Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Annual Notice

This statutory notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 316I of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise you of any requirement to pay an annual fee[1].

To: MRV METALS PTY LTD
C/- UTM Global Pty Ltd
GPO Box 1661
BRISBANE
QLD 4001
Australia

Email: s.44(1)(b) Personal information @moretonresources.com.au; s.44(1)(b) Personal information utmglobal.com.au
Your reference: EPPR04190216

Your Annual Fee is Due by: 11/11/2019

Don't need your environmental authority anymore? Call 1300 130 372 (option 4) NOW to see if you can surrender or suspend it before the due date

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Annual notice for environmental authority

1. Requirements of this annual notice

You must pay the **annual fee** of $2,216.80[2] for the period 11/11/2019 to 10/11/2020 to the administering authority by 11/11/2019.

2. Details of your environmental authority

Environmental authority EPPR04190216 held by MRV METALS PTY LTD authorises the following:

Activity	Location/relevant site
Resource Activity Schedule 3 09: A mining activity involving drilling, costeaning, pitting or carrying out geological surveys causing significant disturbance	EPM18950, EPM8854, EPM12858, EPM11455, EPM26275

ABN 46 640 294 485

Queensland Government

WHAT YOU MUST DO

1. Pay the annual fee by one of the methods stated on the attached invoice or by

Online via Connect (Preferred method)

Go online and pay the annual fee via: http://qld.gov.au/EnvironmentConnect
Further information about the department's digital platform for online services can be found at the link above.

Failure to pay the annual fee by **11/11/2019** may trigger compliance action to identify if any other requirements of the environmental authority are not being met. Your environmental authority may also be suspended or cancelled if you do not comply with this notice.

YOU MAY ALSO HAVE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Option 1 - Surrender your environmental authority by following instructions at the end of this notice.

Option 2 - Suspend your environmental authority by following instructions at the end of this notice.

Option 3 - Pay a reduced annual fee by following instructions at the end of this notice.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact **Permit and Licence Management** on telephone **1300 130 372 (Option 4).**

Date of issue: 23/09/2019

Attachments: Invoice and Payment Options and Attachment 1 – Eligibility for a reduced annual fee

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Option 1: APPLICATION TO SURRENDER

You can apply to **surrender** your environmental authority if the activity is no longer being undertaken.

Please **call** 1300 130 372 **now** and select option 4 for assistance. You can also find out further information by visiting www.business.qld.gov.au. To obtain an application form visit www.qld.gov.au and search for "ESR/2015/1719". If your application is approved prior to the due date, you will not be required to pay the enclosed invoice. If your application is not approved, or is approved after the due date, the fee must be paid in full.

Option 2: APPLICATION TO SUSPEND

You can apply to **suspend** your environmental authority if there are no rehabilitation conditions on it and the activity will not be carried out for a period of one to three years.

Please **call** 1300 130 372 **now** and select option 4 for assistance. You can also find out further information by visiting www.business.qld.gov.au. To obtain an application form visit www.qld.gov.au and search for "ESR/2015/1728". If your application is approved prior to the due date, you will not be required to pay the enclosed invoice. If your application is not approved, or is approved after the due date, the fee must be paid in full.

Option 3: REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PAY A REDUCED ANNUAL FEE

If you are eligible to pay a reduced annual fee, you must complete and submit the requisite documentation at Attachment 1 of this notice.

To determine if you are eligible to pay a reduced fee, refer to the information sheet by searching for "ESR/2015/1723"[3] available at www.qld.gov.au. **It is an offence to pay the reduced fee if you are not eligible and penalties apply.**

The reduced annual fee documentation must be lodged in Connect or via the email/post details provided below along with payment of the reduced fee by 11/11/2019.

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Attachment 1: Eligibility for a reduced annual fee

This attachment is to be used when paying a reduced annual fee under sections 121 to 127 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 and is to be submitted via the email or post details below.

1. Eligibility for a reduced annual fee

Refer to the information sheet "Paying a reduced annual fee" (ESR/2015/1723) [4] for details of the eligibility criteria for paying a reduced annual fee and the information to accompany the reduced annual fee before completing this attachment.

A reduced annual fee of up to 50% is available if all of the following are met.

