**AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY**

**Weapons Ordinance 2001**

# DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 16

I, Anthony Ian Fleming, Director, Australian Antarctic Division, Department of the Environment, declare under section 16 of the Australian Antarctic Territory *Weapons Ordinance 2001* that the following project is advantageous to scientific research and the weapons as specified below may be used for the designated projects by a person working on that project:

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| **Approved Project** | **Approved Weapons** |
| AAS Project No 4102: *Population abundance, trend, structure and distribution of the endangered Antarctic blue whale.* | Restech Pneumatic Line Throwers (PLT) Paxarms Modified capture rifles .22 calibre Larsen Gun, Remington Rolling Block rifle 11mmDaninject, JM SP 25, 11TR |
| Note: The Pneumatic Line Thrower (PLT), modified capture rifles and Rolling Block rifles are used for conducting non-lethal research. PLTs and the Daninject are used to deploy satellite tags on whales, modified capture rifles (paxarms) and Rolling Block rifles (Larsen guns) are used to collect biopsy samples for genetic analyses. |
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Anthony Fleming
*Director*
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| Subject to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975, a person or persons whose interests are affected by this decision may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Australian Antarctic Division of the Department of the Environment for the reasons for the decision. An application for independent review of the decision may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, on payment of the relevant fee, by or on behalf of the person or persons whose interests are affected, either within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this notice if reasons for the decision are not sought. Further information may be obtained from:Policy Coordination BranchAustralian Antarctic Division203 Channel HighwayKingston TAS 7050Telephone (03) 6232 3347 |