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Statement No.: 1025

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

HOPE DOWNS IRON ORE MINE, 75 KM NORTH-WEST OF NEWMAN  
PILBARA REGION  
BABY HOPE PROPOSAL

**Proposal:** Amendment to the Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine described in Ministerial Statement 584, to develop and operate the Baby Hope deposit and associated infrastructure as described in Schedule 1 of this statement.

**Proponent:** Hamersley HMS Pty Limited  
Australian Company Number 115 004 129

**Proponent Address:** 152-158 St Georges Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000

**Assessment Number:** 2066

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** 1562

Pursuant to section 45 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) it has been agreed that the proposal described and documented in Schedule 1 of this statement may be implemented, subject to the implementation conditions set out below.

Pursuant to section 45B of the EP Act, the implementation of the Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine Proposal described in Ministerial Statement 584 as amended by this proposal is subject to the implementation conditions in Ministerial Statement 584 dated 1 February 2002, as amended by Ministerial Statement 893 dated 12 April 2012, and the following additional implementation conditions:

## **8 Rehabilitation and decommissioning**

- 8-1 The proponent shall ensure that all areas within the Hope Downs 1 Development Envelope (delineated in Figure 2 and defined by the geographic coordinates in Schedule 2) are rehabilitated and decommissioned in an ecologically sustainable manner, through the implementation of the mine closure plans required by conditions 8-2 and 8-3.
- 8-2 Unless and until the proponent is notified in writing by the CEO that the mine closure plan submitted under condition 8-3 satisfies the requirements of condition 8-4 and meets the objective specified in condition 8-1, the proponent shall implement the Baby Hope Mine Closure Plan (17 August 2015, RTIO-HSE-0245210) and the Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine Closure Plan (February 2006, RTIO-HSE-0015596).
- 8-3 Within two years of this statement being issued, the proponent shall prepare and submit a consolidated mine closure plan for the Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine and the Baby Hope proposal to the CEO.
- 8-4 The proponent shall prepare the mine closure plan required by condition 8-3 in accordance with the *Guidelines for Preparing Mine Closure Plans, May 2015* and any updates, to the requirements of the CEO on advice of the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
- 8-5 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the mine closure plan submitted to meet the requirements of condition 8-3 satisfies the requirements of condition 8-4 and meets the objective specified in condition 8-1, the proponent shall:
- (1) implement the mine closure plan required by condition 8-3; and
  - (2) continue to implement the mine closure plan required by condition 8-3 until the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing that the proponent has demonstrated that the objective specified in condition 8-1 has been met.
- 8-6 The proponent shall review and revise the mine closure plan required by condition 8-3 at intervals not exceeding three years, or as otherwise specified by the CEO.
- 8-7 The proponent shall implement the latest revision of the mine closure plan, which the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing, satisfies the requirements of condition 8-4 and meets the objective specified in condition 8-1.

## **9 Offsets**

- 9-1 In view of the significant residual impacts and risks as a result of implementation of the proposal, the proponent shall contribute funds for the clearing of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation in the Hamersley IBRA subregion, calculated pursuant to condition 9-2. This funding shall be provided to a government-established conservation offset fund or an alternative offset arrangement providing an equivalent outcome as determined by the Minister.

- 9-2 The proponent's contribution to the initiative identified in condition 9-1 shall be paid biennially, the first payment due two years after commencement of the additional ground disturbance defined in Table 2 of Schedule 1. Subject to condition 9-7, the amount of funding will be \$750 AUD (excluding GST) per hectare of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation cleared within the Baby Hope Area (delineated in Figure 1 and defined by the geographic coordinates in Schedule 2) within the Hamersley IBRA subregion.
- 9-3 The clearing of 4,883 ha of native vegetation previously approved under Ministerial Statement 584 is exempt from the requirement to offset under condition 9-2.
- 9-4 Within twelve months of the date of this statement, the proponent shall prepare an Impact Reconciliation Procedure to the satisfaction of the CEO.
- 9-5 The Impact Reconciliation Procedure required pursuant to condition 9-4 shall:
- (1) include a methodology to identify clearing of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation subject to this condition in the Hamersley IBRA subregion;
  - (2) require the proponent to submit spatial data identifying areas of 'good to excellent' condition native vegetation that have been cleared within the Baby Hope Project Area delineated in Figure 1;
  - (3) include a methodology for calculating the amount of clearing undertaken during each biennial time period; and
  - (4) state dates for the commencement of the biennial time period and for the submission of results of the Impact Reconciliation Procedure, to the satisfaction of the CEO.
- 9-6 The proponent shall implement the Impact Reconciliation Procedure required by condition 9-4.
- 9-7 The real value of contributions described in condition 9-2 will be maintained through indexation to the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI), with the first adjustment to be applied to the first contribution.

