

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: EL008410

Locality of the land to which the application relates: 1km south of Pyramid Hill, 3km northwest of Mologa, 7.5km north west of Yarrawalla

Approximate area of the application (Graticular Sections): 25

Date of the application: 29 February 2024

Term the licences are applied for: 5 years

Outline of the proposed programs of work: Desktop studies, soil sampling, geophysical surveying, drilling

5. Objections and Comments:

Any person may object or comment to a licence being granted by:

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

Objections or comments 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 Energy and Resources

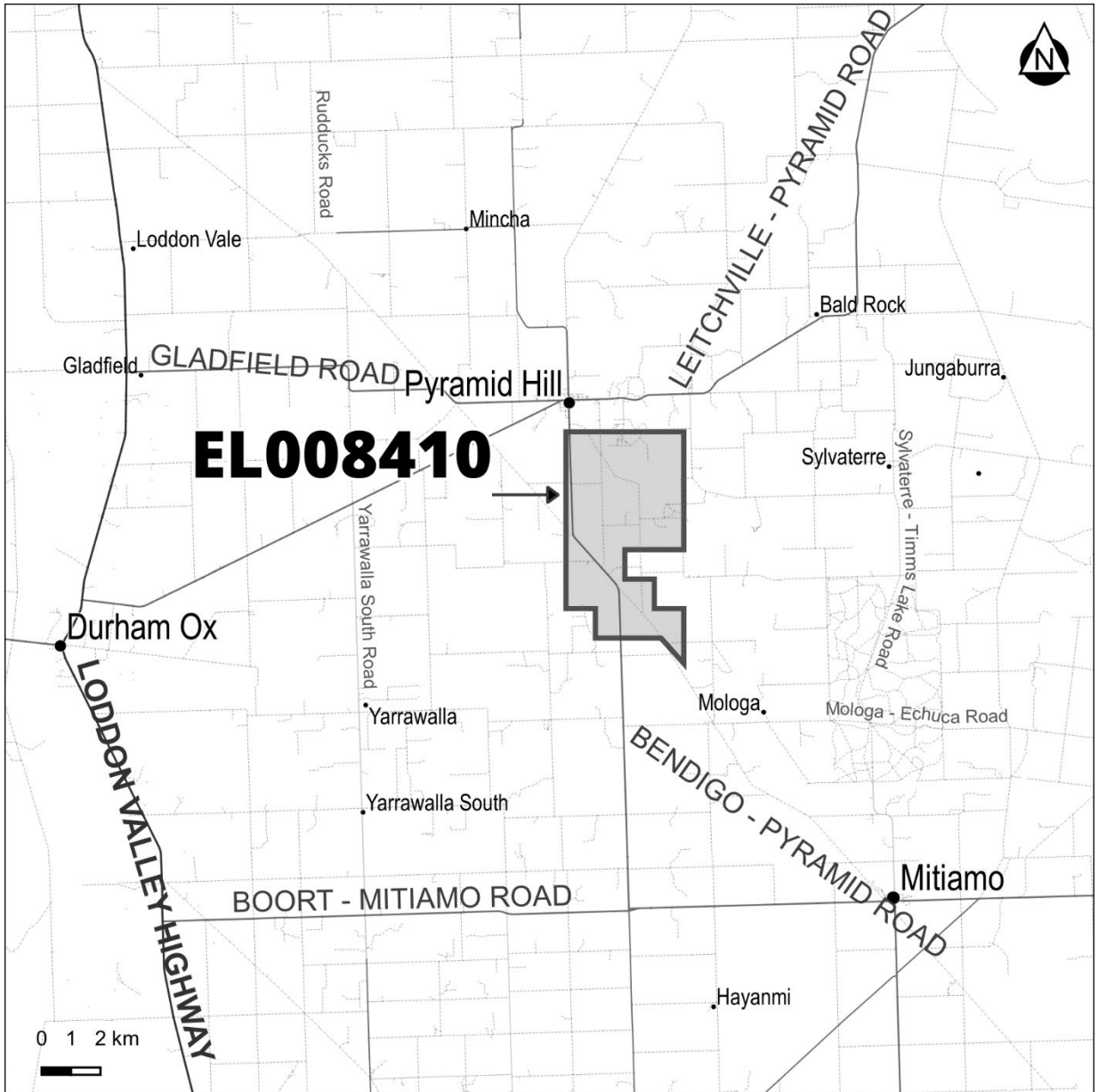
c/- Manager Licensing, Earth Resources Regulation, PO Box 500, East Melbourne Victoria 8002

It is recommended that objections or comments 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 136 186.

