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Scott Gregson  
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25 October 2005

Dear Sir

**RE: APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION A90981 – A90983 BHP BILLITON  
IRON ORE PTY LTD IN RELATION TO THE JW4 JOINT VENTURE**

We confirm our support for application for authorisation A9098 relating to the JW4 Joint Venture.

We see the benefits from this project as being:

- An increased opportunity for local Australian businesses to participate in the resource market
- It shows a strong commitment to maintaining Australia as a significant player in the world mining and commodities sector
- Maintains and increased employment opportunities
- Develops infrastructure in the remote regions and encourages investment in support services.

We see no detriment arising from this proposed authorisation and give the application our full support.

Yours faithfully

Garret Dixon  
Executive General Manager  
Henry Walker Eltin (Administrator Appointed)

