



KCGM Media Release

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Have your say on the proposed Super Pit Extension!

KCGM has this morning [Editor Note: 4 Sept 2006] released the Public Environmental Review (PER) for the proposed western wall Super Pit extension.

"I would like to encourage the community of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to provide comments on this very important project which will enable the Super Pit to extend its approved mine life by five years," said KCGM General Manager Russell Cole.

"It is essential that everyone gets a chance to input their views to assist the government to make the most informed decision."

The "Public Environmental Review Fimiston Gold Mine Operations Extension (Stage 3) and Closure Planning" is available for review over the next eight weeks from 4 September to the 30th October 2006. The comments will assist the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prepare an assessment report to make recommendations to government.

The comprehensive document outlines the proposed extension which includes a westerly cutback (known as the 'Golden Pike Cutback'), the creation of additional waste rock dumps and provision of additional tailings storage capacity for the Fimiston Operations. It also outlines KCGM's commitment and strategy for mine closure currently scheduled for 2017.

The PER has been prepared in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, to describe the proposal, its likely environmental effects and the proposed environmental management procedures.

The PER is available online at www.superpit.com.au; and in hardcopy for viewing at the William Grundt Memorial Library, the KCGM Super Pit Shop (2 Burt St Boulder) and the Department of Environment & Conservation (Kalgoorlie & Perth Offices). Free CD versions of the PER are also available from the Super Pit Shop or by calling the Public Interaction Line (PIL) on 08 9022 1100 (Hard Copies of the PER with electronic appendices are also available for \$10).

The EPA prefers its submissions to be sent electronically. You can either email the submission to eia@dec.wa.gov.au OR use the submission form on the EPA's website: www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp and click on the EIA Assessment Submission option

OR you can post your submission to:

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