

## INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) invites people to make a submission on this proposal. The environmental impact assessment process is designed to be transparent and accountable and includes specific points for public involvement, including opportunities for public review of environmental review documents. In releasing this document for public comment, the EPA advises that no decisions have been made to allow this proposal to be implemented.

Tellus Holdings Ltd (Tellus) is seeking environmental approval to develop a dual use kaolin mine with the voids created by mining used to store and permanently isolate hazardous and intractable wastes. In accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, a Public Environmental Review (PER) document has been prepared that describes this proposal and its likely effects on the environment. The PER document is available for a public review period of **12 weeks from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, closing on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

Comments from government agencies and the public will assist the EPA to prepare an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

### **Where to get copies of this document**

Printed and CD copies of this document may be obtained from Tellus' Office located at Level 34, Exchange Tower, 2 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia, 08 8257 3395. Hard copies of the document cost \$10 (including postage); CD's will be provided free of charge.

The PER may also be accessed through the proponent's website at [www.tellusholdings.com](http://www.tellusholdings.com)

### **Why write a submission?**

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action – including any alternative approaches. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged, with electronic submissions being acknowledged electronically. The proponent will be required to provide adequate responses to points raised in submissions. In preparing its assessment report for the Minister for Environment, the EPA will consider the information in submissions, the proponent's responses and other relevant information. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence, subject to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, and may be quoted in full or in part in the EPA's report.

### **Why not join a group?**

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining a group or groups interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people), please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

## Developing a submission

You may agree or disagree with or comment on the general issues or specific elements discussed in the PER document. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal more environmentally acceptable.

When making comments on specific elements in the PER document:

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable; and
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

## Points to keep in mind

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the PER document;
- if you discuss different sections of the PER document, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering; and
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name;
- address;
- date; and
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The closing date for submissions is: **7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The EPA prefers submissions to be made at: <https://consultation.epa.wa.gov.au>.

Alternatively, submissions can be:

- posted to: Chairman, Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 10, East Perth, Western Australia 6892; or
- delivered to the Environmental Protection Authority, Level 8, The Atrium, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

If you have any questions on how to make a submission, please ring the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority on (08) 6145 0800.