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SUPREME COURT APPEAL HEARD AND DECIDED TODAY

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The Darwin Supreme Court has today upheld McArthur River Mining's appeal against the decision of 30 April 2007 which had found the Northern Territory Government approval of the mine's open pit development was invalid.

After a hearing in the Court of Appeal today, Chief Justice Martin and Justices Riley and Southwood found that legislation passed by the Northern Territory Government on 4 May 2007 had effectively overturned the previous decision by Justice Angel.

MRM General Manager, Mr Brian Hearne, said he is pleased with the result as it provides legal validation to the *McArthur River Project Amendment (Ratification of Mining Authorities) Act 2007* which enabled the mine's \$110 million open pit development to proceed.

"It remains business as usual at MRM and the open pit development is continuing to proceed on schedule," he said.

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