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Appendix 1

Updated Project Description

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Table A1.1

Dubbo Project (MOD 1) – Updated Project Description

Component	Project Description – MOD 1 (this Modification Report)						
Project Life	Mining operations until December 2045, including:						
	 a two to three year construction and site establishment phase; and 						
	 a 20 year operational phase (i.e. mining and processing). 						
Operational Hours	Australia	Mandanta Eddan	0-11	01			
	Activity	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday and Public Holidays			
	Mining Processing and receipt of reagents	7:00am – 6:00pm 8:00am to 5:00pm nil 24-hours per day, 7 days per week					
	Construction – linear infrastructure	7:00am – 6:00pm	8:00am to 1:00pm	nil			
	Construction – other	24-hours per day, 7 days per week					
	Dispatch of products & receipt of limestone	6:00am – 10:00pm	8:00am to 5:00pm	nil			
Site Layout and Disturbance	 Schedule of land as per Figure A1.1 and Table A1.2. Project Site as per: Figure 5 (Biodiversity Offset Area) of this Modification Report; Figure 7 (Modified Project Site Layout) of this Modification Report; and Figure 8 (Modified Processing Plant and Administration Area) of this Modification Report. Disturbance footprint of approximately 780.75ha (including Approved Disturbance Areas Retained for Future Use). Clearing of approximately 415.3ha of native vegetation (including Approved Disturbance Areas Retained for Future Use). 						
Willing	 Development of a single Open Cut to a maximum depth of 360m AHD. Extraction and processing of up to 1 million tonnes of ore per calendar year. 						
	Standard drill, blast and haul methods.						
Waste Rock Management	Construction of a single Waste Ro	ock Emplacement to a	maximum height of 42	2m above existing ground le	evel.		
Processing Operations	Ore stockpiling at the ROM Pad.						
	Crushing and grinding circuit.						
	Sulphuric acid production.						
	Roasting circuit.						
	Solvent extraction circuit.						
	Convent extraorior circuit.						



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Table A1.1 (Cont'd) **Dubbo Project (MOD 1) – Updated Project Description**

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Component	Project Description – MOD 1 (this Modification Report)				
Processing Operations (Cont'd)	Limited refining.				
	Construction and operation of a Chlor-alkali Plant for the production of hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide.				
	Construction and operation of a brine concentrator.				
Solid Residue Management	 Construction of a Solid Residue Storage Facility to a maximum height of 368.5m AHD or up to 35m above the natural surface (plus approximately 2m of capping material to be applied during rehabilitation). 				
	Solid residue as slurry (neutral pH) pumped to the Solid Residue Storage Facility for drying and consolidation.				
	• 22.3Mm³ of solid residue waste generated over the life of the Project.				
Liquid Residue &	One Liquid Residue Storage Facility and Salt Encapsulation Cells.				
Salt Management	Liquid residue processed using the brine concentrator to produce crystalised salt.				
	Residual liquid residue pumped to Liquid Residue Storage Facility for evaporation.				
	Crystallised salts conveyed and/or trucked to the Salt Encapsulation Cells.				
	Between 6Mt and 7Mt of salt waste generated over the life of the Project.				
Water Management	 Use of up to 2GLpa of water sourced from licenced sources within the Macquarie River and the Upper Macquarie Alluvial Aquifer. 				
	Construction and operation of the Macquarie River Water Supply Pipeline and licenced groundwater bores.				
	Re-use of water from the proposed Brine Concentrator.				
Transportation Operations	Site access via Toongi Road.				
	Combination of rail and road transportation operations.				
	Road – up to 75 laden truck movements per day or 16 per hour.				
	Rail – up to 3 trains per week.				
Linear Infrastructure	 Construction and use of a water pipeline from the Macquarie River and approved "Sweet Water" supply bore to the Project Site. 				
	Upgrading of a 27km section of the disused Dubbo-Molong Rail Line.				
	 Upgrading of selected sections of Obley and Toongi Roads between the Newell Highway and the Project Site and construction of the site entrance and access road. 				
	• Implementation of noise mitigation measures, in consultation with the Taronga Western Plains Zoo, to achieve a road noise reduction in the vicinity of Taronga Western Plains Zoo equivalent to that provided by a road noise barrier (i.e. 5dB to 10dB).				
	Construction and use of a gas pipeline with the rail corridor for the Dubbo – Molong Railway is no longer proposed, with				

separate approval to be sought for a new alignment.