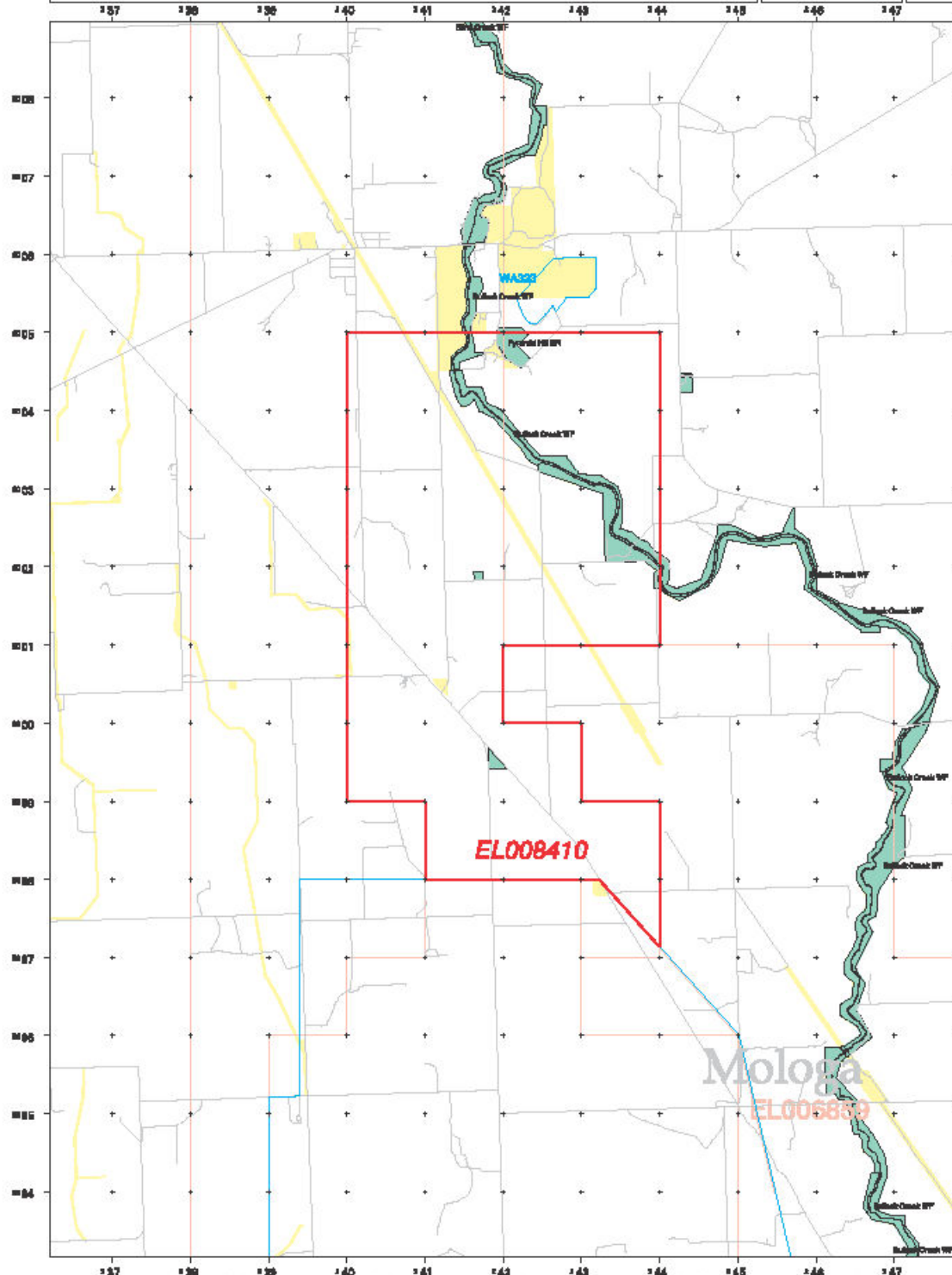
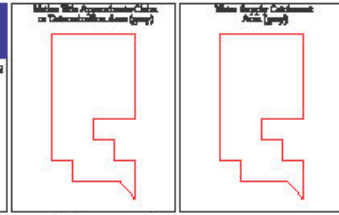
6. Other information:

- 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 008410

- 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 overlaid by zones 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 or Mining Licences, MRSDA 1990 Sec 7
- Land not included in the Licence due to a licence application existing or having priority at the date of application.



