

ASX Announcement

ORICA RESPONDS TO DEHP COMPLAINTS AT YARWUN

Orica acknowledges that complaints have been issued today by the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) against the Company under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. The complaints relate to Orica's sodium cyanide facility in Yarwun, Queensland.

The Company intends to defend the complaints.

Orica believes that there has been no environmental harm or risk to human health from these alleged complaints.

Media releases issued by the then Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) in March 2012 support such a view. Extracts from those DERM releases follow -

"Wastewater is released via a diffuser which significantly dilutes the discharges before it reaches the harbour. Cyanide generally has an immediate effect on fish and high levels result in large fish kills. There has been no reported fish kill in the vicinity of the discharge point to date. This tends to indicate that discharge has been diluted sufficiently to be within environmental limits. Limits for human exposure are higher than environmental limits and are therefore not likely to have been breached."
– 1 March 2012.

"DERM investigations reveal no detectable levels of cyanide from Orica Gladstone facility" – 6 March 2012.

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