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Statement No. 1018

STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED
(Environmental Protection Act 1986)

OREBODY 32 ABOVE WATER TABLE IRON ORE MINE PROJECT

Proposal: The proposal is to develop and operate the Orebody 32 Above Water Table Iron Ore Mine.

Proponent: BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd
Australian Company Number: 008 700 981

Proponent Address: 125 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Assessment Number: 2056

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1557

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* it has been agreed that the proposal described and documented in Tables 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 may be implemented and that the implementation of the proposal is subject to the following implementation conditions and procedures:

1 Proposal Implementation

1-1 When implementing the proposal, the proponent shall not exceed the authorised extent of the proposal as defined in Table 2 in Schedule 1, unless amendments to the proposal and the authorised extent of the proposal have been approved under the EP Act.

2 Contact Details

2-1 The proponent shall notify the CEO of any change of its name, physical address or postal address for the serving of notices or other correspondence within twenty eight (28) days of such change. Where the proponent is a corporation or an association of persons, whether incorporated or not, the postal address is that of the principal place of business or of the principal office in the State.

3 Time Limit for Proposal Implementation

- 3-1 The proponent shall not commence implementation of the proposal after five (5) years from the date on this Statement, and any commencement, prior to this date, must be substantial.
- 3-2 Any commencement of implementation of the proposal, on or before five (5) years from the date of this Statement, must be demonstrated as substantial by providing the CEO with written evidence, on or before the expiration of five (5) years from the date of this Statement.

4 Compliance Reporting

- 4-1 The proponent shall prepare, submit and maintain a Compliance Assessment Plan to the CEO at least six (6) months prior to the first Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 4-6, or prior to implementation, whichever is sooner.
- 4-2 The Compliance Assessment Plan shall indicate:
 - (1) the frequency of compliance reporting;
 - (2) the approach and timing of compliance assessments;
 - (3) the retention of compliance assessments;
 - (4) the method of reporting of potential non-compliances and corrective actions taken;
 - (5) the table of contents of Compliance Assessment Reports; and
 - (6) public availability of Compliance Assessment Reports.
- 4-3 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the Compliance Assessment Plan satisfies the requirements of condition 4-2 the proponent shall assess compliance with conditions in accordance with the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.
- 4-4 The proponent shall retain reports of all compliance assessments described in the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1 and shall make those reports available when requested by the CEO.
- 4-5 The proponent shall advise the CEO of any potential non-compliance within seven (7) days of that potential non-compliance being known.
- 4-6 The proponent shall submit to the CEO the first Compliance Assessment Report on 1 October following the date of issue of this Statement, and then annually from the date of submission of the first Compliance Assessment Report, or as otherwise agreed in writing by the CEO.

The Compliance Assessment Report shall:

- (1) be endorsed by the proponent's Chief Executive Officer or a person delegated to sign on the Chief Executive Officer's behalf;

- (2) include a statement as to whether the proponent has complied with the conditions;
- (3) identify all potential non-compliances and describe corrective and preventative actions taken;
- (4) be made publicly available in accordance with the approved Compliance Assessment Plan; and
- (5) indicate any proposed changes to the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.

5 Public Availability of Data

5-1 Subject to condition 5-2, within a reasonable time period approved by the CEO of the issue of this Statement and for the remainder of the life of the proposal the proponent shall make publicly available, in a manner approved by the CEO, all validated environmental data (including sampling design, sampling methodologies, empirical data and derived information products (e.g. maps)) relevant to the assessment of this proposal and implementation of this Statement.

5-2 If any data referred to in condition 5-1 contains particulars of:

- (1) a secret formula or process; or
- (2) confidential commercially sensitive information;

the proponent may submit a request for approval from the CEO to not make these data publicly available. In making such a request the proponent shall provide the CEO with an explanation and reasons why the data should not be made publicly available.

6 Rehabilitation and Decommissioning

6-1 The proponent shall ensure that the proposal is decommissioned and rehabilitated in an ecologically sustainable manner, through the implementation of the Mine Closure Plan required by condition 6-2.

6-2 The proponent shall prepare a Mine Closure Plan in accordance with the *Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans*, May 2015, and any updates, to the requirements of the CEO on advice of the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The proponent shall revise the Mine Closure Plan until notified that it is satisfactory in writing by the CEO.

6-3 The proponent may review and revise the Mine Closure Plan.

