

Iron Ore



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RE: Orebody 24/25 Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan Update

Dear Anthony,

Condition 9-1 of Ministerial Statement 834 requires BHP Billiton Iron Ore to 'implement the proposal in accordance with the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan provided as Appendix B of Orebody 24/25 Upgrade Project Environment Protection Statement or subsequent revisions'. BHP Billiton Iron Ore submitted Revision 2 of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan in January 2010.

Condition 9-2 of Ministerial Statement 834 states 'the proponent shall review and revise the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan required by condition 9-1 at intervals not exceeding 5 years'. This 5 yearly review is required in January 2015.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore requests approval to delay submission of the Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan for the Eastern Ridge Operations to allow integration with additional projects that the business proposes to seek approval for in 2015 and a planned revised proposal for the site. It is anticipated the updated Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan will be available and submitted in December 2015. Additionally the updated Plan will be prepared in accordance with the revised Mine Closure Planning Guidelines, when released. During this interim period BHP Billiton Iron Ore will continue to operate utilising the existing Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact Brendan May (Senior Environment Advisor) on (08) 9154 8510 or brendan.may@bhpbilliton.com.

Yours sincerely

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