

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### DIRECTION ISSUED TO OZ MINERALS

After discussion with Oz Minerals Ltd, NT WorkSafe has issued a Direction pursuant to section 51 of the *Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (National Uniform Legislation) Act*, which directs Oz Minerals to remove copper concentrate from the Edith River de-railment site, to urgently facilitate the clean-up of the site.

The Direction requires Oz Minerals as the consignor of the copper concentrate, to transport by rail, as soon as practicable, and by no later than 31 January 2012, copper concentrate which is contained in intact sheeted bulk containers (BK1), so as to prevent dust escaping during transport; to the Northern Territory/ South Australian border.

“The Act allows an authorised officer to issue a Direction to prevent further harm to the environment or to property following an incident which has created a dangerous situation that is likely to cause harm to the environment or damage to property,” said Ms Hull, Executive Director of NT WorkSafe. “It is important this material is moved before another extreme weather event and to allow the reconstruction works to proceed unhampered”.

The effect of the Direction is to suspend the application of the *Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations* including the ADG Code to the transport of dangerous goods to the extent necessary to avert, eliminate or minimise a dangerous situation. The copper concentrate will be transported to the South Australia/ Northern Territory border in the same sheeted kibbles used to transport it prior to the de-railment. All other aspects of the ADG 7 must be observed for this transportation.

“I understand that the South Australian Regulator is considering a proposal in relation to the transportation of the product from the SA/NT border to the Prominent Hill mine site.” said Ms Hull

Copper concentrate which is not in the immediate vicinity of the de-railment site is not the subject of the Direction as that material is not likely to pose further threat to the environment or to property as contemplated by the Act.

The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act and Regulations will apply to recovery work at the Edith River site.

The NT WorkSafe investigation continues.

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