company") approval of the proposed action being the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC2012/6339) ("Riley Mine") and covers the twelve month period up to 28 May 2018.

The Company's Riley Mine is situated 18km west of Tullah in Western Tasmania. State approval of the Riley Mine was granted in May 2013 and an amended planning permit following an appeal was granted in September 2013. Federal approval was granted in August 2013.

Equipment was mobilized to the Riley Mine site in October 2013 but site works did not commence as a submission for a Judicial Review of the Federal Minister's decision to approve the mine was lodged. The Judicial Review was heard in February 2014 and dismissed with costs in May 2014.

The Company commenced at the Riley Mine on 28 May 2014 but was forced to cease preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Review being submitted to the Federal Court. Work on site ceased and the equipment was demobilized.

A total area of 1.4ha was cleared with associated vegetation and top soil stockpiled.

With no further ground disturbance occurring, on 19 August 2014 the Company suspended all operations at the Riley Mine. As of the 4 year anniversary of the commencement the operations remain suspended until further notice due to ensuing economic conditions.

The appeal against the judgement of the Federal Court given in May 2014 was heard in November 2014 and dismissed with costs in June 2015.

Consequently with the suspension of operations the Company placed the mine on care and maintenance. A Care and Maintenance Plan ("CMP") of the Riley Mine was approved by the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") on 24 September 2014. The CMP was implemented and a Caretaker appointed until the mine is restarted.

Activities since 19 August 2014 to 28 May 2018 at the Riley Mine Site have been focussed on meeting the requirements of the CMP and fulfilling the requirements of the conditions of the approval. These activities include but are not limited to erosion control, surface and ground water quality monitoring, recording sightings of EPBC species, control and prevention of weed species, removal of roadkill and, checking and servicing of camera traps.

Conditions attached to the approval

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
<p><b>Environmental Induction Training &amp; Awareness Program</b>                      (Conditions 1 to 3)</p>			
1a - 1i	<p>The person taking the action must develop an environmental induction training and awareness program that instructs all staff, contractors and visitors on the importance of protecting EPBC species at, and while travelling to and from, the mine site. The program must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. include face to face sessions, prominently displayed posters and provision of glovebox guides;</li> <li>b. include clear images and simple descriptions (including distinguishing features) to aid in the identification of EPBC species;</li> <li>c. includes information on how to identify signs and symptoms of tree dieback resulting from <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> outbreaks;</li> <li>d. include maps of high risk EPBC species road kill locations, identified and updated every 6 months in consideration of monitoring data collected subject to these conditions and any information published by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program;</li> <li>e. include instructions on how to avoid or reduce incidences of all fauna species roadkill;</li> <li>f. include protocols for dealing with food waste to avoid attracting any EPBC species to the site;</li> <li>g. include protocols for dealing with injured EPBC species, including:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Animal welfare considerations;</li> <li>ii. Initial response provisions; and</li> <li>iii. Expert care provisions</li> </ol> </li> <li>h. provide information on roles and responsibilities, including recording and reporting obligations for staff who observe EPBC species (dead or alive) and provide any template documents used in these requirements; and</li> <li>i. include reference to the penalties imposed on any workers found causing intentional harm to EPBC species, including legal and onsite environmental responsibilities.</li> </ol> <p>The induction training program must commence at or prior to the commencement of the action and be maintained until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation) to ensure that all staff, contractors and visitors who work, visit or travel to the mine site are inducted prior to any onsite activity. Details of induction (including names and contact details of attendees) must be logged and maintained within an induction register.</p>	Compliant	<p>Health, Safety and Environmental Inductions have been carried out for all personnel working on site since September 2013 and complies with the Company's Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") as approved by the EPA on 3 October 2013. A register of all inductions for staff, visitors, contractors and government personnel is maintained by the Company.</p> <p>The induction manual contains an environmental induction section which complies with the Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program conditions of 1 to 3 of EPBC 2012/6339.</p> <p>Routine induction sessions are held on a regular basis for new staff, contractors and visitors, with additional sessions scheduled when necessary.</p> <p>Meetings were conducted on a daily basis with site staff up until the 19 August 2014 and since on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Under the CMP the Company continues to maintain monitoring of EPBC species and a monthly register is provided on the Company's website.</p>

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
2	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that monthly meetings are held prior to the commencement of each shift to maintain worker knowledge about the importance of avoiding and minimizing impacts (particularly roadkill) on EPBC species and of recording and reporting observations of EPBC species.</p>		
3	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that any sightings of EPBC species (dead or alive) by any staff, contractor or visitor are recorded. Details to be recorded must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. condition;</li> <li>c. date;</li> <li>d. time;</li> <li>e. location coordinates; and</li> <li>f. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of injury or death where relevant and known.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Pre-clearance surveys</b>                  (Conditions 4 to 12)</p>			
4	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that targeted preclearance surveys for EPBC species are undertaken by a suitably qualified person prior to any vegetation clearance. Specific features to be targeted, along with a mandatory management response in parenthesis, must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tasmanian Wedged-tailed Eagle nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all work within 500m, or 1km if activity is within the line of site of the nest, must cease during the breeding season, until any chicks have been fledged, as determined by a suitably qualified person);</li> <li>b. Masked owl nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all works within 50m of the nest must cease during the breeding season);</li> <li>c. Tasmanian Devil dens (cease all works within 50m of the den until is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person); and</li> <li>d. Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens (cease all works within 50m until the den is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person).</li> </ul> <p>Pre-clearance surveys must be documented, including details of results, methodology, and personnel (and their qualifications). The person taking the action</p>	Compliant	<p>In relation to conditions 4 to 6 of EPBC 2012/6339 the Company engaged Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology to complete a targeted preclearance survey for EPBC species in September 2013. The survey included the identification of denning opportunities of Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll.</p> <p>Mr Nick Mooney will be responsible for the design and planning the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll dens recorded.</p>

