

EXPLORATION LICENCES REFERRED TO MINISTER OF MINES

Perth based bauxite explorer and developer, Bauxite Resources Limited (**ASX: BAU**) ("**BRL**" or "**the Company**") has exploration licenses granted over 59 tenements in the south-west of Western Australia. The granting of an exploration licence does not in itself allow for mining. It is the first step in a process where exploration is used as the basis for determining whether sufficient economic mineralisation is present to support future applications for a Mining tenement and other statutory approvals, prior to a decision being made to mine.

Bauxite Resources Limited had made application for three additional exploration licences south of Bridgetown in Western Australia.

On 15 June 2012, Mining Warden M Wilson, following a consideration of those three additional exploration license applications, made a recommendation to the Minister for Minerals and Petroleum that;

- the applications be refused; or
- if the Minister were minded instead to grant those licences that he refer them to the EPA under section 38 of the Environmental Protection Act; and
- if the Minister makes such a referral he should include the report and transcript of the Warden's hearing to the EPA

Bauxite Resources understands that the process that will now follow is:

- The Warden's recommendation to the Minister for Minerals and Petroleum will be published on the website of the Minister's department.
- The Minister's department will seek comments and submissions from affected parties, including from Bauxite Resources Limited.
- Following this, the Minister will make decisions after receiving advice from his department.

Bauxite Resources Limited will engage in that process of comments and submission.

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