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Sent: Wednesday, 1 November 2017 11:29 AM
To: Lukacs, George (George.Lukacs@qni.com.au)
CC: Hultgren, Ross (Ross.Hultgren@qni.com.au)
Subject: QNS pre-wet season inspection document request

Good morning George

Thank you and Ross for your time onsite yesterday. As part of the inspection, I'd like to request the following documents required by the EA EPPR00940913:

- The Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report under condition C5-1
- The annual REMP monitoring report under condition C3-3
- The regulated structures annual inspection report (when available towards the end of November) under conditions D5-1 – D5-6
- The results of the most recent water quality sampling of the Brine Pond and TSF under condition D12-1

It would be great if you could forward me the documents (besides the regulated structures report) within two weeks but let me know if there are any issues with this timeframe.

Kind regards,

Laura Rehn

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From: GROVES Nina [Nina.Groves@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 2 November 2017 10:54 AM
To: SULLIVAN Scott (DES)
CC: REHN Laura; ALEXANDER Jason
Subject: FW: QNS 2017 pre-wet season inspection observations

Hi Scott,

Updates as requested.

s.73 - Irrelevant information - Does not relate to QN

Queensland Nickel Sales (QNS)

- A pre-wet season inspection of QNS Yabulu refinery has been undertaken on 31/10/2017.
- Both the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and Brine Pond was observed to be well below the mandatory reporting levels (MRL).
- QNS staff advised that ample design storage allowance (DSA) is available for the coming wet season.
- Modelling provided by QNS indicates that the TSF and Brine pond holding capacity is in excess of 2000mm rainfall.
- The regulated structures inspection is scheduled to be carried out in the middle of this month with the report likely to be available to the department at the end of November or early December.
- QNS have a number of mobile pumps and critical spares at the facility that can be mobilised if necessary for a heavy rain event to move water around site.
- QNS will form an incident response team in the first week of November for the purpose of wet season contingency planning and incident response where necessary.
- QNS also advised that they are in contact with Workplace Health and Safety and Queensland Fire and Rescue service regarding incident response plans required under their legislation.
- The site is maintaining a 24 hour security presence with regular patrols of site access points and checking on pumping infrastructure.
- Although isolated dust complaints were received in previous months, no dust was observed to be originating from the site at the time of the inspection.
- QNS advised they had applied dust suppression agents to the exposed areas of the TSF since the complaints were received by the department.
- EHP obtained a number of samples from compliance points and water storages and these will be analysed in due course.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks Nina

From: Lukacs, George [George.Lukacs@qni.com.au]

Sent: Friday, 17 November 2017 12:14 PM

To: REHN Laura

CC: MAKOWSKI Jane

Subject: RE: Pre-wet season inspection Queensland Nickel Sales [SEC=In-Confidence]

Laura,

Our groundwater consultant is just putting finishing touches on the report. I discussed this with Nina earlier in the week. Not sure if she passed the message on to you. Should be to you early next week. I will package all requested material into the one email.

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George Lukacs

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From: REHN Laura [mailto:Laura.Rehn@ehp.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 17 November 2017 12:12 PM

To: Lukacs, George

Cc: MAKOWSKI Jane

Subject: RE: Pre-wet season inspection Queensland Nickel Sales [SEC=In-Confidence]

Thank you George, we will let you know about Berth 2 inspection in due course.

With regard to the Yabulu pre-wet season inspection, it would be appreciated if you could send over the Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, annual REMP report and most recent water sample results from the Brine Pond at your convenience. Let me know if there are any issues with providing the documents/information.

Kind regards,

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From: Lukacs, George [<mailto:George.Lukacs@qni.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 16 November 2017 9:47 AM
To: REHN Laura <Laura.Rehn@ehp.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Pre-wet season inspection Queensland Nickel Sales [SEC=In-Confidence]

Laura,

Further to our discussion yesterday, below is the confirmation from the Port of Townsville confirming it would arrange access for the EHP site inspection yesterday.

If EHP decides it still wants to undertake the inspection, please let me know.

Regards
George

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11-MAR-2016

To: Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd
1 Greenvale Street
YABULU QLD 4818

Our reference: 223668

Application details

I refer to the application that was received by the administering authority on 10-MAR-2016.

Land description: Greenvale Street YABULU Lot 2 Plan RP725940, Lot 2 Plan RP725941, Lot 2 Plan RP732796, Lot 4 Plan RP704282, Lot 2 Plan RP709243, Lot 3 Plan RP726908, Lot 165 Plan EP1308, Lot 1 Plan RP730220, Lot 3 Plan RP725940, Lot 1 Plan RP726771, Lot 1 Plan RP722352, Lot 1 Plan RP726908, Lot 2 Plan RP726908, Lot 277 Plan CPK124656, Lot 3 Plan RP709243.

Decision

Your application has been approved and your environmental authority (reference EPPR00940913) is attached.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Veronica Lightfoot on telephone 1300 130 372.

Yours sincerely

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Signature

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Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Permit - environmental authority (reference EPPR00940913)

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