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5	must ensure that all Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll denning opportunities (whether active or not) identified during targeted pre-clearance surveys required by Condition 4 of this approval, are documented. Details to be recorded must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. description;</li> <li>b. coordinate location;</li> <li>c. quality; and</li> <li>d. any evidence of recent use or activity.</li> </ol>		
6	The person taking the action must engage a suitably qualified person to design and plan the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens recorded in accordance with Condition 5 of this approval. The planned denning opportunities must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. be created using suitable tree trunks, large stumps, roots, branches and rocks removed during clearing activities onsite;</li> <li>b. be placed at intervals around the outskirts of the mining area at least 50 m from any disturbed area and roads;</li> <li>c. achieve at least the quantum and quality of any denning opportunities disturbed, identified and recorded during pre-clearance surveys (in accordance with Condition 5); and</li> <li>d. be built progressively as soon as adequate materials from clearing activities become available.</li> </ol>		
7	The person taking the action must ensure that progressive rehabilitation is undertaken during mining operations, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. collection of seeds prior to timber harvesting to be stored and used in final rehabilitation;</li> <li>b. the stockpiling of any removed coarse woody debris and large rocks onsite; and</li> <li>c. the spreading of any topsoil removed during excavation works over any exposed fines returned to the mined area following processing, If no returned fines are available, topsoil must be stockpiled on site separate from stockpiled rehabilitation materials; and</li> <li>d. the covering of any returned topsoil as soon as practicable with mulched vegetation to prevent erosion.</li> </ol>	Not applicable	Mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.  During the twelve month period there was no additional clearing done. The only clearing to have occurred has been the preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) for a total of 1.4ha.  During the clearing, associated vegetation and top soil was stockpiled.
8	The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum area of land disturbed by extractive and processing works, including associated roading, which may remain at any one time without rehabilitation works having been undertaken is 20ha.		



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9	The person taking the action must ensure that the area of cleared and exposed land occurring at anyone time in each of the zones marked Riley Laterite Area (RLA) A, RLA B, RLA C, and RLA 0 in Attachment A does not exceed 3ha.		
10	<p>To ensure the protection of any Tasmanian azure kingfisher habitat that may occur downstream from the mine site, the person taking the action must implement surface water quality control measures. These measures must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. sediment settling ponds. These ponds must be designed to successfully mitigate reasonably foreseeable sediment loss which would result from a 1 in 20 year storm event and be regularly cleaned to ensure design capacity is maintained; and</li> <li>b. the collection and treatment of any polluted storm water prior to discharge from the mine site;</li> <li>c. the implementation of a minimum 15m buffer between mining operations and Riley Creek and Three Mile Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>d. the implementation of a minimum 30m buffer between mining operations and Trinder Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>e. the implementation of cut-off drains and sediment basins in RLA Band RLA D to intersect surface flow before discharge downstream; and</li> <li>f. the installation of temporary silt fences downslope from areas of returned fines to prevent fines entering any waterway. Silt fencing must be appropriately sized. Cleaned and maintained to trap fine particles to ensure turbidity levels do not exceed those required by condition 11.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>Mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.</p> <p>During the twelve month period there was no additional clearing done. The only clearing has been the preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre ore extraction activity) to have occurred for a total of 1.4ha. The Company installed cut off drains and silt fences downslope of the cleared area. The silt fencing is cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.</p>
11	<p>The person taking the action must develop a surface water quality monitoring and control plan (SWQMCP).</p> <p>The SWQMCP must include provisions for ongoing surface water monitoring at the sites identified in Attachment C and report against the following limits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. pH levels must not be lower than 6.0 and must not exceed 8.0; and</li> <li>b. Turbidity levels must not exceed 55 NTU.</li> </ol> <p>The SWQMCP must outline what strategies will be implemented to ensure limits are not exceeded.</p> <p>The SWQMP must be submitted to the minister for approval prior to the commencement of the action. The action must not commence until the plan is approved by the minister. The approved SWQMCP must be implemented.</p>	Compliant	<p>Prior to the commencement of the action, the Company submitted to the Minister of Environment the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Control Plan ("SWQMCP") and was approved on the 13 September 2013. This report is available on the Company's website as the following link  <a href="http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports">http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports</a>.</p> <p>Surface Water Monitoring has been completed on a monthly basis during the period.</p> <p>There have been no readings outside of the pH and Turbidity limits.</p>