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ZONE 55

SCALE
1:50,000

1:100,000
Mapframe
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Area in Grats
Total 25
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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.

Where 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.

The Licence does not include Crown land other than roads and road reserves.

Work Program

YEAR 1

- Database and literature reviews including, but not limited to:
 - Historical review of previous work conducted
 - Community consultation
 - Soil Sampling
 - Gravity Work
 - Air-Core Drilling

YEAR 2

- In fill soil sampling
- Drilling – Air-Core and Diamond

YEAR 3

- In fill soil sampling
- Drilling – Various methods
- Geophysics

YEAR 4

- In fill soil sampling
- Drilling – Various methods

YEAR 5

- Drilling – RC and Diamond
- Rehabilitation
- Generation of JORC Resource and Report

Community Engagement and Environment Strategy

Providence Gold & Minerals Pty Ltd (PGM) believes that open and transparent and effective communication with the community in which we operate and explore is an important component of our exploration activity.

We see ourselves as guests within our host community and we seek harmonious working relationships. We believe it is critical to start with this attitude as the basis. The establishment of a good relationship should commence before field work starts with an introduction to our company and a clear explanation of our planned activity. We seek to establish a “win win” such that landowners and the community are better off with our presence.

PGM also understands the statutory framework as expressed in the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990, where Section 39A of the MR(SD) Act provides for a holder of an exploration Licence to consult with the community.

The provision states:

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 any case, it is simply good manners for a licence holder to meet and inform the landowners and members of local communities of our intentions and plans, as well as listen to the views of the local communities.

As licensee we seek to get to know members of the local community to talk and share about what we plan to do.

Working Together

We endeavour to work out an effective way to communicate with the various members of the community, engage in an ongoing communications strategy and effectively deal with the information that we discover.

Community Engagement would be broadly based on the following:

1. Identify individuals and families who are interested and may be affected by the exploration activity on the licence area. This involves the compilation of a list of landowners and people living within a certain area of the licence.
2. Identify groups within the area which are interested and may be affected by the exploration activity. This involves compilation of a list of community groups which may be interested in the exploration activity. This can include groups such as the Victorian Farmers Federation, a Field Naturalists Club or a local Landcare group.
3. Government Departments (Federal, State or Local) and other government bodies such as CMA's which have a particular interest in the land on which the licence is situated can also be consulted.
4. We seek to understand the issues and identify the expectations or attitudes of these groups and individuals. This can be conducted via a direct face to face approach which is the preferred way to engage members of the community.
5. As a licensee we need to assess and understand the impact of any planned operations on these individuals and groups. The exploration activity is generally classified as low impact, so it is expected that the impact would be considered as low.
6. An assessment can be made following the consultation as to what level of community input and involvement can be achieved. There could be a range of matters which will need to be considered. Ideally many of the ideas and suggestions will be mutually beneficial to both the licensee and the local community.
7. Matters such as working hours or attitudes to particular events, such as days of high fire danger or during rain events, may be matters where the local community has concerns which need to be considered.
8. Signage can be used on the licence during times of operation to provide contact details for the licensee with the invitation to contact the licensee to seek additional information or to discuss any adverse effects that the exploration activity may create.
9. As licensee, all contact is noted in a register, and the licensee will promptly make arrangements to contact any complainant. The overriding aim is to discuss and settle the matter amicably and quickly with the affected party.
10. However, and if required or desirable the district Mines Inspector or the Mining Warden or a Departmental representative may be requested to assist in resolving any issue or mediating in the matter.

It may be desirable to produce information sheet(s) for distribution to the community outlining the project and seeking community views and attitudes to the operation. Ongoing individual meetings would then follow to maintain a two-way information flow.

A digital presence is a possible tool for communications with website access to provide up to date information more easily on the project and a blog or other forum to allow residents to communicate with the licensee as well as other community members.

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.

In practice, members of the community are of course welcomed for their interest and input in order to workshop 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 explorer/licensee seeks to be a positive contributor.

Summary

The licensee places great importance on having cordial relationships with our host landowners.

The licensee intends to establish and maintain good community relations and to ensure that the channels of communication between the licence holder and the community in which it operates are open. All discussion with the community is based on mutual trust and respect for their lifestyle, their living and their environment.

PGM has already been operating in rural Victoria for over 30 years and always seeks to work amicably alongside our rural hosts.