Notification for Expressions of Interest to Join
Dargues Reef Community Consultative Committee

Big Island Mining Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cortona Resources Ltd, has received the approval of the NSW Government to operate a gold mine at Majors Creek in New South Wales. Expressions of Interest are now being sought from interested parties to join a Community Consultative Committee for the proposed Dargues Reef Gold Mine in Majors Creek.

Under the standard conditions for such a mine, the NSW Department of Planning requires the establishment of a community consultative committee to allow for open discussions to take place involving the community and the mine operators.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has approved the appointment of Peter Gordon as the independent chair of the Community Consultative Committee.

Under the terms set by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the Committee provides a forum to:

a) Establish good working relationships between the Company, the community and other stakeholders in the relation to the mine;
b) Review information of mining operations, the environmental performance of the mine and progress in the implementing the project approval;
c) Comment on the mine’s environmental performance, discuss community concerns and oversee the resolution of community complaints;
d) Provide advice on how best to communicate relevant information on the mine and its environmental performance to the broader community; and

e) Work together towards outcomes of benefit to the mine, immediate neighbours and the local and regional community.

The Dargues Reef Community Consultative Committee (DRCCC) will meet about four times per year. It will be one of several mechanisms for Cortona Resources to engage and liaise with local communities, Palerang Council and other stakeholders.

Committee members will be appointed as individuals and will not be expected to represent specific organisations. It is expected that community representation will be drawn from neighbouring communities including Majors Creek, Araluen and Braidwood.

It is a requirement that the Committee comprise between three and five representatives of the community, along with a representative nominated by Palerang Council. Cortona Resources will nominate up to three representatives, one of whom must be the person with direct managerial responsibility for the environmental management of the mine.

Candidates will be selected to allow a broad cross section of views to be brought to the committee. Depending on the level of interest, the Chairperson may wish to meet nominees in advance of forming the committee.

Expressions of Interest including a short statement of the nature of interest must be received by close of business 5 October 2011.

Expressions of Interest and inquiries should be directed to:

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Information about the project and more details about the Department of Planning
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