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12	<p>The person taking the action must implement measures to prevent the spread or establishment of new or additional weed species, and or soil or plant pathogens within the mine site. These measures must include, but need not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the implementation of hygiene treatment stations at all entry points to the mine site;</li> <li>that all machinery and vehicles undertaking earth working activities are cleaned of all soil and vegetative material immediately prior to entering and leaving the site; and</li> <li>any signs or symptoms of a Phytophthora cinnamomi infection identified within the mine site are treated in accordance with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines (2005).</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company has implemented a hygiene treatment station at the main and only entrance to the mine site and has developed a procedure to clean all machinery and vehicles entering and leaving the site as per the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment 'Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines' (2005). The guidelines are used to aid identification of Phytophthora cinnamomi infection on site.</p>
<p><b>Protection of EPBC species from traffic impacts</b>                      (Conditions 13 to 19)</p>			
13	<p>The person taking the action must provide for each work shift a bus to transport staff, contractors and visitors between the mine site and (at least) the town of Tullah. The service must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>free of charge;</li> <li>advertised through the environmental awareness and induction program described in Condition 1; and</li> <li>capable of carrying all staff, contractors and visitors.</li> </ol> <p>The person taking the action must implement measures to ensure that staff, contractors and visitors use the bus to travel to and from the mine site except in accordance with specified written exceptions agreed to in advance by the department.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company requested exemptions from the Department of the Environment to condition 13 of EPBC 2012/6339 and received approval on 13 September 2013. The exemptions request was updated and approved in May 2014. During the reporting period only exempt vehicles have been used to access the site.</p>
14	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that any new roads within the mine site are designed, built and maintained in a manner that minimises the potential for EPBC species roadkill, through deterrence and increased visibility, including in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the use of light coloured aggregate; and</li> <li>installation of table drains to minimise pooling of water and vegetation growth.</li> </ol>	Not-applicable	<p>No new roads have been constructed during the reporting period.</p>

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15	The person taking the action must ensure that all new and existing roads within the mine site: a. are clearly signposted with speed limits of no more than 40kph; and b. undergo active management of vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road for the life of the approval to maximise fauna visibility.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company continued to have the existing road sign posted with a 40kph speed limit sign and continues to manage the vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road.
16	The person taking the action must ensure that no authorised vehicle used to transport product ore travels outside of daylight hours.	Not-applicable	
17	The person taking the action must ensure that all authorised vehicles are fitted with animal deterrence technology such as ultrasonic animal alert whistles.	Compliant	The Company installed ultrasonic animal alert whistles on all authorised vehicles.
18	The person taking the action must ensure that the section of Pieman Road between the mine site and the intersection with the Murchison Highway, and all roads within the mine site, are free of road kill before nightfall, by daily inspection, and removal of all carcasses (whether EPBC species or not) to at least 40m from the edge of the road or disposed of offsite.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company have completed inspections and removal of all carcasses of the section of the Pieman Road between the site and Murchison Highway and all roads within the site.  All roadkill detected during the reporting period has been recorded with the required information.
19	The person taking the action must ensure that all roadkill detected in accordance with Condition 18 are recorded. Information to be recorded must include: a. species; b. date; c. time; d. location coordinates; and e. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of death where known.		

<b>Monitoring and reporting</b> (Conditions 20 to 23)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
20	Prior to the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must establish an EPBC species register on their website that includes all records of sighting of EPBC species (including carcasses), as collected under Conditions 3, 4 and 18 of this approval. This register must be updated at least once a month until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation).	Compliant	<p>On the 6 September 2013, an EPBC species register was established on the Company's website.</p> <p>The link is <a href="http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register">http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/register</a>.</p> <p>The register is updated on the website on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.</p> <p>Refer Appendix A for EPBC species register for the reporting period.</p>
21	<p>The person taking the action must undertake monitoring in accordance with the Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP), including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the installation of four camera traps within the mine site prior to the commencement of the action. Dedicated to identifying incidences of DFTD;</li> <li>the installation of an additional four camera traps, following the creation of built denning opportunities, dedicated to monitoring the use and effectiveness of built denning opportunities;</li> <li>the placement of all camera in locations to be determined by a suitably qualified person. These locations may change over time to target devil hotspots and/or newly created denning opportunities; and</li> <li>all camera traps must be checked and serviced weekly and remain operational until completion of the action (including closure and rehabilitation).</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company installed four camera traps at locations determined by a consultant Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology, within the site prior to commencement of the action.</p> <p>The Company has not come to the stage of building any denning opportunities.</p> <p>The Company checks and services weekly all camera traps operational during the period.</p>
22	<p>Within three (3) months of the completion of the action. The person taking the action must prepare and submit to the department, a report on the Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll habitat management. The report must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified person and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>details on the location, quantity and quality of denning opportunities created onsite;</li> <li>details on the effectiveness of the created denning opportunities in reference to the results of the monitoring required by Condition 21.</li> <li>any observed trends in the local populations of these species; and</li> <li>details (location, date, circumstance) of any identified cases of DFTD.</li> </ol>	Not-applicable	

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
23	Within fourteen (14) days of a request the person taking the action must make available any raw data relating to the Tasmanian devil and DFTD, on request from any Commonwealth or Tasmanian Government agency or the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.	Not-applicable	
<b>Compensation for unavoidable impacts</b> (Condition 24)			
24	<p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of commencement of the action, and the balance within two (2) years of commencement of the action.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p>	Not-applicable	<p>Previously the Company requested a variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339. On 20 May 2015, the Department of the Environment made the following variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339:</p> <p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>, and the balance within 24 months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p> <p><b>Definition</b>  <b>Substantially commenced/substantial commencement of the action</b> means the commencement of extraction of ore.</p>

