



26 July 2013

**APPEAL AGAINST THE REJECTION OF THE RENEWAL OF PL/69 2003, BOTSWANA**

On 6 June 2013 Mount Burgess Mining NL and its wholly owned subsidiary Mount Burgess (Botswana) (Proprietary) Ltd, **lodged an appeal with the Office of the Vice President of Botswana**. The appeal was in respect of the rejection by The Minister for The Ministry of Minerals Energy and Water Resources (MMEWR) of the Application for the Extension of PL69/2003.

On 9 July 2013 **the above appeal was rejected by the Minister MMEWR**.

Legal opinion handed down by Advocates Robert Douglas SC and Peter O'Halloran concurred that **the decision in regard to the appeal should have been handed down by the Vice President of Botswana**, with whom the appeal was rightly lodged. The review of the appeal and the decision relative thereto are not within the jurisdiction of the Minister MMEWR.

The decision handed down by the Minister MMEWR rejecting the appeal is therefore opined to be **ultra vires**.

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