☐ The holder of the environmental authority has been operating under the environmental authority for at least one year.

☐ There has been no compliance action event for the holder in the past 3 years (or for the duration of the authority if it is less than 3 years old).

☐ No holder of the environmental authority has had a disqualifying event in the past year.

☐ The reduced annual fee is paid by the due date.

☐ All information required under section 2 (below) is submitted by the due date.

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2. Criteria for a reduced annual fee

I/We are eligible for a reduced annual fee for the following criteria and have attached the documents as required.

☐ **All holders of the environmental authority are an approved Partner of ecoBiz—10% discount**

- ☐ I/We have attached a copy of the latest correspondence indicating approval as an ecoBiz Partner for each holder of the environmental authority.

☐ **The environmental authority is operating under an environmental management system (EMS) certified by an accredited body as being compliant with A/SNZS ISO: 14001: 2015 Environmental Management Systems—20% discount**

- ☐ I/We have included a statutory declaration, completed by a suitably qualified person, verifying that:
  - all the activities carried out under this environmental authority were carried out in accordance with the EMS last year; and
  - I am complying with the conditions of the environmental authority.

☐ **The environmental authority is operating under the National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme, Rules of Accreditation published in 2011 by AUS-MEAT Limited ABN 44 082 528 881—20% discount**

- ☐ I/We have completed and included a statutory declaration[5] verifying that:
  - all the activities carried out under this environmental authority were carried out in accordance with the EMS last year; and
  - I am complying with the conditions of the environmental authority.

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☐ **Reduced emissions profile—20% discount**

☐ I/We certify that the relevant activity, or the activity with the highest aggregate environmental score (AES), has an emissions score that is at least 25% less than the emissions score stated to apply for the activity under the environmental emission profile.

☐ **Relevant resource activity environmental authority[6]—50% discount**

☐ I/We have included a statutory declaration[7] verifying that:

- the holder has stopped extracting the resource that is the subject of the environmental authority and does not intend to recommence extracting the resource.
- the holder is currently carrying out rehabilitation of the land that is the subject of the environmental authority.

Declaration

Note: There are significant penalties under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* for supplying false and/or misleading information that will apply in relation to paying reduced annual fees.

- I/We, being the environmental authority holder/s acknowledge that all information supplied on or with this reduced fee submission may be made available upon request, subject to the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Evidence Act 1977*.
- I am the holder of or the appointed signatory for the environmental authority.
- I am aware that under section 480 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, it is an offence to knowingly give information that I know is false, misleading or incomplete in any material particular.
- I have supplied all of the required information.

SIGNATURE	
NAME OF SIGNATORY	
POSITION OF SIGNATORY (E.G. DIRECTOR, CEO, MANAGER, OWNER, PARTNER)	EA Reference: EPPR04190216
DATE _____/_____/_____	

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Checklist

☐ If paying a reduced annual fee for environmental management system, the statutory declaration is attached.

☐ If paying a reduced annual fee for a relevant resource activity[8] environmental authority, the statutory declaration is attached.

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Only sign and submit this form if you are paying a reduced annual fee. The reduced annual fee documentation must be lodged in Connect or via the email/post details below by the due date:

Online via Connect (Preferred method)

Complete form and upload documentation via: http://qld.gov.au/EnvironmentConnect

Further information about the department's digital platform for online services can be found at the link above.

Email palm@des.qld.gov.au

Post Permit and Licence Management

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Privacy statement

The department is committed to protecting the privacy, accuracy and security of your personal information in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. The information is being collected in accordance with sections 308–309 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. The information will only be accessed by authorised employees within the department. Some of this information may be given to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy for the purpose of the joint regulation of mining activities. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or we are authorised or required by law. All information supplied on this form may be disclosed publicly in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* and *Evidence Act 1977*. For queries about privacy matters email: **privacy@des.qld.gov.au** or telephone: 13 74 68.