<b>Mine closure and rehabilitation</b> (Conditions 25 to 27)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
25	Following the permanent cessation of product excavation and transportation, and prior to the commencement of final rehabilitation works on site, the person taking the action must submit the most recent version of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) to the minister for information.	Not-applicable	
26	If the minister is not satisfied that the DRP referred to in Condition 25 will adequately provide for the permanent protection of EPBC species, the minister may require a supplement or additional plan to be prepared and submitted for approval.	Not-applicable	
27	The minister may at any time review the security deposit lodged by the person taking the action pursuant to Schedule 2 of Mining Lease SM12012. If the minister is not satisfied that the security deposit lodged will adequately provide for the implementation of the plan referred to in Condition 25, as well as any supplements as described in Condition 26, he may require that the person taking the action establishes an additional security deposit in trust, under conditions approved by the minister.  Any supplements or additional plan must be implemented once it has been approved by the minister.	Not-applicable	

<b>Contingency conditions</b> (Condition 28)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
28	<p>In the event of the following excess EPBC species roadkill deaths over any 12 month period recorded in accordance with Condition 19, occurring within the mine site, or caused by an authorised vehicle travelling to or from the mine site, the following associated contingency compensation response must be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. for each wedge-tailed eagle death beyond (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute to regional or state-wide wedge-tailed eagle monitoring strategies as agreed by the department, Note: The contribution can be expected to be in the order of \$20,000.</li> <li>b. for each spotted-tail quail death beyond one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must fund three (3) month program of feral dog and/or cat trapping and/or shooting; and</li> <li>c. for each Tasmanian devil death beyond three (3) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute an additional \$48,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program Appeal (or other conservation organisation approved by the minister), explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.</li> </ul>	Compliant	During the reporting period, no EPBC species roadkill deaths were recorded.
<b>Administrative conditions</b> (Conditions 29 to 37)			
29	Within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Compliant	The Company notified the Department of the Environment on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 on the commencement of the action.
30	The person taking the action must notify the department of any non-compliance with these conditions within two (2) days becoming aware of the non-compliance, along with the proposed remediation response where appropriate. Once agreed with the department, any response must be implemented.	Not-applicable	

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31	<p>The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a management plan or reports, required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the department. Such records may be subject to audit by the department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>	Compliant	<p>During the reporting period, the Company maintained accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval.</p>
32	<p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action until completion of the action, the person taking the action must publish on their website, and provide the department with, a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval since the previous compliance report, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a summary of induction training and awareness activity undertaken or proposed;</li> <li>b. an extract for the reporting period of the EPBC species register established under Condition 20;</li> <li>c. details of progress against actions (including documentary evidence of payments) required under Conditions 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 24, and, if required, 28;</li> <li>d. details of any emergency travel undertaken outside of daylight hours as allowed under Condition 16;</li> <li>e. information on compliance (and non-compliance) with any management plans and reports required by Conditions within this approval; and</li> <li>f. details of any other incidences of non-compliance with these conditions along with any associated remedial action undertaken, underway or proposed.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company completed and submitted the Annual Compliance Report for EPBC2012/6339 for the 12 month reporting period up to 28 May 2018.</p>
33	<p>Upon the direction of the minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	



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34	<p>If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the ministers written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.</p>	Not-applicable	
35	<p>If the minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC species to do so, the minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the minister has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.</p>	Not-applicable	
36	<p>If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	
37	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan or report must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company has published all management plans and reports referred to in the conditions of EPBC 2012/6339 on the website.</p>

### Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorization being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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Venture Minerals Limited (ABN 51 119 678 385)

Date

22 August 2018

Appendix A

<b>EPBC Species list</b>	Tasmanian Devil Spotted-tailed Quoll Wedge-tailed Eagle Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher Tasmanian Masked Owl
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# s22

**From:** 

**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 August 2019 5:06 PM

**To:** Post Approval <[PostApproval@environment.gov.au](mailto:PostApproval@environment.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Compliance Report- EPBC 2012-6339 - Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project

Good afternoon,

Please find attached Venture Minerals Limited's Compliance Report for EPBC 2012- 6339 - Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project for the twelve month period of 28 May 2018 to 28 May 2019 for your reference.

Can you please confirm that you have received this report at your earliest convenience?

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**Compliance Report**  
**Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project**  
**EPBC 2012/6339**  
**Twelve month period from 28 May 2018 to 28 May 2019**

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## Introduction

This Annual Report is submitted in fulfilment of Condition 32 of Venture Minerals Limited's ("the Company") approval of the proposed action being the Riley DSO Hematite Mine Project (EPBC2012/6339) ("Riley Mine") and covers the twelve month period up to 28 May 2019.

The Company's Riley Mine is situated 18km west of Tullah in Western Tasmania. State approval of the Riley Mine was granted in May 2013 and an amended planning permit following an appeal was granted in September 2013. Federal approval was granted in August 2013.

Equipment was mobilized to the Riley Mine site in October 2013 but site works did not commence as a submission for a Judicial Review of the Federal Minister's decision to approve the mine was lodged. The Judicial Review was heard in February 2014 and dismissed with costs in May 2014.

The Company commenced at the Riley Mine on 28 May 2014 but was forced to cease preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre full scale ore extraction activity) on 6 June 2014 due to an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Review being submitted to the Federal Court. Work on site ceased and the equipment was demobilized.

A total area of 1.4ha was cleared with associated vegetation and top soil stockpiled.

