





**PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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Karara Mining Limited (KML), a company being used by the joint venture between Gindalbie Metals Ltd and Anshan Iron and Steel Group, proposes to develop the Karara Iron Ore Project (KIOP) based on its mineral deposits at the Mid-West Regions of Western Australia.

The KIOP will consist of open-cut mining of iron ore, on-site processing to produce magnetite concentrate, and transport via rail to the Port of Geraldton for export to international markets. The project will include the construction of an accommodation village and airstrip at the minesite, and a linear infrastructure corridor containing a process water pipeline between the proposed borefield at Twin Hills groundwater sub-area near Mingenew and the minesite. Access to the minesite will be provided by upgrading an existing road between Morawa and the minesite.

Process water will be sourced from a borefield near Mingenew and piped to the minesite. Approval to abstract groundwater is being sought by KML under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1916*. As such, issues associated with development of the borefield are not addressed in this PER. Rail services will be supplied by a third party rail service provider, and electricity will be supplied by Western Power. Any approvals that may be required for this infrastructure will be sought by the relevant proponents supplying the services.

In accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, a Public Environmental Review (PER) has been prepared which describes this proposal and its likely effects on the environment. The PER is available for a public review period of 4 weeks from 15 September 2008, closing on 13 October 2008.

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