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Statement No. 1013

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

**EXPLORATION DRILLING MUNGADA BLUE HILLS EAST**

**Proposal:** The proposal is for clearing of access tracks and clearing, levelling and cut and fill of drill pads for exploration drilling on the Mungada Ridge of the Midwest Region of Western Australia.

**Proponent:** Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited  
Australian Company Number 009224800

**Proponent Address:** 7 Rheola Street  
West Perth, WA 6005

**Assessment Number:** 2040

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1544

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

Words and expressions used in this Statement shall have the same respective meanings as in the EP Act or as provided for in Schedule 1 of this Statement.

**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 non-compliance being known.

- 4-6 The proponent shall submit to the CEO the first Compliance Assessment Report fifteen (15) months from the date of issue of this Statement addressing the twelve (12) month period from 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**

- 6-1 The proponent shall ensure that cleared and disturbed landforms are reshaped and rehabilitated such that no permanent scarring results from the exploration program. Keystone species are to be returned to disturbed areas using native species of local provenance, and ensure that the condition, abundance and density of species are comparable to that which naturally occurs on the Mungada Ridge.

6-2 Prior to clearing and ground disturbing activities the proponent shall prepare and submit a Rehabilitation Plan consistent with the DMP/EPA Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans, to the CEO on advice from the Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The Rehabilitation Plan shall:

- (1) specify the areas to be rehabilitated;
- (2) identify the locations of Declared Rare Flora individuals and populations which are to be avoided;
- (3) specify the management actions and their timing related to the clearing and disturbance of exploration areas, including removal of plant material, management of topsoil and subsoil and storage of excess excavated materials;
- (4) determine the keystone species to be returned, including abundance and density;
- (5) specify the final profiles (reshaping) of the landforms to be returned;
- (6) specify the management actions and their timing, for the reshaping of landforms, return of stored excess excavated materials, subsoils and topsoil, the treatment of any compacted soils, the return of plant materials, and supplementary weed management, such that it will be implemented to ensure the management objective in condition 6-1 is achieved;
- (7) provide protocols and procedures to monitor the rehabilitation areas, to demonstrate that the objective specified in condition 6-1 is achieved;
- (8) develop a schedule of the rate of rehabilitation; and
- (9) provide a protocol and procedure for the review of the Rehabilitation Plan to ensure that the Rehabilitation Plan is meeting the objective specified in condition 6-1.

6-3 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the Rehabilitation Plan satisfies the requirements of condition 6-2, the proponent shall:

- (1) implement the management actions in accordance with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Plan;
- (2) continue to implement the management actions and monitor in accordance with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Plan until the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing that it has been demonstrated that the objective in condition 6-1 is being and will continue to be met and implementation of the management actions and monitoring is no longer required;

- (3) develop contingency measures and actions in the event monitoring of rehabilitation areas indicates the rehabilitation objective is not being achieved; and
- (4) report the results of the monitoring to the CEO and the Department of Parks and Wildlife on an annual basis, or as approved in writing by the CEO.

6-4 The proponent may review and revise the Rehabilitation Plan.

6-5 The proponent shall review and revise the Rehabilitation Plan as and when directed by the CEO.

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

6-7 The Rehabilitation Plan required by condition 6-2 shall be made publicly available once approved by the CEO.

[Signed 14 August 2015]

Albert Jacob MLA  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE**

**Table 1: Key Proposal Characteristics Table**

<b>Proposal Title</b>	Exploration Drilling Mungada Blue Hills East
<b>Proponents Name</b>	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited
<b>Short Description</b>	The proposal is for clearing of access tracks and clearing, levelling and cut and fill of drill pads for exploration drilling.

**Table 2: Physical elements**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Authorised Extent</b>
<b>Clearing and Disturbance</b>	Figure 2 of Schedule 1 and geographic coordinates as defined in Schedule 2	Clearing of no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.175 ha for access tracks; and</li> <li>• 0.48 ha for 16 drill pads, within a 36.96 ha development envelope.</li> </ul>

**Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions**

<b>Acronym or Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition or Term</b>
<b>CEO</b>	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 delegate.
<b>Declared Rare Flora</b>	As defined in the <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i>
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Authority
<b>EP Act</b>	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
<b>ha</b>	hectare
<b>keystone species</b>	A species whose impacts on its community or ecosystem are large and greater than would be expected from its relative abundance or total biomass.

