

TOPIC 7 – EXPANSION OF EXPLORATION AND MINING

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Conference Room, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission

Level 5, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Mr Craig Bartels and Dr Andrea Marsland-Smith, Heathgate Resources Pty Ltd (9.30am)

Heathgate Resources owns and operates the Beverley and Beverley North uranium mines which are located approximately 520km north of Adelaide in South Australia. Beverley, which commenced production in late 2000, is Australia's first commercial in-situ recovery mine. Uranium mining activities at both Beverley and Beverley North were suspended in early 2014 and the mines are currently in standby. Mr Bartels is the President of Heathgate Resources and has worked for more than 30 years in all aspects of the ISR industry, primarily as a hydrologist and geochemist. Dr Marsland-Smith is a geologist and was actively involved in the discovery of the Four Mile deposit, another uranium deposit in the region. Dr Marsland-Smith is currently the Manager of Regulatory and Compliance at Heathgate.

Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ The circumstances that would make it viable for Heathgate Resources to expand its involvement in exploration and mining in South Australia
- ⊕ The environmental risks that arise from extracting uranium using the in-situ recovery technique and the practical measures to manage those risks

Mr Keith Baldry, Environmental Protection Authority (11am)

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is the independent environment protection regulator in South Australia. In addition to administering legislation concerned with environment protection and community safety, it provides advice on environmental management practices to both industry and the government. Since joining the EPA in 2004, Keith Baldry has held a number of directorial roles and is currently the Director of Mining Radiation and Regulatory Services.

Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ The involvement of the EPA in managing and monitoring the environmental risks that are associated with in-situ recovery and tailings during mining operations and after decommissioning of mine sites

Ms Jacqui McGill, BHP Billiton Ltd (2pm)

BHP Billiton is a global resources company which produces a number of commodities, including iron ore, metallurgical coal, copper and uranium. Since taking over Western Mining Corporation in 2005, BHP Billiton has owned and operated the Olympic Dam mine in South Australia. Olympic Dam is a large poly-metallic underground mine located approximately 550 km NNW of Adelaide. It is the fourth largest copper deposit and the largest known single deposit of uranium in the world. Jacqui McGill is an experienced resource professional with a broad portfolio of operational experience in the resource sector including iron ore, coal, base metals and uranium. She is currently the Asset President at Olympic Dam.

Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ The circumstances that would make it viable for BHP Billiton to expand its involvement in exploration and mining in South Australia.



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