

## **WELCOME**

### **These pages are Community Information Statements by Mount Rommel Mining Ltd.**

For at least the next 21 days (as the minimum period required by law) the pages are for the purposes of statutory advertising. This Company has a wholly-owned subsidiary, Bonshaw Gold Pty. Ltd., (ACN 112 035 006), currently the applicant for EL 006473, north Clunes, Victoria.

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, State of Victoria, issued Regulations on 20 October, 2013, which require applicants for an exploration licence to create public awareness of that application.

It is also a fact that 5 days later (on 25 October, 2013) the State of Victoria made effective a formal Agreement with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Corporation. This Agreement extends over Crown lands within a prescribed area, and as Clunes falls within that prescribed area, the application EL 006473 becomes subject to the terms of that Agreement, now law. The effect is that licence holders will be required to pay a general fee and specific work fees should there be exploration on Crown lands such as those at Clunes, within the bounds of EL 006473. The fee amounts are set out in the State of Victoria & Clans Corporation Agreement (LUAA). As will be shown hereunder, EL 006473 will be subject to those fee schedules.

The Statutory advertisement of the application for EL 006473 was published in the Ballarat newspaper "The Courier", on 14 June, 2017. Persons wishing to contact the Department are advised to read the advertisement placed in those newspapers. See the advert as placed in The Courier at the end of this document.

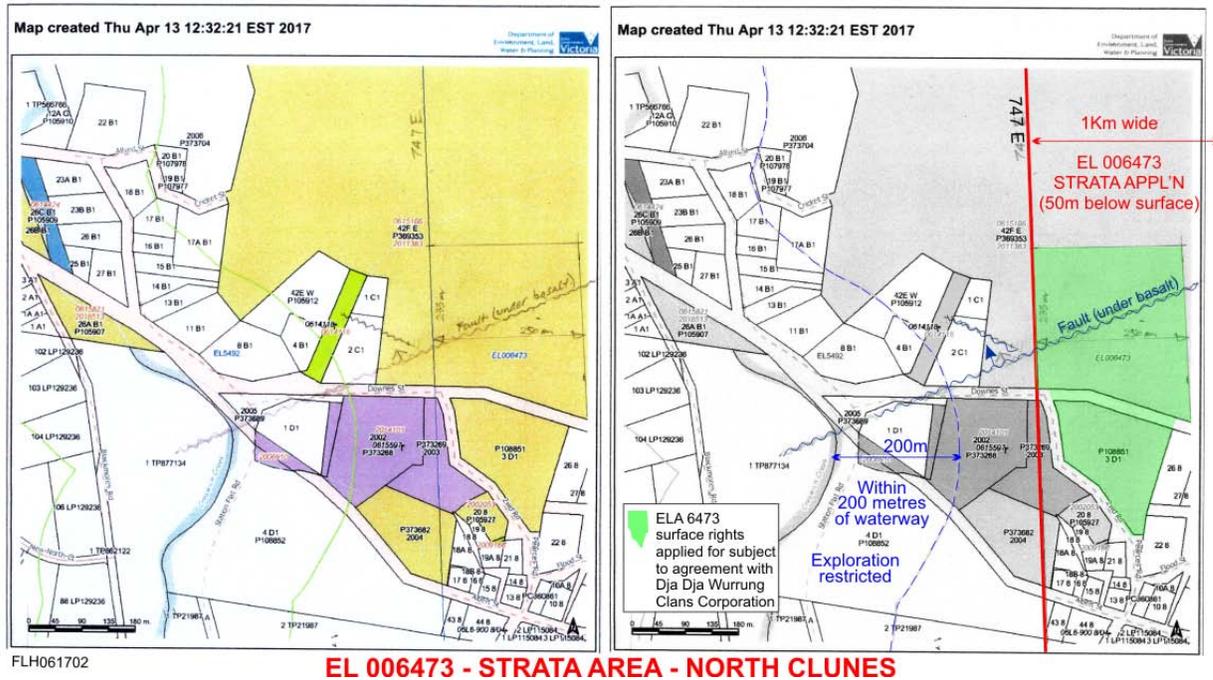
Part 2 of the current Regulation procedures requires display of specific types of information for 21 days, on the web-site of the Company - in this case, the website of the parent Company.

The required information has 3 sections, as follows -

#### **1. Details of the proposed program of work on the licence.**

The applicant for EL 006473 has applied for rights to bedrock, not the surface, except for one specified surface area, shown on plans below, which is subject to the State Agreement with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Corporation. One area of vacant private land may also be sought to allow surface drilling activity, by agreement with that landowner.

That is, EL 006473 is to be a strata licence, beginning 50 metres below the surface, and thus investigates no land below any person's house or other town development except beyond that specified depth.



Any visitor to Clunes Township today who travels either from Creswick, or from Talbot, arrives at Clunes when the road declines into the village along Creswick's Creek. The visitor who approaches Clunes from the south-east or south drives for many kilometres over relatively flat basalt plains. The exploration space of interest to gold seekers is in the bedrock well below those basalt plains. Across north Clunes the distance between the surface (top of basalt lava) and the top of bedrock is variable, sometimes less than 1 metre. The bedrock itself may be covered by up to 20 metres thickness of gravels and clays, over which the lava flowed on many occasions, to build up a lava thickness of 30 to 50 metres on top of the clays in some places.

In the decade 1865 to 1875, the miners of north Clunes found new gold wealth by sinking shafts through basalt and clays, to win gold from the bedrock. These same miners persisted, sinking deeper, to find other gold-bearing quartz, resulting in the total New North Clunes mine gold yield recorded for all the years to 1893.

The deeper work showed that beyond Downes Street, the bedrock is substantially disturbed by upheavals - late faulting, after the formation of the veins. The extent of this vein disturbance further south is recorded - see the town survey plans of Thomas Burr (22 September, 1864) whose description stands today -

*" primary stratified rock clay slate, covered superficially except where coloured yellow - on his plan - with volcanic - the part marked xxxxx is a dyke of auriferous quartz..."*

Given all subsequent work has shown these "dykes" turned out to be evidence of a gold-field of substance, it should not be surprising that modern exploration seeks to probe for more gold resources in this field.

The applicant Bonshaw Gold Pty. Ltd. has no desire to explore between the present surface, and 50 metres below that surface, for any part of the 5 graticules outlined by the boundaries of the licence application plan. The reality is that some locations are temporarily required on surface, for work spaces. For ELA 006473, the surface area required for drilling activity is marked (in green) on the above plan.

In the North Clunes area the miners of 1865 sank their shafts without useful knowledge obtained from workings further south. This licence seeks to investigate by diamond drilling from the surface, as the quicker and better alternative to gain useful knowledge. There is sufficient information available through archived records to allow specification at the surface of the areas required for initial and follow-up drilling and for hole design.

The reason for drilling is to investigate further that bedrock which evidence shows has excellent prospects for un-mined gold.

## **2. Managing Impacts (if any) of the proposed work on the community and environment.**

Only small spaces within the area shown (in green) on the plan are required for drill site purposes. Each surface work site to be controlled will have dimensions of about 20 metres by 15 metres. These work sites are intended be enclosed by temporary fencing, in the manner common to work sites for builders generally today. Only one work site would be active at any one time.

No decision has yet been made as to supply of water to the drilling rig, but that may be obtained from the standing water in the extensive workings below the lava, or from existing surface ponds.

No work could commence without settlement of access with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Corporation, in accordance with the State Agreement procedures.

Only after the above questions are settled will the then licence holder be in any position to discuss matters of access with local users of Crown lands, occupiers and those landowners with a statutory right to be compensated on account of proximity to a drill site. It is noted that the building of temporary 'structures' around a drill rig for the purpose of sound attenuation for the well-being of the wider community require the consent of land occupiers if Crown land. The Company can find no legislative procedure to resolve differences of opinion between holders of rights under an LUAA and persons claiming use rights for occupation of Crown lands.

The environment chosen for drill sites is devoid of existing native vegetation. There is no waterway within 200 metres. The Company will take care to leave the site in the same state as it presently exists.

Steps have been taken to include the work under EL 006406 and EL 006473 as part of the Public Liability Insurance cover of the parent Company.

### **3. An outline of the intended means to conduct community engagement.**

The Company will seek State authority assurance that the licence is a safe work environment. There will be contact with the local police well before drilling rigs are positioned on site.

Directors of the parent Company will be prevented from releasing funds for the intended work by Corporations Law procedures until such times as there is a belief - shared with the Clunes residents - that the publicly known Reportable Events as took place on 2 December 2015 are unlikely to be repeated. That is, a licence has limited asset value in the circumstances where public safety became placed at risk, for no work-related reason, as on that day.

