

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXPLORATION LICENCE

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 – Section 15(5)

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019 – Regulation 22(1) and Schedule 1

1. Name and address of applicant(s):

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2. Contact details of applicant (for map and other information requests):

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3. Applicant's Website (see notes) Further information about this application is available at the following websites:

www.amets.com.au/victoria-tenements/ and www.earthresources.vic.gov.au/licenceapplications

4. Details of the application:

Application number: EL007370

Locality of the land to which the application relates: 15km east of Stawell, 30km northwest of Avoca, including the town of Navarre.

Approximate area of the application (Graticular Sections): 519

Date of the application: 29 January 2021

Term the licence is applied for: 5 years

Outline of the proposed program of work: Community and landowner consultation, desktop studies, geophysical surveys, drilling, geochemical sampling.

5. Objections:

Any person may object to a licence being granted by:

- a. putting the objection in writing; and
- b. including the grounds on which it is made

Objections must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised and can be lodged online or posted to:

The Minister for Resources

c/- Manager Licensing, Earth Resources Regulation, GPO Box 2392, MELBOURNE 3001.

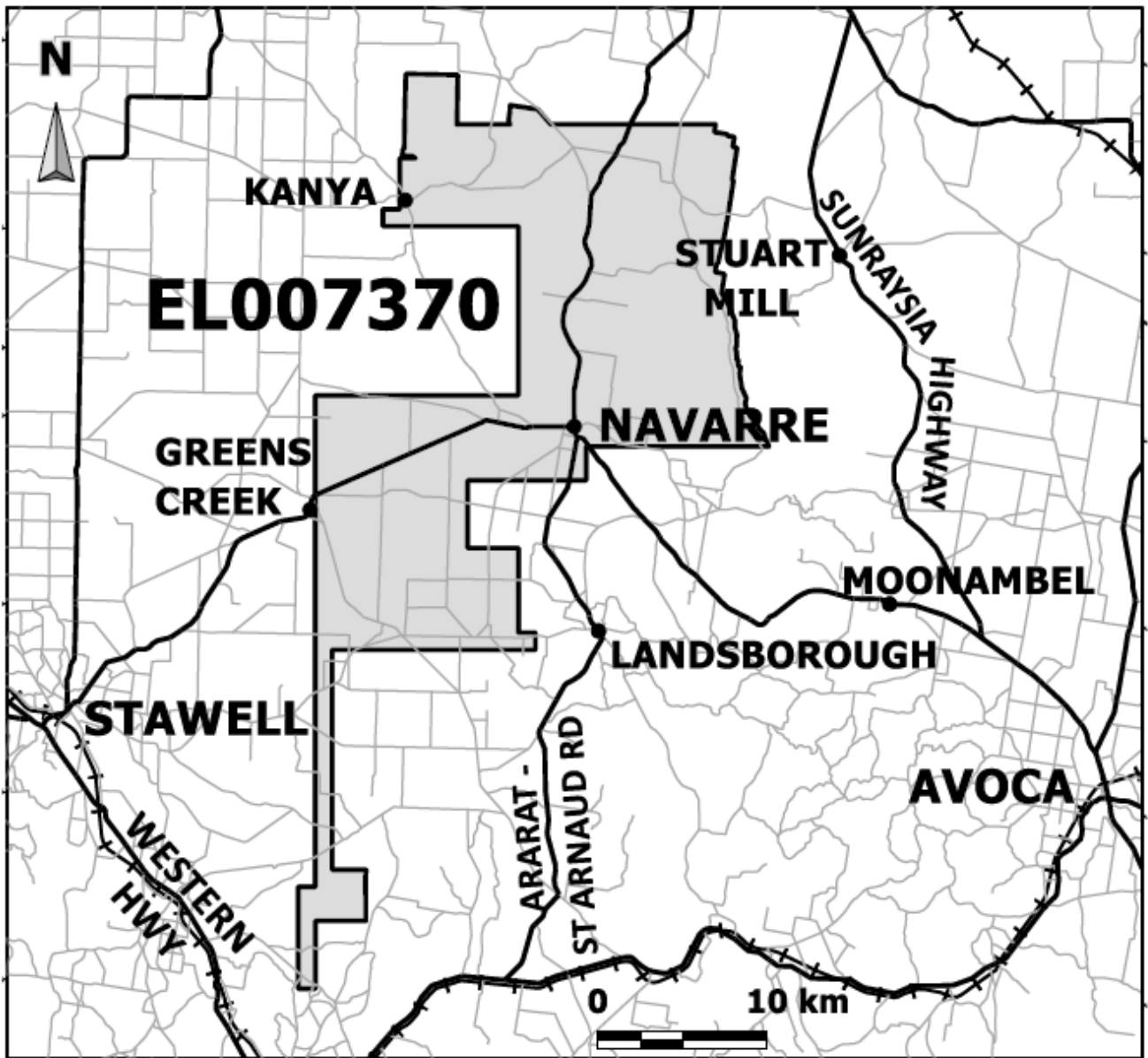
It is recommended that objections are lodged online to ensure timely consideration:

<https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission>

Enquiries can be made by writing to the Manager Licensing at the above address or by phoning the Earth Resources Information Centre on 1300 366 356.

