

## Iron Ore

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Dear Minister

### **PROPOSALS AND APPROVALS LODGED BY BHP BILLITON IRON ORE PTY LTD**

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd confirms the capacity in, and authority under which it lodged proposals or seeking approvals for the following:

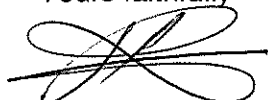
- Mount Newman Joint Venture operating under the Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964;
- Mount Goldsworthy Mining Associates Joint Venture operating under the Iron Ore (Mount Goldsworthy) Agreement Act 1964 and the Iron Ore (Goldsworthy-Nimingarra) Agreement Act 1972;
- BHP Iron Ore (Jimblebar) Pty Ltd operating under the Iron Ore (McCamey's Monster) Agreement Authorization Act 1972;
- Yandi Joint Venture operating under the Iron Ore (Marillana Creek) Agreement Act 1991;
- BHP Billiton Direct Reduced Iron Pty Ltd;
- United Iron Pty Ltd; and
- BHP Coal Pty Ltd.

In each case, BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd confirms that it is the manager and agent of the participants and that it is authorised to undertake such business as is necessary or advisable

for the efficient and economic operations of the participants under their respective State Agreements, Mining Act and other legislation. This includes the preparation and lodging of development proposals documents under the above State Agreements on behalf of the participants. You will be aware that historically, BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd has prepared and lodged proposal documents under the above State Agreements and various approvals. In many cases, this has been since the inception of the State Agreements in question.

We trust that this satisfies the Department's query.

Yours faithfully

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**UVASHNI RAMAN**

Vice President Finance

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