**Figures Attached**

- Figure 1 Regional location
- Figure 2 Proposal location and development envelope

(These Figures are a representation of the co-ordinates shown in Table 1 and 2 of Schedule 2)

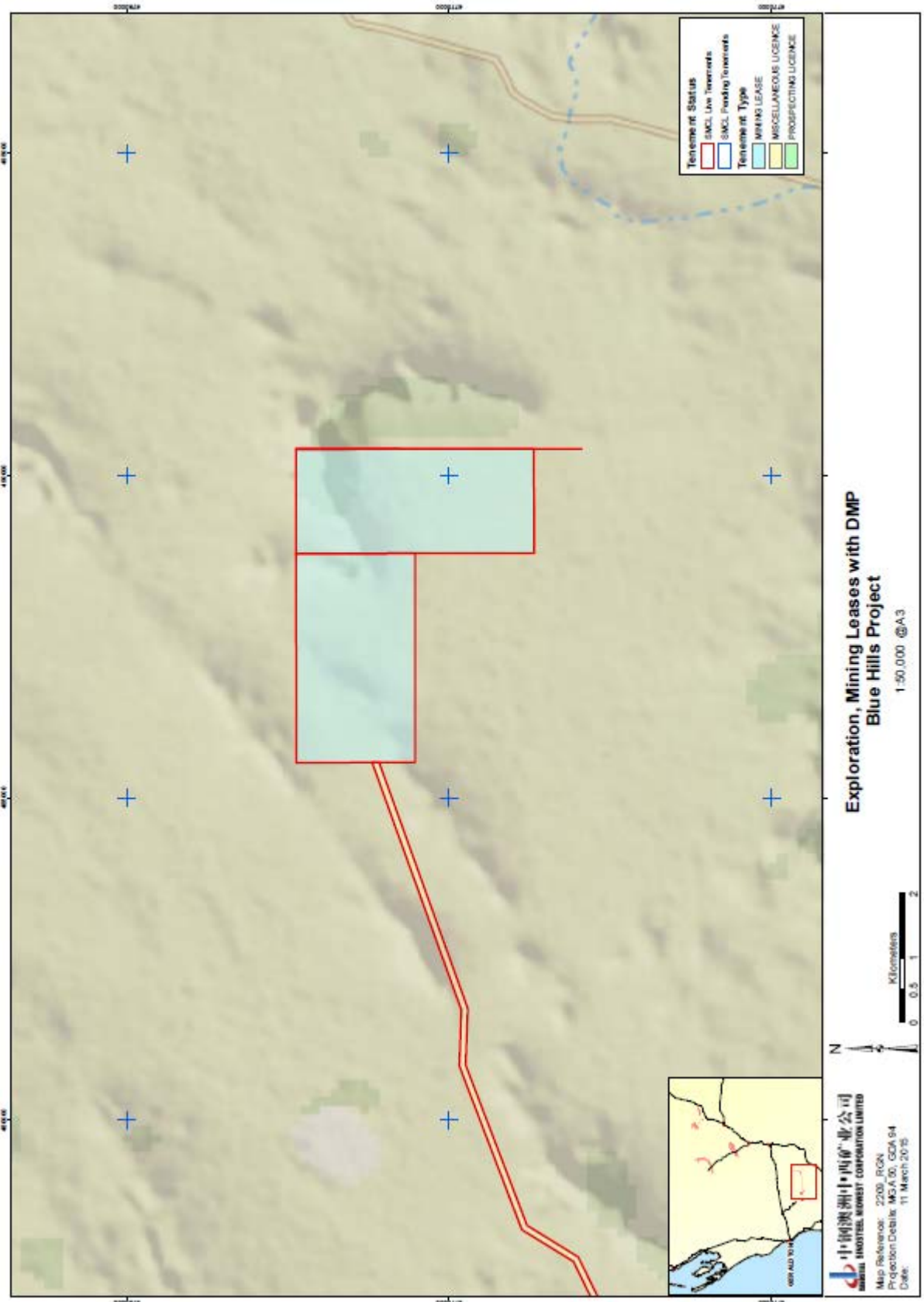
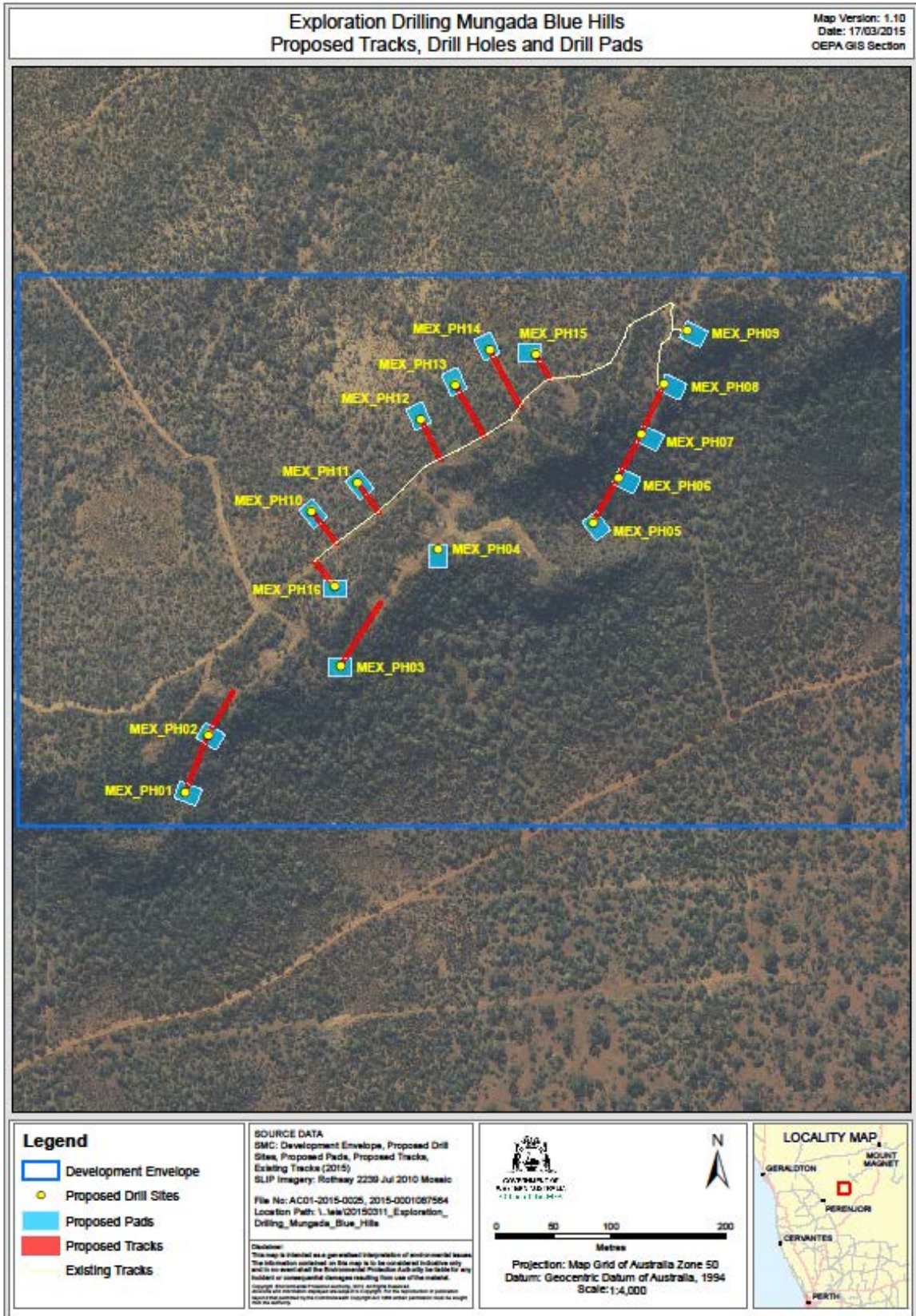


