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The Hon Warren Entsch MP
Chair
Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia
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Dear Mr Entsch

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT ENQUIRY

I am writing in reference to the Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia's *Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia*.

In late 2013, MMG made a submission to the Coalition's *2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia* (referred to as "the paper" hereafter). In our submission, we reinforced our belief in the tremendous potential, under the right policy settings, for Northern Australia to fuel and sustain national growth.

Our submission highlighted factors which we believe are necessary to support this growth, including:

- An environment which encourages private investment, including minerals exploration;
- Secure, cost-effective domestic gas and power supply and water provision;
- Incentives to better leverage Northern Australia's proximity to South East Asia;
- Appropriate incentives for people to live and work in Northern Australia; and
- Better health and education outcomes for Indigenous people in the region.

In November, I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with Senator for Queensland Ian MacDonald to further discuss our submission.

MMG would like to submit a copy of our 2013 submission to the "the paper" for consideration by the Joint Select Committee.

We would also welcome the opportunity to further discuss our submission with the Joint Select Committee or your representative. We believe that our active presence in Northern Australia, the unique challenges faced by our operations and perspective as a global mining company may be helpful.

We look forward to seeing the outcomes of the Inquiry in due course.

Kind regards

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