[Signed 24 December 2015]

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

**Table 1: Summary of the Proposal**

<b>Proposal Title</b>	Baby Hope Proposal
<b>Short Description</b>	The proposal is to amend the Hope Downs Iron Ore Mine described in Ministerial Statement 584, to develop and operate above water table open pits and associated infrastructure including waste rock dumps, stockpiles and haul roads within the Baby Hope Area.

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

<b>Element</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Authorised Extent</b>
Additional pits and associated infrastructure	Figure 1, Figure 2 and geographic coordinates in Schedule 2	Clearing of up to 800 ha (including up to 54 ha of Riparian Vegetation) in the 1,208 ha Baby Hope Area, within the 25,959 ha Hope Downs 1 Development Envelope.

**Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions**

<b>Acronym or Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition or Term</b>
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>
ha	Hectare

**Figures (attached)**

Figure 1 Baby Hope Project Area (This figure is a representation of the coordinates in Schedule 2.

Figure 2 Hope Downs 1 Development Envelope (This figure is a representation of the coordinates in Schedule 2.

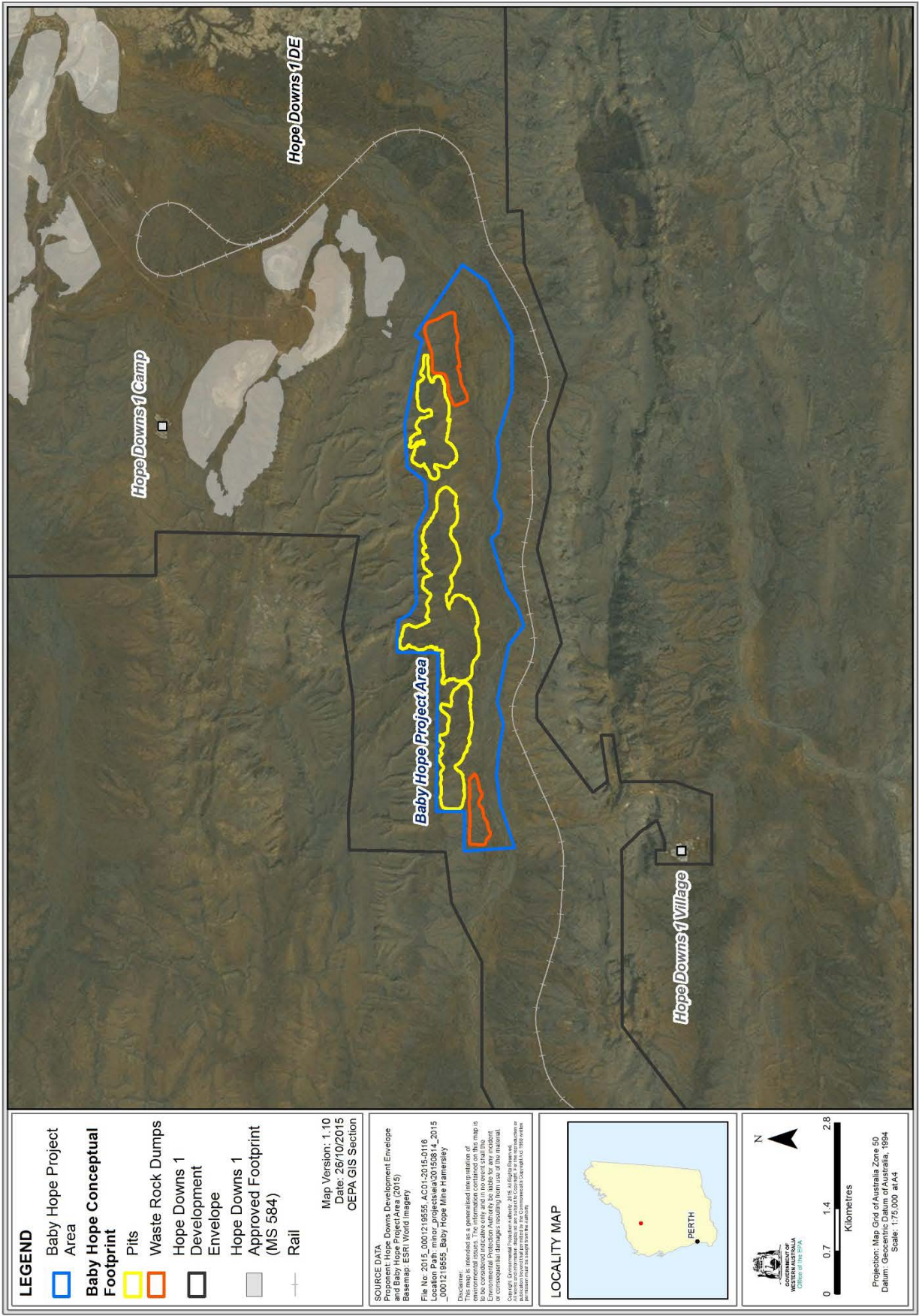


Figure 1 – Baby Hope Project Area

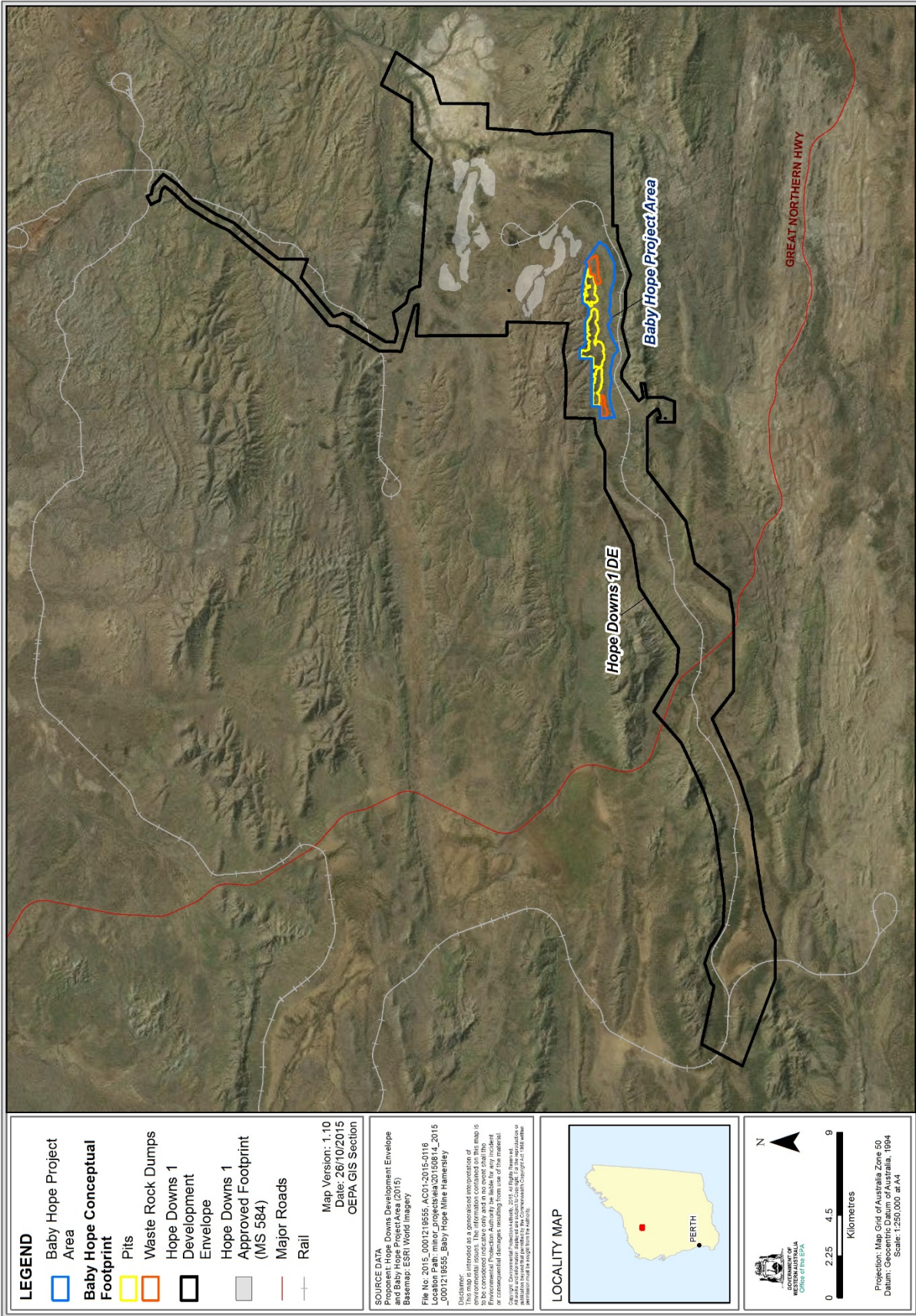


Figure 2 – Hope Downs 1 Development Envelope

## **Schedule 2**

Coordinates defining the Baby Hope Project Area are held by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, Document Reference Number 2015-0001265082.

Coordinates defining the Hope Downs 1 Development Envelope are held by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, Document Reference Number 2015-1445928780631.