



BORAL RESOURCES (QLD) PTY LIMITED

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MLN320 and MLN321 (Batchelor)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 TITLEHOLDER DETAILS

Boral Resources (Qld) Pty Limited (**Boral**) is the holder of MLN320 and MLN321 (the **Titles**) that are the subject of this report.

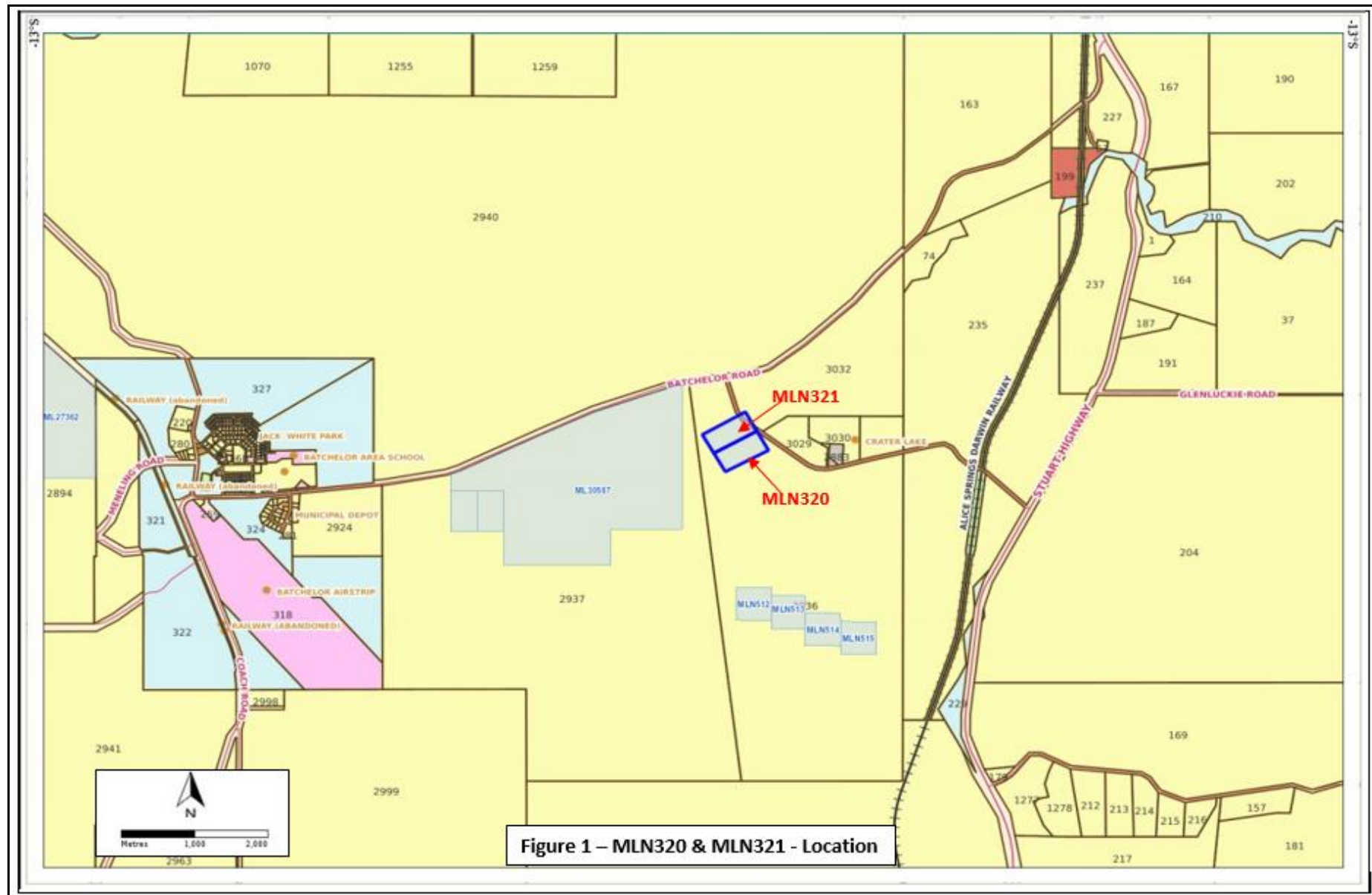
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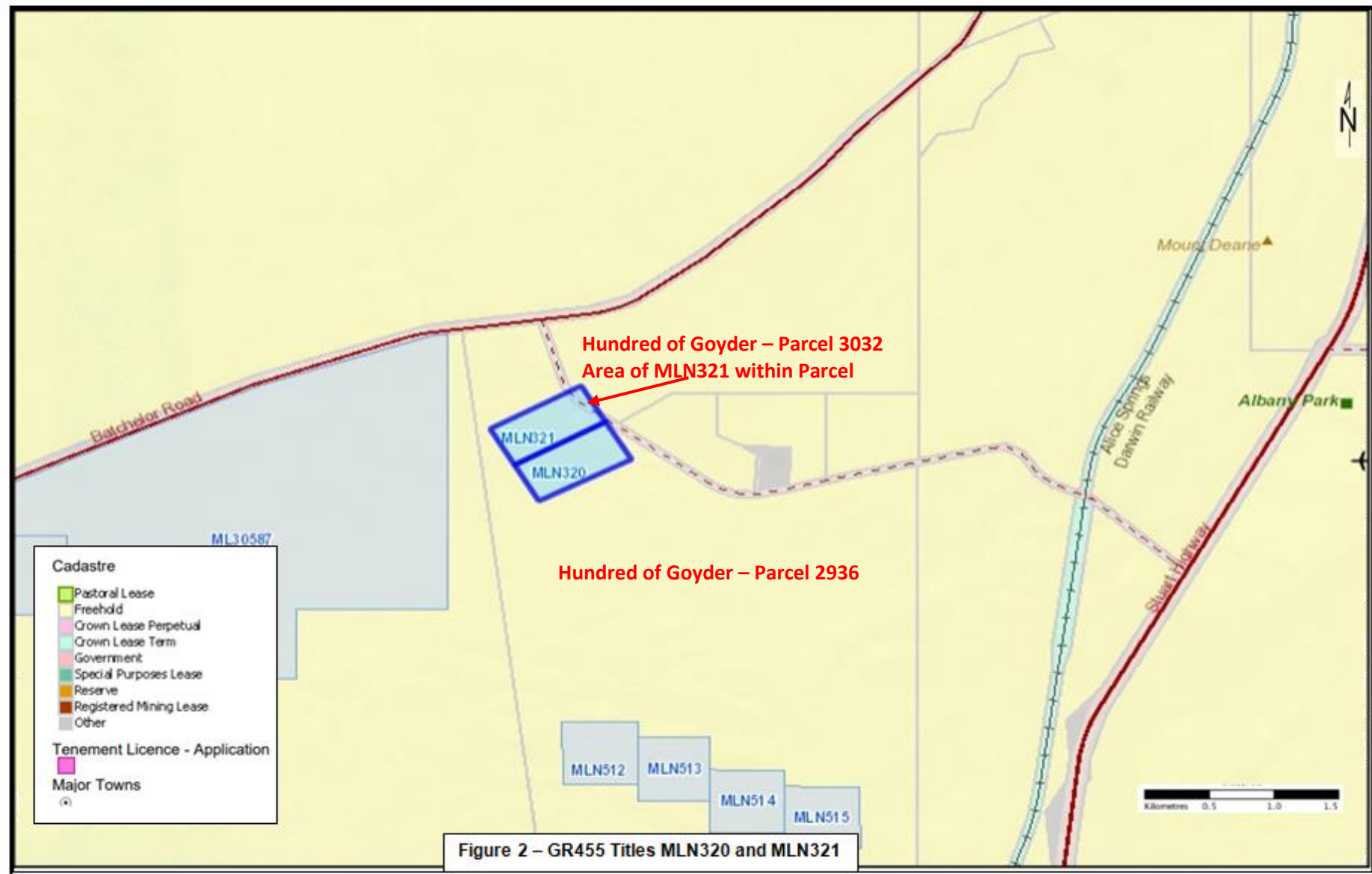
This Annual Report provides information for activities during the 2021 reporting period.

