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**MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to**

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**TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**RE: OVERSEAS TRAVEL – CHILE**

**1. PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 That the Hon Rory John McEwen MP, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests lead a South Australian delegation to Chile from 26 November 2007 to 6 December 2007 to explore opportunities in, and gain a comprehensive understanding of, the mining sector and to undertake key meetings to promote South Australia in other areas including education, migration, wine and agriculture.
- 1.2 That the Hon Paul Holloway MLC be also appointed Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Acting Minister for Forests in the absence of Hon Rory John McEwen MP.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 South Australia's mining sector is booming and, with the expansion of the Olympic Dam mine, the sector will continue to grow and provide a range of opportunities for local enterprises.
- 2.2 Already acknowledged as the world's largest based metals resource, Olympic Dam has a mine life in excess of 100 years. Expansion and efficient operation of this site is a complex process involving high levels of collaboration between Government and private enterprise.
- 2.3 To ensure that the South Australian Government is well equipped to undertake the necessary work required to facilitate expansion plans, it is important that Ministers and high-level public servants see first-hand the scope and magnitude of such operations which are amongst the largest open cut copper mines in the world. The Deputy Premier and party will be hosted by BHP Billiton and given extensive tours of the company's Spense and Escondida mines and associated desalination plant.
- 2.4 Equally, it is important that local South Australian industry is ready to bid for work throughout the expansion process. Companies participating in the mission will gain an insight into how they can best prepare themselves to partake in competitive procurement processes that will arise from the Olympic Dam expansion.

**3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries lead a South Australian delegation to Chile from 26 November 2007 to 6 December 2007 to explore opportunities in, and gain a comprehensive understanding of, the mining sector.

- 3.2 Participants in the mission include Louminco, Ahrens Engineering, Bianco, Colliers, Carramatta Holdings, University of Adelaide, Agrilink, SA Chamber of Mines and Energy and the Whyalla Economic Development Board (also representing Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group).
- 3.3 The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries will also be undertaking key meetings with representatives of the wine, education and agriculture industries and will meet with senior Chilean Government officials.
- 3.4 The approval of the Premier has been sought and given for the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries to undertake this trip.
- 3.5 The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries will be accompanied by Mr Stephen Campbell, Chief of Staff, Ms Suzanne Sproule, Ministerial Adviser to the Treasurer and Mr Paul Case, Chief Executive Olympic Dam Task Force. Representatives from the Department of Trade and Economic Development are Mr Ray Garrand, Chief Executive DTED plus a representative from the Office of Trade.

**3.6 Required resources**

The estimated cost of the trip for the Minister and above staff is \$120,000 to be met from within the approved budgets of the DTED.

**3.7 South Australia's Strategic Plan**

This visit is consistent with Strategic Plan Targets:

- T1.1 – Economic Growth: *exceed the national economic growth rate by 2014;*
- T1.10 – Jobs: *better the Australian average employment growth rate by 2014;*
- T1.14 – Total Exports: *Treble the value of South Australia's exports income to \$25billion by 2014;*
- T1.15 – Tourism Industry: *increase visitor expenditure in South Australia's tourism industry from \$3.7 billion in 2002 to \$6.3 billion by 2014;*
- T1.17 – Minerals Exploration: *Exploration expenditure in South Australia to be maintained in excess of \$100million per annum until 2010;*
- T1.18 – Minerals production: *Increase the value of minerals production to \$3billion by 2014, and*
- T1.19 – Minerals processing: *Increase the value of minerals processing to \$1billion by 2014.*

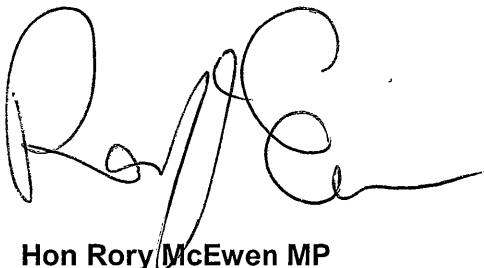
**3.8 Executive Council**

The approval of His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council will be required to appoint the Hon Paul Holloway MLC to be also Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Acting Minister for Forests for the period 26 November 2007 to 6 December 2007 inclusive.

4. RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that:

- 4.1 That the Hon Rory John McEwen MP, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Minister for Forests travel to Chile from 26 November 2007 to 7 December 2007 to lead a delegation of South Australian organisations to explore opportunities in the mining sector specifically and to meet with key industry participants and promote South Australia generally.
- 4.2 That Cabinet recommend that His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council appoint the Hon Paul Holloway MLC, Minister for Police, Minister for Mineral Resources Development and Minister for Urban Development and Planning to be also Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Acting Minister for Forests for the period 26 November 2007 to 6 December 2007 inclusive, during the absence of the Hon Rory John McEwen MP.



**Hon Rory McEwen MP**  
**MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES**  
**MINISTER FOR FORESTS**

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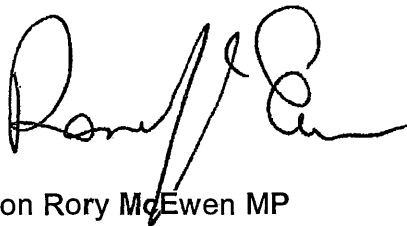
THROUGH: Nick Alexandrides, Chief of Staff to the Premier

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I am seeking to travel to Chile from Monday, 26 November 2007 to Thursday, 6 December 2007 inclusive on behalf of the Treasurer to explore opportunities in, and gain a comprehensive understanding of, the mining sector and to undertake key meetings to promote South Australia in other areas including education, migration, wine and agriculture and therefore seek your approval to appoint the Hon Paul Holloway MLC, Minister for Police, Minister for Mineral Resources Development and Minister for Urban Development and Planning as Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Minister for Forests.

I have consulted with Paul and he has indicated he is happy for this to occur.

I await your approval prior to submitting a formal approval request to Cabinet Sub-committee.



Hon Rory McEwen MP  
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES  
MINISTER FOR FORESTS

Date: 31 OCT 2007