Figure 1 – Regional Location





**Figure 2 - Proposal location and development envelope**



Schedule 2

**Table 1: Exploration Development Envelope Coordinates (MGA Zone 50)**

Coordinate No	Easting	Northing
1	488920	6776780
2	489690	6776780
3	489690	6776300
4	488920	6776300

**Table 2: Clearing and Disturbance Footprint Coordinates (MGA Zone 50)**

Coordinate No	Easting	Northing	Feature
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**All coordinates are in metres, listed in Map Grid of Australia Zone 50 (MGA Zone 50), Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).**

Coordinates defining the Exploration Drilling Mungada Blue Hills East development envelopment as shown in Figure 2 are held by the Office of the EPA, dated 17 March 2015 (Document numbers 2015-0001087309).

## Attachment 1 to Ministerial Statement 1013

### Change to proposal approved under section 45C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

This Attachment replaces Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of Ministerial Statement 1013

**Proposal: Exploration Drilling Mungada Blue Hills East**

**Proponent: Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited**

#### Changes:

- Change in the number and location of cut and fill drill pads from 16 to 11.
- Change in the location and length of access tracks.
- Decrease of 0.055 hectares (ha) in the extent of authorised clearing for access tracks and drill pads.

#### Schedule 1

**Table 1: Summary of the Proposal**

Proposal Title	Exploration Drilling Mungada Blue Hills East
Short Description	The proposal is for clearing of access tracks and clearing, levelling and cut and fill of drill pads for exploration drilling.