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Employment	Employment:
	 Construction and site establishment phase: average of 625 positions, with a peak of up to 1 000 positions.
	 Operational phase: 274 positions.
Final Landform and	Final landform as per Figure 15 of this Modification Report.
Land Use	• Final land uses as per Figure 17 of this Modification Report, including the following.
	 Vegetation and habitat conservation and enhancement (managed as part of the Biodiversity Offset Site).
	 Agricultural land uses.
	 Biodiversity conservation.
	 Potential future industrial land uses (subject to separate approval).

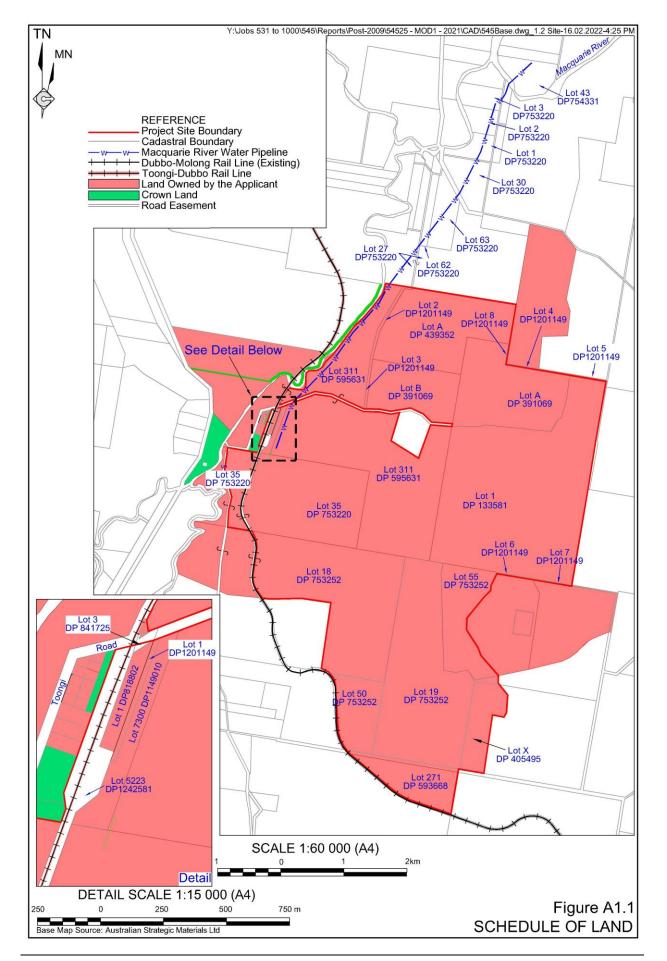
Table A1.2 **Dubbo Project (MOD 1) - Schedule of Lands**

Project Site		Macquarie River Water Pipeline	Toongi–Dubbo Rail	
Part Lot 311 DP595631	Lot 271 DP593668	Lot 311 DP595631	Toongi – Dubbo Rail Reserve	
Part Lot 35 DP753220	Part Lot 1 DP133581	Lot 27 DP753220	Purvis Lane Reserve	
Part Lot 18 DP753252	Lot A & B DP439352	Lot 62-63 DP753220	Public Road Network	
Lot 19 DP 753252	Lot A DP391069	Lot 1, 2, 3, 5 and Lot 30 DP753220	Toongi Road Reserve	
Lot 55 DP 753252	Lot B DP 391069	Lots 1 to 4 DP753226	Obley Road Reserve	
		Lot 43 DP754331		
Lots 1-8 DP1201149	Lot 50 DP 753252	Road Reserves of:		
Lot 7300 DP1149010	Lot X DP 405495	Toongi Road (as it traverses Lot 311 DP595631); and		
Part Lot 3 DP 841752	Lot 1 DP818802	Benolong Road (between Lot 63 and 30 DP753220).		
Part Lot 5223 DP1242581		Unformed crown road reserves:		
Road Reserve of Eulandool Road		 between Lots 27 and 62 of DP753220; 		
		 between Lots 1 and 30 of DP753320; and 		
		 between Lots 3 and 5 of DP753320. 		





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