



## AVONBANK PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

# LAND ACCESS FOR MINING AND EXPLORATION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* (MRSD Act) grants access to land for WIM Resource Pty Ltd (WIM) to undertake work activities under approved Work Plans for their Exploration or Mining Licence, provided certain conditions are met.

One of the conditions is a Landholder Compensation (Access Agreement) with the landholder or occupier for admission onto their property.

#### *Where Can I obtain a copy of the MRSD Act?*

The MRSD Act is available online from Victorian Government's website, [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au), or a hard copy can be purchased from TIMG Bookshop located at Level 10, 575 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

#### *Can I deny access?*

No, provided a compensation agreement has been agreed to with WIM and WIM has provided details of the work to be undertaken with the agreed access points.

#### *What happens if a compensation cannot be agreed?*

The MRSD Act provides for mediation through the Mining Wardens Court and Victorian Small Business Panel (VSBP) for exploration, and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and/or the Supreme Court for mining.

#### *Is WIM allowed to drive all over my crops?*

No, when agreeing to access with WIM, matters to be discuss include site access, gate management, location of drill holes, working hours, dust, noise, stock management.

### GLOSSARY

**Access Agreement** – an agreement between the landholder(s) or occupier(s) and the Exploration or Mining Licence holder to access land for work activities.

**Land Visitor Register** – a record of the details of people who access the land.

**MRSD Act** – Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990

**Remedial compensation** – compensation for rectifying damage and compensating for losses that were unforeseeable.

**Up-front compensation** – any compensation for the landholder from the explorer, and may be negotiated after landholder consent is given.

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*How do I ensure biosecurity on my land is protected?*

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You will agree with WIM on protocols for traffic and people management, weed management, and vehicle wash down provisions.

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*Can I inspect the drilling operations?*

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You are welcome to visit the drilling operations with a WIM representative provided you are wearing the required PPE and adhere to the safety and environment rules applicable to the operation.

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*What activities will be undertaken?*

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The list of activities which will be undertaken and included in the approved Work Plan will be provided as part of the Access Agreement.

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*Can WIM come on my land at any time without notice?*

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No, except in the case of an emergency. The Access Agreement will provide for notice periods which are acceptable to both parties including start dates.

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*Who can I call if there is a need?*

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WIM will provide all the necessary contact details at the time of negotiation.

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*If WIM wants to establish a mine on my property, do I have to sell?*

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No, the MRSD Act provides for compensation and lists matters to be compensated for under Section 85 of the Act. WIM will discuss the best option for both parties as part of the negotiation for access.

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*What if a compensation agreement cannot be reached?*

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The MRSD Act provides for negotiation in accordance with the Part 10 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*.

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**CONTACT**

For more information on WIM's land access process, please contact:

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Information on the Avonbank Project may also be accessed via the website [www.wimresource.com.au](http://www.wimresource.com.au).

Information on land access can be found at the following agencies:

Mineral Council of Australia  
Level 8, 10-16 Queen Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel: 03 8614 1851  
[www.minerals.org.au/victoria](http://www.minerals.org.au/victoria)

Earth Resources Regulation  
1 Spring Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel: 1300 366 356  
[www.earthresources.vic.gov.au](http://www.earthresources.vic.gov.au)

State Mining Warden  
Victorian Mining Warden's Office  
Level 16, 121 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel: 03 8392 2218  
[miningwarden@miningwarden.vic.gov.au](mailto:miningwarden@miningwarden.vic.gov.au)

Victorian Farmers Federation  
Level 5, 24 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel: 1300 882 833  
[www.vff.org.au](http://www.vff.org.au)