

TROPICANA JOINT VENTURE

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**TROPICANA JOINT VENTURE - GOLD EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES,
GREAT VICTORIA DESERT BIOREGION EPBC Assessment (EPBC 2008/4463)
Open for Public Comments 4 April 2011 - 4 May 2011**

AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited (AngloGold) and Independence Group NL (via the Tropicana Joint Venture) are proposing to undertake exploration activities on existing exploration tenements (known as Group 2/Group 3) located approximately 300 km east northeast of Kalgoorlie, in the Great Victoria Desert bioregion in Western Australia. The exploration activities will be undertaken with a view to locating mineral deposits. This notice is being published as a requirement of section 95 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (the EPBC Act).

The Tropicana Joint Venture referred its exploration activities within the Group 2 / 3 area to the Federal Government due to potential impacts on EPBC listed species known to occur within the activity area. As a result of the referral, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has decided to assess the potential impacts of exploration activities using the preliminary information provided along with the TJV proposed Conservation and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and the TJV Exploration Activity Assessment Report (EAAR). These documents identify issues and address the management of Malleefowl, Sandhill Dunnart, Mulgara, Southern Marsupial Mole and the Victorian Desert Smokebush (*Conospermum toddii*). These species have been identified under sections 18 and 18A of the EPBC Act, listed threatened species and communities, and sections 22 and 22A migratory species.

Copies of the assessment documentation are available for examination at the following locations:

1. JS Battye Library - Francis Street, PERTH
2. Kalgoorlie-Boulder Library - Roberts Street, KALGOORLIE
3. Menzies Library - Corner Shenton & Brown Streets, MENZIES

Electronic copies of the assessment information can be obtained from the Tropicana Joint Venture website (http://www.tropicana-jv.com.au/irm/content/sustainability_envimpact.html).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Tropicana Joint Venture would like to invite public comment, in accordance with Regulation 16.04 of the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000, to assist in decision making process.

Submissions can be:

Emailed - TJVPublicComments@anglogoldashanti.com.au

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If you have any questions about making a submission, please ring 1800 068 705.