To this end, representatives of the parent Company will directly engage with the residents of the township likely to be within 100 metres of a work site, to make sure all persons understand the nature of the intended work, or when it may happen, and the limit of just compensation as set out by law.

Relevant ownership information is being made available to residents and non-resident landowners, as well as to Crown and private land occupiers, through the plans displayed on this website, and above.

Experience of larger meetings arranged at Clunes has shown those events to be wasteful of time and purpose. Where there is no good reason to engage more broadly, the engagement procedures are intended to be directed to those persons within the closer limits required by statute. The diagrams / information appended show the environs where initial drill site(s) are planned, subject to a satisfactory conclusion of all LUAA matters.

The Company places this information on this web-site as instructed by recent correspondence from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. The web-site contains information as to how to contact this Company by email or by post mail, for those seeking more specific information. The Company also recommends interested persons view the several Announcements placed on the NSX public internet platform, especially that of 19 January 2017.

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## Notice of Application for an Exploration Licence

Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 - Section 15(5)  
Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development)(Mineral Industries) Regulations 2013  
- Regulation 20(1) and Schedule 8

### 1. Name and address of applicant(s):

Bonshaw Gold Pty Ltd (a 100% owned subsidiary of Mount Rommel Mining Ltd)  
C/- **Registered Office:** Leydin Freyer Chartered Accountants  
Level 4, 100 Albert Road South Melbourne Vic 3205  
Company Reference: ACN 112 035 006

### 2. Contact details of applicant for map and other information requests:

Telephone No.: 0455 208 999  
Email: info@mountrommel.com

### 3. Applicant's website:

Further information about this application is available at this website  
www.mountrommel.com

### 4. Details of the application:

**Application No.:** EL 006473

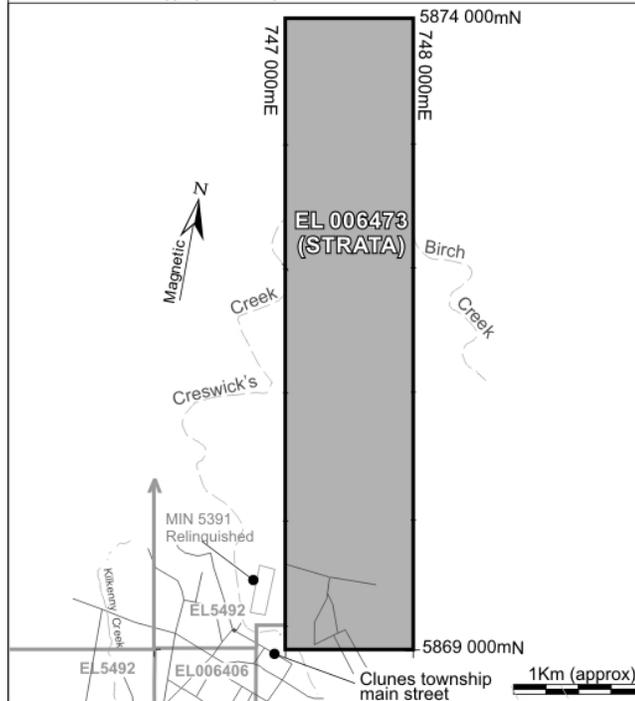
Locality of the land to which the application relates: North Clunes, Victoria

Approximate area of application (Km<sup>2</sup>): (<5 sq Km)

Date of the application: 14 March 2017

Outline of the proposed program of work:

1. This is an application for strata rights. The limited surface area required for work is all Crown lands, on Clunes Common - for details see plan on Company website.
2. Diamond drilling only within prior selected locations, specified on a plan, commencing as and when appropriate - see plan data on website.



### 5. Objections:

Any person may object to a licence being granted. (Section 24, Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990)).

A person who objects must:

- a. put the objection in writing
- b. include the grounds on which it is made; and
- c. send it to the **Manager, Earth Resources Tenements, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001** within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised.

All objections received are available to be inspected free of charge at the Earth Resources Information Centre, Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000. Enquires can be made by writing to the Manager, Earth Resources Tenements at the above address.

### 6. Other statutory requirements:

- a. Subject to other statutory requirements being satisfied, an exploration licence to explore and search for minerals in the relevant land, but does not entitle the holder to undertake mining.
- b. Further information regarding the statutory requirements that must be complied with prior to work being undertaken on a licence, including landowner and occupier consent requirements, is available on the Department's internet site at <http://www.energyandresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resourcesinformation-for-community-and-landholders/mining-and-extractives>