

Public Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52 **Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** **Proposed Saint Elmo Vanadium Project**

An EIS for the proposed Saint Elmo Vanadium Project (the Project) has been prepared by Multicom Resources Limited (the proponent). The Project would be located in north west Queensland, approximately 25 kilometres east of Julia Creek within the McKinlay Local Government Area. The Project covers an area of approximately 8,882 hectares (ha) on mining lease application (MLA) 100162 and an approximately 180 ha area off-lease for the offsite Water Storage Facility and associated pipeline, located adjacent the Flinders River and partially within the Punchbowl Road Reserve, respectively.

The Project would involve the development of a shallow open cut mine and associated infrastructure, to facilitate the eventual target production of up to 20,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of Vanadium Pentoxide. Run of mine operations, to support production, will be up to 15 million tpa. The Project would involve a processing facility, tailings storage facility, water management infrastructure, power plant, rail spur and access from the Flinders Highway. The life of mine would be at least 30 years, including construction, operation, decommissioning and rehabilitation.

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)

Application was made by the proponent under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) for a voluntary EIS for the Saint Elmo Vanadium Project. Under section 72 of the EP Act it was determined that assessment of the Saint Elmo Vanadium Project would be by EIS.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The Project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2017/8007) 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).

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.

A copy of the EIS can be inspected at: Department of Environment and Science Floor 3, 400 George Street Brisbane QLD 4000

The EIS can also be viewed online at <http://saintelmoproject.com.au>.

Electronic copies can be ordered by phoning the proponent on 1800 270 844 or emailing saintelmo@epicenvironmental.com.au. Persons with special needs may ask for assistance in accessing the material by phoning or emailing the proponent using the above contact details.

Written submissions in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. The submission period commences on **4 November 2019** and concludes on **16 December 2019**.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Department of Environment and Science Attention: The EIS Coordinator Saint Elmo Vanadium Project GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001 Level 9, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000 Or by emailing eis@des.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 regarding the EIS process for this proposal, contact the EIS Coordinator on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or email eis@des.qld.gov.au.

Privacy Statement

Please note it is a statutory requirement that 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 the department. 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 the department to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.