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CC: Mr Richard Smith, Ardent Group Pty Ltd – information@ardent-group.com.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Mount Isa Mines Limited (**MIM**) proposal to undertake new exploration activities as part of the Morestone/Century East Project, situated within the Gulf Rivers Strategic Environmental Area.

Sibanye Stillwater Australia Operations Pty Ltd (**Sibanye-Stillwater Australia**), through its wholly owned Australian subsidiaries, owns and operates the Century Mine and the associated assets, including the land at Lot 6 on CP907593 which is impacted by the MIM proposal.

Sibanye-Stillwater Australia notes that the MIM application for EPM28844 is yet to be granted and partially overlays Lot 6 on CP907593.

Sibanye-Stillwater Australia advises that Lot 6 on CP907593 is entirely overlaid by mining leases ML90045 and ML90058 which are owned by Century Mining Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sibanye-Stillwater Australia.

Section 132 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) states that where, at the time the lodgement of an application for the grant of an exploration permit is accepted, land is the subject of a mining lease, that land and the surface of that land shall be taken to be excluded from the land specified in the exploration permit.

Consequently, Sibanye-Stillwater Australia expects that the land at Lot 6 on CP907593 will be excluded from the land specified in EPM28844, once granted.

Sibanye-Stillwater Australia also submits that the land at Lot 6 on CP907593 should be excluded from any Regional Interests Development Approval sought by MIM for the purposes of the Morestone/Century East Project.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, I invite you to contact Shane Goodwin, Head of Corporate Sustainability via email Shane.Goodwin@sibanyestillwater.com or telephone 0434 039 106.

Yours sincerely,



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