Additional explanation of requirements for paying a reduced annual fee

Definition of compliance action event

A **compliance action event**, for the holder of a relevant authority, means any of the following directly relating to an activity carried out or a thing omitted to be done under the authority:

(a) the serving of an infringement notice, under the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999, on the holder for an offence

(b) the issuing of an environmental protection order to the holder

(c) the holder:

  (i) has voluntarily submitted a draft transitional environmental program

  (ii) is acting under an approved transitional environmental program

  (iii) is required to prepare a transitional environmental program, or

  (iv) has, under section 350 of the EP Act, given the administering authority a program notice

(d) the issue of a cost recovery notice to the holder unless—

  (i) the amount paid under the notice has been fully paid; or

  (ii) the notice has been withdrawn or has otherwise stopped having effect

(e) the holder has been issued with a direction notice under section 363B of the EP Act and:

  (i) the holder complies with the notice, or

  (ii) a proceeding for an offence against section 363E of the EP Act has not started

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(f) a proceeding for an environmental offence or an offence under section 363E[9], 363I[10] or 363L[11] of the EP Act (a notice offence), is started or continued against the holder and has not finished

(g) the holder is convicted of an environmental offence or a notice offence.

Guidance

If a suitable operator has two sites (e.g. Site A and Site B) and two separate environmental authorities, then a compliance event on Site A will not affect access to the discounts for the annual fee on Site B. If both Site A and Site B are licensed under a single environmental authority, a compliance action event at either site will render the suitable operator or environmental authority holder ineligible for a reduced annual fee.

Criteria for suitably qualified person

A suitably qualified person must have relevant qualifications and experience and be a member of one of the following organisations as set out in schedule 8 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008:

- Australasian Radiation Protection Society
- Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology
- Australian Institute of Geoscientists
- Australian Society of Soil Science
- Engineers Australia
- Environmental Health Australia
- Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand
- Institute of Explosives Engineers
- Institutions of Chemical Engineers Australia
- Institute of Engineering and Mining Surveyors Australia
- Planning Institute of Australia
- South Pacific Environmental Radioactivity Association
- The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- The Institution of Surveyors Australia
- The Royal Australian Chemical Institute

For the approved EMS discount, the suitably qualified person should have demonstrated experience and qualifications that relate to the development and operation of environmental management systems, and the assessment of compliance with the conditions of a development approval or an environmental authority.

Information on the emissions score

The emissions score for a relevant activity, means the emissions score component of the aggregate environmental score (AES) for the activity. The AES is scheduled in the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008.

The AES is made up of two components:

- the emissions score; and
- the site attributes score.

The emissions score is the average annual emissions to air, land and water, and a detailed breakdown of contaminants and volumes is provided for each ERA in the “Environmental emission profiles” available through the library catalogue on the department’s website **www.des.qld.gov.au**.

Data should be based on the annual average emissions for each contaminant in order to accommodate seasonality and other fluctuations. It does not matter how the emissions reduction is achieved or how many contaminants contribute to the overall reduction.

Data collection should be consistent with the guidelines and methodologies contained in:

- Air Quality Sampling Manual and Water Quality Sampling Manual prepared by the Queensland Government which are available through the library catalogue on the department’s website **www.des.qld.gov.au**.

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- Annual reporting data from the National Pollutant Inventory for the previous reporting year.

1 A failure by the administering authority to give this notice 20 business days before each anniversary day for the environmental authority does not invalidate or otherwise affect the validity of the notice.
2 These fees are exempt from GST.
3 This is the publication number, which can be used as a search term to find the latest version of the publication at http://www.qld.gov.au.
4 Annual fees will apply as applicable under the regulation. Fees may not be applicable for all activities.
5 This declaration can be completed by the holder of the environmental authority and does not have to be completed by a **suitably qualified person**.
6 A relevant resource activity environmental authority means an environmental authority for a resource activity relating to a mining lease or a petroleum lease for which the aggregate environmental score stated for the activity in the section under schedule 2 or 2A of the EP Reg applying to the activity is 120 or more.
7 This statutory declaration can be completed by the holder of the environmental authority and does not have to be completed by a **suitably qualified person**.
8 A relevant resource activity environmental authority means an environmental authority for a resource activity relating to a mining lease or a petroleum lease for which the aggregate environmental score stated for the activity in the section under schedule 2 or 2A of the EP Reg applying to the activity is 120 or more.
9 Section 363E (Offence not to comply with a direction notice).
10 Section 363I (Offence not to comply with clean-up notice).
11 Section 363L (Obstruction of recipient complying with notice).

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