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Notification of the tailings water leak from ERA

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This facsimile is to inform you that tailings water has reported to the tailings corridor drain from the tailings dam – Mill pipeline. The leak occurred within the fenced tailings dam area. There is no infringement and no environmental detriment involved.

It is estimated that approximately 2000m³ of tails water leaked into the corridor road drain from late December 1999 up to 5 April. The corridor road drain flows into the corridor road sump. Water contained within the drain would undergo significant dilution from rainfall prior to entering the sump.

The effect on water quality in the corridor road sump has been minimal, with only slight increases in magnesium and sulphate concentrations apparent. The water quality of the corridor road sump is better than that of RP2, therefore based on quality criteria under the new Authorization, pumping of this water to RP2 will continue.

Average Feb. Conc.	Corridor Rd Sump	RP2
Magnesium (mg/L)	18	140
Sulphate (mg/L)	76	560
Uranium (µg/L)	2.2	3400

Seepage from the pipeline was not visible detectable during wet-season run-off. The leak was detected once dry conditions were experienced, with repairs being undertaken and completed as soon as possible.

Although not an infringement, ERA has committed to advise the main stakeholders of unplanned events.

Should you have any further information requirements please contact me on (08) 8938 1239, or fax (08) 8938 1203.

Yours sincerely

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