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## Revised letter of notification of signs to be installed on exploration tracks – Exploration Licence (E)74/543, Cocanarup Timber Reserve

In April 2019, Lithium Australia NL (LIT) commenced rehabilitation activities at its Deep Purple site, located on E74/543 in the Cocanarup Timber Reserve. The Deep Purple deposit lies south of the Manyutup track, on the western boundary of E74/571. Further to a previous notification on the proposed installation of signs (sent in April 2019), herewith a revised version.

A recent dieback assessment of the area confirmed its categorisation as 'un-interpretible'. That said, careful management of weed hygiene is also a key aspect of successful rehabilitation at the site. To ensure that appropriate hygiene practices are followed, a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the rehabilitation programme was developed in consultation with dieback consultants and local government representatives.

Concerns arose from observations and eyewitness accounts of tracks being created through the bush and over revegetation by motorbikes and quadbikes, as well as light and heavy vehicles. On that basis, LIT is again writing to members of the wider community with respect to the safeguards necessary to give rehabilitation the best chance. (LIT anticipates that conservation volunteers are already aware of these.)

Signs advising 'No Unauthorised Access – Rehabilitation in Progress' have been installed at the centre of relevant exploration track entrances, following consultation with various entities, including the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety.

The signs are not intended to curtail or prevent the valuable work undertaken by conservation volunteers. Hopefully, though, they will reduce instances of vehicles driving over areas of rehabilitation, deter collection of firewood (which provides valuable habitat and stabilises the soil) and reduce littering and illegal dumping.

Outlined below are the protocols to be followed. LIT would appreciate these being shared with the widest possible audience.

- Regarding access to rehabilitated areas (including on foot), dry soil conditions to be observed. 'Dry soil' means that only dust adheres to boots, shoes, implements or vehicles while driving, working or walking in such areas, and allowing three days after rain for soils to dry out prior to access.
- Use of vehicles in such areas for any activities/monitoring requested by the DBCA to be kept to a minimum, with access on foot preferred.
- Where vehicles are used for access, it is preferable that they be parked on existing roads; where this is not possible, they must stay on existing tracks.
- Vehicles leaving the South Coast Highway must be clean on entry.

Should you have any queries, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@lithium-au.com](mailto:info@lithium-au.com).