6-4 The proponent shall review and revise the Mine Closure Plan required by condition 6-2 at intervals not exceeding three years starting from the date of notification from the CEO under condition 6-2, or as otherwise specified in writing by the CEO. The revised Mine Closure Plan shall be submitted to the CEO.

6-5 The proponent shall implement the latest revision of the Mine Closure Plan required by condition 6-2, which the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing satisfies the requirements of condition 6-2.

7 Offsets

- 7-1 In view of the significant residual impacts and risks as a result of implementation of the proposal, the proponent shall contribute funds for the clearing of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation in the Hamersley IBRA subregion, calculated pursuant to condition 7-2. This funding shall be provided to a government-established conservation offset fund or an alternative offset arrangement providing an equivalent outcome as determined by the Minister.
- 7-2 The proponent's contribution to the initiative identified in condition 7-1 shall be paid biennially, the first payment due two years after the date of issue of this statement. The amount of funding will be \$750 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation cleared within the Orebody 32 development envelope (delineated in Figure 1 and defined by the geographic coordinates in Schedule 2) within the Hamersley IBRA subregion.
- 7-3 Within twelve months of the date of this statement, the proponent shall prepare an Impact Reconciliation Procedure to the satisfaction of the CEO.
- 7-4 The Impact Reconciliation Procedure required pursuant to condition 7-3 shall:
- (1) include a methodology to identify clearing of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation in the Hamersley IBRA subregion;
 - (2) require the proponent to submit spatial data identifying areas of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation that have been cleared within the development envelope, including any vegetation which has been cleared prior to the issue of this statement and for which the relevant clearing permit has been surrendered;
 - (3) include a methodology for calculating the amount of clearing undertaken during each biennial time period;
 - (4) state dates for the commencement of the biennial time period and for the submission of results of the Impact Reconciliation Procedure, to the satisfaction of the CEO; and
- 7-5 The real value of contributions described in condition 7-2 will be maintained through indexation to the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI), with the first adjustment to be applied to the first contribution.

[Signed 15 October 2015]

Albert Jacob MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE

Schedule 1

Table 1: Summary of the Proposal

Proposal Title	Orebody 32 Above Water Table Iron Ore Mine Project
Proponent name	BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd
Short Description	<p>The proposal is to develop and operate the Orebody 32 Above Water Table Iron Ore Mine, using conventional open-pit mining techniques above the water table.</p> <p>Associated Infrastructure includes overburden storage areas, stockpiles, haul roads, and exploration.</p>

Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements

Element	Location	Authorised Extent
Mine pits	Figure 1	Clearing of no more than 220 hectares (ha) within a 414 ha development envelope.
Overburden storage areas, other associated infrastructure, and exploration.	Figure 1	Clearing of no more than 130 ha within a 414 ha development envelope.

Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions

Acronym or Abbreviation	Definition or Term
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> , or his delegate.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
OEPA	Office of the Environmental Protection Authority
ha	Hectare

Figures (attached)

Figure 1 Development envelope and indicative layout.

