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## **COVID-19 AND COMPANY UPDATE**

Niuminco Group Limited ("Niuminco", "NIU" or "the Company") advises that the Company has been actively responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect as best possible the safety and health of all our staff, their families and the communities in which we operate, in both Papua New Guinea and Australia, and to protect our business operations.

Niuminco has developed and implemented plans and protocols to minimise risks to our people, and is ensuring best practice precautions are taken in line with advice and recommendations from the World Health Organisation, the Australian Government, the Government of Papua New Guinea ("PNG") and the PNG Mineral Resources Authority (MRA).

These include the suspension of international travel, no domestic PNG travel between provinces in line with restrictions under the PNG Government declared State of Emergency, communicating and enforcing strict protocols in respect of necessary local travel, personal hygiene and social distancing, and where appropriate self-isolation and/or quarantine.

## **Operations**

To date there has been no material impact on the Edie Creek operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The only member of staff who needs to travel from another province, our Mine Manager, was on-site prior to the travel restrictions being implemented and will remain on site for the foreseeable future.

The Company's May River exploration program has been suspended until travel restrictions are lifted and it is safe to recommence these activities. An Application for an Extension of Term for this tenement (EL 2527) has been completed and is due to be lodged this week for a further 2-year extension period.

The two staff in our Lae office are mainly working from home, with one staff member using the office alone when necessary, and the Managing Director is the only person working in the Sydney office when necessary. The Company's non-executive directors are available for teleconferences and other remote communications, as usual.

## Corporate

Negotiations have terminated in respect of a potential joint-venture at the Company's Edie Creek mine. The company expects to lodge its 31 December 2019 Half Yearly Report in the immediate future, and to lodge the Notice of Meeting for the 2019 Annual General Meeting in the near future.

Discussions with the ASX in respect of the potential re-quotation of the Company's shares are proposed in coming weeks.

Tracey Lake

Managing Director