NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED UNDER THE HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) ACT 1989

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989, notice is given that an application has been received from AusZinc Metals & Alloys, Lot 2 Shellharbour Road, Port Kembla, NSW 2505. The application relates to the importation of up to 126 tonnes of galvanizing ash containing zinc, lead, antimony, arsenic, cadmium, thallium and their compounds from Webforge (NZ) Limited, 23 Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North, New Zealand for recovery operations R4 - Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds.

The Basel Convention waste identification code for this waste is A1080 ‘Waste zinc residues not included on list B, containing lead and cadmium in concentrations sufficient to exhibit Annex III characteristics’.

The galvanizing ash will be stored in 200 litre drums and either sealed with a steel lid or shrink wrapped. The drums will be placed in 20ft shipping containers without pallets. They will then be shipped direct from the port of Wellington in New Zealand to the port of Sydney in Australia, and then be transported by road to the disposal facilities at AusZinc Metals & Alloys, Lot 2, Shellharbour Road, Port Kembla, NSW 2505.

The import would take place in up to six (6) shipments over twelve months commencing from the date of the permit, if granted.

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