With no further ground disturbance occurring, on 19 August 2014 the Company suspended all operations at the Riley Mine. As of the 5 year anniversary of the commencement the operations remain suspended until further notice due to ensuing economic conditions.

The appeal against the judgement of the Federal Court given in May 2014 was heard in November 2014 and dismissed with costs in June 2015.

Consequently with the suspension of operations the Company placed the mine on care and maintenance. A Care and Maintenance Plan ("CMP") of the Riley Mine was approved by the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") on 24 September 2014. The CMP was implemented and a Caretaker appointed until the mine is restarted.

Activities since 19 August 2014 to 28 May 2019 at the Riley Mine Site have been focused on meeting the requirements of the CMP and fulfilling the requirements of the conditions of the approval. These activities include but are not limited to erosion control, surface and ground water quality monitoring, recording sightings of EPBC species, control and prevention of weed species, removal of roadkill and, checking and servicing of camera traps.

Conditions attached to the approval

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
<p><b>Environmental Induction Training &amp; Awareness Program</b>                      (Conditions 1 to 3)</p>			
<p>1a - 1i</p>	<p>The person taking the action must develop an environmental induction training and awareness program that instructs all staff, contractors and visitors on the importance of protecting EPBC species at, and while travelling to and from, the mine site. The program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. include face to face sessions, prominently displayed posters and provision of glovebox guides;</li> <li>b. include clear images and simple descriptions (including distinguishing features) to aid in the identification of EPBC species;</li> <li>c. includes information on how to identify signs and symptoms of tree dieback resulting from <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> outbreaks;</li> <li>d. include maps of high risk EPBC species road kill locations, identified and updated every 6 months in consideration of monitoring data collected subject to these conditions and any information published by the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program;</li> <li>e. include instructions on how to avoid or reduce incidences of all fauna species roadkill;</li> <li>f. include protocols for dealing with food waste to avoid attracting any EPBC species to the site;</li> <li>g. include protocols for dealing with injured EPBC species, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Animal welfare considerations;</li> <li>ii. Initial response provisions; and</li> <li>iii. Expert care provisions</li> </ul> </li> <li>h. provide information on roles and responsibilities, including recording and reporting obligations for staff who observe EPBC species (dead or alive) and provide any template documents used in these requirements; and</li> <li>i. include reference to the penalties imposed on any workers found causing intentional harm to EPBC species, including legal and onsite environmental responsibilities.</li> </ul> <p>The induction training program must commence at or prior to the commencement of the action and be maintained until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation) to ensure that all staff, contractors and visitors who work, visit or travel to the mine site are inducted prior to any onsite activity. Details of induction (including names and contact details of attendees) must be logged and maintained within an induction register.</p>	<p>Compliant</p>	<p>Health, Safety and Environmental Inductions have been carried out for all personnel working on site since September 2013 and complies with the Company's Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") as approved by the EPA on 3 October 2013. A register of all inductions for staff, visitors, contractors and government personnel is maintained by the Company.</p> <p>The induction manual contains an environmental induction section which complies with the Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program conditions of 1 to 3 of EPBC 2012/6339.</p> <p>Routine induction sessions are held on a regular basis for new staff, contractors and visitors, with additional sessions scheduled when necessary.</p> <p>Meetings were conducted on a daily basis with site staff up until the 19 August 2014 and since on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Under the CMP the Company continues to maintain monitoring of EPBC species and a monthly register is provided on the Company's website.</p>



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2	The person taking the action must ensure that monthly meetings are held prior to the commencement of each shift to maintain worker knowledge about the importance of avoiding and minimizing impacts (particularly roadkill) on EPBC species and of recording and reporting observations of EPBC species.		
3	The person taking the action must ensure that any sightings of EPBC species (dead or alive) by any staff, contractor or visitor are recorded. Details to be recorded must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. condition;</li> <li>c. date;</li> <li>d. time;</li> <li>e. location coordinates; and</li> <li>f. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of injury or death where relevant and known.</li> </ul>		
<b>Pre-clearance surveys</b> (Conditions 4 to 12)			
4	The person taking the action must ensure that targeted pre-clearance surveys for EPBC species are undertaken by a suitably qualified person prior to any vegetation clearance. Specific features to be targeted, along with a mandatory management response in parenthesis, must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tasmanian Wedged-tailed Eagle nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all work within 500m, or 1km if activity is within the line of site of the nest, must cease during the breeding season, until any chicks have been fledged, as determined by a suitably qualified person);</li> <li>b. Masked owl nests (if the suitably qualified person determines that the nest is occupied then all works within 50m of the nest must cease during the breeding season);</li> <li>c. Tasmanian Devil dens (cease all works within 50m of the den until is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person); and</li> <li>d. Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens (cease all works within 50m until the den is vacated and the individual(s) have naturally dispersed from the area as determined by a suitably qualified person).</li> </ul> Pre-clearance surveys must be documented, including details of results, methodology, and personnel (and their qualifications). The person taking the action	Compliant	In relation to conditions 4 to 6 of EPBC 2012/6339 the Company engaged Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology to complete a targeted pre-clearance survey for EPBC species in September 2013. The survey included the identification of denning opportunities of Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll.  Mr Nick Mooney will be responsible for the design and planning the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian Devil and Tasmanian Spotted-tail quoll dens recorded.

