



Statement No.

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; SCIENCE

**STATEMENT TO AMEND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO A PROPOSAL
(PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 46 OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)**

**GAS PIPELINE TO NIFTY COPPER OPERATIONS
GREAT SANDY DESERT**

Proposal: The construction of a gas pipeline to supply natural gas for on-site power generation at Nifty Copper Operations located in the eastern Pilbara region. The gas pipeline is a 46 kilometre spur line from the Port Hedland - Telfer Pipeline to Nifty Copper Operations, as documented in schedule 1 of this statement.

Proponent: Birla (Nifty) Pty Ltd

Proponent Address: Level 2, 23 Ventnor Avenue, WEST PERTH WA 6005

Assessment Number: 1591

Previous Assessment Number: 1549

Previous Statement Number: Statement No. 676 (published on 15 April 2005)

Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Bulletin 1198

Previous Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: Bulletin 1164.

The implementation of the proposal to which the above reports of the Environmental Protection Authority relate is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statement No. 676, as amended by the following:

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Conditions 8-1, 8-6 and 8-7 (Fauna Management – Open Trench) of Statement No. 676 are deleted and replaced by the following conditions:

8-1 To minimise fauna deaths during construction, the proponent shall undertake open trench work from April to October (inclusive). In the event that open trench work cannot be completed by 31 October 2005 using construction methods outlined in the Assessment on Referral Information document dated January 2005, the proponent shall comply with the requirements of condition 8-12.

The proponent shall regularly notify the Department of Environment of construction progress and expected time to completion of open trench work.

8-6 “Shade shelters” shall be installed in open trenches at intervals not exceeding 100 metres, except where a dig-and-lay construction method is used, as required by condition 8-12.

8-7 “Trench plugs” shall be installed at intervals not exceeding 1000 metres in open trenches to allow fauna to exit, except where a dig-and-lay construction method is used, as required by condition 8-12.

A new condition is inserted immediately following condition 8-11 (Fauna Management – Open Trench) of Statement No. 676 as follows:

8-12 The proponent shall backfill the entire trench every day in accordance with the dig-and-lay construction methodology for all trenching conducted after 31 October 2005, as described in the McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd, Construction Execution Procedure VO14-600-1826, Revision B, 1 August 2005.

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