

## **Environmental Protection Authority**

## Form for the referral of a proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act* 1986

Referrer information					
Who is referring this proposal?		X Proponent  ☐ Decision-making authority  ☐ Community member/third party			
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	West Perth			WA	6005
Date	29 May 2017				
Does the referrer request that the EPA treat any part of the proposal information in the referral as confidential?  Provide confidential information in a separate attachment.  Referral declaration for organisations, proponents and decision-mak  I,Leigh Wardell-Johnson, (full name) declare proposal on behalf ofTungsten Mining NL			making authorities:	orised to refer this	
Part A: Proponent and proposal description					
Proponent infor	mation				
Name of the proponent/s (including Trading Name if relevant)			Tung	sten Mining NL	
Australian Company Number(s) X OR		Х	152 (	084 403	
Australian Business Number(s)					
Contact for the proposal (if different from the referrer)  Please include: name; physical address; phone; and email.			3/25 Phon	The Broadway Elle e: 0419 934 461	Plant Mineral Pty Ltd nbrook WA 6069 lantmineral.com.au
Does the proponent have the legal access required for the implementation of all aspects of the proposal?  If yes, provide details of legal access authorisations /		•	-	proposed project is	within M59/425 and d by Minjar Gold Pty

agreements/tenure.  If no, what authorisations/agreements/tenure is required and from whom?	Ltd (Minjar). In an agreement with Minjar, Tungsten Mining NL has 100% of the tungsten and molybdenum rights for this tenement. Refer to Appendix 1 of EPA Referral Support Document (Attachment 1).
Proposal type	
What type of proposal is being referred? For a change to an approved proposal please state the Ministerial Statement number/s (MS No./s) of the approved proposal	x significant – new proposal  □ significant – change to approved proposal (MS No./s:)  □ proposal under an assessed planning scheme □ strategic
For a derived proposal please state the Ministerial Statement number (MS No.) of the associated strategic proposal	☐ derived (Strategic MS No.:)
<ul> <li>For a significant proposal:</li> <li>Why do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA?</li> </ul>	Refer to Section 5.2 of the <i>EPA Referral</i> Supporting Document for assessment of the key environmental factors and potential impacts.
For a proposal under an assessed planning scheme, provide the following details:	N/A
<ul> <li>Scheme name and number</li> <li>For the Responsible Authority:</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What new environmental issues are raised by the proposal that were not assessed during the assessment of the planning scheme?</li> <li>How does the proposal not comply with the assessed</li> </ul>	
scheme and/or the environmental conditions in the assessed planning scheme?	
Proposal description	
Title of the proposal	Mt Mulgine Project (MMP)
Name of the Local Government Authority in which the proposal is located.	Shire of Perenjori
Location:  a) street address, lot number, suburb, and nearest road intersection; or  b) if remote the nearest town and distance and direction from that town to the proposal site.	The MMP is located in the Murchison region of Western Australia (WA) approximately 330 km north east of Perth. The MMP area can be accessed from the Warriedar Copper Mine Road.  The MMP is situated on tenements: M59/387 and M59/425.  See Figure 1-1 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document, for a location map of the Project area.
Proposal description – including the key characteristics of the proposal  Provide as an attachment to the form	The MMP will be comprised of open pits, processing plant, office and workshop facilities, water storage facilities, run-of-mine (ROM) pad, waste rock landforms (WRLs) and tailings storage facility (TSF).  A complete overview of the proposal is provided as Section 2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.

Have you provided electronic spatial data, maps an in the appropriate format?	d figure	x Yes 🗆 No	
Refer to instructions at the front of the form			
What is the current land use on the property, and the extent (area in hectares) of the property?		The MMP area is partially located within the former Warriedar pastoral station, which is now managed by DPaW for conservation purposes.	
		The MMP will be conducted on Mining Leases M59/387 and M59/425. These tenements have been impacted by historic mining activities and more recently, mining activities by Minjar.	
		The combined area of these tenements 1,825 ha. It is proposed that the MMP will disturb approximately 146.21 ha within a 301 ha development envelope.	
Have you had pre-referral discussions with the OEF quote the reference number and/or the OEPA cont		Meeting held with Robert Hughes and Helen Butterworth (09/02/2017).	
Part B: Environmental impacts			
Environmental factors			
What are the likely significant environmental	☐ Ber	nthic Communities and Habitat	
factors for this proposal?	☐ Coastal Processes		
	☐ Mar		
	☐ Ma	rine Fauna	
	<b>x</b> Flora	a and Vegetation	
	☐ Lan	ndforms	
	☐ Sub	bterranean Fauna	
	<b>x</b> Terr	estrial Environmental Quality	
	<b>x</b> Terr	estrial Fauna	
	<b>x</b> Hydi	rological Processes	
	<b>x</b> Inlai	nd Waters Environmental Quality	
	□Air		
<b>x</b> Socia		al Surroundings	
□ Hui		man Health	
For <u>each</u> of the environmental factors identified above, co information in a supplementary report		mplete the following table, or provide the	
Refer to Sections 3 and 5 of the EPA Referral Suppo	orting Dod	cument (Attachment 1).	

