



Centre for
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Processing

Bauxite Residue (Alkaloam[®]) Sustainability Assessment STAKEHOLDER COMMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Project

Bauxite Residue (Alkaloam[®]) Sustainability Assessment: Technical, Community Consultation, Benefit-Cost and Risk Assessment.

Introduction

The Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Resource Processing (CSRP) commissioned URS, in conjunction with the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRM) from the University of Queensland, to perform a Sustainability Assessment (Benefit-Cost and Risk Analyses) on the use of Alkaloam[®] (also referred to as 'red-mud' and/or 'bauxite residue') on agricultural land. The key tasks of this review were to provide a risk and sustainability assessment of the use of bauxite residue (Alkaloam[®]) in the Peel-Harvey catchment by undertaking community consultation, a consolidated safety and technical review, and an indication of the potential benefits and costs with commercial use of bauxite residue. The draft report is now available for stakeholder comment.

What is the period of stakeholder comment?

The report will be made available for stakeholder comment from Thursday 13 May 2010. Feedback would be appreciated by **Friday 25 June 2010**.

What do I do if I would like to make a submission?

Please complete the *Stakeholder Comment Response Form* and post, fax or email your submission to:

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Will group/organisational submissions be accepted?

Yes, if you are a member of a group or organisation, or simply don't want to make a submission as an individual, you may submit comments as a member of a group. Submissions from groups must include the names of the members of that group. Submissions from formal groups or organisations must be submitted under the name of the CEO or nominated Chairperson of that group. Anonymous submissions will not be responded to.

What to say in a submission?

A submission may be as long or as short as you like but must respond to the contents of the report. In your submission you may agree with, or disagree with, or comment on issues covered in the report. It would help if you provide reasons for your conclusions.

Questions to consider when developing/forming your response:

- Does the report clearly describe the projects aims and objectives?
- Is the report sufficiently comprehensive to address the key issues in respect to Alkaloam?
- Is there any information that is incorrect or missing from the document?

Things to include in a submission

- Your name
- Your address
- Group/organisation name (if required)
- Your contact details in case we need to contact you
- Your comments on the report, written and submitted on the attached Response Form

What if I need help to complete my submission?

If you need help completing your submission, please contact:

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Please call between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday. Outside these hours, a voice message can be left and will be answered as soon as possible.

How will confidentiality be handled?

Your name and contact details will not be released to anyone outside of the CSRP project team. Any public reporting of stakeholder feedback will *not* identify the person or group who provided that feedback.

How will CSRP acknowledge and/or respond to your submission?

CSRP will respond to you by the method you nominated on the Response Form. All submissions will be acknowledged.

What happens once I make a submission?

The submissions will be received and collated by CSRP. With the support of CSRM and URS, a final report will be produced. If there is any feedback regarding factual errors, these will be corrected. All other types of feedback will be provided as an addendum to the final report.

Stakeholders who provide submissions as part of this stakeholder review, along with those who participated in the community consultation, will be notified in writing of the report's availability. The final report will be available via the CSRP website www.csrp.com.au.

What happens after the final report has been distributed?

The final report will outline the level of support, or otherwise, for the application of Alkaloam[®] in agricultural practices; and the concerns, if any, that should be addressed before the product is commercialised.

What is the Centre for Sustainable Resource Processing (CSRP)?

The Centre for Sustainable Resource Processing (CSRP) (www.csrp.com.au) is established and supported under the Cooperative Research Centre's Program (www.crc.gov.au) of the Australian Government's Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (www.innovation.gov.au).

CSRP aims to create new methods to produce minerals and metals in a way that benefits the community, the environment and industry. It is a vision of sustainable minerals processing and metals production – satisfying the global material needs of society with significantly reduced ecological impacts. To achieve this, CSRP aims to find technical solutions for progressively eliminating waste and emissions in the materials cycle, while enhancing business performance and meeting community expectations.

Industry leadership and diversity come from participation by Alcoa, BHP Billiton, Newmont, Rio Tinto, Xstrata, Anglo Platinum, BlueScope Steel, GHD, OneSteel, Orica, Rocla, Department of the Environment Water Heritage and the Arts, Gladstone Area Industrial Network, Hatch, Kwinana Industries Council, Minerals Council of Australia, and URS. CSRP's research partners are the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), CSIRO, Curtin University of Technology, University of Queensland, Murdoch University and University of Newcastle.

Further information

Further information or questions about this stakeholder review process may be submitted to:

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