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Statement No: 979

**STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**ROY HILL 1 IRON ORE MINING PROJECT STAGE 1
110 KILOMETRES NORTH OF NEWMAN, SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA**

Proposal: The proposal is to mine iron ore from the Stage 1 project area on the southern slopes of the Chichester Range and develop associated mining infrastructure.

Proponent: Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd (ACN:123722038)

Proponent Address: 5 Witham Road Perth Airport WA 6105

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1519

Preceding Statements Relating to this Proposal: 824, 902

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, as applied by section 46(8), it has been agreed that the implementation conditions set out in Statement 824 be changed as specified in Statement 902, and as specified in this Statement.

1. Condition 7 changed

Condition 7 of Statement 824 is deleted, and replaced with:

7 Surface Water Flows and Mulga

7-1 The proponent shall ensure that surface water diversions related to the implementation of the proposal are designed and managed to minimise impacts to Mulga and riparian vegetation.

7-2 To verify that the requirements of condition 7-1 are met the proponent shall:

1. undertake baseline monitoring of Mulga and riparian vegetation health and abundance in the proposal area, and adjacent areas prior to surface water diversions;
2. monitor surface water flows, including in the vicinity of Mulga and riparian vegetation; and

3. monitor the health and cover of Mulga and riparian vegetation to be retained in the proposal area and in adjacent areas.

This monitoring is to be carried out to the satisfaction of the CEO*, and is to be carried out in such a way that, should a significant decline in health or cover of Mulga or riparian vegetation be detected, it will be possible to determine whether the decline is attributable to the implementation of the proposal or to other causes.

7-3 The proponent shall submit annually the results of monitoring required by condition 7-2 to the CEO.

7-4 In the event that monitoring required by condition 7-2 indicates a decline in the health and condition of the Mulga and riparian vegetation:

1. the proponent shall report such findings to the CEO within 21 days of the decline being identified;
2. the proponent shall provide evidence which allows determination of the cause of the decline;
3. if determined by the CEO to be a result of activities undertaken in implementing the proposal, the proponent shall submit actions to be taken to remediate the decline within 21 days of the determination being made to the CEO; and
4. the proponent shall implement actions to remediate the decline of Mulga and riparian vegetation upon approval of the CEO and shall continue until such time the CEO determines that the remedial actions may cease.

7-5 The proponent shall make the monitoring reports required by conditions 7-2 publicly available in a manner approved by the CEO.

*The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, or his delegate.

[Signed 19 August 2014]

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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE