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Statement No. 889

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

**MT GIBSON IRON ORE MINE & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**Proposal:** Refer to Ministerial Statement 753

**Proponent:** Mount Gibson Mining Ltd and Extension Hill Pty Ltd

**Proponent Address:** PO Box 55, WEST PERTH WA 6872 and PO Box 82, WEST PERTH WA 6872

**Previous Statement Numbers:** Statement No.753

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority:** Report 1421

The implementation of the proposal to which the above report of the Environmental Protection Authority relates is subject to the conditions and procedures contained in Ministerial Statement No.753 as amended by deleting condition 15 (Performance Bond) and amending condition 13 (Fauna Management along the Services Corridor) to read:

- 13-1 Prior to ground-disturbing activities of the Services Corridor, the proponent shall clearly delineate on the ground the boundaries of the services corridor, being up to 20 metres wide from Geraldton Port to Monger's Lake (agricultural section) and up to 15 metres wide from Monger's Lake to the mine site (pastoral section).
- 13-2 The proponent shall not cause or allow disturbance of vegetation outside the delineated services corridor referred to in Condition 13-1, unless authorised by the CEO.
- 13-3 Prior to vegetation clearing, the proponent shall mark significant habitat trees of sufficient age to form nesting hollows for hollow-nesting birds and mammals, and Malleefowl mounds, in consultation with the Department of Environment and Conservation.

- 13-4 The proponent shall not fell marked trees or disturb mounds referred to in Condition 13-3 except in the case where habitat trees or mounds occur in the direct line of the proposed pipeline and cannot reasonably be avoided.
- 13-5 Open trench lengths shall not exceed a length capable of being inspected and cleared by fauna clearing persons employed on the pipeline construction project within the times required by Condition 13-8. The "fauna clearing persons" shall be able to demonstrate suitable experience to obtain a fauna handling licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Note: "Fauna clearing persons" means employees whose responsibility is to daily walk the open trench to recover and record fauna found within the trench.
- 13-6 The proponent shall install ramps at intervals of not more than 500 metres along the entire route of the open trench to allow trapped animals to escape, except in remnant vegetation patches in the agricultural section, where each remnant vegetation patch shall have at least one ramp.
- 13-7 The proponent shall employ sufficient "fauna clearing persons" to ensure compliance with Condition 13-8. The "fauna clearing persons" shall be able to demonstrate suitable experience to obtain a fauna handling licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- 13-8 The open trenches shall be inspected by the "fauna clearing persons" for trapped fauna each day by no later than three hours after sunrise and half an hour prior to backfilling of the trench.
- 13-9 In the event of significant rainfall, the proponent shall, following the clearing of fauna from the trench, pump out any pooled water in the open trench (with the exception of groundwater) and discharge it via a mesh (to dissipate energy) to adjacent areas.
- 13-10 The proponent shall produce monthly performance monitoring reports on fauna management. These reports shall include a Fauna Register on the fauna found in the trench, and fatalities. These reports are to be provided to the Department of Environment and Conservation each month, and made publicly available.

[Signed 28 February 2012]

**HON BILL MARMION MLA  
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; WATER**