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**Industrial Buffer Zone**

Dear Dr McGowan

Thank you for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> May and its informative content, which we greatly appreciate.

Some new related information has recently come to light, and we would appreciate your comments on the issues it raises.

We refer to correspondence to an associated group, from Mr. Peter Canterbury, CEO & Executive Director of Bauxite Resources Ltd. concerning their proposed Alumina Refinery to service the Felicitas and Fortuna deposits. When asked about the location of this proposed refinery Mr. Canterbury states:

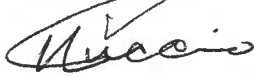
“From the work we have already done we can confirm that it (The Refinery) will not be in the region surrounding the Felicitas and Fortuna deposits. The reason for this is that any proposed **refinery will need a buffer zone of approximately 5km**. In the area surrounding the Felicitas and Fortuna this buffer does not exist and so it will not be suitable for the Alumina Refinery” and “Any Refinery site selection will be **subject to appropriate buffer zones** and strict environmental requirements.”

It seems from this statement, that there is in fact a standard requirement for a buffer zone around an Alumina Refinery regardless of its location. As shown by the Bauxite Resources proposal, the actual siting of the plant will seemingly be determined by buffer zone requirements.

If such buffer requirements exist (or if a buffer is considered an industry standard), why is Alcoa’s Wagerup refinery not subject to these requirements or standards, for the absence of a formal buffer we consider the primary cause of health and environmental problems experienced across the local community for many years.

We again thank you for your attention and in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours sincerely



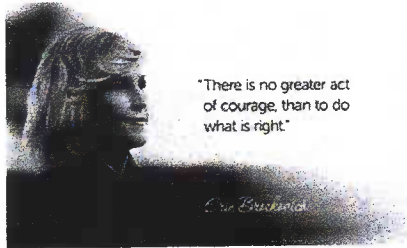
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**Bauxite Alumina  
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10 April 2013

Mr Stan Scott  
CEO Shire of Toodyay  
& Mr Kevin Hogg  
President Shire of Toodyay  
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Dear Stan and Kevin

I am writing to you with a quarterly update as per our commitment on communication regarding the Bindoon Bauxite Mining Proposal.

In the time that has passed since our last communication, BAJV has completed a community survey in this district of the Wheatbelt and has progressed the Bindoon project studies and feedback to date into a revised concept for the Bindoon project. This revision is looking at the effect of reducing the assumed mining rate from 2 million tonnes per year to 1 million tonnes per year. We expect this can bring benefits by:

- Reducing the annual requirement for water
- Reducing the size and frequency of truck movements
- Ensure the social and economic opportunities provided by the project are more within the reach of local businesses and are longer lasting

<i>Consultation Activity</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Stakeholders</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
<b>Community discussions</b>	One on one discussions with relevant stakeholders	Proposal landowners, Shire of Chittering, Bindoon Community Consultative Committee (BCCC) and Chamber of Commerce.	June 2013
<b>Letter</b>	Update on project and Bindoon concept study review – invitation to a workshop	Chittering households, key stakeholders.	July 2013
<b>Workshops</b>	Information update/ invitation to ask questions or comment	Broader community.	July –Aug 2013

**Felicitas Resource:**

BAJV are aiming to identify a bauxite resource suitable for local refining by the end of 2013. Our current assumption is that a refinery development will have a capacity of 1.1 million tonnes per year of alumina, with a feed of about 3.5 million tonnes of bauxite per annum and an economic life of 50 years.

Further exploration drilling in Toodyay and Northam is continuing on private properties. Diamond drilling commenced mid-March 2013 and is now complete, providing samples that will confirm the density characteristics of the ore deposit and allow more accurate resource modelling for the Felicitas resource. This exploration work is progressing well with good results from the drilling. The characterisation work will improve our understanding of processing economics. These are the first

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steps towards conversion of the resource to a reserve. Completion of these programs will position BAIV to undertake the detailed technical and economic studies for the Felicitas bauxite.

We expect to significantly increase the size of the Felicitas resource and resource announcements will continue to be forwarded to you as announced. We are just starting to think about potential sites for a refinery in the region and there will be further evaluation during feasibility studies over the next 2-3 years. We anticipate that a refinery site will be approximately 2km<sup>2</sup> (200 Ha), plus a residue storage area approximately 15km<sup>2</sup> (1,500 Ha), a buffer zone of approximately 5km to residences and very importantly good access to rail and major highways, energy and water.

It is early stages for this development and we have not commenced site selection studies yet. But we do think this long term project could have some significant social and economic opportunities for this region. We will continue to provide you with quarterly updates for Bindoon and our Felicitas exploration program. We envisage meeting with you again in the latter half of 2013 to assess how far the resource has progressed and next steps.

If you have any further questions or points you wish to discuss in the interim then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Bill Moss, General Manager.

Yours sincerely



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