Potential environmental impacts				
1	EPA Factor	Flora and Vegetation		
2	EPA policy and guidance - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	Factors and Objectives.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2016.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures Manual 2016.  RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE  - Environmental Factor Guideline: Flora and Vegetation.  RELEVANT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE  - Technical Guidance: Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment.  OTHER POLICY & GUIDANCE  - Government of Western Australia (2011) WA Environmental Offsets Policy.  - Government of Western Australia (2014) WA Environmental Offsets Guidelines.  - DoE. How to use the Offsets Assessment Guide: http://www.environment.gov.au/syste m/files/resources/12630bb4-2c10-4c8e-815f-2d7862bf87e7/files/offsets-how-use.pdf.  - DMP and EPA (2015) Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans.  - Environmental Protection Bulletin No. 20: Protection of Naturally Vegetated Areas Through Planning and Development  - Guidance Statement No. 6: Rehabilitation of Terrestrial Ecosystems		
		Surveys have been conducted in accordance with EPA Guidelines. Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when identifying the impacts, defining the development envelope and determining mitigation strategies of the Proposal.  Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		

3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.
4	<b>Receiving environment</b> - Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.
7	<i>Impacts</i> - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.
8	Assumptions - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.	<ul> <li>Previous and current biological surveys have identified conservation significant species that may have the potential to exist within the Project area. Further flora survey work will be undertaken following significant rainfall in 2017 to confirm the presence or absence of conservation species.</li> </ul>

Potential environmental impacts			
1	EPA Factor	Terrestrial Environmental Quality	
2	EPA policy and guidance - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	KEY DOCUMENTS  - Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2016.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures Manual 2016.  RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE  - Environmental Factor Guideline: Terrestrial Environmental Quality.  Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when identifying the impacts and determining mitigation strategies for the Proposal.	

Potential environmental impacts			
		Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
4	<b>Receiving environment</b> - Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.6 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
7	<i>Impacts</i> - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.	
8	Assumptions - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.	<ul> <li>Critical assumptions include:</li> <li>Identification and remediation, if required, of contaminated sites upon closure.</li> <li>Management of PAF material in accordance with a PAF management plan.</li> <li>Bunding of low grade ore stockpiles.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Frequent inspection and appropriate bunding of tailings pipelines.</li> <li>Appropriate storage of hydrocarbons and dangerous goods.</li> </ul>	

Poten	Potential environmental impacts		
1	EPA Factor	Terrestrial Fauna	
2	<b>EPA policy and guidance</b> - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	KEY DOCUMENTS  - Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2016.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures Manual 2016.  RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE  - Environmental Factor Guideline:	

Potenti	Potential environmental impacts			
		Terrestrial Fauna.		
		RELEVANT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE		
		<ul> <li>Technical Guidance – Sampling     methods for terrestrial vertebrate     fauna.</li> <li>Technical Guidance – Terrestrial fauna     surveys.</li> </ul>		
		Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when conducting surveys, identifying the impacts, defining the development envelope and determining mitigation strategies for the Proposal.		
		Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
4	<b>Receiving environment -</b> Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.5.1 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
7	<i>Impacts</i> - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
8	<b>Assumptions</b> - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment <i>e.g.</i> particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.	No disturbance to critical habitat for the Western Spiny-tailed Skink and Shield-backed Trapdoor Spider.		

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1	EPA Factor	Hydrological Processes		
2	<b>EPA policy and guidance</b> - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	KEY DOCUMENTS  - Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2016.		

Potenti	Potential environmental impacts			
		<ul> <li>Environmental Impact Assessment         (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures         Manual 2016.</li> <li>RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE         <ul> <li>Environmental Factor Guideline –</li> <li>Hydrological Processes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
		Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when identifying the impacts and determining mitigation strategies for the Proposal.		
		Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
4	<b>Receiving environment</b> - Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.8 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the <i>EPA Referral</i> Supporting Document.		
7	Impacts - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.		
8	<b>Assumptions</b> - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment <i>e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions</i> .	Critical assumptions include:     At the end of the mine life, all natural drainage processes will be reinstated.		

