AURUKUN BAUXITE PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS UNDERWAY
With the wet season largely over, Glencore has recently started some post-wet season environmental surveys around Aurukun and more are planned over coming weeks. This early work is being managed by Hansen Bailey Environmental Consultants.

In mid-May, aquatic ecologists from Cardno spent just over a week in Aurukun collecting water samples and surveying habitat and species found in and around the proposed Project area. With the valuable support of a team of local field assistants from Aurukun, their work proceeded well with Dan and Dylis enjoying their first visit to Aurukun.

Further surveys are planned in June for terrestrial fauna and flora. These will be performed by consultants from Brisbane (from EcoSM) and involve trapping and identification of animal species as well as recording the species of trees and plants found in the area.

LEGAL CHALLENGES
In recent months, the remaining legal challenges to the grant of Glencore’s mineral development licence have been dismissed.

More than two years after the application was first made, and with these challenges now behind us, we look forward to the Queensland Government’s grant of the tenement to enable on-ground feasibility assessment to commence.

ENGAGING WITH TRADITIONAL OWNERS
While we wait on the grant of the mineral development licence, we have been focussed on continuing our engagement with traditional owners in Aurukun. It was only with their permission and support that we were able to start some of these environmental surveys in time – otherwise we would have been waiting until after the next wet-season!

During March we spent time with members of different families who speak for country within the Project area. These discussions provided great feedback as well as an opportunity for community members to raise queries (and propose answers) that relate to the Project.

NEXT STEPS
After the MDL is granted, we would be looking to undertake further environmental studies in and around the Project area (as part of a normal environmental approval process) as well as doing a small drilling campaign to get some further information about the bauxite resource.

More importantly, when the MDL is granted, we will be able to talk to traditional owners and community members in Aurukun with more certainty about what the future work program might look like and how they can be involved.

The Project is still at a very early stage as we look to establish the feasibility of developing a bauxite operation but we appreciate the continuing support of the traditional owners and Aurukun community.
Why I Love Aurukun photo competition

Congratulations to all the participants, finalists and winners in the Why I Love Aurukun photo competition. There were some great images of life in and around Aurukun – some of these are shown here. Other pictures can be found on the Aurukun Shire Council website.

www.aurukun.qld.gov.au
Glencore in Aurukun

THEMP STREET OFFICE TO OPEN

We will soon be further establishing our presence in Aurukun at the Themp Street Office in Aurukun. This will be an office for Glencore staff and consultants to work from while in Aurukun as well as provide somewhere for community members and local workers to stop by and meet with Scott, Julian or others working with us. You will know when we are in town when the Glencore flag is flying out the front.

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL COMES TO AURUKUN

Glencore is pleased to be a Silver Partner of the Queensland Music Festival in 2017. The Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide celebration of musical excellence that takes place every two years.

In 2017, the Queensland Music Festival will be bringing renowned indigenous artist, Dan Sultan, to Aurukun for a free outdoor concert as part of a three-stop tour across Cape York. The Aurukun event will take place at 5pm on Friday 7 July at the Aurukun Football Field.

MOTHERS DAY IN AURUKUN

The Apunipima team in Aurukun hosted a morning tea for some of the mothers in the community in the lead up to Mothers Day. Glencore was pleased to be able to support the event as part of our contribution to health and wellbeing in Aurukun.

SCHOOL NEWS

Glencore is pleased to again be supporting the great work at the Aurukun School to ensure that ‘Every Day Counts’. We are supporting Project 175 – a project with a range of initiatives to encourage and reward students for attending school five days a week with the target of 175 students attending each day. Glencore has been a keen sponsor of these types of programs and initiatives and we look forward to continuing our ongoing support for the Aurukun School into the future.

Our approach

Glencore’s global community and stakeholder engagement policy expects that all of our operations will develop and maintain transparent, constructive and inclusive relationships with our host communities.

Our aim is also to minimise dependency on our operations and promote healthy, sustainable communities with diversified and resilient local economies. This global policy is the basis for our approach in Aurukun.

Our assessment of the feasibility of developing the Aurukun bauxite resource depends on the contribution from traditional owners and community members.

Any development of the bauxite resource will need to align with the culture, views and aspirations of the Aurukun community as well as reflect the needs of potential customers of the bauxite resource.

Other Glencore news

GLENCORE WELCOMES PM TO TOWNSVILLE COPPER REFINERY

In May, Glencore was pleased to welcome Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan to our copper refinery in Townsville to discuss the current energy situation in Australia.

Our copper refinery in Townsville, as well as our mining and smelting operations at Mount Isa, underpin one of the most important industrial supply chains in Queensland.

Last year Glencore’s copper operations contributed over $1.1 billion to Queensland, providing work for 3,150 people, the majority of whom are locals.

“We will only see true success if we prioritise the wellbeing of our workforce, support and respect our host communities and work in partnership with our host governments.”

– Ivan Glasenberg, CEO
ABOUT THE AURUKUN BAXITE RESOURCE:
The Aurukun bauxite resource is located to the north and south of the Watson River, all to the east of Aurukun. The resource is located on land over which the Wik and Wik Way People have native title and Aboriginal freehold rights.
The Aurukun Bauxite Project aims to assess the viability of developing certain resources in this area. This involves looking at a range of factors that are:
• Social;
• Commercial;
• Technical; and
• Environmental.
We know that the support of the community will be vital to any future success of the Project. Likewise, the support of potential customers will also be required before any decision can be made on whether to undertake mining.

Our proposed development involves a five stage process:

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