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17 October 2003

Dear Minister

In accordance with subsection 36(1) of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978* (the Act), I submit to you the twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Supervising Scientist on the operation of the Act during the period of 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Yours sincerely

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## FOREWORD

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Subsection 36(1) of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978* requires the Supervising Scientist to provide an Annual Report to Parliament on the operation of the Act and on certain related matters. The Act requires the following information to be reported:

- all directions given to the Supervising Scientist by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage;
- information on the collection and assessment of scientific data relating to the environmental effects of mining in the Alligator Rivers Region;
- standards, practices and procedures in relation to mining operations adopted or changed during the year, and the environmental effects of those changes;
- measures taken to protect the environment, or restore it from the effects of mining in the region;
- requirements under prescribed instruments that were enacted, made, adopted or issued and that relate to mining operations in the Alligator Rivers Region and the environment;
- implementation of the above requirements;
- a statement of the cost of operations of the Supervising Scientist.

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