APPROVALS PROCESS



PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND SITE SELECTION

The project was identified following extensive geological exploration defining the high quality mineral sand deposit at the site.

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BASELINE ASSESSMENTS

Technical studies are being prepared identifying the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the project. These studies include onsite survey, technical, and desktop assessments required to provide information required for assessment of the application to mine the site.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A development application is made to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment through preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS). The EIS presents the technical studies relating to the environmental, economic and social impacts of the project.



PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND SUBMISSIONS REPORT

A period of public exhibition allows the public to make comment on the proposal. A Submissions Report is prepared providing clarifications to comments received regarding the proposed project.



DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

The project is assessed by the relevant consent authority and if determined, development consent is granted alongside a range of consent conditions.



CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

The lead contractor is appointed, and local businesses are procured to assist in undertaking the scope of works.



CONSTRUCTION

Construction works commence such as vegetation clearing, establishment of access roads and accommodation facilities, and development of groundwater infrastructure and a processing plant.



OPERATIONS

The mine operates in accordance with the relevant consent conditions for an expected 12 $years, with \, rehabilitation \, taking \, place \, progressively. \, Compliance \, with \, consent \, conditions$ and associated management plans is monitored for the entirety of the mine life.



DECOMMISSIONING AND POST-CLOSURE REHABILITATION

Mine closure takes place and rehabilitation continues after operations finish. Decommissioning of ancillary infrastructure also occurs.