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5	must ensure that all Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll denning opportunities (whether active or not) identified during targeted pre-clearance surveys required by Condition 4 of this approval, are documented. Details to be recorded must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. description;</li> <li>b. coordinate location;</li> <li>c. quality; and</li> <li>d. any evidence of recent use or activity.</li> </ul>		
6	The person taking the action must engage a suitably qualified person to design and plan the creation of new denning opportunities to compensate for the loss of any Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll dens recorded in accordance with Condition 5 of this approval. The planned denning opportunities must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. be created using suitable tree trunks, large stumps, roots, branches and rocks removed during clearing activities onsite;</li> <li>b. be placed at intervals around the outskirts of the mining area at least 50 m from any disturbed area and roads;</li> <li>c. achieve at least the quantum and quality of any denning opportunities disturbed, identified and recorded during pre-clearance surveys (in accordance with Condition 5); and</li> <li>d. be built progressively as soon as adequate materials from clearing activities become available.</li> </ul>		
7	The person taking the action must ensure that progressive rehabilitation is undertaken during mining operations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. collection of seeds prior to timber harvesting to be stored and used in final rehabilitation;</li> <li>b. the stockpiling of any removed coarse woody debris and large rocks onsite; and</li> <li>c. the spreading of any topsoil removed during excavation works over any exposed fines returned to the mined area following processing. If no returned fines are available, topsoil must be stockpiled on site separate from stockpiled rehabilitation materials; and</li> <li>d. the covering of any returned topsoil as soon as practicable with mulched vegetation to prevent erosion.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	Full scale mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.  During the twelve month period there was no additional clearing done. The only clearing to have occurred has been the preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre full scale ore extraction activity) for a total of 1.4ha.  During the clearing, associated vegetation and top soil was stockpiled.
8	The person taking the action must ensure that the maximum area of land disturbed by extractive and processing works, including associated roading, which may remain at any one time without rehabilitation works having been undertaken is 20ha.		

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9	The person taking the action must ensure that the area of cleared and exposed land occurring at anyone time in each of the zones marked Riley Laterite Area (RLA) A, RLA B, RLA C, and RLA 0 in Attachment A does not exceed 3ha.		
10	<p>To ensure the protection of any Tasmanian azure kingfisher habitat that may occur downstream from the mine site, the person taking the action must implement surface water quality control measures. These measures must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. sediment settling ponds. These ponds must be designed to successfully mitigate reasonably foreseeable sediment loss which would result from a 1 in 20 year storm event and be regularly cleaned to ensure design capacity is maintained; and</li> <li>b. the collection and treatment of any polluted storm water prior to discharge from the mine site;</li> <li>c. the implementation of a minimum 15m buffer between mining operations and Riley Creek and Three Mile Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>d. the implementation of a minimum 30m buffer between mining operations and Trinder Creek (as shown in Attachment B);</li> <li>e. the implementation of cut-off drains and sediment basins in RLA Band RLA D to intersect surface flow before discharge downstream; and</li> <li>f. the installation of temporary silt fences downslope from areas of returned fines to prevent fines entering any waterway. Silt fencing must be appropriately sized. Cleaned and maintained to trap fine particles to ensure turbidity levels do not exceed those required by condition 11.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>Full scale mining operations have not commenced in any of the Riley Laterite areas.</p> <p>During the twelve month period there was no additional clearing done. The only clearing has been the preliminary clearing of the processing plant site (pre full scale ore extraction activity) to have occurred for a total of 1.4ha. The Company installed cut off drains and silt fences downslope of the cleared area. The silt fencing is cleaned and maintained on a regular basis.</p>
11	<p>The person taking the action must develop a surface water quality monitoring and control plan (SWQMCP).</p> <p>The SWQMCP must include provisions for ongoing surface water monitoring at the sites identified in Attachment C and report against the following limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. pH levels must not be lower than 6.0 and must not exceed 8.0; and</li> <li>b. Turbidity levels must not exceed 55 NTU.</li> </ul> <p>The SWQMCP must outline what strategies will be implemented to ensure limits are not exceeded.</p> <p>The SWQMP must be submitted to the minister for approval prior to the commencement of the action. The action must not commence until the plan is approved by the minister. The approved SWQMCP must be implemented.</p>	Compliant	<p>Prior to the commencement of the action, the Company submitted to the Minister of Environment the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Control Plan ("SWQMCP") and was approved on the 13 September 2013. This report is available on the Company's website as the following link  <a href="http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports">http://ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-dso/133-management-plans-and-reports</a>.</p> <p>Surface Water Monitoring has been completed on a monthly basis during the period.</p> <p>There have been no readings outside of the pH and Turbidity limits.</p>

