OUR COMMITMENT:

- Implement mitigation measures to avoid, minimise and rehabilitate project-related impacts to biodiversity
- Develop and implement biodiversity management plans in accordance with international best practice
- Create a net positive impact (NPI) for biodiversity in the region
- Develop a monitoring and evaluation programme to track Oyu Tolgoi’s progress towards NPI
- Contribute to conservation actions to benefit the region
- Seek to capitalise on our position as a regional industry leader to minimise the cumulative impacts of mining developments on the biodiversity of the southern Gobi region.

OUR IMPACT:

- Direct habitat loss under project infrastructure and indirect habitat loss due to wildlife avoidance of project infrastructure
- Increased illegal hunting, poaching and wood collection due to potential population in-migration to the project area
- Potential impacts on birds due to the construction of project power lines.

OUR PLAN (see overleaf)
OUR PLAN:

WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEADING EXPERTS AS WELL AS LOCAL COMMUNITIES:

- Continue to work with biodiversity experts (such as Flora and Fauna International, Wildlife Conservation Society and Mongolian experts) and enter into long-term relationships with internationally-recognised organisations to develop and implement biodiversity management plans and monitoring programmes in line with international best practice.
- Work with other operators, government authorities, non-government organisations and local communities to help manage threats to wildlife on a collective and regional basis.

IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO MINIMISE IMPACTS (SOME EXAMPLES):

- Build underpasses to mitigate the impacts of habitat fragmentation for hoofed animals.
- Install traffic control structures next to roads to ensure vehicles do not leave the roads.
- Work with local stakeholders to control illegal hunting and collecting.
- Support the inspection of vehicles and aircraft to prohibit wild animal smuggling.
- Improve rangeland management.
- Strengthen management in protected areas.
- Provide staff with fuel for fires so no local trees are threatened.
- Add bird diverters to all project-constructed power lines so that birds avoid them.
- Continue ongoing wildlife monitoring in co-operation with experts, the government and other mining companies.

For more examples and details, please see the Biodiversity Management Plan in the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

The ESIA is available at www.ot.mn and in the following public locations:

- Oyu Tolgoi Offices in Khanbogd, Manlai, Bayan-Ovoo, and Dalanzadgad.
- Khanbogd: Ceremonial House (Yosloliin Urguu)
- Manlai: Information Hall, Governor’s Office.
- Dalanzadgad: Central Library and the Citizen’s Hall.
- Ulaanbaatar: Oyu Tolgoi Information Centre.