shortest time to bring a diamond mine into production used to be four years, but it was now increasingly difficult for diamond miners around the world to operate due to drawn out licensing processes relating to environmental and native title issues. Gold and Minerals Gazette, pg 52. 01-Dec-05, 01-Dec-05

Follow guidelines, says GLSC Royalty payments made to claimant groups by mining companies have been causing division amongst the Indigenous communities in relation to how the money should be spent. The State Government has urged the Goldfields Native Title claimants to follow correct processes for openly settlements and promotes comprehensive settlements of native title claims. The Goldfields Land and Sea Council has urged claimants to follow its guidelines for the distribution of mining royalties but admits it has no power to intervene in disputes. Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 3, 24-Nov-05. WC99/29 & WC99/30 (Central West and Central East Goldfields People respectively), WAD65/98 & WAD70/98 (Central West and Central East Goldfields People respectively). Case Managers Sharon Reynolds (WC99/29) and

Kristina Nilsson (WC99/30). Registered by the Tribunal on the 4/10/1999.

Work begins on Broome development Work has begun on a new housing estate in Broome. The land release was made possible after negotiations between Rubibi native title claimants and the State Government. The project includes and environmental corridor running between Reid and Gubinge Rds. Significant cultural areas will be preserved and maintained by the traditional owners.Broome Advertiser, pg 4, 10-Nov-05. WC95/28, WAD91/98. Case Manager Sandra Barkla. Rubibi was Determined in 2001.

New advocacy group for Goldfields: WA A new advocacy group, the Northern Goldfield's Regional Aboriginal Council, has been formed in the wake of ATSIC's abolition. The group will lobby State and Federal Governments for better health, education, training and employment services for Aboriginal people. Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 4, 08-Nov-05

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APPLICATIONS LODGED WITH THE NNTT

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8/11/2005	Mt Everard	Claimant application	Active	Northern Territory	DC05/12	NTD36/05
8/11/2005	Alcoota No. 2	Claimant application	Active	Northern Territory	DC05/11	NTD35/05
11/11/2005	Mr Brian Robertson	Non- claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NN05/19	NSD2183/05
24/11/2005	NSW Minister for Lands #8	Non- claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NN05/20	NSD2297/05
30/11/05	Gingirana #2	Claimant application	Active	Western Australia	WC05/8	WAD364/05
19/12/2005	<u>Ngarigu</u>	Claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NC05/2	NSD2620/05
22/12/2005	Kalkadoon People #4	Claimant application	Active	Queensland	QC05/12	QUD579/05

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