



Environmental Protection Authority

**EPA REFERRAL
FORM
DMA**

Referral of a Proposal by a Decision-making authority to the Environmental Protection Authority under Section 38(5) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

Section 38(5) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the EP Act) provides that a decision-making authority that has notice of a proposal that appears to it to be a significant proposal or a proposal of a prescribed class is to refer the proposal the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for a decision on whether or not it requires assessment under the EP Act. This form sets out the information requirements for the referral of a proposal by a decision-making authority.

Before completing this form, decision-making authorities are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the EPA's *General Guide on Referral of Proposals* [see Environmental Impact Assessment/Referral of Proposals and Schemes].

A referral under section 38(5) by a decision-making authority must be made on this form. This form will be treated as a referral provided all required information is included to the extent that it is pertinent to the proposal being referred. Referral documents are to be submitted in two formats – hard copy and electronic copy. The electronic copy of the referral will be provided for public comment for a period of 7 days, prior to the EPA making its decision on whether or not to assess the proposal.

CHECKLIST

Before you submit this form, have you


	Yes	No
Completed all applicable questions	YES	
Included Attachment 1 – location maps	YES	
Included Attachment 2 – Supporting information (if applicable)	YES	
Enclosed the CD of all referral information, including spatial data and contextual mapping.		NO

Following a review of the information presented in this form, please consider the following question. (A response is Optional)

DO YOU CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL REQUIRES FORMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT SURE
IF YES, WHAT LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT?		
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSESSMENT ON PROPONENT INFORMATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW		

REFERROR'S DECLARATION

I, Tonya Carter, submit this referral to the Environmental Protection Authority for consideration of the environmental significance of its impacts.

	Tonya R. Carter
Environmental Officer	Department of Mines and Petroleum
5 December 2012	

1. DMA, PROPOSAL, PROPONENT AND LOCATION INFORMATION

1.1 REFERRING DMA

Name	Department of Mines and Petroleum
Postal Address	Environment Division Mineral House, Level 10 100 Plain Street EAST PERTH WA 6004
DMA contact for the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none">NamePhoneEmail	Ms Tonya R. Carter (Environmental Officer) 08 9222 3806 Tonya.Carter@iinet.net.au

1.2 PROPONENT

Name of person/entity proposing to implement the proposal	Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary of RTIO)
Joint Venture parties (if applicable)	Robe River Iron Associates Joint Venture (RRIA)
Postal Address	Central Park, Level 24 152 – 158 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000
Key proponent contact for the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none">NameAddressPhoneEmail	Ms Shreya Shah Central Park, Level 24 152 – 158 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000 08 9327 2848 shreya.shah@riotinto.com

1.3 PROPOSAL

Title	AutoHaul Project - Construction Activities for Rail Infrastructure Adjacent to the Tom Price Rail Line within the Millstream-Chichester National Park
Description	The proposal is a part of an upgrade of the existing rail network on tenements L47/126, L47/102 and L47/228 (also referred to as the 'Auto Haul Project'). The proposed activities will be located on L47/47 and L47/228, the purpose of which are 'to conduct all necessary activities for

	<p><i>the design, planning, construction, operation and maintenance of a railway and all associated infrastructure in connection with mining operations pursuant to the provisions of the Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964'.</i></p> <p>The proposed activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation of Passive Level Crossing at 72.5 kilometre point (kp), 78.7kp, 81kp, and 114kp; • installation of Fibre Optic Cable at 76.4 to 77.4kp; • construction of a Signal Pad and associated equipment at 77.5kp; and • installation of a Narrow Band Shunt at 108.5kp. <p>This portion of the project will be located adjacent to the existing railway corridor within the MCNP and will traverse the Harding Dam Catchment Area, a Priority 1 Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA).</p>
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1.4 LOCATION

Name of the Shire in which the proposal is located	Ashburton Shire.
For urban areas – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street address • lot number • suburb • nearest road intersection 	Not relevant.
For remote localities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nearest town • distance and direction from that town to the proposal site 	The nearest towns are Karratha located approximately 60 km north west of the proposed activities and Roebourne located approximately 50km north east of the proposed activities.
Electronic spatial data - GIS or CAD on CD, geo-referenced and conforming to the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS: polygons representing all activities and named • CAD: simple closed polygons representing all activities and named • datum: GDA94 • projection: Geographic (latitude/longitude) or Map Grid of Australia (MGA) • format: Arcview shapefile, Arcinfo coverages, Microstation or AutoCAD 	Enclosed: No. Figures are embedded in the Mining Proposal document and a Context Map has been provided on CD.

2. APPROVALS/CONTROL MECHANISMS

<p>What approval(s) is (are) required from you as a Decision Making Authority?</p>	<p>Approval for Mining Proposal Native Vegetation Clearing Permit.</p>
<p>Is an amendment to a planning scheme proposed or required to enable implementation of the proposal?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Have you sought comments from a State Government Agency or Local Authority regarding this proposal?</p> <p>If yes, name all agencies and Local Authorities contacted.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Advice has been sought from Department of Water (DOW) and Department of Conservation (DEC). Please refer to DOW advice (15 November 2012) on CD. DEC advice has been forwarded to OEPA via e-mail.</p>
<p>What conditions can you place on the proposal to manage environmental impacts?</p>	<p>Relevant endorsements and conditions have been placed on the relevant tenements.</p>

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

<p>In what ways do you consider the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment and warrant referral to the EPA?</p>	<p>In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and DMP, DMP are required to refer proposals to the OEPA in relation to any proposal which trigger EPA referral criteria.</p> <p>Proposed activities intersect the Millstream Chichester National Park (MCNP) (Crown Reserve 30071), the Millstream Water Reserve (Priority 2) and the Harding Dam Catchment Area (Reserve 48) Priority 1 PDWSA, which potentially trigger referral criteria 1 and 6, respectively.</p>
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4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Please attach copies of relevant information you have received or can provide on the proposal and list documents below.

Document	Description/Title
1.	Letter - DOW Advice 15 November 2012 (ref RF4022-08)
2.	Mining Proposal – AutoHaul Project – Construction Activities for Rail Infrastructure Adjacent to the Tom Price Rail Line within the Millstream-Chichester National Park, October 2012.
3.	AutoHaul Project Construction Environmental Management Plan (October 2012)
4.	Figure 1 – Context Map.