

Environmental Protection Act 1986**Section 45C****NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND AN APPROVED PROPOSAL
WITHOUT INQUIRY****PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

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Australian Company Number 649 012 395

API Management Pty Ltd
Australian Company Number 112 677 595

PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES

West Pilbara Iron Ore Project – Stage 1 Mine Area

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT and ANY APPROVED CHANGES

Ministerial Statement 1027 (MS 1027), issued 4 February 2016

Ministerial Statement 1203 (MS 1203), issued 16 June 2023

DECISION

Pursuant to s. 45C (1) (c) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) acting as delegate for the Minister for Environment gives approval to the following amendments of the approved proposal:

- Amend the development envelope to include an additional 1,246.5 ha for the primary purpose of constructing and operating infiltration galleries for the maintenance of groundwater-dependant vegetation.
- The term ‘infiltration galleries’ has been added to Table 2 of MS1027 as an authorised element of the proposal.

The amended proposal content document and Attachment 1 to MS 1027 and Attachment 1 to MS 1203 are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The amendment does not alter the nature or scope of the approved proposal, which continues to involve the development of eight iron ore deposits across five locations situated between 35 and 85 kilometres south of Pannawonica.

- The requested amendment aligns with adaptive management requirements under MS 1027 Condition 8 to protect groundwater dependent vegetation from the impacts of dewatering and groundwater drawdown.
- No changes are proposed to the approved spatial extent of the disturbance footprint or limit of vegetation clearing, which remains at 5,445 ha.
- There are no Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC) or threatened flora species identified within the expanded development envelope area. One Priority Ecological Community (PEC) (*Triodia pisolitica* PEC) exists in the development envelope, with approximately 0.8 ha identified within the expanded development envelope area. Condition 7 of MS 1203 specifies mitigation measures for the *Triodia pisolitica* PEC and limits disturbance to 149.2 ha.
- Fauna habitat types are well represented both locally and regionally and the habitat types within the expanded development envelope are the same as those within the approved proposal. Potential impacts to conservation significant fauna species will continue to be mitigated through implementation of various species-specific management plans required under MS 1203 (Condition 12 for ghost bats) and EPBC Approval 2009/4706.
- Given that the proponent has provided adequate information about the environmental values within the proposed additional development envelope area, and for the reasons set out above, the amendment is not likely to result in a significant impact on biodiversity values for flora and vegetation and terrestrial fauna.
- Condition 8 of MS 1027 requires the ongoing monitoring and management of groundwater dependent vegetation. To comply with the requirements of Condition 8, the proponent has prepared and submitted for approval a Groundwater Dependent Vegetation Monitoring and Management Plan that provides for the operational management of water supplementation activities including the infiltration galleries.
- The proposed amendment will not result in a significant change in the extent or nature of the impacts of the currently approved proposal.
- There are no new environmental factors likely to be significantly affected as a result of the amendments.
- The effects of the amendments on their own, the effect of the amendments in the context of the existing referred proposal, cumulative impacts, and holistic impacts have been considered.
- The amended proposal will be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:

1. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to be able to be implemented under s. 45 of the EP Act.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



Darren Walsh
CHAIR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

27 March 2026

Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document
Attachment 2 – Attachment 1 of Ministerial Statement 1027
Attachment 3 – Attachment 1 of Ministerial Statement 1203

