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Dear Lachlan,

**RE: Developing South Australia's Magnetite Strategy – Directions Paper**

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) acknowledges the release of the Directions Paper to help develop South Australia's magnetite strategy, and welcomes the opportunity to submit comments on this paper to the Department of State Development (DSD).

SACOME is the peak industry association representing companies with interests and connections to the South Australian resources and energy sectors.

SACOME continues to offer its support to the development of commodity specific strategies which help to maximise the opportunities from South Australia's mineral resources. These strategies which incorporate high level goals in association with key focus areas – developed in consultation with industry – is a model which should be applied across all of South Australia's strategic mineral resources. These strategies are essential in times of low commodity development to focus limited resources of all stakeholders, including governments, to be deployed effectively and efficiently.

The directions paper provides a positive framework for the development of a magnetite strategy in South Australia. The implementation of a long-term, sustainable magnetite strategy has the ability to realise many opportunities in the State, including increased investment, royalties, jobs, export trade, and further development of key markets.

It is important that the magnetite strategy addresses all the challenges facing the development of magnetite resources, as outlined on page 12 of the Directions Paper. Consideration needs to be given to the ways in which these challenges will be addressed from a government, industry and community perspective.

#### Social licence to operate

SACOME cautions the use of the term "social licence to operate" when discussing community engagement. A social licence to operate (SLO) implies an authority that gives the perception of a legal right for a proponent to conduct the activity. Social acceptance of any activity is an ongoing and subjective relationship between the proponent and the community. SACOME suggests the adoption of a term such as "social performance" where a proponent can have a high level of social performance as an accepted member of the community.

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### Land access

SACOME continues to support the State Government's long standing policy of supporting and encouraging multiple land use to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefits from current and future land uses. Due to the complex nature of resources sector projects, the development of the magnetite strategy should reflect the initiatives that imbed and encourage multiple and sequential land use within the South Australian Multiple Land Use Framework. SACOME maintains that mining and other land uses can sustainably co-exist and resource companies should be dedicated to working together with respective sectors to achieve this.

The magnetite strategy should focus on access to land as an integral part of the strategy. The strategy should have clear and defined provisions for proponents, which ensure that access to land is efficient, effective and affordable for all parties involved. SACOME has made a number of recommendations in the recent *Leading Practice Mining Acts Review* which, if adopted, should provide advantageous and clearer access to land provision that provide benefits to both proponents and landowners. This review is timely as it will align with the implementation of the magnetite strategy in coming months.

### Approvals process

SACOME has also made a key recommendation in the Mining Acts review to streamline the current approvals process for mining projects. The development of magnetite projects in South Australia as a part of the strategy is important for State investment and to build on our already strong mining industry and supply chain companies – having an approvals process in place which is rigorous, yet timely and streamlined is vital to get projects approved and off the ground to help make South Australia's magnetite renowned as the world's choice for steelmaking.

SACOME looks forward to further consultation with DSD on the draft strategy. Should you require further clarification of any of the matters addressed in this submission, please feel free to contact us on (08) 8202 9999 or via e-mail at [ykoernerheinjus@sacome.org.au](mailto:ykoernerheinjus@sacome.org.au) or [nlong@sacome.org.au](mailto:nlong@sacome.org.au).

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