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Dear Mr Purves

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 933 CONDITION 8-1 and 8-2 - SHORT RANGE **ENDEMIC FAUNA**

I refer to your email dated 23 September 2015 in which you submitted the report; The Distribution of Aganippe MYG086 (Araneae: Idiopidae) September 2015. The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) notes that the technical rigor of the report has been assessed by representatives from the Western Australian Museum (WAM) as requested by the OEPA in a letter dated 5 August 2015.

The OEPA further notes that WAM representatives have endorsed the findings of the report which conclude that populations of Aganippe 'MYG086' at the Iron Valley site are not considered to be a short range endemic species.

The OEPA therefore considers BC Pilbara Iron Ore Pty Ltd to have met the requirements of Conditions 8-1 and 8-2 and the area of vegetation defined as Zone 1 in Figure 2 of Schedule 1 of Ministerial Statement 933 can be cleared.

Please contact Rowan Inglis on 6145 0849 if you require any additional information regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kim Taylor

GENERAL MANAGER

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