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5 October 2005

The Secretary
Department of Primary Industry,
Fisheries and Mines
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Exploration Licence 3405 "Anson"

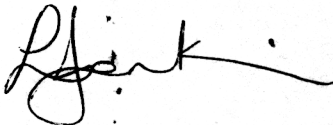
I refer to my letter dated 15 September 2005 requesting an extension of time to lodge the Annual Report for Exploration Licence 3405.

EL 3405 was granted to A.O (Australia) Pty Limited on 28 July 2003. Rio Tinto Exploration manages this tenement on behalf of A.O (Australia) and was originally included in the combined reporting group for the Yambarra Project.

After assessing the data collected from the Yambarra Project it has been revealed that Rio Tinto Exploration conducted no on-ground exploration activity on EL3405. Therefore there are no exploration or environmental issues to report.

In view of this your approval is sought to accept this letter in lieu of an Annual Report for Exploration Licence 3405.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Jenkins
Tenement Administration Officer

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