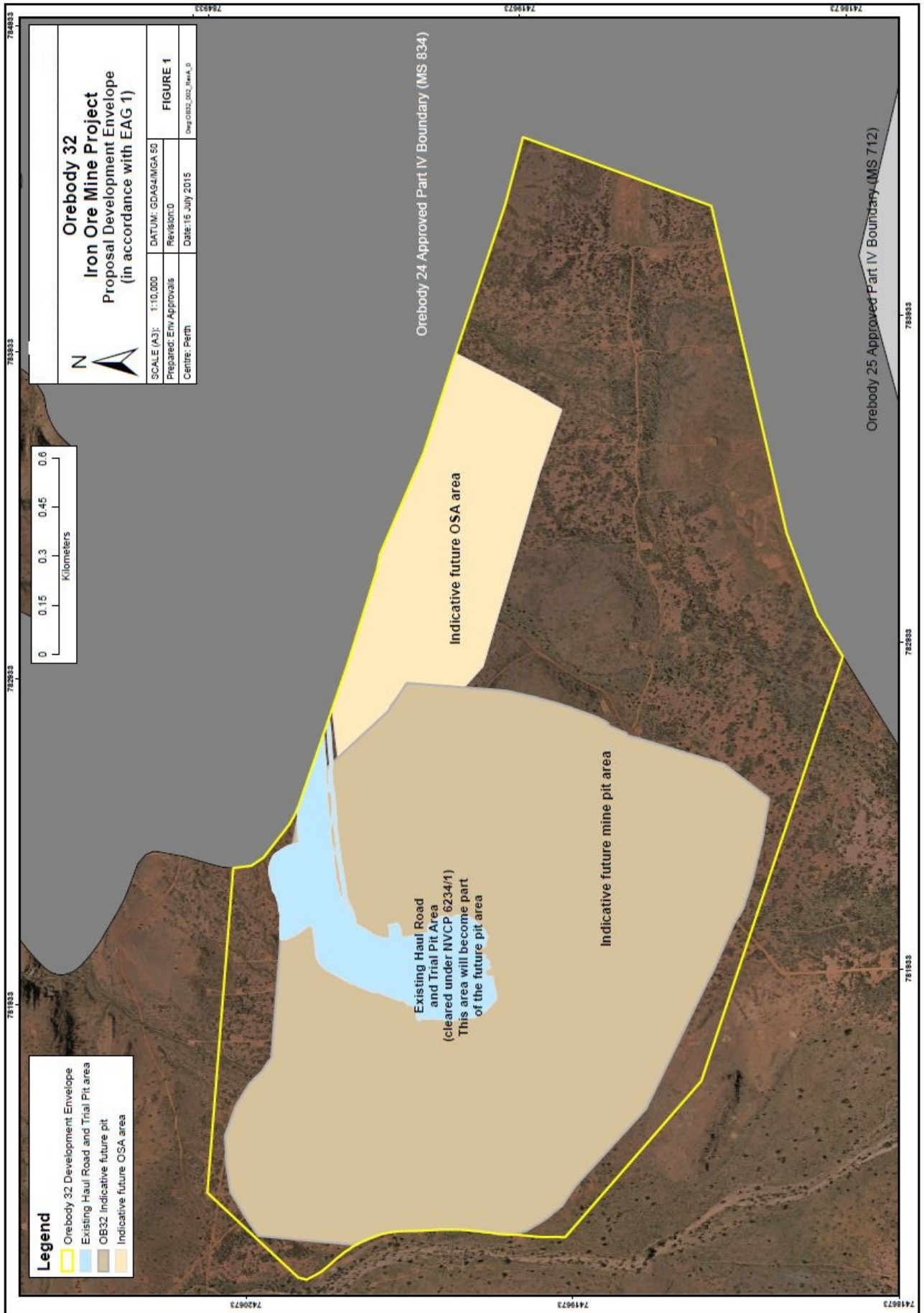


Figure 1 – Development Envelope and indicative layout

Schedule 2

Geographic spatial data coordinates

Coordinates defining the Orebody 32 Development Envelope are given below and described in Figure 1 above.

All coordinates are in metres, projection Map Grid of Australia Zone 50 (MGA Zone 50), datum Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

Coordinate no.	Easting	Northing
1	783025	7418837
2	782896	7418765
3	781614	7419252
4	781153	7419689
5	781155	7419717
6	781155	7419720
7	781156	7419735
8	781156	7419754
9	781157	7419770
10	781161	7419791
11	781161	7419791
12	781164	7419815
13	781168	7419846
14	781168	7419847
15	781169	7419852
16	781169	7419870
17	781172	7419896
18	781175	7419909
19	781176	7419914
20	781179	7419933
21	781183	7419956
22	781183	7419957
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26	781189	7420002
27	781192	7420029
28	781192	7420032
29	781193	7420054
30	781193	7420056
31	781192	7420078
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38	781191	7420218
39	781191	7420222
40	781191	7420225
41	781186	7420251
42	781185	7420255
43	781184	7420259
44	781177	7420281
45	781176	7420282
46	781167	7420308
47	781166	7420309
48	781165	7420312
49	781156	7420330
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51	781154	7420335
52	781147	7420347
53	781146	7420348
54	781135	7420367
55	781133	7420370
56	781117	7420391
57	781115	7420394
58	781102	7420409
59	781090	7420424
60	781080	7420439
61	781069	7420460
62	781067	7420463
63	781058	7420482
64	781056	7420486
65	781061	7420502
66	781064	7420512
67	781335	7420778
68	782326	7420658
69	782330	7420603
70	782353	7420564

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72	782477	7420465
73	782506	7420451
74	782931	7420284
75	783221	7420180
76	783258	7420172
77	783263	7420171
78	783573	7420022
79	783896	7419903
80	784321	7419742
81	784527	7419679
82	784293	7419110
83	783282	7418922