



Environmental Protection Authority

**Referral of a Proposal by A Third Party
to the Environmental Protection Authority under
Section 38(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.**

**EPA REFERRAL
FORM
THIRD PARTY**

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

Section 38(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) provides that any person may refer a significant proposal (one that is likely to have a significant effect on the environment) to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for a decision on whether or not it requires assessment under the EP Act. This form sets out the information requirements for the referral of a proposal by a third party.

Referrers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the EPA's *General Guide on Referral of Proposals* [see Environmental Impact Assessment/Referral of Proposals and Schemes] before completing this form.

A referral under section 38(1) by a third party to the EPA must be made on this form. This form will be treated as a referral even though a third party may not be able to provide sufficient information on the proposal to enable to EPA to make a decision on whether or not to assess the proposal. Generally, the EPA will obtain additional project information from the proponent. The referral form and proponent information will be made available for public comment for a period of 7 days, prior to the EPA making its decision on whether or not to assess the proposal.

CHECKLIST

Before you submit this form, have you

	Yes	No
Completed all applicable questions in the form	Y	
Completed the Referror's Declaration	Y	

Following a review of the information presented in this form, please consider the following question. (A response is Optional)

DO YOU CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL REQUIRES FORMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?


YES
 NO
 NOT SURE

IF YES, WHAT LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT?

ASSESSMENT ON PROPONENT INFORMATION
 PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

THIRD PARTY REFERROR DECLARATION (To be completed by the Referror)

I Adam Ashby, (*full name*) submit this referral to the Environmental Protection Authority for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.

Signature 	Adam Ashby
Address	100 PLAIN ST EAST PERTH 6004
Date	13 August 2014

1. PROPONENT, PROPOSAL AND LOCATION INFORMATION

1.1 PROPONENT

Name	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited
Joint Venture parties (if applicable)	
Postal Address	PO BOX 529 WEST PERTH WA 6872
Key proponent contact for the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Mr Deep Shankar • Address As Above • Phone 9429 4839 • Email dshankar@smcl.com.au 	

1.2 PROPOSAL

Title Programme of Works	
Description	RC drilling campaign which consists of 16 drill holes, 16 pads (20x 15m) and 1210m of track. Total disturbance 0.86ha.

1.3 LOCATION

Name of the Shire in which the proposal is located	Perenjori
For urban areas – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street address • lot number • suburb • nearest road intersection 	N/A
For remote localities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nearest town • distance and direction from that town to the proposal site 	420 KM NE of Perenjori

2. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Use the following list of environmental elements to set out your concerns in relation to the potential impacts of the proposal and in explanation of your judgement that the proposal is significant in terms of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*:

Element of the environment	Potentially significant impact
Flora and vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing of native vegetation • Rare or priority flora 	The proposed drilling location falls within the Mungada Blue Hills Region, which consists of Banded Iron Formations and supports a range of Declared Rare Flora and fauna species.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatened Ecological Communities • Bush Forever 	The area is also known to support TECs/PECs-
Fauna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fauna or fauna habitat • Specially Protected (Threatened) fauna 	Malleefowl, Western Spine-tailed Skink and Trapdoor Spider species have been recorded within the region.
Rivers, creeks, wetlands and estuaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity of development to waterways 	N/A
Significant areas and/or land features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Park or Nature Reserve • Environmentally sensitive areas • Significant natural land features (caves, ranges, etc) 	The drilling is also located on the CALM Purchased Former Lease: CPL/16, Karara P/I 3114/886.
Coastal zone areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity of proposed development to coastal area • Significant landforms, eg beach ridge plain • Mangroves 	N/A terrestrial ecological systems only.
Marine areas and biota <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive benthic communities, eg seagrasses, coral reefs, mangroves • Marine conservation reserves • Recreation or commercial fishing areas 	N/A terrestrial ecological systems only.
Water supply and drainage catchments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclaimed groundwater or surface water protection area • Underground Water Supply and Pollution Control area • Public Drinking Water Supply Area 	Ground Water Areas: GWA/17, Gascoyne
Pollution – discharge of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Vibration • Gaseous emissions • Dust • Liquid effluent • Solid waste 	N/A
Greenhouse gas emissions	N/A
Contamination	
Social surroundings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal ethnographic or archaeological significance • Site of high public interest, eg recreation, scenic • Goods transport affecting amenity 	According to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs Inquiry Systems there are no registered Sites.



REF: REG ID: 48073

TO: **PHIL GOREY**

TITLE: Director, Environment Division

THROUGH Daniel Endacott Team Leader, Operations

FROM: Adam Ashby

DATE: 13 August 2014

**REFERRAL OF A PROPOSAL TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY
UNDER SECTION 38(5) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986.**

Background

In accordance with the Mining Proposal process (ENV-MEB-030) and the Programme of Work process (ENV-MEB-001) on the QMS, all proposals to be referred to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA), are to go through the Executive Director, Environment, after consultation with the relevant Team Leader.


Recommendation for Referral to EPA

It is recommended that Programme of Work (REG ID: 48073), titled *592014 M 59/596-1*, be referred to OEPA for the following reasons:

- Formal advice received from the OPEA dated 12 August 2014, indicated the Department of Mines and Petroleum should refer the matter to the OPEA as per section 38(5) (a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.


Tim Gentle (South – Principal Environmental Advisor) from the Environmental Impact Assessment Division of OEPA was contacted on 15/07/2014 in relation to the likely referral of this PoW. Tim concurred that the proposal should be formally referred.

Please find attached a completed referral form for the PoW proposal. If you agree with this recommendation for referral, please sign below and return to Adam Ashby.



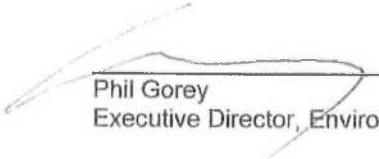
Adam Ashby
Environmental Officer

13/08/2014
Date



Daniel Endacott
Team Leader

13/08/14
Date



Phil Gorey
Executive Director, Environment



Date