

Notice of acceptance of a tender for a minerals Exploration Licence in Victoria

Your views are sought as part of the consultation process for a new minerals Exploration Licence (EL007795), which has been applied for following the North Central Victorian Goldfields Ground Release. This licence is for gold, it will not allow exploration for coal or gas.

Exploration for minerals typically involves low impact activities such as surveying, mapping, rock sampling, water and soil testing and some types of drilling. Some other exploration activities require further regulatory approval and controls before commencing. Mining is not allowed under an Exploration Licence.

More information about minerals exploration and how it is regulated, landholder rights and the North Central Victorian Goldfields Ground Release is available at <http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/home> (search for North Central Victorian Goldfields Ground Release).

1. Name and address of the tenderer/s:

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

For any general enquiries relating to S2 Resources or any of its subsidiaries, please email admin@s2resources.com.au or phone (08) 6166 0240.

If you wish to contact S2 in relation to our community relations, please email community@s2resources.com.au

3. Applicant's website: www.s2resources.com.au. Further information about the application is available: www.amets.com.au/victoria-tenements/ and www.earthresources.vic.gov.au/licenceapplications

4. Details of the tender, MUST include the following:

- a. **the locality where the land to which the tender relates is located;** EL007795 (Block 4 of the North Central Victorian Goldfields ground release) is located about 17 km east of the city of Bendigo. The application extends over some 55km, from Mayreef in the north, surrounding the currently-operating Fosterville gold mine and includes the settlements of Axedale, Goornong, and Eppalock and extends approx. 7km further south of Lyal at the southern end. The application is covered by parts of the Mitiamo, Echuca, Heathcote, and Bendigo 100k map sheets.
 - b. **the approximate area of land to which the tender relates in graticular sections;** 468 graticules covering an area of 394km².
 - c. **the date of the application for the tender;** 3rd November 2021
 - d. **an outline of the proposed program of work to which the tender relates;**
S2 Resources Ltd acknowledges that the land covered by EL007795 includes areas with various environmental, cultural, social and economic values, and numerous land owners, land users and land uses. The company will undertake its work in a collaborative and constructive manner to unlock the area's economic potential, whilst preserving its environmental value and quality of life for all. The initial work will be largely desktop-based to define areas of interest. Following this, the next stage of exploration typically involves low impact activities and then moves to drilling. Low impact activities may include field mapping, surface sampling, and non-invasive geophysical surveying. More advanced exploration typically comprises drilling, which would require the submission of a work plan to Earth Resources.
Any drilling undertaken by S2 will be designed so as to not adversely impact water supply, groundwater quality or water table levels and all holes are also backfilled after completion. Drilling fluids are non-toxic and bio-degradable, and all sites are fully rehabilitated to leave no trace of these activities after completion of the program.
These exploration activities are subject to agreeing on access and working in with land use activities. Further details regarding the proposed work program can be found on the company's website www.s2resources.com.au/projects-vic-greater_fosterville.php and www.s2resources.com.au/responsibility-community.php
 - e. **the term of licence tendered for;** 5 years.
- 5. Objections and Comments:** Any person may object or comment to a licence being granted. A person who objects or comments must put the objection or comment in writing and include the grounds on which it is made. Objections and comments must be lodged within 21 days after the latest date on which the application was advertised and can be lodged via Earth Resources Regulation to Manager Licensing, PO Box 4509, Melbourne Victoria 3001 or through <https://ram.force.com/ObjectionSubmission> it is recommended that objections or comments are lodged online to ensure timely consideration.
- 6. Statement:** Subject to other statutory requirements being satisfied, a minerals Exploration Licence entitles the holder of the licence to explore and search for minerals in the relevant area. It does not entitle the holder to undertake mining. 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 at <https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/community-and-land-use>.