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12	<p>The person taking the action must implement measures to prevent the spread or establishment of new or additional weed species, and or soil or plant pathogens within the mine site. These measures must include, but need not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the implementation of hygiene treatment stations at all entry points to the mine site;</li> <li>b. that all machinery and vehicles undertaking earth working activities are cleaned of all soil and vegetative material immediately prior to entering and leaving the site; and</li> <li>c. any signs or symptoms of a Phytophthora cinnamomi infection identified within the mine site are treated in accordance with the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines (2005).</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>The Company has implemented a hygiene treatment station at the main and only entrance to the mine site and has developed a procedure to clean all machinery and vehicles entering and leaving the site as per the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment 'Interim Phytophthora cinnamomi Management Guidelines' (2005). The guidelines are used to aid identification of Phytophthora cinnamomi infection on site.</p>
<p><b>Protection of EPBC species from traffic impacts</b>                      (Conditions 13 to 19)</p>			
13	<p>The person taking the action must provide for each work shift a bus to transport staff, contractors and visitors between the mine site and (at least) the town of Tullah. The service must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. free of charge;</li> <li>b. advertised through the environmental awareness and induction program described in Condition 1; and</li> <li>c. capable of carrying all staff, contractors and visitors.</li> </ul> <p>The person taking the action must implement measures to ensure that staff, contractors and visitors use the bus to travel to and from the mine site except in accordance with specified written exceptions agreed to in advance by the department.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company requested exemptions from the Department of the Environment to condition 13 of EPBC 2012/6339 and received approval on 13 September 2013. The exemptions request was updated and approved in May 2014. During the reporting period only exempt vehicles have been used to access the site.</p>
14	<p>The person taking the action must ensure that any new roads within the mine site are designed, built and maintained in a manner that minimises the potential for EPBC species roadkill, through deterrence and increased visibility, including in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the use of light coloured aggregate; and</li> <li>b. installation of table drains to minimise pooling of water and vegetation growth.</li> </ul>	Not-applicable	<p>No new roads have been constructed during the reporting period.</p>

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15	The person taking the action must ensure that all new and existing roads within the mine site: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. are clearly signposted with speed limits of no more than 40kph; and</li> <li>b. undergo active management of vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road for the life of the approval to maximise fauna visibility.</li> </ol>	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company continued to have the existing road sign posted with a 40kph speed limit sign and continues to manage the vegetation within 5m of the edge of the road.
16	The person taking the action must ensure that no authorised vehicle used to transport product ore travels outside of daylight hours.	Not-applicable	
17	The person taking the action must ensure that all authorised vehicles are fitted with animal deterrence technology such as ultrasonic animal alert whistles.	Compliant	The Company installed ultrasonic animal alert whistles on all authorised vehicles.
18	The person taking the action must ensure that the section of Pieman Road between the mine site and the intersection with the Murchison Highway, and all roads within the mine site, are free of road kill before nightfall, by daily inspection, and removal of all carcasses (whether EPBC species or not) to at least 40m from the edge of the road or disposed of offsite.	Compliant	During the reporting period, the Company have completed inspections and removal of all carcasses of the section of the Pieman Road between the site and Murchison Highway and all roads within the site.  All roadkill detected during the reporting period has been recorded with the required information.
19	The person taking the action must ensure that all roadkill detected in accordance with Condition 18 are recorded. Information to be recorded must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. species;</li> <li>b. date;</li> <li>c. time;</li> <li>d. location coordinates; and</li> <li>e. any noteworthy circumstances including circumstances of death where known.</li> </ol>		

### Monitoring and reporting

(Conditions 20 to 23)

Condition Number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Evidence/Comments
20	<p>Prior to the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must establish an EPBC species register on their website that includes all records of sighting of EPBC species (including carcasses), as collected under Conditions 3, 4 and 18 of this approval. This register must be updated at least once a month until completion of the action (including mine closure and rehabilitation).</p>	Compliant	<p>On the 6 September 2013, an EPBC species register was established on the Company's website.</p> <p>The link is <a href="http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-ds/register">http://www.ventureminerals.com.au/index.php/projects/west-coast-projects/riley-ds/register</a>.</p> <p>The register is updated on the website on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.</p> <p>Refer Appendix A for EPBC species register for the reporting period.</p>
21	<p>The person taking the action must undertake monitoring in accordance with the Tasmanian devil and spotted-tail quoll habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP), including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the installation of four camera traps within the mine site prior to the commencement of the action. Dedicated to identifying incidences of DFTD;</li> <li>the installation of an additional four camera traps, following the creation of built denning opportunities, dedicated to monitoring the use and effectiveness of built denning opportunities;</li> <li>the placement of all camera in locations to be determined by a suitably qualified person. These locations may change over time to target devil hotspots and/or newly created denning opportunities; and</li> <li>all camera traps must be checked and serviced weekly and remain operational until completion of the action (including closure and rehabilitation).</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>The Company installed four camera traps at locations determined by a consultant Mr Nick Mooney, who has an Honours Degree in Zoology, within the site prior to commencement of the action.</p> <p>The Company has not come to the stage of building any denning opportunities.</p> <p>The Company checks and services weekly all camera traps operational during the period.</p>
22	<p>Within three (3) months of the completion of the action. The person taking the action must prepare and submit to the department, a report on the Tasmanian devil and Tasmanian spotted-tail quoll habitat management. The report must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified person and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>details on the location, quantity and quality of denning opportunities created onsite;</li> <li>details on the effectiveness of the created denning opportunities in reference to the results of the monitoring required by Condition 21.</li> <li>any observed trends in the local populations of these species; and</li> <li>details (location, date, circumstance) of any identified cases of DFTD.</li> </ol>	Not-applicable	

