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Licence issued to Honeymoon Uranium Project 29 September 2006

Following advice from the statutory Radiation Protection Committee, EPA Chief Executive Dr Paul Vogel has determined to issue a licence, under the *Radiation Protection and Control Act (1982)*, to Southern Cross Resources for commercial uranium mining operations at its Honeymoon site 80km northwest of Broken Hill.

“As EPA Chief Executive, I was responsible for assessing the licence application. With the recommendation of the Radiation Protection Committee and advice from officers of the EPA Radiation Protection Division and taking into account public submissions, I determined that the application satisfied relevant legislation and that Southern Cross Resources had demonstrated that it could protect workers, the public and the environment from radiological hazards.”

Dr Vogel said that the licence permits the company to mine and mill uranium by the acid in-situ leach mining technique. This technique is the same as that currently used at the Beverley uranium mine.

Dr Vogel said that a total of 161 public submissions were received regarding the licence application with many of the submissions addressing issues such as:

- contamination of aquifers
- rehabilitation of the aquifer
- acceptability of waste re-injection

“The EPA’s response to each of the issues raised in the public submissions and the basis for my decision for granting a licence will be published on our web site at www.epa.sa.gov.au”
Dr Vogel said.