



**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT UNDER THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) ACT 1989**

Pursuant to section 33 of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, notice is given that special export permit AUH16-023 was granted to Woodside Energy Ltd (ACN 005 482 986), Woodside Energy Ltd, Karratha Gas Plant, Burrup Peninsula, Dampier WA 6713 (Telephone: +61 8 9158 8366; Facsimile: +61 8 9058 8020). The application relates to the export of up to 600 tonnes of spent PURASPEC absorbent containing a mixture of copper sulfide/basic copper carbonate, zinc sulfide/basic zinc carbonate and cementitious binder contaminated with trace levels of organic impurities and low levels of mercury sulfide (Basel Code 1030) to Switzerland for recovery operation R4 – Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds at Batrec Industrie AG.

The particulars of the permit are as follows:

- (i) the proposed recipient of the waste is Batrec Industrie AG, Niesenstrasse 44, CH – 3752 Wimmis, Switzerland (Telephone: +41 33 657 851; Facsimile: +41 33 657 8501);
- (ii) the type of waste is spent PURASPEC absorbent containing a mixture of copper sulfide/basic copper carbonate, zinc sulfide/basic zinc carbonate and cementitious binder contaminated with trace levels of organic impurities and low levels of mercury sulfide (Basel Code A1030);
- (iii) the maximum quantity of the waste that may be exported is 600 tonnes;
- (iv) the waste is to be contained during export in sealed UN rated 205 litre drums and to “ISPM 15 stamped” [International Standards For Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15)] wooden pallets, four drums per pallet to be wrapped and loaded into sealed shipping containers;
- (v) the waste is to be transported during export by road to the port of export, shipped by sea, and then by train from the port of destination to Basel and by road to the recovery facility;
- (vi) the waste may only be exported during the permit period;
- (vii) the waste is to be exported from the Port of Fremantle, Australia;
- (viii) the waste is to be exported to the Port of Hamburg, Germany;
- (ix) the waste is to only transit the following ports and countries: Port of Singapore, Singapore; Suez Canal, Egypt; Port of Le Havre, France; Port of Rotterdam, The Netherlands; and the Port of Hamburg in Germany;
- (x) the waste is to undergo a recovery operation at Batrec Industrie AG in Wimmis, Switzerland;
- (xi) the waste is to undergo recovery operation R4 - Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds;
- (xii) no shipment is authorised to leave Australia under this permit such that it will transit through Egypt on or after 31 May 2017 unless, prior to the shipment's departure from Australia, the Competent Authority of Egypt extends its consent period to allow for the transit.

The permit period is from the date below until the permit expiry date of 30 September 2017. All transboundary movements must be completed by the permit expiry date.

The permit includes and is subject to conditions.

Andrew McNee
Delegate of the Minister
Assistant Secretary
Chemicals and Waste Branch
Department of the Environment and Energy
24 March 2017

Subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person or persons whose interests are affected by this decision may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of the Environment and Energy requesting the reasons for the decision.

An application for independent merits review of the decision may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee by the applicant within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this notice if the reasons for the decision are not sought. Applications should be made to the Principal Registry or the Deputy Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal in your capital city or Territory, as listed under Commonwealth Government Section in the White Pages. For further information, particularly about how to apply for review, visit www.aat.gov.au.

Further information or enquiries relating to the decision should be directed to:

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