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

Element	Location	Previously Authorised Extent	Authorised Extent
Clearing and Disturbance	Figure 2 of Schedule 1 and geographic coordinates as defined in Schedule 2.	Clearing of no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0.175 ha for access tracks</li><li>• 0.48 ha for 16 drill pads, within a 36.96 ha development envelope.</li></ul>	Clearing of no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>0.15</b> ha for access tracks</li><li>• <b>0.45</b> ha for <b>11</b> drill pads, within a 36.96 ha development envelope.</li></ul>

Note: Text in **bold** in Table 2 indicates a change to the proposal.

**Table 3: Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	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 delegate.
Declared Rare Flora	As defined in the <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i>
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>

Abbreviation	Term
ha	hectare
keystone species	A species whose impacts on its community or ecosystem are large and greater than would be expected from its relative abundance or total biomass.

### Figures (attached)

Figure 1 Regional location; and

Figure 2 Proposal location and development envelope.

## Schedule 2

Coordinates defining:

- the Development Envelope
- Access Tracks
- Drill Pads

shown in Figure 2 are held by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Document Reference Number DWERDA-014581.

[Signed 21 December 2017]

**Dr Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN  
Environmental Protection Authority  
under delegated authority

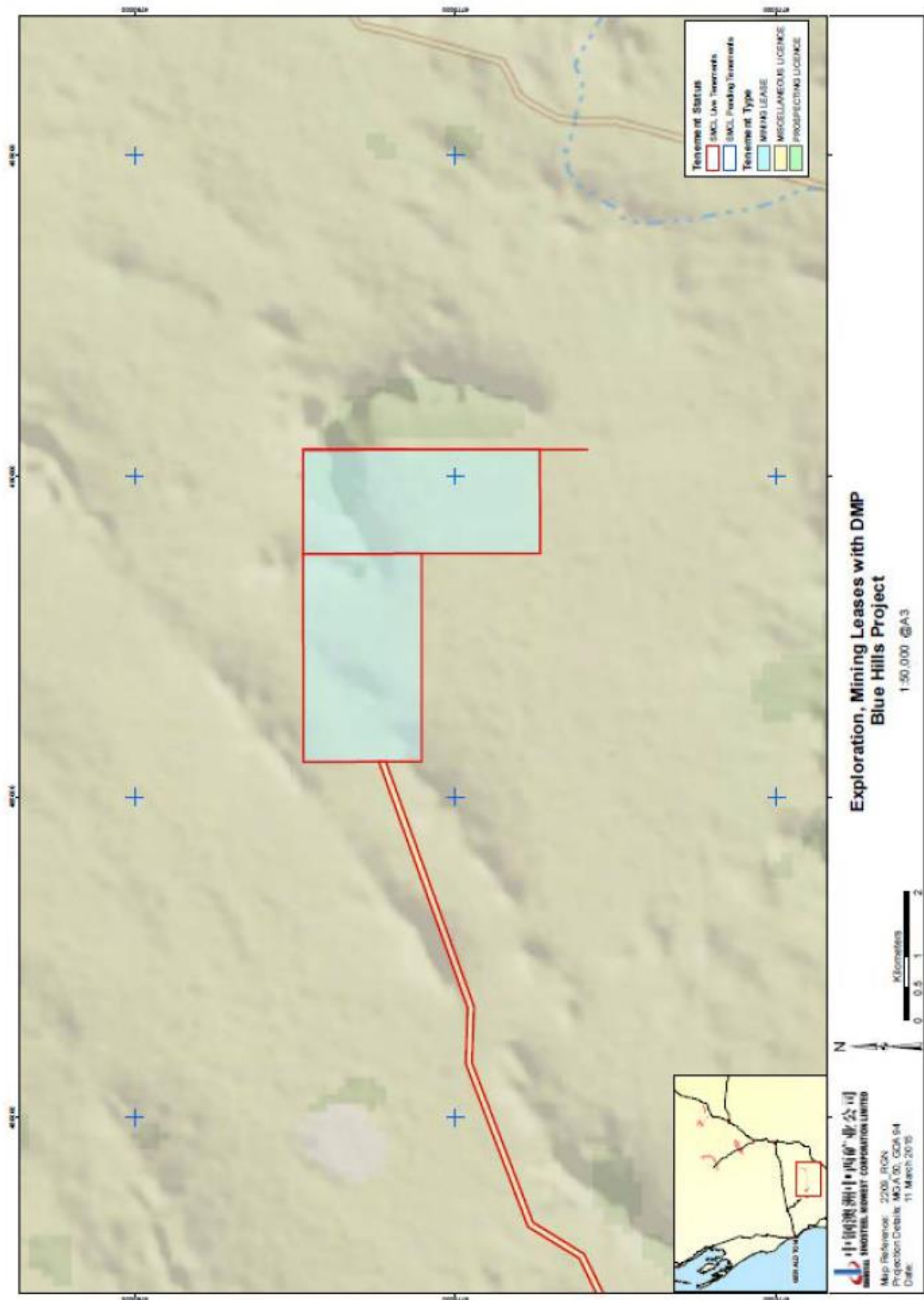


Figure 1 - Regional Location



Ministerial Statement 1013 - Attachment 1: Exploration Drilling Mungada Blue Hills East

