

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with s29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals (EPM) 27458 and 27464 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the Native Title Protection Conditions.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permit be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Senior Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9 Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: gltdreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Exploration Permit 27464 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 1 sub-block (3 km²), centred approximately 15 km South East of Duchess, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.

Exploration Permit 27458 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (64 km²), centred approximately 37 km South East of Duchess, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 March 2020.

Dated at ROCKHAMPTON this 28th day of February, 2020.

Signed: 
 Executive Director, Minerals and Coal
 for Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

