

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

DOCUMENT TYPE	PLAN		
Applicability	Global ☐	Operation ☒	Function ☐
Operation	GEMCO		
Effective from	3 December 2024		
Version No.	1	Status:	Approved for Use
Date approved	3 December 2024		

REVISION HISTORY

Version No.	Approval Date	Approver	Description
1	03/12/2024	Manager Technical Services	New – Approved for Use

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

Contents

1.	Introduction	3
2.	Objectives	3
3.	References	3
4.	Terms and Definitions	3
5.	Plan	3
5.1	Overview	3
5.2	Waste Discharge Licence - Incident Reporting	4
5.3	<i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998</i> (NT) – Section 14 Incident Reporting	4
5.4	Other Stakeholder Consultation and Communication	4
6.	Records Management	5
7.	Review	5

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

1. Introduction

The Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO), part of the South32 (S32) Group, will conduct controlled releases of site water to the Angurugu River on Groote Eylandt, Northern Territory (NT). This activity will be conducted in accordance with the issued Waste Discharge Licence (WDL; licence number TBD) from the NT Government.

The NT Department of Lands, Planning and Environment (DLPE) has requested a consultation and communications plan for this activity, as described herein.

2. Objectives

This Plan aims to describe the general regulatory requirements for the activity with regards to reporting and investigation, and GEMCO's commitment to stakeholder consultation and communication.

The issued WDL will detail specific requirements for the activity and will take precedence over this Plan.

3. References

Document ID/No.	Title
TBD	Waste Discharge Licence – Angurugu River Water Discharge
	<i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 (NT)</i>
	<i>Water Act 1992 (NT)</i>

4. Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

Term / Acronym	Definition
ALC	Anindilyakwa Land Council
DLPE	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
G360	Global 360 program
GEMCO	Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd
NT	Northern Territory
S32	South32
WDL	Waste Discharge Licence

5. Plan

5.1 Overview

GEMCO will conduct controlled water discharge to the Angurugu River in accordance with the issued WDL under the *Water Act 1992 (NT)*.

Should a notifiable incident as specified in the WDL or in associated legislation occur, then GEMCO will

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

conduct external reporting in accordance with the licence and regulatory requirements.

All incidents (events) are also reported and investigated internally in accordance with the S32 group reporting requirements and documented in GEMCO's risk management system Global360 (G360).

5.2 Waste Discharge Licence - Incident Reporting

Standard requirements for reporting of notifiable incidents to the Administering Agency under WDLs are:

- Within 24 hours of the licence holder becoming aware of the notifiable incident.
- Investigation report for the incident to be provided within 10 business days.

Reporting is to be provided via email to environmentalregulation@nt.gov.au.

5.3 Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 (NT) – Section 14 Incident Reporting

The *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998* (NT) outlines obligations to report environmental incidents under Section 14. Reporting is required as soon as possible after the occurrence of the incident, within 24 hours of the person responsible for notifying becoming aware of the incident that may have caused or threatens to cause serious or material environmental harm. Reporting is to the NT Environment Protection Authority (EPA), with relevant options for reporting via:

- Email: pollution@nt.gov.au – using a Section 14 Incident Report Form available here: https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/data/assets/word_doc/0005/284666/incident_report_form.docx
- Online report form: <https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/make-a-report/pollution-report-form>
- Telephone of the Pollution Hotline: 1800 064 567

The NT EPA specifies:

You do not have to make a report if the potential pollution or environmental harm is trivial or negligible, or if the incident results in only localised:

- *noise*
- *smoke*
- *dust*
- *fumes or*
- *odour.*

Generally you will need to make a report if there has been a spill of a contaminant or waste (such as hydrocarbons, paint, pesticides, or other toxic chemicals), and the spill:

- *has entered a waterway (including a drain)*
- *spread more than three metres or*
- *left your premises.*

5.4 Other Stakeholder Consultation and Communication

Reporting to other internal and external stakeholders, including the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) as required, will be conducted in accordance with existing agreements and stakeholder engagement plans.

GEMCO has, and will continue, to regularly consult with the ALC regarding NT government approvals, licence issues, and GEMCO performance. Ongoing communication regarding performance under the WDL will be made to the ALC as part of the established monthly and quarterly reporting and meeting schedule between ALC and GEMCO. Site visits are facilitated by GEMCO upon request by the ALC, and will include inspections of the WDL discharge area and related infrastructure as requested.

Any external complaints handling will be through GEMCO's External Affairs Department, contactable by telephoning 1800 870 766. Complaints will be registered and addressed in accordance with existing GEMCO grievance processes.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

6. Records Management

All hazards and events (incidents) are recorded in GEMCO's risk management system G360.

All supporting information and correspondence will be recorded in GEMCO's Sharepoint.

7. Review

This Plan will be reviewed as required, including, but not limited to, instances of the following:

- Change in relevant legislative requirements.
- Change in licence (WDL) requirements.
- Direction from the relevant NT Administering Agency.
- Internal review, particularly following relevant incident investigation and/or stakeholder feedback.

CONSULTATION & COMMUNICATION PLAN – ANGURUGU RIVERINE WATER DISCHARGE

