

NOTICE OF DECISION

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

Name of proposed action Southern Lease Mining Project

Proponent Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO)

NT EPA reference EP2023/024

Description of proposed action Developing the Southern Lease Mining Project in Exploration Licence (EL) 2455. The project is located on NT Portion 1632, approximately 10 km south of Angurugu on Groote Eylandt in the East Arnhem Local Government Area, and the land tenure is Aboriginal freehold.

The Southern Lease Mining Project is adjacent, and to the south of the existing GEMCO Mine. The project will include:

- clearing about 1,620 ha
- construction of supporting infrastructure (e.g. water dams, water treatment plant, refuelling station, sewage treatment plant, heavy vehicle parking and crib hut)
- open-cut mining methods (as used at the proponent's existing operations)
- mining manganese ore and hauling to the existing GEMCO Mine for processing, and
- progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

The duration of the proposal is indicated to be seven to eight years (comprising two years construction, three years mining, and two to three years for rehabilitation and closure).

Nature of the proposed action Mining

Person authorised to make decision Paul Purdon
Executive Director Environmental Assessment and Policy
Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security
Delegate of the NT EPA under section 36 of the *Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012*

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Decision **To accept the above named referral of a proposed action for standard assessment** in accordance with regulation 46 of the EP Regulations

Signature

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Date of decision 12 May 2023
