

Dalradian Gold Limited

Curraghinalt Project
County Tyrone
Northern Ireland

REBUTTAL STATEMENT:

WATER ABSTRACTION

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1. Introduction

This Rebuttal Report (RR) is prepared on behalf of Dalradian Gold Limited (DGL) in support of its application for two Abstraction Licences from the proposed Curraghinalt Mine, adjacent to 80 Mullydoo Road, Greencastle, County Tyrone, BT79 7QP (Irish Grid Co-ordinates E258418, N383902) (the Site).

It directs the reader to how Statements of Case (SoCs) in respect of these applications are addressed in the evidence before the Public Inquiry.

There is significant overlap in the issues raised in the SoC for the mine planning application, the discharge applications and the abstraction applications. As recognised by the Commissions in their Procedures for the Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold) conjoined Public Local Inquiries, the inquiries will be conducted in a conjoined manner on a topic basis.

Accordingly, to assist the Commissions and parties to the inquiries the representations received in respect of the abstraction applications have been addressed in the Rebuttal Reports (RR) submitted in respect of the mine planning application and in particular the following:-

- RR3- Carbon
- RR4 - Closure
- RR6 – Ecology
- RR9 – Surface Water
- RR10 – Groundwater
- RR14 – Economic benefits
- RR15 – Heritage
- RR16 – Radon and NORM
- RR21 – Geochemistry
- RR21 – Mine Waste

2. Conclusion

Representations raised in the Statements of Case of all parties are addressed.

The evidence demonstrates that the impacts of the proposals have been thoroughly assessed and are acceptable. There are no sustainable grounds for refusing the applications.