



Notice of Application for an Exploration Licence (EL007807)

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 – Section 15(5)

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019 - Regulation 22(1) and Schedule 1

1. Name and address of applicant

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2. Contact details of applicant for map and other information requests:

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3. Applicant's website

Further information about this application is available at the following website or other location:

Website: www.vhmltd.com.au/community-notices

4. Details of the application

Application Number.: EL007807

Locality of the land to which the application relates: 55km south of Swan Hill, 34km southwest of Kerang, 10km northeast of Wycheproof

Approximate area of application 421 km² or 421 Graticular Sections

Date of the application: 29/10/2021

Term the licence is applied for: 5 years

Outline of the proposed program of work:

For the first year, low impact field exploration is planned to include a review of all previous historical exploration in the area and geophysical surveys, with minimal impact to the environment.

Should future higher impact exploration activities be planned such as exploration drilling, it will involve a submission of a low impact exploration plan or work plan to Earth Resources Regulation, detailed rehabilitation plans, and monitoring and auditing.

Throughout the exploration planning process, VHM will consult with individual land holders and the broader community and provide information on planned exploration activities and allow opportunities for feedback to be incorporated into the planning process.

5. Objections or Comments:

Any person may object or comment to a licence being granted by:

- a. putting the objection or comment in writing; and
- b. including the grounds on which it is made

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Objections or comments must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised and can be lodged online or posted to:

The Minister for Resources
c/-Manager Licensing
Earth Resources Regulation
GPO Box 4509
Melbourne Victoria 3001

It is recommended that objections or comments are lodged online to ensure timely consideration.
<https://rram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission>

Enquiries can be made by writing to the Manager Licensing at the above address or by phoning the Earth Resources Information Centre on 1300 366 356.

6. Other information:

- a. Subject to other requirements being satisfied, an exploration licence, if granted, entitles the holder of the licence to explore and search for minerals in the relevant land, but does not entitle the holder to undertake mining.
- b. Further information regarding the requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken is available on the department's Community and Land Use page: <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>

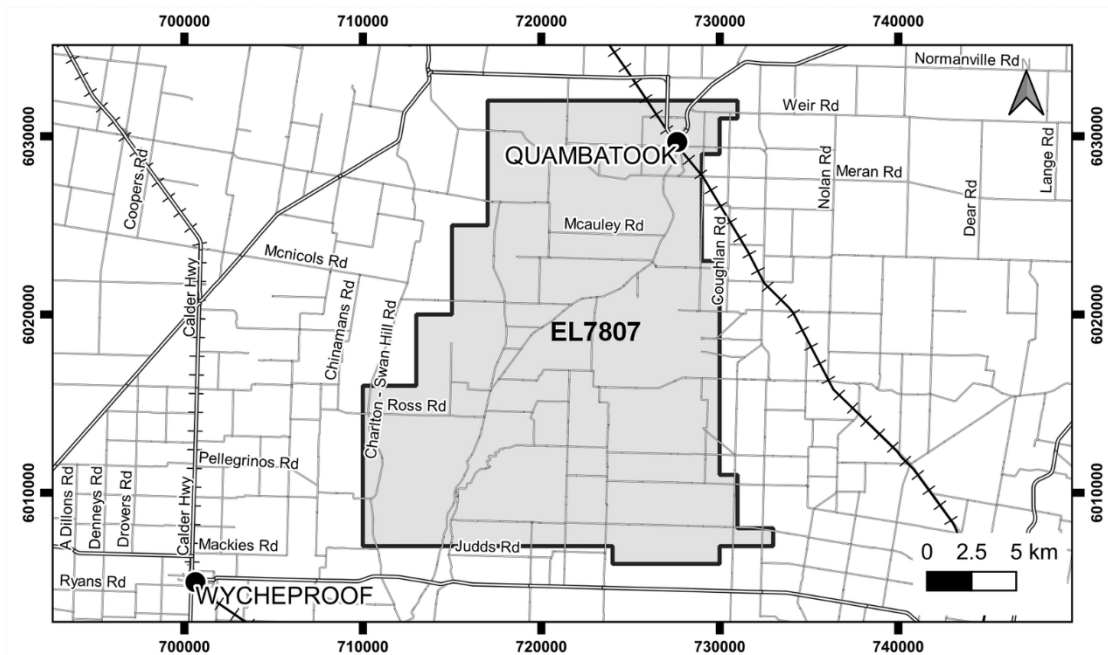


Figure 1 Location of EL007810



Community Consultation

Section 39A of the MRSDA obligates the Licensee to consult and share information that might affect the community. VHM is committed to identification of stakeholders, particularly landowners and occupiers which are directly or indirectly affected by exploration activities. Stakeholders include traditional owners, government agencies, local communities, interest groups and other commercial entities which operate within the area.

VHM acknowledges the Traditional Landowners and will respect the rights of the traditional custodians of the land.

The company is committed to open, timely and honest communication with all stakeholders. VHM will consult with the relevant land managers/owners early in its exploration planning process to ensure that the relevant community stakeholders are identified. VHM will ensure transparency and consultation regarding the activities being planned and will where possible manage and design plans with respect to community concerns. If VHM wishes to enter a private property to undertake an exploration activity, consent will be sought from the landowner and if approved a compensation agreement will be negotiated. VHM will operate in accordance with the landowners' safety and environmental requirements.

Where an exploration activity is deemed to have wider community effects, these activities will be communicated via this website and in writing (letters/emails), as well as by phone calls and/or meetings with key stakeholders affected prior to engagement in the activity.

VHM will endeavour to address all concerns relating to its activities and provide transparent communication of information. It is in the best interests of VHM and the community to maintain good working relationships. VHM encourages members of the community and groups who identify as stakeholders to contact us via email community@vhmltd.com.au so the company can ensure the community remains informed of the Company's exploration activities and a forum is available to directly address any concerns.

Respecting the environment

VHM is a responsible company which recognises and respects the environment and the values and rights of others in the environment.

VHM commits to continually improving its environmental performance and responsibility through the education of its employees and contractors and the following initiatives:

- integrating environmental considerations into project planning and operations.
- implementing environmental controls and strategies to identify, minimise and avoid, wherever possible environmental impact from our activities.
- monitoring relevant environmental parameters.
- auditing and reporting on environmental performance.
- preventing pollution by minimising emissions and the generation of waste.
- providing sufficient training and resources for effective environmental management.
- having open communication with communities and other stakeholders about environmental issues

VHM is committed to being a proactive environmental manager, and through consultation with stakeholders and government ensuring that it remains a good corporate citizen.

The company is committed to avoiding and minimising impacts to native vegetation, fauna habitats and wetlands, and will manage their operations with due care for the natural environment and the surrounding land use activities by ensuring the environment and social values are considered in the planning phase of all VHM's proposed activities.

VHM has excised all Crown Land from the Exploration Licence Application and is not proposing to impact any of the RAMSAR wetlands, watercourses or any other lake or wetland within the tenement boundary.

