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**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF GUMALA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**

**UPDATE: CHALLENGE TO THE COMPLIANCE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR OF INDIGENOUS CORPORATIONS (ORIC)**

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) has received correspondence from The Office of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) regarding the compliance notice issued under section 439-20 of the CATSI Act (the Compliance Notice). ORIC have informed GAC that **all the requirements of the compliance notice have been met** and as such the monitoring period has officially concluded.

As our members know, ORIC informed GAC in late May 2016 that it would issue a Compliance Notice, following which GAC sought an internal review of that decision. In October 2016, the results of that internal review were made known to GAC and unfortunately did not result in any substantial change to ORIC's decision.

Regrettably, it was therefore necessary for GAC to file an application with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal against the decision by ORIC, in order to have the Compliance Notice overturned. GAC has instructed an external law firm, King & Wood Mallesons, to provide independent advice on this matter and to pursue the challenge to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

GAC wishes to acknowledge the correspondence from ORIC and reaffirm that we will continue to pursue an outcome at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in order to have the Compliance Notice overturned. GAC remains strongly of the view that ORIC's decision to issue the Compliance Notice was an incorrect decision, is contrary to known facts, and we remain confident that it will be promptly overturned by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

**Members should note that:**

- ORIC's decision is lacking in factual and legal merit.
- The findings made by ORIC do not form a reasonable basis for the issue of the Compliance Notice.
- Most of the issues raised by ORIC are attributable to the former management of GAC and the failure of ORIC itself to take action following complaints made by the present GAC Board.
- The present GAC Board had already taken significant steps to ensure that GAC is compliant with the CATSI Act and that it demonstrates adherence to the principles of good governance.

We will continue to update members further as the matter develops.

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