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Dear Mr Gregson

**APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORISATION A90981-A90983 LODGED BY BHP
BILLITON IRON ORE PTY LTD IN RELATION TO THE JW4 JOINT VENTURE**

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2005 inviting the Department to make a submission on the above matter.

The Western Australian Government supports the JW4 Joint Venture because it will extend the life of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's Yandi iron ore mine, resulting in increased royalty payments and economic benefits to the State.

The Minister for State Development recently approved the JW4 Joint Venture Sublease pursuant to the *Iron Ore (Marillana Creek) Agreement Act 1991*.

Yours sincerely


Mr Jim Limerick
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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