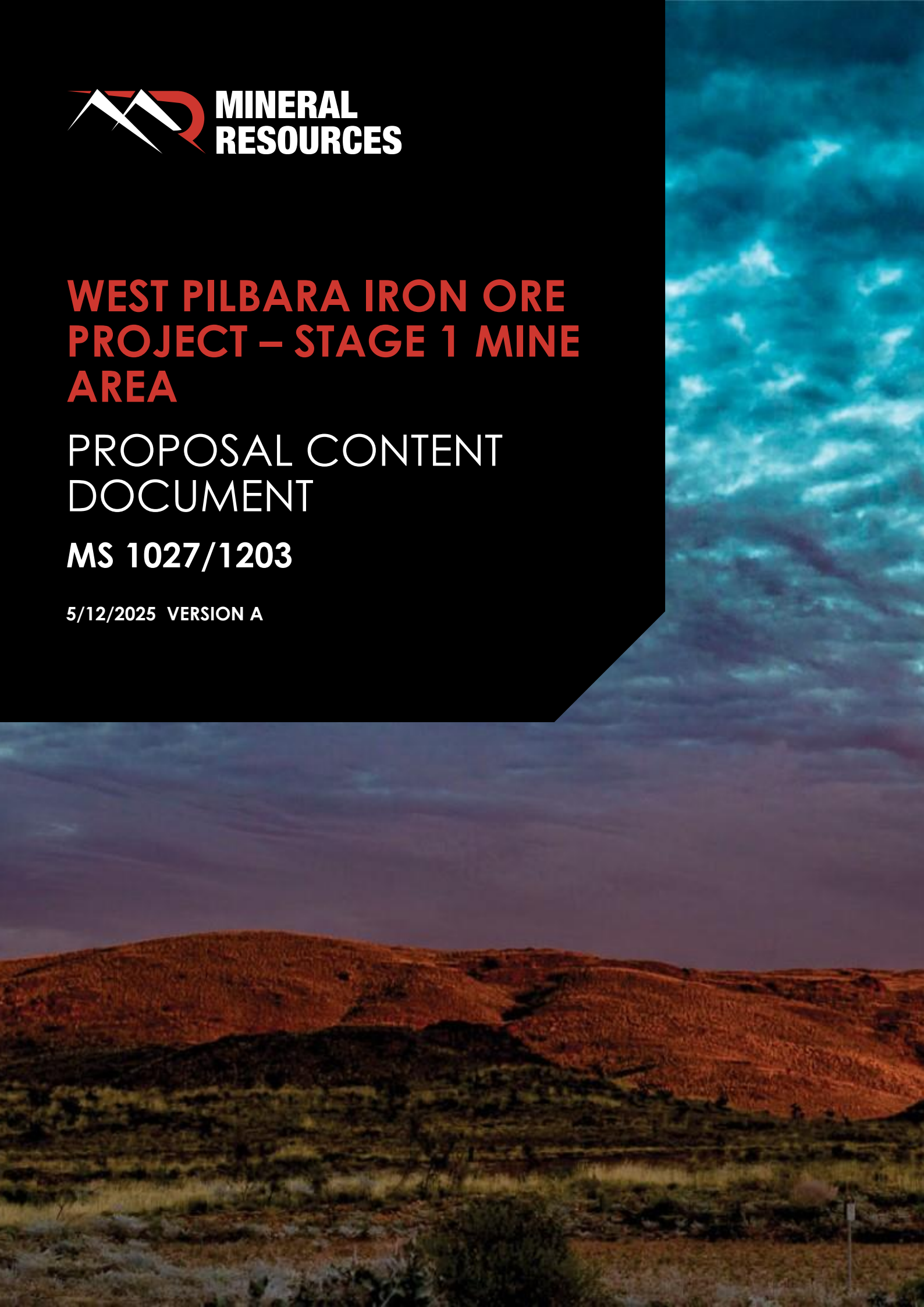


WEST PILBARA IRON ORE PROJECT – STAGE 1 MINE AREA

PROPOSAL CONTENT DOCUMENT

MS 1027/1203

5/12/2025 VERSION A



DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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A	27/11/2025	Annabelle McGuinness	Neil Smith	Jenny Cookson	Proposal Content Document to support S45C application

Acknowledgement of Country

MinRes is committed to reconciliation and recognises and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures, and histories. MinRes acknowledges and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land.

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1. PROPOSAL CONTENT DOCUMENT – INCLUDING PROPOSED S45C CHANGES

A Proposal Content Document is required for any request to amend a Proposal under S45C of the EP Act (EPA, 2024a). No Proposal Content Document exists for the current Proposal approved under Ministerial Statement (MS) 1027 and MS 1203 due to the age of these statements. Table 1.1 and Table 1.2: provide a General Proposal Content Description and Proposal Content Elements for MS 1027 and MS 1203 combined, and includes changes sought as part of this S45C.