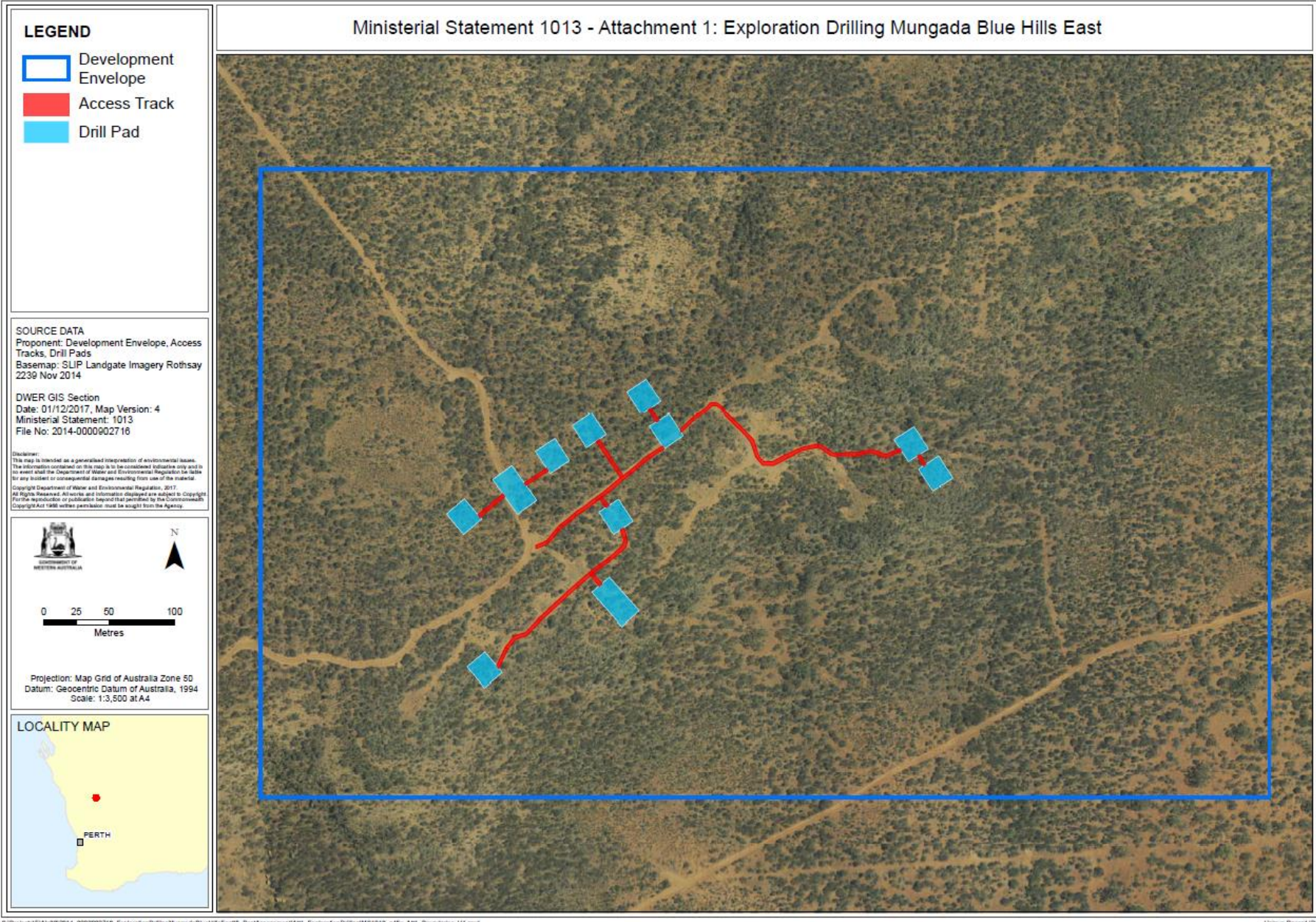


Figure 2 - Proposal location and development envelope