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MRM Independent Monitor Report Released


The appointment of an Independent Monitor is a stringent condition of the approval of the mine’s open-cut expansion project back in late 2006.

The 2010 report is the third produced by the appointed Independent Monitor, Environmental Earth Services VIC, and covers the environmental performance of the mine for October 2008 to September 2009 operating period and on-site inspection in May 2010.

The Independent Monitor found that the operator had demonstrated a high level of conformance with respect to procedures and systems. The Independent Monitor also commended the operator for taking actions to reduce the level of risk to the environment.

The Independent Monitor’s report was provided to both the mine operator and the Department of Resources for response. The Minister received the report in September this year and then it was provided to both MRM Mine and the Department of Resources to respond within 28 days.

The Independent Monitor presented his findings to a community meeting in Borroloola yesterday and has briefed key interested parties in Darwin this afternoon.

The Independent Monitor’s review supports Department of Resources assessment that mining and related operations at MRM are not impacting significantly on the surrounding environment.

It states the Independent Monitor has observed many improvements in MRM’s environmental monitoring since our last report was issued in 2009, and MRM continue to show commitment to improving their environmental performance in line with our recommendations, however further improvements can be made.


Note: All reports should be read together.

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