


NOTICE OF DECISION

This notice of decision is made under regulation 50 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020 (EP Regulations)

Proposed action name	Closure works at Pond 2 West
Proponent name	RTA Gove Pty Ltd on behalf of Swiss Aluminium
NT EPA reference	EP2024/037
Nature of proposed action	Mining
Description of proposed action	<p>The proposed action is to expand the footprint of closure works at Pond 2 West of Rio Tinto Gove Operations by approximately 2 ha beyond the currently approved Residue Disposal Area (lease number 749656) to facilitate its staged decommissioning and rehabilitation. Proposed disturbance would be undertaken within NT Portion 1193 and is located approximately 8 km west of the town of Nhulunbuy.</p> <p>Proposed off-lease activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearing of a working area totalling approximately 2 ha including about 1 ha of significant or sensitive vegetation (Mangroves)• Bulk earthworks, erosion and sediment control works, construction of access roads and construction of embankment batter to toe areas• Revegetation of the final Pond 2 landform with native vegetation• Ongoing monitoring and maintenance including surface water quality, vegetation and erosion performance. <p>The proposal is subject to commencement in 2025 and to be undertaken over a two year period.</p>
Person authorised to make decision	<p>Paul Purdon Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy Department of Lands, Planning and Environment Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i> (Instrument of delegation dated 7 October 2020).</p>
Decision	To accept the above named referral of a proposed action for standard assessment in accordance with regulation 44 of the EP Regulations
Signature	
Date of decision	14 October 2024