1.2 LOCATION

The Titles are located approximately 93km south from Darwin via the Stuart Highway, Batchelor Road or Crater Lake Road. The Titles fall within sections 2935 and 2936, Hundred of Goyder – refer to Figures 1 and 2 on the following pages for location and cadastral details.

The total area covered by the titles is 30.74 Hectares (**Ha**).





1.3 TITLE DETAILS

Title Number	Title Holder	Area	Grant Date	Expiry Date
MLN320	Boral Resources (Qld) Pty Limited	15.37 Ha	24/12/1975	31/12/2025
MLN321	Boral Resources (Qld) Pty Limited	15.37 Ha	14/02/1978	31/12/2025

Table 1 – Summary of Title Details

Target Commodity: Dolomite.

Map Reference: Pine Creek 250k Mapsheet SD5208.

1.4 OPERATOR DETAILS

Boral is the nominated operator for the site under *Mining Management Act* Authorisation 0723-01 Mount Bundy and Batchelor Combined Project. On 2 November 2021 Boral lodged the 2021 Mine Management Plan for the Mount Bundy site and a separate (stand-alone) Care and Maintenance Plan for the Batchelor site.

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2.0 HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS

MLN320 and MLN321

MLN320 and MLN321 at Batchelor authorised for ground disturbing activity under *Mining Management Act* Authorisation 0723-01 Mt Bundy and Batchelor Project however, on 2 November 2021 Boral lodged a stand-alone Care and Maintenance Plan for the Batchelor site.

Quarrying operations within MLN320 historically supplied rock and aggregate for the development of Batchelor and commercial and civil construction projects in the surrounding areas. Quarrying operations within MLN320 ceased in 1993 and no further extractive activity has since been conducted on the site.

Rehabilitation activities within MLN320 to prepare the site for placement under a regime of care and maintenance concluded in 2009. Works consisted of the removal of scrap steel, concrete bases and minor earthworks. Application for the site to be placed under care and

maintenance was made to the then Department of Mines and Energy and following receipt of Departmental approval, the Boral Batchelor site reverted to care and maintenance.

Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd (**Hanson**) operated a concrete batching plant within MLN321 under their Mining Management Plan and *Mining Management Act* A0272-01.

In 2009 Boral concluded rehabilitation activities within their area of MLN321 and prepared the site for placement under a regime of care and maintenance; works consisted of the removal of scrap steel, concrete bases and minor earthworks. Application for the site to be placed under care and maintenance was made to the then Department of Mines and Energy and following receipt of Departmental approval, the Boral Batchelor site reverted to care and maintenance. Subsequently, apart from the Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd (**Hanson**) concrete batching plant within the title, MLN321 was placed under a regime of care and maintenance. It should be noted that, over the life of MLN321, no ground disturbance or intrusion has occurred within the portion of MLN321 in Hundred of Goyder Parcel 3032 on the eastern side of Crater Lake Road (refer to Figure 2 at Page 4).

On 27 August 2015, a meeting was conducted on-site between Boral and Hanson representatives and Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) Officers to discuss responsibility for rehabilitation of the batching site within MLN321 and rehabilitation criteria. The outcome of the meeting was that, as the Operator, Hanson assumed responsibility for rehabilitation.

On 15 November 2018 the landowner advised the Department that rehabilitation was completed as per requirements and Hanson A0272-01 was closed-out. The batching plant area then reverted to Boral's control.

Activities since the cessation of extractive operations and in the period leading up to submission of this report consisted of care and maintenance related activities i.e. site monitoring, weed management and general site tidying-up.

