



EXTRACTIVE AREAS REHABILITATION FUND (EARF)

Preliminary Enquiry for a Rehabilitation Proposal

To: Director Mining Regulation,
Department for Energy and Mining (DEM)
GPO Box 320
Adelaide SA 5001

DEM USE ONLY

PE No: _____

Or by email to: DEM.MiningRegRehab@sa.gov.au

Purpose of a Preliminary Enquiry for a Rehabilitation Proposal

The purpose of undertaking a preliminary enquiry is to assist Applicants in determining whether a rehabilitation proposal that they may be considering fits broadly within the EARF Guidelines (2013). Specifically its purpose is to assist in identifying those projects that are not considered eligible for funding by the EARF under the guidelines and to provide that feedback to the Applicant prior to significant expenditure of time and resources. A secondary purpose of this preliminary assessment process is to assist Applicants in understanding the guidelines and what is core rehabilitation and what is non-core rehabilitation.

It is important to note that all applications for funding from the EARF for the purpose of rehabilitation are by the Minister or his Delegate. **Even if a proposal is considered to fit broadly within the Guidelines as part of this preliminary enquiry process, it does not mean that a formal application for this proposal will ultimately be approved.** However if it does fit within the guidelines then the Applicant may proceed with a higher level of confidence in the final outcome than would otherwise be the case. However the risk and cost still remains solely with the Applicant.

DEM personnel will assess any preliminary enquiry and provide appropriate feedback with reasons on the proposal.

Applicant Details

Company Name:

Company Address:

Contact Person:

Business Phone: Mobile Phone:

Email :



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Tenure Details

Tenement No(s): PM..... EML

Tenement Status: Expiry Date(s).....

Common Name of Mine:

Development Plans (ADP/MARP/MOP/PEPR) No:

Location:

Tenement Holder:

Holder Address:

Business Phone No: Mobile No:

Email:

Landowner:

Landowner Address:

Business Phone No: Mobile No:

Email:

Historical and Operational Details of Mine or Quarry

The purpose of this information is to assist in the understanding of the history and operation of the mine or quarry to better assess the potential for any funding from the EARF for the purpose of rehabilitation under the current guidelines.

Date when mining Commenced:

Still Operating? (Or last Year of operation):

Approx. Annual Rate of Production (tonnes):

Nature of Operation:

Type of Material (Sand/Clay/Hard rock):

Estimate of remaining Resource):

Date of last Royalties Paid:



Purpose for EARF Funding Proposal

Please indicate the purpose (as defined in the Act and Regulations) of the proposed rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation of **land** disturbed by mining operations for the recovery of **extractive minerals**

To implement measure designed to prevent or limit damage to or impairment of any aspect of the environment by mining operations for the recovery of **extractive minerals**.

Justification for EARF Funding

The state expects that the operator of the mine will plan for, fund and undertake progressive rehabilitation of areas disturbed on the site from 30th November 2004 (post-2004 works) in accordance with the Approved Development Plan (MOP/MARP/ADP/PEPR). Operating sites are expected to incorporate the rehabilitation of any pre-2004 works within the normal mining and progressive rehabilitation activities.

Non-core rehabilitation activities are those rehabilitation activities that are undertaken in order to further minimize environmental risks by way of additional environmental and social outcomes (where community expectations has changed or in the case of pre-2004 works where there had been a reliance on the EARF to pay for activities to meet statutory rehabilitation requirements.

Please provide the following information on why you believe the proposed rehabilitation is required and provide sufficient information to assist in assessing if the proposal may possibly be funded through the EARF. (Add a separate page if there is insufficient room)

Reason for the Rehabilitation

Please provide a brief explanation on the reasons for the rehabilitation and why it is required? The purpose is to seek an understanding if there are external factors influencing or driving the need for this rehabilitation and what those factors may be.

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Rehabilitation of pre-2004 works

Please provide a brief explanation of the reasons why it is not feasible to incorporate the required rehabilitation as part of the core rehabilitation activities of the mining operation.

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Rehabilitation Resulting from Changes in Community Standards

Please provide a brief explanation of changes in community standards and why in regard to this site (or part of) it is not economically feasible to incorporate the proposal into future mine planning.

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Rehabilitation Works to mitigate visual amenity impacts to meet Community Expectations

Please provide a brief explanation of the expectations and/or requirements that could not be anticipated at the time of the original mining approval. (Such measure may include amenity screening, mounding and tree planting.)

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Rehabilitation of a Former Extractive Mine

Please provide a brief explanation of why it is considered that this former extractive mine is having an adverse impact on the environment.

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How does this proposed rehabilitation project relate to the mining plan (MOP, MARP, ADP or PEPR)?

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Proposed Rehabilitation

Please provide a **general description** of the proposed rehabilitation relating to this enquiry. Please include an estimate of the key aspects of the proposal that you have in mind such as the volume of material to be shifted, the extent of re-vegetation, length of fencing, etc.

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Is this proposal the final site rehabilitation or a partial rehabilitation:

A very brief description of how the work might be undertaken:

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Cost Estimate or Range (Regarded as an very general estimate only)

Less than	<	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,001	to	\$55,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$55,001	to	\$110,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$110,001	to	\$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater than		\$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed Timing of the Work:

An aerial photo or plan of the mine would be of assistance if readily available.

Any other comments:

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It is important to note that this preliminary enquiry has been established to provide preliminary feedback and guidance to Applicants. Even if a formal 'Application for a Rehabilitation Proposal' is supported by DEM, it does NOT imply that the application will ultimately be approved; but a lack of support by DEM is probably likely to result in the rejection of the application. This is the primary purpose of this preliminary enquiry.

Submitted By:

Signature:

Date:



Department Process

The Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) will upon receipt of this enquiry undertake the following steps:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the enquiry (Estimated time 2 weeks)
2. Undertake a desktop review of the enquiry (Estimated 3 weeks)
3. If considered necessary, DEM staff will visit the mine and arrange for a review with the proponent to discuss and review the proposal for the purpose of clarifying any issues and concerns. (Estimated two to three weeks after the desk top review)
4. Respond to the proponent in relation to the enquiry. (Within 10 weeks of the original receipt)

In responding, DEM will indicate that if a formal '**Application for a Rehabilitation Proposal**' for funding by the EARF Fund is lodged along the lines of this proposal for rehabilitation the application for the project may or may not be supported. The response will also include any associated reasons.