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WPG receives Federal environmental clearance for Tunkillia gold project

WPG Resources Ltd (ASX:WPG) is pleased to announce that it has received Federal environmental clearance for the Tunkillia gold project in South Australia's Gawler Craton. WPG has a 70% interest in the Tunkillia Joint Venture.

After assessing further information after a referral under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC 1999) in relation to the Tunkillia gold project, the Department of Environment has advised WPG that the project does not require further assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.

The decision follows the implementation of three rigorous independent environmental surveys on the project carried out by EBS Ecology in May 2012, September 2012 and in March 2014.

Following the capture of an individual Plains Rat, an endangered species, during the September 2012 environmental survey, the Department of Environment requested additional information in May 2013.

Following this, EBS undertook a targeted species field survey in March 2014. No mammal species of national or State conservation significance were recorded, including the Plains Rat.

EBS Ecology concluded that given that no Plains Rats were detected during the May 2012 and March 2014 surveys it is likely that the individual captured during the September 2012 survey was a transient individual which was more than 100km away from their traditional habitat sites – a result of a population explosion across the arid zone of South Australia at that time following heavy rains.

WPG Executive Chairman Bob Duffin today welcomed the Department of Environment's decision and noted that WPG has had a strong focus in South Australia and has a successful track record in project exploration and development, including experience in working with the Department of Environment with the EPBC referral for WPG's previous iron ore project, Peculiar Knob.

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“The outcomes from that transparent process demonstrated our Company’s commitment to sustainable environment outcomes, encouragement and support for research programs relevant to its operations which can provide for a greater understanding of the environment and improvement in rehabilitation and management methods,” he said.

“In relation to Tunkillia, WPG, through its subsidiary Tunkillia Gold Pty Ltd, also recently submitted a Mining Lease Application (MLA) to the South Australian Government for assessment. The proposal includes a commitment for ongoing fauna monitoring and reporting during the life of the mine which will be made available to the public.”

Further Information

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