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## **Land Court reaffirms Cape Alumina's exploration rights on parts of Bertiehaugh Cattle Station**

**The Land Court of Queensland has today confirmed that Cape Alumina is lawfully entitled to continue with its exploration and environment surveys on a portion of the Bertiehaugh Cattle Station in western Cape York.**

Cape Alumina CEO, Dr Paul Messenger said the Company welcomed the Land Court decision which re-affirmed and validated the approach it had taken in notifying the new owners of the cattle station, Silverback Properties, of its exploration activities.

"The rights to access and explore land under an exploration permit are very clear in Queensland under the operation of the Mineral Resources Act," Dr Messenger said.

"Whilst we are pleased with today's decision, we are disappointed we had to take the matter to the Land Court to clarify for Silverback's benefit the standard notification procedures between an explorer and a pastoral lease holder," he said.

"After eight months of attempting to negotiate and consult with Silverback we were left with no alternative than to have this matter determined by the Land Court.

"We do not believe it was the previous Federal Government's intention when it granted Silverback Properties \$6.3 million to purchase the 1350 sqkm Bertiehaugh Cattle station to then prevent economic development in the region.

"Cape Alumina will now proceed with its project reviews and the most comprehensive environment survey ever undertaken of the area around our Pisolite Hills Bauxite project," Dr Messenger said.

### **About Cape Alumina and Pisolite Hills Bauxite Project**

Cape Alumina is a Brisbane-based, Cape York-focused emerging bauxite company. Cape Alumina has international support from Chinese alumina majors including Xinfu, one of China's leading independent aluminium and alumina groups. Cape Alumina proposes to develop the 7mtpa Pisolite Hills project during 2010 to meet increasing world bauxite demand. The first step in its development plans is an IPO this year, followed by development approvals and construction in 2010-11 with production planned for 2012.

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