Table 1.1: General Proposal Content Description - Including Proposed S45C Changes

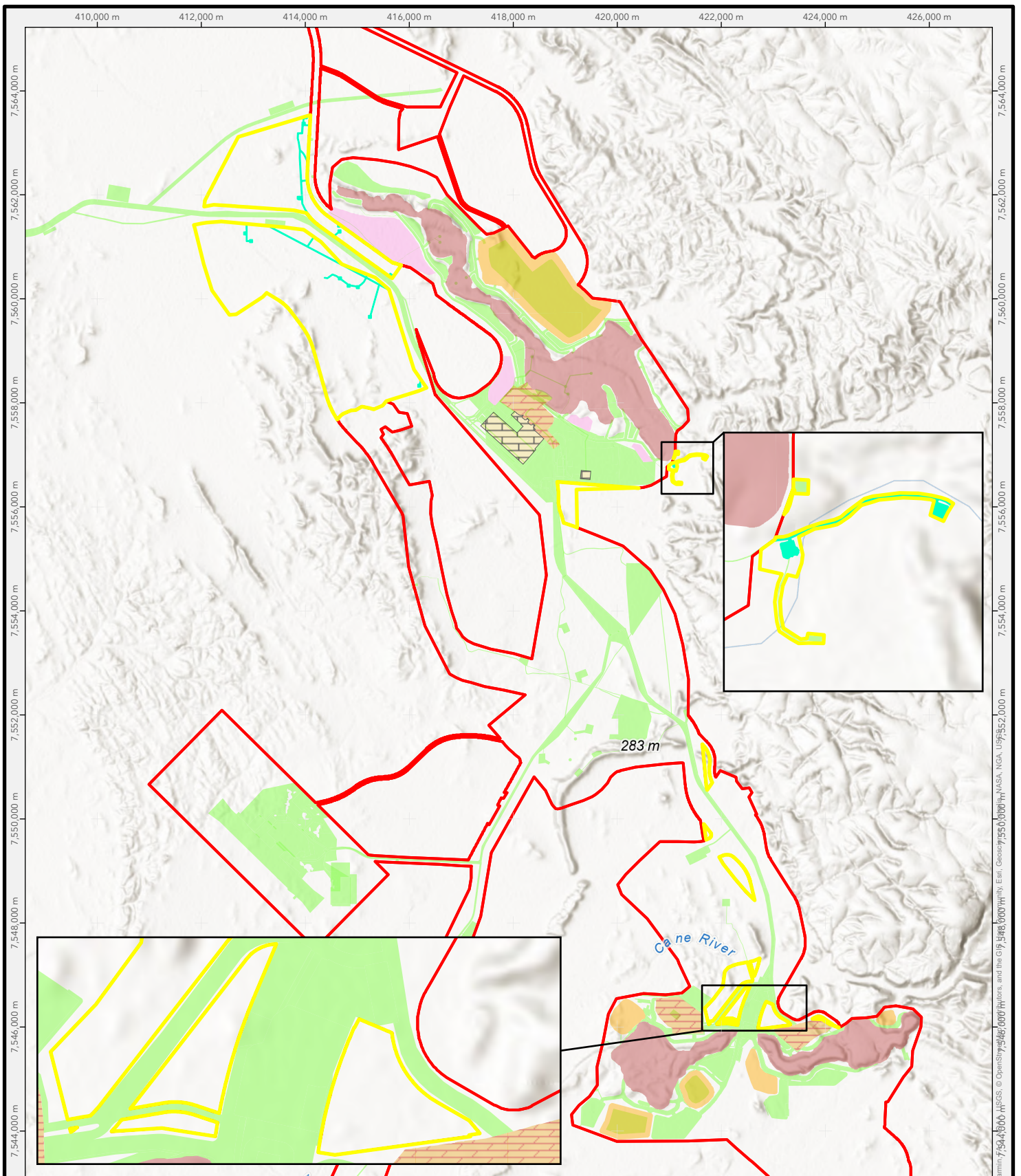
Proposal Title	West Pilbara Iron Ore Project - Stage 1 Mine Area
Proponent Name	Co-proponents: Onslow Iron Pty Ltd (ACN 649 012 395) and API Management Pty Ltd (ACN 112 677 595)
Short Description	<p>The development of eight iron ore deposits at five locations, between 35 and 85 km south of Pannawonica. The eight deposits are Kens Bore, Upper Cane, Cardo Bore East, Cardo Bore North, Cochrane, Jewel, Catho Well, and Trinity Bore.</p> <p>The Proposal includes development of mining and other infrastructure, including mine pits, waste rock landforms, stockpiles, processing facilities, water diversion structures, borrow pits, roads, services, utilities, processing facilities and dewatering facilities.</p> <p>The existing Proposal is located within a 14,806 hectare (ha) Development Envelope and will require the clearing of up to 5445 ha of native vegetation.</p> <p>The variation sought is to increase the Development Envelope by 1247 ha for a new Development Envelope area of 16,053 ha. No additional clearing is required.</p>

