

## **ERRATUM**

*Corrections were made on 2 August 2016 to the 'Minerals Approval Performance – First Quarter 2016 (January-March 2016)' document.*

*In the previous version, published 03 May 2016, six applications were inadvertently omitted from the report. The data has now been corrected.*

*New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals regrets any inconvenience caused.*

## **MINERALS APPROVAL PERFORMANCE – FIRST QUARTER 2016 (January – March 2016)**

An efficient and timely approvals process for mining projects is important for the continued development of the resources sector. In recognising that the current system requires significant improvement, NZP&M has re-considered our approach. The new approach is focussed on improving our internal processes to manage applications more efficiently, and to raise the quality of applications we receive through providing guidance to support applicants and setting minimum quality standards.

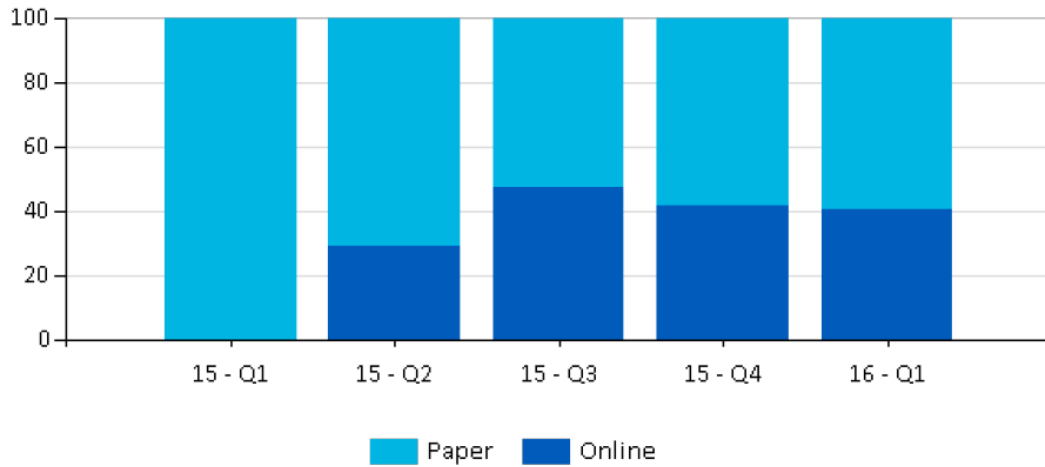
The need for a more transparent system in which timelines for permit approvals are measured and reported on is an important aspect of reforming the current system.

Continuing improvement of our information systems – through the launch of the Online Permitting System - has allowed the introduction of:

- Online lodgement of applications
- Online payments; and
- Online lodgement of Annual Summary Reports.

The Online Permitting System was introduced on 30 March 2015 and sector uptake has been steady in the first 12 months - with an average of 24% of applications lodged online over this period.

**Minerals Permit Applications (Online%)**



Feedback from applicants following the launch of the Online Permitting System has been invaluable in addressing unexpected glitches. NZP&M is continuing to work closely with applicants to further refine and expand online services with the aim of conducting the bulk of our business online by July 2018.

NZP&M will continue to improve the transparency, certainty and timeliness of our approvals process. Feedback on the usefulness of this report is welcome.

The table below provides information on minerals applications received and processed in the first quarter of 2016. It also shows how permit processing measures against our timeline targets. The timeline targets apply to NZP&M's processing time and do not include the time taken where the assessment process is put on hold while additional information is sought from applicants.

### Application statistics for First Quarter (April-June) 2016

Application types	Applications carried over from previous quarter	New applications received this quarter	Applications rejected or withdrawn	Accepted applications approved or declined	Total resolved applications	Applications carried over to next quarter	Timeline target (business days)	% decision made on accepted applications within timeline target this quarter *
All hobby permit applications	6	5	1	2	3	8	60	50%
New Permit applications	128	23	14	12	26	125		17%
Prospecting Permits	30	0	11	1	12	18	80	0%
Tier 1 Exploration Permits	8	2	0	0	0	10	80	N/A
Tier 2 Exploration Permits	50	15	1	4	5	60	80	25%
Tier 1 Mining Permits	1	0	0	0	0	1	120	N/A
Tier 2 Mining Permits	39	6	2	7	9	36	120	14%
Change applications	109	58	9	47	56	111		57%
Change of Conditions	15	5	0	2	2	18	60	0%
Transfers, Change of Operator & Consent to dealings	13	15	3	17	20	8	40	76%
Notification of Change of Control	1	4	1	0	1	4	40	N/A
Extension of Duration to a Prospecting or Exploration Permit	14	2	1	4	5	11	60	0%
Change of Minerals to a Prospecting or Exploration Permit	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	0%
Extension of Land to a Prospecting or Exploration Permit	4	0	0	1	1	3	60	0%
Extension of Duration for Appraisal to an Exploration Permit	4	1	1	1	2	3	120	0%

<b>Extension of Duration to a Mining Permit</b>	22	9	1	5	6	25	120	60%
<b>Extension of Land to a Mining Permit</b>	24	3	1	3	4	23	120	0%
<b>Change of Minerals to a Mining Permit</b>	2	2	1	0	1	3	120	N/A
<b>Partial Surrenders</b>	3	5	0	2	2	6	20	50%
<b>Full Surrenders</b>	6	12	0	11	11	7	10	91%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>244</b>		<b>49%</b>

\* "N/A" means no applications were finalised in the quarter; 0% means that none of the applications finalised met the timeline target.

