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Statement No. 1087

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

MT KEITH SATELLITE PROJECT

Proposal: The proposal is to develop a nickel mine as a satellite operation to the existing Mt Keith Mine. The proposal includes two open pits, a waste rock landform and a haul road corridor. Ancillary infrastructure that supports mining will also be located at the satellite operation.

The mined ore will be processed at the existing Mt Keith Mine located approximately 20 km north of the satellite operation. The proposal is located 80 km north of Leinster and intersects the Shire of Leonora and Shire of Wiluna.

Proponent: BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd
Australian Company Number 004 184 598

Proponent Address: 125 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Assessment Number: 2122

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1625

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

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 of 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, and maintain a Compliance Assessment Plan which is submitted to the CEO at least six (6) months prior to the first Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 4-6, or prior to implementation of the proposal, 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)) management plans and reports 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 Flora and Vegetation Management Plan

- 6-1 The proponent shall implement the proposal to meet the following environmental objective:
- (1) Avoid, where possible, and minimise indirect impacts as far as practicable to Priority flora, the Violet Range PEC and the Wanjarri Nature Reserve.
- 6-2 In order to meet the requirements of condition 6-1, the proponent shall implement the *Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan* (Version 0, September 2018).
- 6-3 The proponent shall implement the most recent version of the Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan which the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing, addresses the requirements of condition 6-1, on advice of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
- 6-4 The proponent shall continue to implement the *Flora and Vegetation Environmental Management Plan* (Version 0, September 2018), or any subsequent revisions as approved by the CEO in condition 6-3, until the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing that the plan meets the objective specified in condition 6-1.

7 Aboriginal Heritage

- 7-1 Prior to the commencement of ground-disturbing activities, the proponent shall consult with the Tjiwarl Native Title Claim Group and ensure that the proponent has complied with its obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

8 Greenhouse Gas Reporting

- 8-1 The proponent shall publicly report the greenhouse gas emissions from the proposal on an annual basis, in a manner approved by the CEO.

27 December 2018

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Table 1: Summary of the proposal

Proposal title	Mt Keith Satellite Project
Short description	<p>The proposal is to develop a nickel mine as a satellite operation to the existing Mt Keith Mine. The proposal includes two open pits, a waste rock landform and a haul road corridor. Ancillary infrastructure that supports mining will also be located at the satellite operation.</p> <p>The mined ore will be processed at the existing Mt Keith Mine located approximately 20 km north of the satellite operation. The proposal is located 80 km north of Leinster and intersects the Shire of Leonora and Shire of Wiluna.</p>

