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Phosphate Mining in South Point, Christmas Island (EPBC 2012/6653)

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95B (4) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*.

Phosphate Resources Limited (PRL) trading as Christmas Island Phosphates (CIP), propose to mine in an area located in the South Point Region of Christmas Island, Indian Ocean Territories. The proposal relates to the return of an area (97.93 ha) originally part of the company's mine lease but excised to allow for the proposed Asia Pacific Space Centre (which subsequently did not proceed). The proposed action is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* and will be assessed through preliminary documentation. The controlling provisions under Part 3 of the Act are Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A) and Commonwealth land (section 26 & 27A).

In accordance with s.95A of the *EPBC Act*, the original documentation was advertised from Friday 29 November 2013 to Friday 7 February 2014. No public submissions were received.

As per s.95B (4) of the *EPBC Act*, the preliminary documentation is being republished for public information, not for comment. The documents can be viewed at the following locations:

- State Library of Western Australia – 25 Francis St, Perth WA 6000
- Shire of Christmas Island Public Library – George Fam Centre, 2 Murray Road, Christmas Island, Indian Ocean
- Christmas Island Phosphates Office – Murray Road, Christmas Island, Indian Ocean
- Phosphate Resources Limited website -
http://cirp.com.au/latest_news/announcements_and_disclosures.phtml

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