

## Submission on proponent initiated EIS referral information and draft terms of reference

### Primary Gold Limited – Rustlers Roost and Quest 29 Open-Cut Mine Redevelopment

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

NT EPA reference number: EP 2021/005

**Government authority:** Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet–Strategic Policy

**Summary:** Comments regarding the planned workforce composition and opportunities for local engagement.

Section of referral or terms of reference	Theme / issue	Comment
Terms of Reference (pg.6)	Workforce composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM&amp;C suggests the ‘workforce and procurement’ heading be changed to ‘communities and economy’, to increase alignment with NTEPA factors and objectives.</li> <li>• The proponent has committed to providing a summary of workforce and procurement. CM&amp;C suggests the proponent undertake a broader assessment to ensure that impacts and benefits of the project are fully captured, analysed and communicated. CM&amp;C suggests the ToR provides information relating to the estimated workforce composition. This assessment can include (but is not limited to) details on Aboriginal employment, number of jobs, skills requirement, estimated local employment, FIFO/DIDO, potential training and development opportunities, etc.</li> <li>• The ToR could also include strategies for local employment and procurement to examine opportunities for engagement with locally-based employees and businesses in Greater Darwin (&lt;1hr drive).</li> <li>• Considering the location and proximity (&lt;10km) from the proposed mine to local businesses and communities, a SIA that includes impacts on local businesses and people residing in the region may be appropriate. The SIA could examine impacts and benefits of increased activity and pollution (such as but not limited to noise, light, dust, etc.) on local industry (hospitality and tourism/eco-tourism etc).</li> </ul>
	Transport and Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM&amp;C suggests a traffic impact assessment and management plan be undertaken to manage potential heavy vehicle and DIDO risks during construction (noting increased traffic during this phase) and operation phase, particularly as this is a high volume tourist route.</li> </ul>