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Dear Mr Staines

South Australian Magnetite Strategy

It is broadly acknowledged by our members that the draft South Australian Magnetite Strategy serves a purpose as an aspirational document to support the marketing of the state's magnetite resources. However as a strategy it requires further development.

The SACOME submission to the Directions Paper emphasised that these strategies are important in focusing the limited resources of all stakeholders, providing a plan to deliver the opportunities for the state and to address the challenges facing development of resources. This recognised that magnetite is a premium product that South Australia has a natural advantage to meet the increasing global demand for high quality iron ore.

There is no acknowledgement in the document of the substantive power, gas and infrastructure challenges in developing the states magnetite resources. The draft strategy makes only a passing acknowledgement of the significant energy requirements in steel production. For the strategy to have purpose and industry buy in, there needs to be a recognition of the barriers to entry that must be addressed and where and how government and/or industry can overcome them. The strategy should also build on the states assets and advantages to deliver the vision.

SACOME is cautious of commitments to establish initiatives within the framework of the strategy (e.g. the research and development alliance, and an annual conference) without a value proposition, identified industry support and clear funding.

The strategy should link in with the Copper Strategy on common issues such as land access, community participation and engagement, infrastructure and energy.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further, please contact me on 08 8202 9999 or via e-mail at nlong@sacome.org.au.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Long".

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