



## **Attachment 5: Other Approvals and Consultation**

### **Stakeholder Consultation**

KCGM has a well-established community engagement process which is an essential part of operations for one of Australia's largest gold mines, located in close proximity to a City of Kalgoorlie Boulder. The range of communication channels and information provided ensures that KCGM continues to have a strong understanding of the impacts the community experience from its operations. Northern Star has engaged extensively with Williamstown residents, with a voluntary resettlement program underway. The same team will approach residents directly with respect to this project. Below are a range of mechanisms to facilitate consultation and capture input from the wider Kalgoorlie- Boulder community on an ongoing basis.

#### **COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP**

The Northern Star Community Reference Group (CRG) is a self-selected group of local community members and invited guests from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI), and State and Local Government representatives. The group meets monthly to discuss current Northern Star planning, operational activities, and feedback from the community. Minutes of meetings are available on the Super Pit website. Contact details for all CRG Members are available on the Super Pit website. The local community is encouraged to contact CRG members to discuss their issues if they do not wish to contact Northern Star directly.

#### **PUBLIC INTERACTION ONLINE**

The Northern Star Public Interaction Line (PIL) includes a 24-hour 7 day a week manned telephone line, which ensures a timely response to calls whether they are complaints, feedback, or inquiries. Interactions, whether received by phone, in person, letter or email are captured in the PIL database, which is a task-orientated tool that ensures actions are assigned and tracked. The PIL database is also used to record significant interactions with the public at community events and both formal and informal meetings.

#### **SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

The views of Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents are captured regularly in Northern Star's Social Impact Assessments (SIA), which are conducted around every five years or when there is a major operational change. The most recent SIA was completed in 2020.

#### **MEDIA AND ADVERTISING**

Northern Star actively engages the media to promote discussion on planning and project issues, and all media mentions are recorded and available electronically. The operation produces an extensive level of media coverage each year. Throughout the past five years the leading publication for Northern Star mentions has been the Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper, while a significant amount of mentions are also made on ABC Goldfields- Esperance radio. Community Relations do weekly slots on local radio station Tjuma Pulka (local Aboriginal radio station) and RadioWest.

In addition to media stories, Northern Star also places paid advertising to keep stakeholders informed about operational activities. Regular advertising is done to promote the Public Interaction Line so local residents are aware of how to contact Northern Star with any concerns.

#### **WEBSITE**

The Northern Star website ([www.superpit.com.au](http://www.superpit.com.au)) is accessed by around 10,000 web users each month. The site provides a range of information about Northern Star, including an overview of operations, publications, reports, employment opportunities, and Northern Star's

role in the local community. Real-time noise and dust reports are available on the website. A contact form is available as an additional mechanism of the Public Interaction Line data base.

## **Approvals**

### **Environmental Protection Act 1986**

It is unlikely that the proposed works has a significant impact resulting in referral to the Environmental Protection Authority.

The proposed underground exploration activities described within this Licence Application are located to the east and to the northeast of the current Mt Charlotte workings. The potential impacts associated with these proposed underground exploration activities are not expected to add to those already experienced as a result of the existing Mt Charlotte operations.

The proposed water management activities at Mt Percy will occur at a Care and Maintenance site, with a small amount of disturbance of infrastructure corridors through rehabilitated areas, and usage of existing pits, also within 2km of an occupied townsite. The Mt Percy work area is approximately 1 km from the Kalgoorlie Boulder townsite, but not visible due to a substantial hill.

### **Mining Act 1978**

A mining proposal for the proposed activities are currently being assessed by the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) under **REG ID 110768**

Previous mining approvals are as follows:

- 'Mining and Environmental Management Plan - Mining Lease Application M26/353 - Mount Charlotte' dated October 1992; and
- 'KCGM Hidden Secret Project EPA Section 38 Referral and DMP Mining Proposal' dated 5 November 2014.

### **Tenement Conditions**

It is a further requirement of tenement conditions to seek permission of WaterCorp and the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder and telecom agencies prior to commencement of earthworks in the vicinity of their assets within the townsite boundary. This will be undertaken as part of the 'Dial before you dig' process.

### **Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914**

Current Groundwater Well Licence for dewatering purposes (GWL63553) pursuant to *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*. The current Mt Charlotte Water Licence is in the process of being amalgamated by DWER, once this process is complete, the new Licence number will be GWL63555.

### **Aboriginal Heritage**

No Aboriginal heritage sites have been identified in the work area.

Northern Star, including KCGM, are currently in the process of engagement with a new Native Title Claimant group, Marlinyu Ghoorlie. Clearance has been obtained for the area in the vicinity of Mt Charlotte, and field survey work is scheduled for Mt Percy area in the coming months. Proposed works will not proceed prior to outcomes from the field surveys.