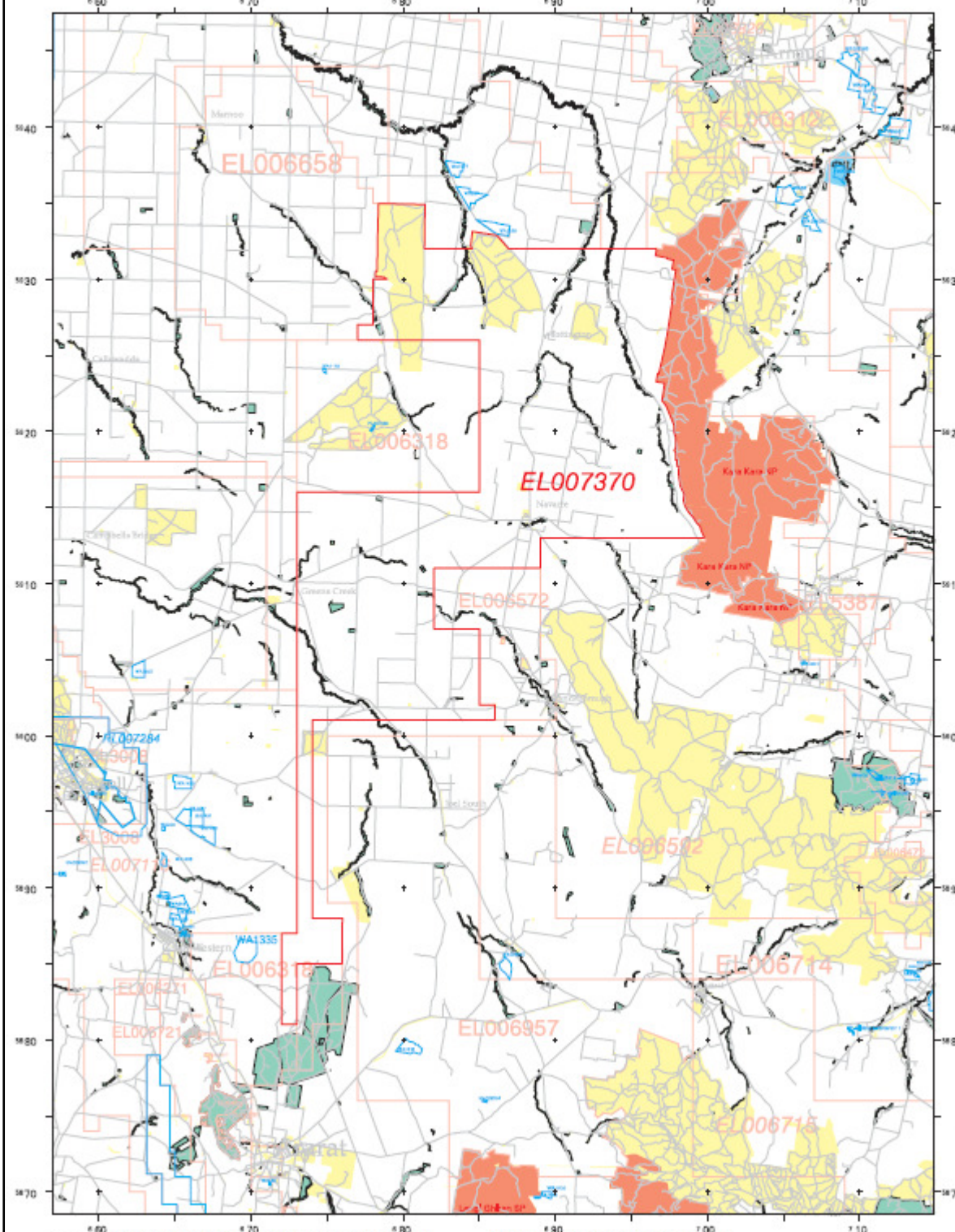
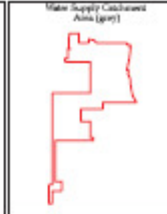
6. Other information:

- a. Subject to other requirements being satisfied, an exploration licence, if granted, entitles the holder of the licence to explore and search for minerals in the relevant land, but does not entitle the holder to undertake mining.
- b. Further information regarding the requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken is available on the department's Community & Land Use page: <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>



EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 007370

- Unavailable for Searching or Exploration or Mining MRSDA 1990 Sec 6. Includes National, State & Wilderness Parks and Reference Areas.
- Exempted from being subject to Exploration &/or Mining Licences. MRSDA 1990 Sec 7. May be revoked by notice in the Govt Gazette.
- Restricted Crown Land. Schedule 3 of MRSDA 1990. Consent required to do work on the land.
- Other Crown Land
- Commonwealth Land. Subject to Commonwealth legislation.
- Exploration Initiative Area exempted for a limited time from being subject to Exploration and/or Mining Licences. MRSDA 1990 Sec. 7
- Land not included in the Licence due to a licence or licence application existing or having priority at the date of application.



