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Project Introduction

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The Applicant, developer and proposal



Applicant: Mint Biomining Pty Ltd

Technology company originating NZ – specialising in recovery of valuable metals from printed circuit boards

24 staff

- Pre-commercial plant in Auckland
- Plants being developed in Sydney and UK
- Developer: As above
- The proposal:
 - 3,000 tonne per annum E-waste recycling plant alterations and additions to existing warehouse building and site at 55 Long St, Smithfield (Lot 173 DP 548880)

Proposal and site detail, context maps, site plan elevations and street view



Proposal in more detail:

- Bulk chemical storage tanks, new rear awning and safety measures
- Retrofitting of the existing building into an e-waste receival area with a hammer mill, leaching, treatment and electrowinning plant & equipment, bunding and a small kiln
- Modifications to roller doors and new fire walls
- Fitting of 10 roof stacks for discharge of air emissions in line with EPA standards
- Minor upgrades to fire services including fire hose reels, smoke alarms and containment bunding for firewater within the warehouse
- Renovation and fitting of new bathroom and ground floor amenities
- Fit out of a room to be used as a QA/QC laboratory
- Alterations to three offices and mezzanine area on first floor
- Reduction in the mezzanine floor adjacent to the first-floor
- Provision of 25 parking spaces for staff and visitors and one mobility parking space.



View of 55 Long St frontage







IN1 General Industrial Precinct

Computertrans Group (Transportation) Dimension 1 (Paper, film and board cutting) Carways Pty Ltd (Transportation) Five Star (Scaffolding storage) RTB Refrigerated Truck Bodies (Transportation) Axima (Logistics) Apollo Joinery (Manufacturing)

Other forms of land use Soccer field (RE1) Prospect Creek (E2)

Residential Residential (R2) (more than 500m to SW) Site plan







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Specialist reports / planning pathway



Following reports prepared following pre-lodgement meeting with Cumberland Council

- Survey
- Flood planning legal advice
- DG storage report
- BCA assessment
- Preliminary hazard assessment
- Fire safety study
- Visual impacts

Planning pathway

Regionally significant development

Clause 5(a), Schedule 7 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 - Waste or resource management facility with CIV > \$5M

Integrated development

Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* 1997, Clause 9(1) - **Chemical storage** as more than 5 tonnes of chemicals stored is nominated to be on site at one time; Clause 42(3a) – **Waste storage** as more than 5 tonnes of hazardous waste, restricted solid waste, liquid waste or special waste (other than waste tyres)

- Traffic study
- Air quality
- Waste management plan
- Stormwater study
- Noise and vibration study
- Environmental management plan
- CIV report

Other planning matters



- Greater Metropolitan Regional Environmental Plan No 2—Georges River Catchment
 - Clause 4 (Chemical or Fuel Storage) prohibited on flood liable land
 - Not characterised as a form of Chemical or Fuel Storage (refer Chamwell v Strathfield Council)
 - Not triggered
 - Clause 22 (Waste management facilities or works) designated if on flood liable land and then prohibited
 - Floor level of building (24.19m AHD) is above the 'Flood planning level + 0.5m freeboard' (21.4m to 23m AHD)
 - Not triggered

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

- Land use is not designated as per Schedule 3:
 - Not classified as a waste 'disposal' facility (Clause 32(1)(a))
 - Not a 'waste transfer station' (Clause 32(1)(b))
 - Does not sort or purify organic materials (Clause 32(1)(c))
 - Operations not located within: 100m of a water body; on a floodplain; within 500m of a residential zone of 250m of a dwelling (and likely to affect amenity) (and others) (Clause 32(1)(d))

Consultation and conclusion



- Engagement with business neighbours and briefings
- Cumberland Council staff
- Newspaper study (Daily Telegraph 4/6/21)
- Local and state representatives
- Benefits
 - 20 jobs in construction for 6 months
 - Creation of 40 direct ongoing local jobs
 - High tech sustainability focused manufacturing business
 - Capital investment of \$11.9M and ongoing revenue injection for local economy