Table 1.2: Proposal Content Elements - Including Proposed S45C Changes

Proposal Element	Location	Existing Proposal extent, capacity or range	Proposed Amendment (Content of section 45C amendment)	Combined max extent, capacity or range (existing approval + proposed change)
Physical elements				
Mine elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open pits • Haul roads • Waste rock landforms • Topsoil stockpiles 	Figure 1.1	Clearing of no more than 5445 ha within a 14,806 ha Mine Development Envelope.	Additional 1247 ha to be included as part of the Mine Development Envelope	Clearing of no more than 5445 ha within a 16,053 ha Mine Development Envelope.
Processing elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ore stockpiles • Crushing plant • Processing plant 				

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Infrastructure elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Supporting infrastructure • Ancillary buildings 				
Operational elements				
Indirect vegetation disturbance from sheetflow shadow		Indirect disturbance of not more than 110 ha of any significant vegetation community, including Mulga vegetation, considered to be highly reliant on surface water sheetflow.	No change	No change
Groundwater abstraction for water supply and mine dewatering		Abstraction of no more than 5 gigalitres per annum (GL/a)	No change	No change
Discharge of excess water		Discharge of no more than 1.5 GL/a	No change	No change
Overburden material management		Pits will be backfilled above the pre-mining water table	No change	No change
Commissioning				
Commissioning of the processing facility subject to operational limits above				
Rehabilitation and Closure				
Progressive rehabilitation will be undertaken over the life of the mine with rehabilitation of pits commencing within one year of pit closure. Areas disturbed through implementation of this Proposal will be designed to be safe and non-polluting and will be constructed so that their final shape, size, stability, and ability to support local native vegetation are comparable to natural landforms in the area.				
Other elements which affect extent of effects on the environment			Existing LOM	Proposed LOM
Proposal time	Maximum project life – up to 2052		Up to 2052	No change

Note that based on recent announcements from the WA State Government regarding management of greenhouse gases being a Federal Government issue, the above table does not include greenhouse gas emissions as a Proposal Element.



Legend

- MS1027/MS1203 Development Envelope
- Proposed Additional Area
- Low-grade ore stockpile (class 1)
- Mining void (with a depth of at least 5 metres - above ground water level)
- Plant site
- Run-of-mine pad
- Waste dump or overburden stockpile (class 1)
- Other mining activities
- Indicative Disturbance



INDICATIVE MINE SITE LAYOUT INCLUDING PROPOSED S45C CHANGE

0 1 2 3 4 km

Scale @ A4: 1:100,000
GDA2020 MGA Zone 50

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2. PROPOSAL CONTENT DOCUMENT – FINAL

Table 1.1 and Table 1.2: provide a final General Proposal Content Description and Proposal Content Elements for MS 1027 and MS 1203 combined, should the s45C changes be approved as proposed.

