

Mining and Exploration Indigenous Land Use Agreements and s.31(1)(b) Agreements

The CLC has executed four agreements in respect of exploration and mining including one Indigenous Land Use Agreement that have been registered with the National Native title Tribunal. The agreements in the table (right) were executed by the CLC in the reporting period.

FUTURE ACTS

The CLC seeks to protect Native Title rights and interests by minimising the adverse impacts of future acts while simultaneously maximising benefits to native title holders.

Mining /Exploration Future Acts

The Northern territory Government continues to issue future act notices for exploration licences using the expedited procedures of the Native Title Act (s.29 notices).

The Northern Territory media is monitored on a daily basis and the CLC maintains a records database of all applications, relevant timelines and associated tasks.

The CLC responds to all applicants outlining the native title process and recommending agreements as a preferred option. Each of the Notices was assessed as to its potential impact on the exercise of native title rights and interests both legally and practically.

In some instances meetings of the affected native title holders were organised while in others, existing instructions adequately dealt with the application.

In all instances, contact with the applicant was required at some stage of the process.

In the reporting period 2005 – 2006, CLC responded to 128 Notices under s29 of the Native Title Act 1993 relating to mining /

Indigenous Land Use – Area Agreements

COMPANY NAME	AREA COVERED	SUBJECT	APPLICATION/ AGREEMENT DATE
Rawson Resources (NT) P/L	11,400 sq kms Simpson Desert	Petroleum	30 August 2005
Desert Knowledge Centre	Alice Springs portion of Lot No. 9295	Compensation for extinguishment of Native Title rights	31 May 2006

Exploration Agreements including S31 (1) (b) NTA Agreements

Tennant Creek Gold (NT) P/L & Sunsphere P/L	Jervois PPL NT Portion 336	Deed of Assumption under ILUA re Exploration Licence 22349	27 January 2006
Genesis Resources P/L	The Garden, Ambalindum and Mt Riddock PPLs	Exploration Licence 24817	5 April 2006
Energy Metals Ltd	Mt Doreen PPLs consisting of 404 sq kms	Exploration Licences 24453, 24463 & 24533	16 February 2006

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Eighteen of these Notices dealt with applications for exploration permits under the Petroleum Act, five of which covered an area of eight thousand square kilometers or more; and twenty seven notices dealt with uranium exploration licence applications.

In addition to exercising the “right to negotiate” under the “Future Act” provisions of the Native Title Act 1993, the CLC undertook a number of geographical / cultural surveys with native title holders under the terms of agreements.

These took place in:

- Dulcie Ranges – Parks and Reserves Plan of Management
- Reynolds Ranges – Tanami Exploration NL

- Napperby PPL - Paladin Energy Minerals NL (Deep Yellow Ltd)

- Mount Doreen PPL – Energy Metals NL

A total of 56 major future act – mining meetings requiring the combined resources of the Native Title Unit and other operational units within the CLC, were held during 2005-06.

Many other meetings were held by individual officers for notification or research purposes and are too numerous to list.

Non Mining Future Acts

A total of 27 future act – non mining meetings were held during the reporting period.

These include meetings to assist