Table 2: Location and proposed extent of physical and operational elements

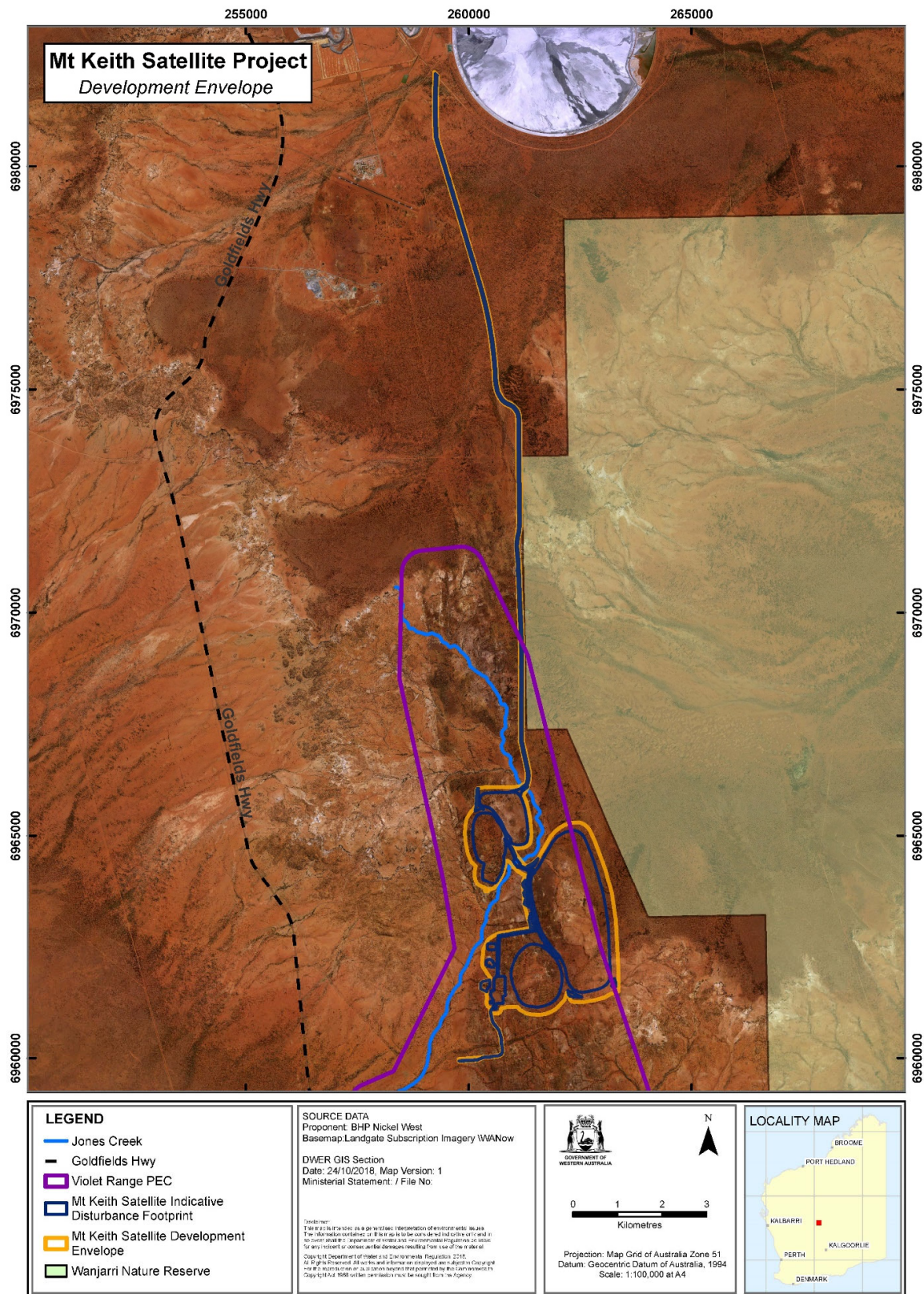
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Element	Location	Proposed extent
Physical elements		
Native vegetation clearing	Figure 1	Clearing of up to 878 ha of native vegetation within a development envelope of 1259 ha.
Operational elements		
Pit dewatering	NA	Water abstraction of up to 0.4 GL per year. Dewatering via bore/s and pit sumps.

Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions

Acronym or Abbreviation	Definition or 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 his delegate.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
GL	Gigalitre
ha	Hectare
km	kilometre

Figures (attached)

Figure 1 Mt Keith Satellite Project development envelope (This map is a representation of the co-ordinates shown in Schedule 2)



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Figure 1: Development envelope

Schedule 2

Coordinates defining the development envelope are held by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Document Reference

Attachment 1 to Ministerial Statement 1087

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

This Attachment replaces Schedule 1 and 2, and Figure 1 of Ministerial Statement 1087

Proposal: Mt Keith Satellite Project

Proponent: BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd

Changes:

- Revise development envelope by net increase of 6 hectares.
- Increase to clearing of native vegetation by 191 hectares.

Table 1: Summary of the Proposal

Proposal Title	Mt Keith Satellite Project
Short Description	The proposal is to develop a nickel mine as a satellite operation to the existing Mt Keith Mine. The proposal includes two open pits, a waste rock landform and a haul road corridor. Ancillary infrastructure that supports mining will also be located at the satellite operation. The mined ore will be processed at the existing Mt Keith Mine located approximately 20 km north of the satellite operation. The proposal is located 80 km north of Leinster and intersects the Shire of Leonora and Shire of Wiluna.

