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**REFERRAL UNDER THE EP ACT – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF A NEW
FIBRE OPTIC SUBMARINE CABLE BETWEEN PORT HEDLAND AND DARWIN**

Skiron OPCO, a Nextgen Group company, is proposing to construct and operate an offshore submarine fibre optic cable network between Port Hedland (Western Australia) and Darwin (Northern Territory). Please find enclosed the EP Act referral for the Project Skiron – Fitzroy Cable.

The Proposal involves the installation of approximately 2000 km of fibre optic cable and is divided into two stages:

- Stage 1 - Marine route survey to obtain a detailed account of the seabed
- Stage 2 - Installation of the fibre optic cable.

Please find enclosed the following;

- WA EP Act Referral Form
- Project Location Figure
- GIS Data Package
- Supporting Information Document

Please do not hesitate to call the undersigned on 0428925193 should you require any clarification or additional information for this referral.

Yours sincerely



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