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MGA
ZONE 54

SCALE
1:250,000

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Malden
ST ABRAHAM (704)
KILPATRICK (706)
WARRACK (702)
WALLBURY (703)

Area in Gtats
Total 519
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NOTE: The accuracy of the location of the land status areas may vary according to the scale and mapping accuracy. Areas of private land within Crown Land may not be shown. The precise locations should be verified with Crown Land Assets if access to the land is proposed.

When the Licence Application shows unavailable land, the Licence boundary is defined by the boundary of the Unavailable Land. Discrepancies on this plan between the boundaries may be due to scale and mapping inaccuracy.

Work Program

A schedule of activity is proposed as follows:

1. Initial six months after granting:
 - a) Contact and liaison within the district, including to the local Council(s) so as to establish good working relationships.
 - b) Contact with principal landowners in the district.
 - c) Compilation of previous exploration work. Assessment of this data.
2. Second six months:
 - a) Preparation of suitable exploration plans based on GeoScience data, including aeromagnetism, radiometrics and gravity, so as to generate field programs, leading to prospective drill targets.
 - b) Assessment of geophysical data.
 - c) Preparation and submission of further plan to likely include gravity and drilling.
3. Once all regulatory aspects are notified – initial geophysical surveying prior to aircore drilling. These are expected to commence initially along established road reserves once targets are more accurately defined.
4. As drill results are returned, in-fill drilling to closer spacing where logging and geochemical responses indicate. For deeper targets, drill hole siting would be expected to be more based on assessment of combined datasets of historic research, geochemical and geophysical data.
5. Metallurgical testwork. Samples derived from drilling will be considered for their metallurgical properties by a suitable laboratory should a resource potential be indicated.
6. Further drilling programs, metallurgical testwork and product processing studies subject to results received. Favourable results lead to pre-feasibility studies. This may be followed by application for a suitable mining title.

Community Engagement and Environment Strategy

There is a legal requirement, S. 39A of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 for a licensee to consult with the community. The provision reads: -

A licensee has a duty to consult with the community throughout the period of the licence by;

- a) sharing with the community information about any activities authorised by the licence that may affect the community; and
- b) giving members of the community a reasonable opportunity to express their views about those activities.

In addition, there is a strong moral and ethical case for licensees informing their local communities as to their plans in these communities and for licensees to listen to the views of the local communities.

In general terms, the licensee must establish the extent of the local community, work out an effective manner in which to communicate with the various members of the community, actually engage in an on-going communications strategy and to effectively deal with the information that it was able to discover.

In general terms, the licensee's community engagement plan is broadly based on the following:

1. Identify individuals or groups which may be impacted by the operations on the licence. This would involve the compilation of a list of adjacent landowners, persons living on or in the vicinity of the licence and other community groups which may be impacted by the operations. Groups such as the Victorian Farmers Federation or the local Field Naturalists Club. Government Departments, Federal, State or local, and other government bodies such as CMA's who have a particular interest in the land on which the licence is situated should also form part of the consultation group.
2. It will be necessary to identify the expectations or attitudes of these groups and individuals. Often a direct face to face approach is the best way to engage many members of the community.
3. The licensee will need to assess the impact of their operation on these individuals and groups. Following the consultation, the full impact would be assessed by guidelines provided by the Department.
4. An assessment will be made following the consultation as to what level of community input and involvement can be achieved. There are likely to be a range of matters which may need to be considered. Ideally, many of the ideas and suggestions will be mutually beneficial to both the licensee and the local community. Matters such as working hours or attitudes to working on days of high fire danger or working on hot and windy days may be matters which the local community could have views which need to be considered by the licensees.
5. Any contact or complaint will be noted in a complaints book, and the licensee will promptly make suitable arrangements to contact the complainant. Where possible, the matter would be settled between the two parties,

but the local Mines Inspector or the Mining Warden may be requested to assist in resolving any issue or mediating on the matter.

The licensee will produce an information sheet or local newspaper advertising outlining the project and seeking community views and attitudes to the operation. Such interaction with the community will be used to identify any issues that may be arising from the operations on the licence and will attempt to accommodate the views of the stakeholders in dealing with any such issues.

The community is welcomed for their interest and input into ensuring that there is a minimum of adverse effects to the amenity of the area or the impact on the expectation of the community for the peaceful enjoyment of their local environment.

The licensee is mindful of the need to maintain these exceptionally good community relations and to ensure that the channels of communication between the licence holder and the community in which it operates are kept open. All discussion with the community is based on mutual trust and respect.

Environment Strategy

All exploration activities will be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration. All rehabilitation will be carried out as soon as is practicable after exploration activities have taken place and in line with the current Guidelines for environmental management in exploration and mining. Providence Gold and Minerals Pty Ltd will ensure all staff and contractors are aware of all site-specific environmental sensitivities, such as weeds and endangered flora and fauna and will act accordingly.

Providence Gold and Minerals Pty Ltd are committed to minimising disturbance and environmental impact where possible and will work in accordance with the Guidelines as determined by the Victorian Government. No wetlands, waterways or lakes will be impacted by exploration activities.