It was anticipated that MLN320 and MLN321 would be offered for surrender during the 2019 reporting period however, during 2019 Boral undertook a strategic review of Northern Territory operations and tenements and a decision was made to retain the titles in order to service future contracts and demand for material.

During 2019 Boral informed the landowner that MLN320 was to be retained and on 9 August 2019 equipment was mobilised to the site for the purpose of undertaking removal of any scrap metal that was obscured following the 2009 clean-up of the area. Upon the machinery reaching the site the landowner refused Boral access to the title. Evidence of Boral mobilisation of equipment is presented below. The matter was reported to the Department as a means of raising awareness of the situation and to illustrate Boral's inability to undertake care and maintenance activities. Boral intended to appoint a contractor to undertake weed spraying on the site from 6 to 9 December 2019 however, to avoid aggravating the situation Boral postponed the works until a later date. The Department of Primary Industry and Resources then forwarded a letter to the landowner to inform him that as the holder of MLN320 and MLN321, Boral was entitled to use the titles to conduct authorised activities without any interference.

Photographs of Boral Care and Maintenance Activity – 2019



During March and April 2020 Boral personnel conducted care and maintenance activities comprising site clean-up, monitoring the site for surface stability and weed spraying. The landowner was advised of the activities prior to Boral undertaking work.

On 17 September Jake Gilson (Mt Bundey Quarry Manager) conducted a visit to the site for inspection and monitoring purposes. He observed that new areas of ground disturbance were present and that a significant amount of vegetation clearing within the site had occurred (possibly by the landowner). It should be noted that Boral was not responsible for the new disturbance.

On 22 September 2020, Boral forwarded a written report and photographs to the Director Mineral Titles informing of new ground disturbance and vegetation clearing within the site, for which Boral was not responsible. The report stated that the activities were believed to have been undertaken by the landowner. The Director advised Boral that the matter would be followed-up and a response provided.

On 7 October 2020 the Director Mineral Titles informed Boral (via email) that Officers had conducted a drone overflight of the Batchelor site. Subsequently, in a letter dated 22 October 2020 from the Executive Director Mines, Boral was informed that footage from the drone overflight appeared to confirm disturbance has occurred.

Photographs of Boral Care and Maintenance Activity – 2020







Photographs of Unauthorised (non-Boral) Disturbance – 2020







2.1 MEETING WITH LANDOWNER - 2020

On 3 February 2020 Mrs Denise Turnbull Director Mineral Titles met with the landowner and his representative at the Department's offices in Darwin to discuss the ongoing issues in relation to MLN320 and MLN321. It was agreed that it would be helpful for a meeting to be held between all parties, either in Darwin or in Brisbane. A video conference meeting was suggested due to parties being located in different areas of Australia; the meeting failed to eventuate. COVID-19 travel restrictions and the unavailability of attendees precluded any face-to-face meetings with all parties however, Boral representatives met with Departmental Officers via video conference 9 December 2020 (the landowner declined to attend).

2.2 CONSULTATIONS WITH LANDOWNER & DITT - 2021

In early February 2021 Mr Anthony Watson from Boral discussed possible return of site in "as is" condition with the landowner however, the matter was unable to be progressed.

Representatives from the Department were scheduled to meet with the landowner's representative in Darwin on 18 March 2021. Due to a number of contributing factors the meeting did not take place.

2.3 2021 SITE ACTIVITY

Boral did not undertake any extractive mining or exploration during the reporting period. Care and maintenance activities were unable to be conducted during 2021 due to continuing landowner refusal of access.

3.0 PROPOSED 2022 ACTIVITY

As previously stated, Boral has lodged a stand-alone Care and Maintenance Plan for the Batchelor site. Once the Plan receives DITT approval, and subject to the landowner not impeding Boral access to the site, it is anticipated that care and maintenance activity shall be undertaken during the 2022 reporting period.