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23	Within fourteen (14) days of a request the person taking the action must make available any raw data relating to the Tasmanian devil and DFTD, on request from any Commonwealth or Tasmanian Government agency or the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.	Not-applicable	
<b>Compensation for unavoidable impacts</b> (Condition 24)			
24	<p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of commencement of the action, and the balance within two (2) years of commencement of the action.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p>	Not-applicable	<p>Previously the Company requested a variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339. On 20 May 2015, the Department of the Environment made the following variation to Condition 24 of EPBC 2012/6339:</p> <p>To compensate for unavoidable impact to the Tasmanian devil through roadkill, the person taking the action must contribute no less than \$144,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, in accordance with any approved Tasmanian devil recovery plan and explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population".</p> <p>At least 50% of this sum must be contributed within twelve (12) months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>, and the balance within 24 months of <b>substantial commencement of the action</b>.</p> <p>Note: ~ is acknowledged that the details of how the funds will be spent will be decided within the parameters specified by these conditions of the Save the Tasmanian devil Program. There is no objection to the person taking the action discussing the specific direction of these funds with the program.</p> <p><u>Definition</u>  <b>Substantially commenced/substantial commencement of the action</b> means the commencement of extraction of ore.</p>

<b>Mine closure and rehabilitation</b> (Conditions 25 to 27)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
25	Following the permanent cessation of product excavation and transportation, and prior to the commencement of final rehabilitation works on site, the person taking the action must submit the most recent version of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) to the minister for information.	Not-applicable	
26	If the minister is not satisfied that the DRP referred to in Condition 25 will adequately provide for the permanent protection of EPBC species, the minister may require a supplement or additional plan to be prepared and submitted for approval.	Not-applicable	
27	The minister may at any time review the security deposit lodged by the person taking the action pursuant to Schedule 2 of Mining Lease SM12012. If the minister is not satisfied that the security deposit lodged will adequately provide for the implementation of the plan referred to in Condition 25, as well as any supplements as described in Condition 26, he may require that the person taking the action establishes an additional security deposit in trust, under conditions approved by the minister.  Any supplements or additional plan must be implemented once it has been approved by the minister.	Not-applicable	



<b>Contingency conditions</b> (Condition 28)			
<b>Condition Number</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Is the project compliant with this condition</b>	<b>Evidence/Comments</b>
28	<p>In the event of the following excess EPBC species roadkill deaths over any 12 month period recorded in accordance with Condition 19, occurring within the mine site, or caused by an authorised vehicle travelling to or from the mine site, the following associated contingency compensation response must be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. for each wedge-tailed eagle death beyond (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute to regional or state-wide wedge-tailed eagle monitoring strategies as agreed by the department, Note: The contribution can be expected to be in the order of \$20,000.</li> <li>b. for each spotted-tail quail death beyond one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must fund three (3) month program of feral dog and/or cat trapping and/or shooting; and</li> <li>c. for each Tasmanian devil death beyond three (3) in any twelve (12) month period, the person taking the action must contribute an additional \$48,000 (GST exclusive) in funding to the Save the Tasmanian devil Program Appeal (or other conservation organisation approved by the minister), explicitly for the purpose of "Maintenance of the Tasmanian devil Insurance Population.</li> </ul>	Compliant	During the reporting period, no EPBC species roadkill deaths were recorded.
<b>Administrative conditions</b> (Conditions 29 to 37)			
29	Within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Compliant	The Company notified the Department of the Environment on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 on the commencement of the action.
30	The person taking the action must notify the department of any non-compliance with these conditions within two (2) days becoming aware of the non-compliance, along with the proposed remediation response where appropriate. Once agreed with the department, any response must be implemented.	Not-applicable	


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31	<p>The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement a management plan or reports, required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the department. Such records may be subject to audit by the department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>	Compliant	<p>During the reporting period, the Company maintained accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval.</p>
32	<p>Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action until completion of the action, the person taking the action must publish on their website, and provide the department with, a report addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval since the previous compliance report, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a summary of induction training and awareness activity undertaken or proposed;</li> <li>b. an extract for the reporting period of the EPBC species register established under Condition 20;</li> <li>c. details of progress against actions (including documentary evidence of payments) required under Conditions 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 24, and, if required, 28;</li> <li>d. details of any emergency travel undertaken outside of daylight hours as allowed under Condition 16;</li> <li>e. information on compliance (and non-compliance) with any management plans and reports required by Conditions within this approval; and</li> <li>f. details of any other incidences of non-compliance with these conditions along with any associated remedial action undertaken, underway or proposed.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>The Company completed and submitted the Annual Compliance Report for EPBC2012/6339 for the 12 month reporting period up to 28 May 2019.</p>
33	<p>Upon the direction of the minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	

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34	<p>If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the management plan as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the department for the ministers written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.</p>	Not-applicable	
35	<p>If the minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of EPBC species to do so, the minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plan specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the minister's written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the minister has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.</p>	Not-applicable	
36	<p>If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the minister.</p>	Not-applicable	
37	<p>Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minister, the person taking the action must publish all management plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on their website. Each management plan or report must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Company has published all management plans and reports referred to in the conditions of EPBC 2012/6339 on the website.</p>

### Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorization being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



Full name (please print)

Andrew Radonjic  
Managing Director

Position (please print)

Organisation (please print including ABN if applicable)

Venture Minerals Limited (ABN 51 119 678 385)

Date

22 August 2019

Appendix A

Name	Date	Time	Species	Condition	Location description	Location co-ordinates	Comments/Notes
K.Donohue	25/05/2019	9:00	Spotted Quoll	Appears Healthy	Start of Pieman Road	5381087 mN 382748 mE	Side of Road - looking healthy

<b>EPBC Species list</b>	Tasmanian Devil Spotted-tailed Quoll Wedge-tailed Eagle Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher Tasmanian Masked Owl
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