



Yamatji Marlpa

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Pilbara Traditional Owners Sign Major Iron Ore Mining Agreement

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The Nyiyaparli People, Traditional Owners of land around Newman in Western Australia, today announced the finalisation of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's first major native title agreement in the Pilbara.

The Comprehensive Agreement was negotiated over four years and covers BHP Billiton Iron Ore's current and future operations within the Nyiyaparli native title claim area.

The agreement aims to deliver significant cultural, social and economic outcomes in the form of financial and non-financial benefits provided by BHP Billiton Iron Ore to the Nyiyaparli People. In return, the Nyiyaparli People will provide consents for BHP Billiton Iron Ore's operations on their country. Importantly, strong protections are included in the agreement for the Nyiyaparli People's most significant heritage sites.

Simon Hawkins, CEO of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, said, "We extend our congratulations to everyone involved on a professional and respectful negotiation.

Iron ore mining on Nyiyaparli country started in the 1960s with the Mt Whaleback mine. This agreement and the new approach creates a real partnership between the Nyiyaparli people and BHP Billiton Iron Ore, to ensure Traditional Owners now have a say in what happens on their country, maintain power to protect their most important sites and benefit from the mineral wealth on their traditional lands."

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for native title claims in the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne areas of Western Australia. The organisation has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents over 20 native title claims, all with their own language, culture and traditions.

YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation, run by an Aboriginal Board and provides a range of services to its members including claim and future-act representation, heritage protection services, community and economic development and natural resource management.

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