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1	EPA Factor	Inland Waters Environmental Quality	
2	<b>EPA policy and guidance</b> - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this factor?	KEY DOCUMENTS  - Statement of Environmental Principles, Factors and Objectives.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Administrative Procedures 2016.  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures Manual 2016.	

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		RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE  - Environmental Factor Guideline –  Inland Waters Environmental Quality.			
		Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when identifying the impacts and determining the mitigation strategies for the Proposal.  Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
4	<b>Receiving environment</b> - Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.8 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
7	<i>Impacts</i> - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.			
8	Assumptions - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions.	<ul> <li>Critical assumptions include:</li> <li>Storage of hydrocarbons in accordance with AS/NZS 1940:2004.</li> <li>Storage and transportation of chemicals in accordance with Dangerous Goods Regulations.</li> <li>Management of PAF material in accordance with a PAF Management Plan.</li> <li>Water quality monitoring will continue to be undertaken post closure until acceptable levels are</li> </ul>			

Potential environmental impacts							
1	EPA Factor	Social Surroundings					
2		KEY DOCUMENTS					
		<ul> <li>Statement of Environmental Principles,         Factors and Objectives.</li> <li>Environmental Impact Assessment         (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2)         Administrative Procedures 2016.</li> <li>Environmental Impact Assessment         (Part IV Divisions 1 and 2) Procedures         Manual 2016.</li> </ul>					
		RELEVANT FACTOR GUIDELINE					
	<i>EPA policy and guidance</i> - What have you considered and how have you applied them in relation to this	- Environmental Factor Guideline – Social Surroundings					
	factor?	OTHER GUIDANCE					
		Guidance Statement No. 41: Assessment of Aboriginal Heritage.					
		Key documents and Factor Guidelines have been considered when identifying the impacts, defining the development envelope and determining mitigation strategies for the Proposal.					
		Further detail is provided in the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
3	<b>Consultation</b> – Outline the outcomes of consultation in relation to the potential environmental impacts	Refer to Section 4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
4	<b>Receiving environment</b> - Describe the current condition of the receiving environment in relation to this factor.	Details are provided in Section 3.10 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
5	<b>Proposal activities</b> – Describe the proposal activities that have the potential to impact the environment	Details are provided in Section 2 and 5.2 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
6	<b>Mitigation</b> - Describe the measures proposed to manage and mitigate the potential environmental impacts.	Mitigation measures are provided in Table 5.4 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
7	Impacts - Assess the impacts of the proposal and review the residual impacts against the EPA objective.	Impacts are provided in Table 5.3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.					
8	<b>Assumptions</b> - Describe any assumptions critical to your assessment <i>e.g. particular mitigation measures or regulatory conditions</i> .	Critical assumptions include:     All actions will be undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.					

Part C: Other approvals and regulation										
State and Local Government approvals										
Is rezoning of any land implemented?		□ Yes <b>x</b> No								
If yes, please provide d										
If this proposal has been authority, what approv										
Proposal activities	posal activities Land tenure/access Type of approval			Legislation regulating the activity						
e.g. clearing,	e.g. clearing, e.g. Crown land – LA e.g. Native Vegeta									
dewatering, mining,	ering, mining, Act, Min Act, CALM Clearing Permit, I				licence, e.g. <i>EP Act 1986</i> – Part V, <i>RiWl</i>					
processing, dredging,	Act specify type	mining proposa	l,	Act 1	Act 1914, Mining Act 1979					
Refer to Table 2-3 of the EPA Referral Supporting Document.										
Commonwealth Gover	nment approvals			<u> </u>						
Does the proposal invo	olve an action that may b	oe or is a controlle	ed x	Yes	<u> </u>	No				
action under the <i>Enviro</i>			, _							
Conservation Act 1999	<u> </u>									
1	on been referred? If yes, e reference number (EF		X	Yes	i □	No				
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	EP	EPBC No.: 2017/7913								
If referred, has a decisi	Х	Yes	;	l No						
action is a controlled a and provide the decision		☐ Decision – controlled action								
and provide the decision	X	X Decision – not a controlled action								
Do you request that th	al 🗆	Yes	s - Bilatera	। <b>Х</b>	No					
agreement or as an acc			s - Accredit							
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Is approval required from		Yes	5 X	No						
If yes, describe.	Ap	Approval:								