

Northern Manganese Limited has extensive manganese exploration projects in the Northern Territory.

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OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER,
POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES**

Northern Manganese Limited (ASX: **NTM** - "Northern Manganese" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that, after receiving legal advice, it has provided a considered response to the Acting First Assistant Secretary of the Heritage and Wildlife Division of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities in accordance with his request for a response by 12.00 noon on Thursday 10th November 2011.

Northern Manganese has advised that, under the circumstances, it submits that:

1. There does not appear to be any demonstrated threat of significant adverse impact to the national heritage values identified sufficient to justify use by the Minister of the emergency listing provisions in the EPBC Act.
2. Any exploration activities proposed to be conducted by Northern Manganese, which has already been the subject of a decision of the Department pursuant to Section 75 of the EPBC Act, are non-invasive and will not have a significant adverse impact on any national heritage values of the area.
3. Northern Manganese has had insufficient time to formulate submissions about the national heritage values set out in the letter from the Acting First Assistant Secretary.

Accordingly, Northern Manganese has submitted that the Minister should not proceed with the proposed listing using the emergency listing provisions in the EPBC Act.

Northern Manganese has advised the Minister that it would welcome the opportunity to meet with him at his convenience to discuss the proposal.

Lloyd Jones
Managing Director