

SOUTH32 WORSLEY ALUMINA UPDATE

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HOTHAM RIVER 'DILYANS CROSSING' UPDATE

South32 Worsley Alumina is undertaking investigative geotechnical activities at Dilyans Crossing to inform the final design for a proposed bridge that will support the Mine Development Project that is currently under environmental assessment by the Western Australian State Government. The investigative activities include geotechnical drilling of approximately 12 cored boreholes to a depth of up to 75m (to support Australian Standards bridge design) and will supplement and build on information gathered from similar geotechnical investigations previously completed by South32 Worsley Alumina.

The current activities are being conducted in accordance with applicable programmes of work from the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and a notification to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

The preferred bridge location was determined in consultation with Traditional Owners. A section 18

consent is in place as required by the WA Aboriginal Heritage Act in relation to the geotechnical investigative activities. Two Heritage Monitors, engaged via the Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation, are on site each day drilling is being undertaken.

South32 Worsley Alumina is not extracting water from the Hotham River to facilitate the current activities, and no clearing was required as existing drill pads and access tracks are being used.

Importantly, the investigative geotechnical activities being undertaken by South32 Worsley Alumina do not involve the implementation of the Mine Development Project. The implementation of the Mine Development Project (including the construction of the proposed bridge) will only commence following the receipt of necessary state and commonwealth government approvals.



ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL UPDATE

In July 2024, the Environmental Protection Authority published its recommendation that the Mine Development Project may be implemented, subject to conditions. The Appeals Committee is now considering the appeals of this recommendation and South32 Worsley Alumina anticipates that the Appeals Committee will provide its report to the Western Australian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Action in December 2024. South32 Worsley Alumina anticipates that the Minister will make his decision on the project by the end of December 2024, following which the Commonwealth Government (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water) will make their assessment.