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Arafura Rare Earths Pty Ltd Attn.: Gavin Lockyer PO Box 5773 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6831

Via email: arafura@arultd.com

Dear Mr Lockyer,

Re: Application for licence to take water

I have considered your application for a groundwater extraction licence for the take of water associated with open cut mining of rare earth metals on Aileron Station, for the beneficial use of mining activity, and determined to grant groundwater extraction licence L10010.

A copy of the water extraction licence decision is enclosed, which outlines the reasons for my decision.

I draw your attention to Conditions 2.1 and 2.2; and Special Conditions 3.1 – 3.9. These conditions include the requirement to have a water abstraction plan updated and implemented in association with the extraction of groundwater taken under this licence, and to have that plan peer reviewed before implementation.

A notice of the licence decision will be published in the NT News. A full copy of the decision; public submissions to the notice of intention; and a copy of the licence will be available online at the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security; Water Licensing Portal available at: www.nt.gov.au/water.

If you are aggrieved by the decision you may apply for a review. More information on how to have a decision reviewed is available at nt.gov.au/waterdecision.

If you have any questions regarding your new licence please contact Water Licensing on 8999 4455 or email water.licensing@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jo Townsend

Controller of Water Resources

25/8/2022

Encl.: Licence L10010: Water extraction licence decision