Table 2.1: General Proposal Content Description - Final

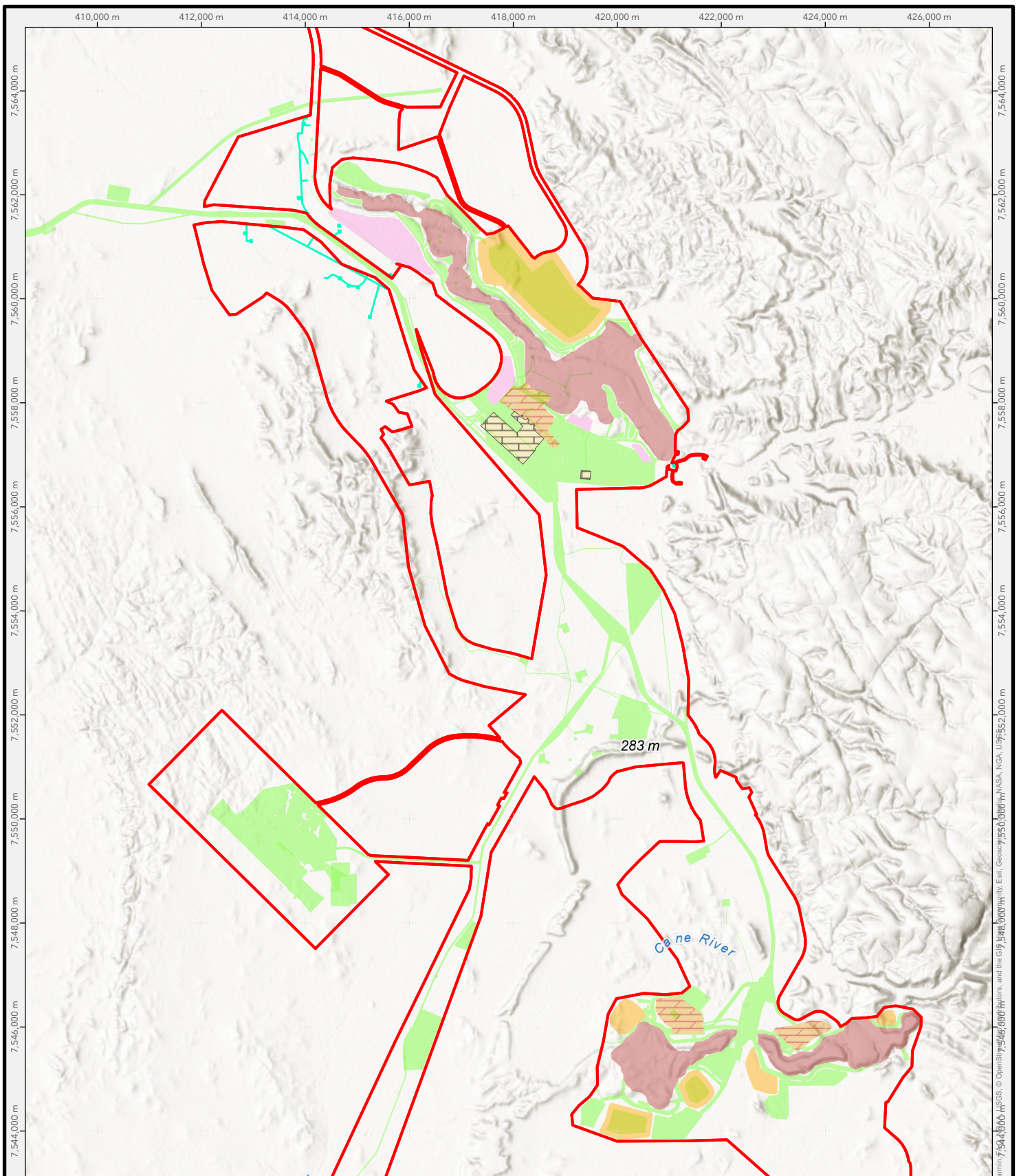
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Table 2.2: Proposal Content Elements - Final

Proposal Element	Location	Proposal extent, capacity or range
Physical elements		
Mine elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open pits • Haul roads • Waste rock landforms • Topsoil stockpiles 	Figure 2.1	Clearing of no more than 5445 ha within a 16,053 ha Mine Development Envelope.
Processing elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ore stockpiles • Crushing plant • Processing plant 		
Infrastructure elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Supporting infrastructure • Ancillary buildings 		
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- MS1027/MS1203 Development Envelope
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- MinRes Approval Details (Areas)**
- Other mining activities
- Key Mine Activities**
- Low-grade ore stockpile (class 1)
- Indicative Disturbance
- Mining void (with a depth of at least 5 metres)
- above ground water level
- Plant site
- Run-of-mine pad



INDICATIVE MINE SITE LAYOUT

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