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In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic, Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd (Hanson) has chosen to heed the health warnings and the measures directed by both the Federal Government and the State Government of Victoria to control the spread of the disease, and to ensure the health and wellbeing of stakeholders, the community and staff are protected.

Consequently, Hanson advises that the preparation and submission of the Bunyip North Quarry Environment Effects Statement (EES) has been suspended until further notice.

Hanson recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic has a wide range of implications on the rigorous completion of the EES submission, including the ability to conduct comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement. Therefore, the decision by Hanson to suspend the project has not been made lightly.

Please be advised that Hanson has no intention of terminating the EES for the proposed quarry. Given the importance of the project in terms of Victoria's access to construction resources, we hope to resume the EES process as soon as possible and proceed to exhibition of the EES.

Unfortunately, given the uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, Hanson is unable to provide further information on the expected duration of the project suspension at this time.

Further, Hanson acknowledges that an advertisement promoting the conduct of an Open House telephone event on Saturday 4 April 2020 was published in the Berwick Pakenham Gazette on Wednesday 25 March 2020. Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled, and all associated existing conditions studies withheld, until the EES process is resumed. Hanson apologises for any confusion this advertisement may have caused.

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