

# SAINT ELMO PROJECT FACTSHEET Regional Overview

April 2019

Epic Environmental Pty Ltd (Epic) are working with Multicom Resources Limited (Multicom) on the approvals process for the Saint Elmo Project (the Project), including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).



## PROJECT TIMELINE

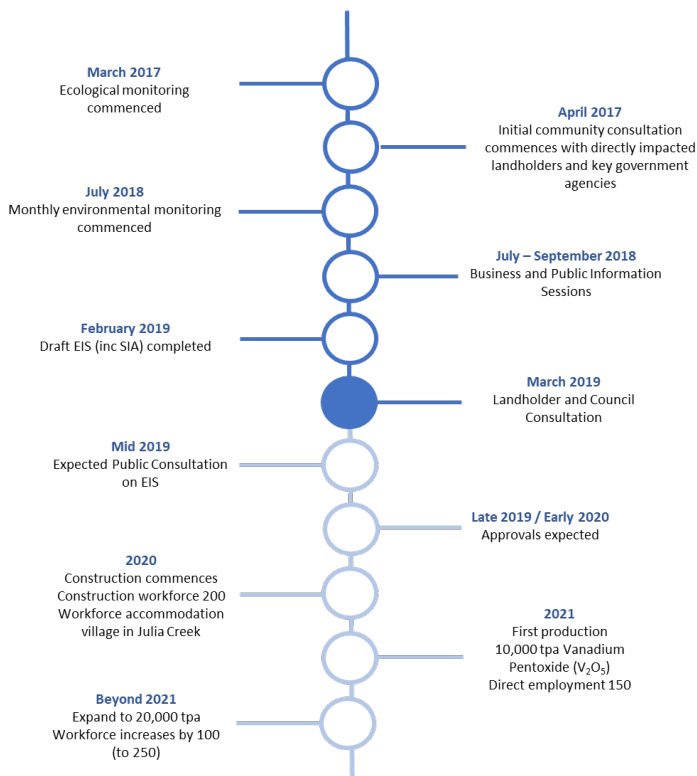


Figure 1: Indicative Project Timeline

## REGIONAL CONSULTATION

The Project will provide significant economic benefits to the region, help diversify the regional economy, and through direct and indirect employment will provide job opportunities for communities across the North West of Queensland. As the materials will be imported and exported on the transportation corridor between Townsville and the Project site, the economic impact has the potential to extend through not only Mount Isa, Cloncurry, McKinlay and Richmond but also to Flinders, Charters Towers and Townsville (Figure 2).

Multicom and Epic Environmental have been consulting with stakeholders across the North West region since 2017, and has continued to ramp up during the development of the EIS.

This consultation has played an important part in identifying concerns and opportunities. The discussions from ongoing consultation have been used to inform the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to ensure concerns are highlighted and addressed, ensuring that any negative impacts are dealt with through effective mitigation and management measures. The main opportunities and potential issues raised were:

- Opportunities for direct employment for the local community;
- Opportunities for indirect revenue for local businesses;
- Opportunities for social and economic enhancement of the area;
- Potential increases in dust and other air emissions;
- Quantity of water required, source of water and impact on neighbouring users;
- Potential impact of traffic on the Flinders Highway; and
- Potential social impacts as a result of people moving to Julia Creek.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout all phases of the Project, Multicom will seek to preferentially employ a local workforce. To do this, Multicom will implement a workforce management plan to:

- Promote equitable access to Project employment for local residents;
- Employ and develop a skilled workforce which includes McKinlay Shire residents, residents from neighbouring Shires, and people who would like to move to the region;
- Support workforce participation in the Julia Creek community; and
- Minimise the potential for antisocial or disruptive workforce behaviour in the community, as a result of the Project.



Figure 1: Regional Project Catchment

Based on the known demographics of the region, it is expected that 75 percent of the workforce will be able to be sourced from Options 1 or 2 below and will largely be able to reside in their own homes. Up to 25 percent of the workforce will be sourced from outside the region. Recruitment will prioritise:

1. Julia Creek and McKinlay Shire residents who are within a commute time of one hour;
2. Residents of Cloncurry, Richmond and Mount Isa who will require accommodation between shifts but who will be able to either Drive-In Drive-Out or Bus-In Bus-Out (to minimise traffic and fatigue) at the end of a shift rotation;
3. People from other regions who are willing to move to Julia Creek; and then
4. Fly-In Fly-Out for workers who cannot be sourced from any of the above.

Facilitating the construction workforce and also the need for overnight accommodation for workers who live outside of Julia Creek, will require construction of a Workforce Accommodation Village. Multicom is working with McKinlay Shire Council to establish the appropriate layout and location of the facility, and ensuring there are adequate utilities (power, water, sewerage).



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES

The Project will provide opportunities for local and regional businesses to participate in its supply chain, contributing to business sustainability and growth, indirect employment and economic development in the McKinlay Local Government Area and throughout the Project catchment.

Multicom will develop a 'Buy Local Plan' during the pre-construction phase to ensure both construction and operation maximise opportunities for local, regional and catchment and businesses. This plan will:

- Maximise local awareness of the Project's supply opportunities and build relationships with local businesses;
- Provide the framework for full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for local and regional businesses to participate in the supply chain; and
- Align major contracts and contractors to the Project's Buy Local Plan.

## Further information

If you would like further information on the Project, please:

- Email [saintelmo@epicenvironmental.com.au](mailto:saintelmo@epicenvironmental.com.au); or
- Freecall 1800 270 844; or
- Visit <https://www.m cres.com.au/saint-elmo-project>