

NEWCREST

MINING

LIMITED

ABN 20 005 683 625

29 January 2010

The Principal Registrar
Minerals and Energy Titles Division
Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources
GPO Box 3000
Darwin NSW 0801

Attention: Denise Turnbull

Dear Madam,

Mineral Claims N 337-349, 351 & 352
Mineral Leases N 23, 25-28, 79-89, 751, 752, 754-756 & 1116

I refer to your letter dated 27 October 2009 regarding the above mentioned mineral titles.

The above titles, surrendered on 19 February 2009, have not been actively explored by the title holders for at least tens years. Some geologists within the company have even suggested it may be more like twenty years.

Given this timeframe it has been extremely difficult to find people that were associated with the project still within the company and also extremely difficult to find hard copy evidence of work completed on these titles. Archive documents are only kept for a maximum of seven to ten years.

I can confirm that the current Australian Exploration Manager and the current District Geologist have tried to locate data and old reports relating to the surrendered titles but have been unsuccessful. They have searched both the Perth and Brisbane offices and have not been able to locate relevant reports or data. A search of the archive system has also been unsuccessful at locating the requested information.

On behalf of the registered holders, I respectfully request, for the reason given above, that a penalty of \$1,000 per title not be imposed.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on (03) 9522 5613.

Yours faithfully,



Lisa Bowyer
Australian Tenement Manager

LEVEL 9

600 ST KILDA ROAD

MELBOURNE

VICTORIA 3004

AUSTRALIA

PO BOX 6213

ST KILDA ROAD CENTRAL

MELBOURNE

VICTORIA 8008

TELEPHONE

(61 3) 9522 5333

FACSIMILE

(61 3) 9525 2998