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Dear ██████████,

Pilbara Iron Company (Services) Pty Ltd - Application to Amend Purpose Permit CPS 6110/7 – Increase Clearing Permit Boundary and Increase Clearing Amount by 19 Hectares

Please find enclosed an application to amend native vegetation clearing permit CPS 6110/7. The permit authorises clearing for various purposes predominately associated with towns, camps and related infrastructure such as power, access tracks and monitoring bore network(s).

Request

The Permit Holder requests the following changes to CPS 6110/7:

- Increase the clearing permit envelope/boundary area to align with latest survey boundary (referred to as amendment area No.1);
- Increase the clearing permit envelope/boundary area at amendment area No. 2 to allow future clearing to repair town water supply infrastructure (water tanks). Further survey work will be required at this area prior to any clearing in accordance with existing Conditions 8 & 9;
- Increase area of clearing from 81 ha to 100 ha (19 ha increase). Of this up to 3 ha is proposed to occur within the amendment area for the purpose of maintaining infrastructure associated with a borefield. A more detailed/restricted activity area boundary has also been provided. The remaining 16 ha requested as part of this amendment is to be utilised throughout the existing clearing permit boundary (and amendment area No. 2) where adherence to existing survey conditions will continue as required.

As a result of the above proposed amendments the clearing permit boundary will increase by approximately 352.87 ha.

Clearing will be undertaken with a dozer using a raised blade clearing technique where possible. Blade down clearing may be required in areas of steep or rough terrain in order to provide a safe working environment.

Please note, RTIO intends to submit discrete applications for areas within CPS 6110 as the large permit boundary and current conditions require significant management. Based on the DWERs preference, CPS 6110 will either be amended as new permits are granted to remove overlapping sections or surrendered once all necessary new permits have been obtained.

Biological Information

Flora, vegetation and fauna assessments have been undertaken over the entire amendment area. Amendment area No.1 was surveyed by aecom botanists between 14-18th June 2024. A copy of the survey report, supporting IBSA data and ESRI shapefiles are attached. A statement addressing the 10 clearing principles is included in the attached survey report.

Amendment area No. 2 has not yet been surveyed. Flora and fauna surveys in this area will be completed in accordance with existing conditions 8 & 9 prior to any clearing being undertaken.

Environmental Management

The proposed activities will be undertaken in accordance with Rio Tinto's Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Management System (HSEQ MS).

Detailed heritage surveys (archaeological and ethnographic) have been completed over the amendment area. RTIO has aboriginal heritage agreements in place with the relevant TO group and is aware of its requirements under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA).

Should you have any queries on this application, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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Principal, Government Approvals East

Attachments/Index

1. NV-F04 - Application for an amendment form C4
2. Director Authorisation Letter
3. CPS 6110/7 ACR submitted in 2023
4. NVCP Application (Amendment) Areas Map
5. Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Habitat Assessment Report
6. ESRI Files of the Application (Amendment Area No.1 and Amendment Area No.2)
7. ESRI Files of the Activity Area within Amendment Area No.1
8. ESRI Files of the new boundary for CPS 6110/8
9. ESRI Files of the Survey Area (IBSA Package)