


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 Exploration Project
Proponent	Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO)
NT EPA reference	EP2023/022
Description of proposed action	<p>A mineral exploration campaign on the Southern Lease located within NT Portion 1632, approximately 10 km south of Angurugu on Groote Eylandt, in the East Arnhem local government area.</p> <p>The exploration program is expected to take three years to complete as work can only be conducted during the dry season.</p> <p>The proposed mineral exploration campaign includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• construction of a total of 70 km of access tracks through the area• refurbishment of 51 km of existing/ partially rehabilitated access tracks from previous exploration programs• 1438 mineral exploration drill holes• 14 geotechnical investigation drill holes• 63 geotechnical assessment pits• a total area to be cleared of 62.70 ha.
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 <i>Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012</i>
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	21 March 2023