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Dr Paul Vogel
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Dear Dr Vogel

BLUE HILLS IRON ORE PROJECT (MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 908) – PROPOSED EXPANSION

Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd (SMC) recently met with the Office of the EPA, the Departments' of Mines and Petroleum and Parks and Wildlife to present and discuss proposed expansion of SMCs Blue Hills Iron Ore Project. SMC has considered the feedback from these meetings and amended the original proposal to either avoid or mitigate environmental impacts to Mungada Ridge as much as possible.

SMC has also considered the previous assessments and advice given by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and considers the proposed project requires referral to the EPA under Section 38(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

I trust the attached information is sufficient to allow the EPA to make a decision on the Level of Assessment. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Ennor', written over a vertical line.

Wayne Ennor
Environment and Approvals Manager