

## **Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

### **Proposed Skardon River Bauxite Project**

Gulf Alumina Limited proposes to develop the Skardon River Bauxite Project within an area of approximately 1515 hectares covered by existing mining leases 6025, 40069 and 40082. The proposed project area would be located approximately 100 kilometres north of Weipa in Far North Queensland. The project would involve mining a bauxite ore body of around 50 million tonnes (Mt). The planned mine production rate would be 3Mt per annum (Mt/a) initially and would rise to 5Mt/a subject to market conditions. The project operational life is expected to be 10 years. Bauxite products would be transported via the existing haul roads to the Port of Skardon River and transhipped to bulk carriers in deep water beyond the mouth of the river for export.

On 19 May 2014, EHP notified Gulf Alumina Limited that the proposed project requires assessment by environmental impact statement (EIS). The project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2014/7305) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities), 20 and 20A (listed migratory species) and 23 and 24A (Commonwealth marine areas). The EIS process will assess potential impacts of the project on the controlling provisions consistent with the bilateral agreement (section 45 of the EPBC Act) between the Commonwealth and Queensland governments for the purposes of the Commonwealth Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

Gulf Alumina Limited has prepared and submitted the EIS to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Copies of the EIS can be inspected at:

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
Floor 3, 400 George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
Building 2, Level 3, 5b Sheridan Street  
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Weipa Town Council Library Service  
Hibberd Library  
WEIPA QLD 4874

The EIS can also be viewed online at [www.gulfalumina.com.au](http://www.gulfalumina.com.au). Electronic copies can be ordered by phoning the proponent on **(02) 9221 4689** or emailing [info@gulfalumina.com.au](mailto:info@gulfalumina.com.au).

Written submissions on the EIS are invited from any person during the submission period, which starts on Monday 2 November 2015 and **ends on 5pm 11 December 2015**. Submissions should be mailed to:

The Chief Executive  
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Skardon River Bauxite Project)  
GPO Box 2454  
Level 9, 400 George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4001

or by email to [EIS@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:EIS@ehp.qld.gov.au).

A properly made submission is one that:

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ('signatory') who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

For further information about the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator on 13QGOV (13 74 68) or email [eis@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:eis@ehp.qld.gov.au).

Please note it is a statutory requirement that all submissions will be forwarded to the proponent so that they may consider them and provide a response to EHP. All submissions (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent as required under section 56 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to EHP. This consultation is a public process, and any submission you provide may be published (including online) and may be transmitted outside of Australia. You may wish to bear this in mind when providing your submission. Your information will not be disclosed by EHP to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.