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By email: Fingerboards.IAC@delwp.vic.gov.au;

Dear Mr Wimbush

**Fingerboards Mineral Sands Project Environment Effects Statement (EES)
Centrifuge**

We continue to act for Kalbar Operations Pty Ltd (**Kalbar**), and refer to IAC's consolidated directions issued on 19 February 2021.

This letter sets out Kalbar's responses to Direction Nos. 31, 46 and 58.

Direction No. 31 - Outstanding information

We are instructed to advise the IAC of the following:

1. Kalbar does not consider that there is any information outstanding from Direction 59(a) or (b) of 29 January 2021. The information requested by Council is presented in the witness statement of Ivan Saracik dated 8 February 2021 as well as the supplementary witness statements filed by Kalbar's other experts. See in particular the witness statement filed by Jarrah Muller dated 8 February 2021.
2. As for Direction 59(c) of 29 January 2021:
 - (a) Kalbar is currently preparing a cross referenced document identifying the impacts of the use of centrifuges on all the EES study areas, as outlined in point 2 of Council's letter of 28 January 2021. Kalbar expects to be in a position to share this document with the IAC and the other parties by 8 March 2021; and
 - (b) Kalbar will prepare a 'track changes' version of the EMF, together with the PSA and Incorporated Document by midday on 26 April 2021 in accordance with Direction 37.
3. Kalbar filed technical notes 4, 7, 10 and 12 on 23 February 2021. The responses to the IAC's requests for information dated 11 December 2020 that are outstanding, are responses to questions 2, 9 and 114. Kalbar and

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its experts are currently preparing responses to questions 2 and 114 and expect to be in a position to file these responses by 8 March 2021. In regard to question 9 regarding structural failure of the temporary storage facility (**TSF**), now that Kalbar no longer wants to pursue the TSF as an option (see response to Direction No. 58 below), the response to question 9 appears redundant. Would the IAC please confirm whether it still requires Kalbar to respond to this question?

4. Kalbar is currently preparing its revised draft work plan and expects to be in a position to share it with the IAC and the other parties by 8 March 2021.

Direction No. 58 - Modification of the project

We are instructed that Kalbar wants to proceed with the project as modified by technical note TN 01 – in other words, with centrifuges **in place of** the TSF.

Direction No. 46 - Hearing timetable

In version 1 of the hearing timetable, the IAC allocated Kalbar 9 days to present its evidence and reply. Given that Kalbar has now filed evidence from 17 expert witnesses, we think that Kalbar will require more time than originally envisaged.

We request that in version 2 of the hearing timetable, Kalbar be allocated 12 hearing days to present its case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Partner

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