

4 August 2004

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Dear Mr Landaus

PROSPECTING LICENCE 31 2583 – K J LANDAUS

I refer to your letter of 26 July 2004.

Section 109(3) of the Mining Act 1971 provides the Secretary with direction in respect of the computation of the time in which an application shall be disposed of when the application is subject to an objection. This section does not provide the means to lodge an objection. Objections to an application for mining privilege can only be made pursuant to section 126. The objection must be lodged within 20 working days from the date of the public notice inserted by the applicant in a local newspaper specifying the proposed conditions on which the Minister considers the privilege may be granted.

As you are aware, prospecting licence application 31 2583 has been declined and accordingly there is no statutory right to lodge an objection.

Yours sincerely



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