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

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Element	Location	Previously Authorised Extent	Authorised Extent
<i>Physical elements</i>			
Native vegetation clearing	Figure 1	Clearing of up to 878 ha of native vegetation within a development envelope of 1259 ha.	Clearing of up to 1069 ha of native vegetation within a development envelope of 1265 ha .
<i>Operational elements</i>			
Pit Dewatering	N/A	Water abstraction of up to 0.4 GL per year. Dewatering via bore/s and pit sumps	Water abstraction of up to 0.4 GL per year. Dewatering via bore/s and pit sumps

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

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[Signed 16 September 2020]

Dr Tom Hatton

CHAIRMAN

Environmental Protection Authority
under delegated authority

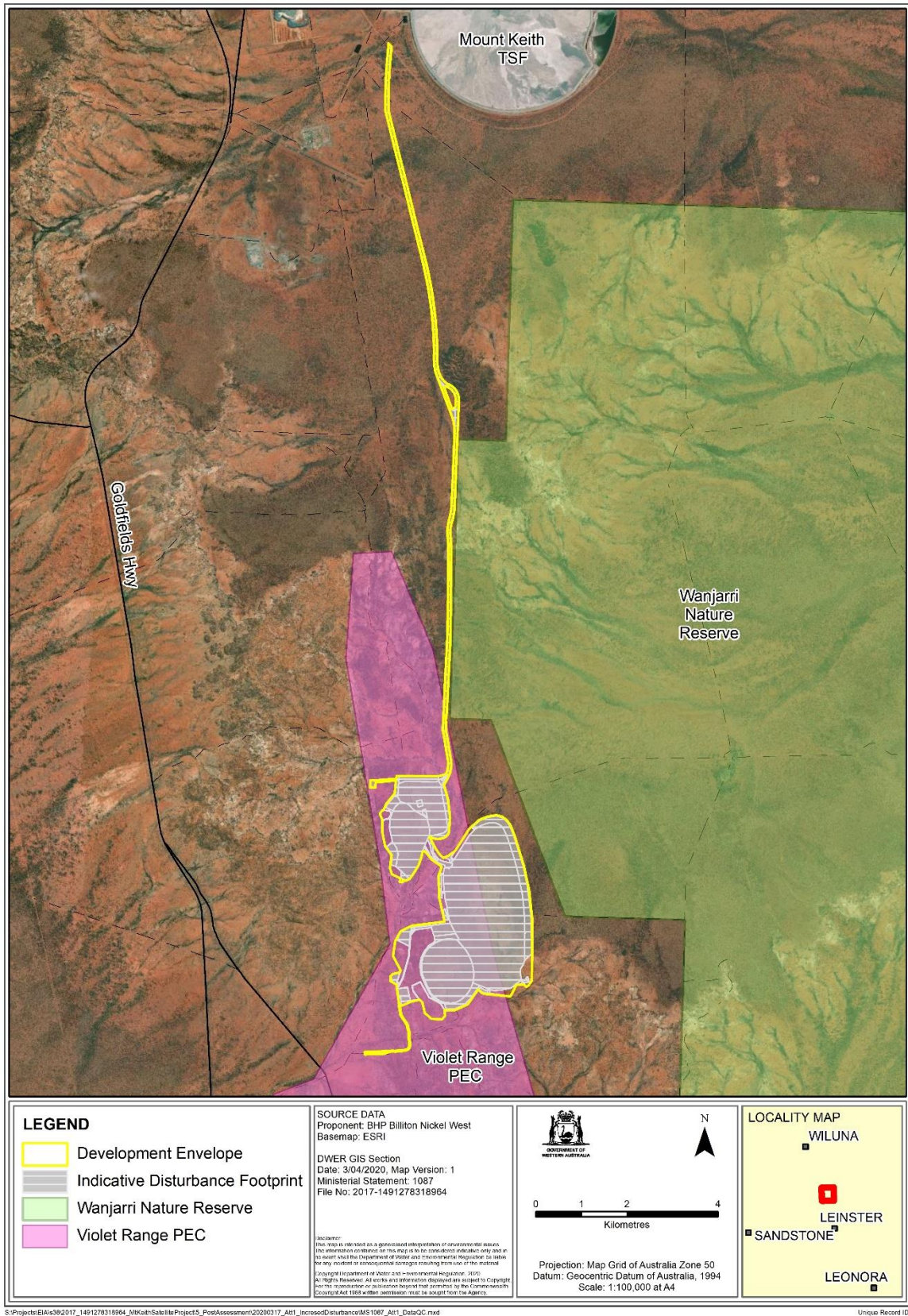


Figure 1. Mt Keith Satellite Project development envelope

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Coordinates defining the Development Envelope and Indicative Proposal Footprint are held by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Document Reference Number DWERT4697.