

ROY HILL PROJECT RECEIVES SPECIAL RAILWAY LICENCE

Another milestone in the development of the Roy Hill Project was reached this week when the Western Australian State Government granted Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd a Special Railway Licence (SRL) for the construction, operation and maintenance of a dedicated heavy haul railway.

The award of the SRL now means that all primary approvals for the Roy Hill Project have been obtained.

The SRL is a regulatory requirement which will provide for the construction of a 342 km high speed heavy haul railway which will transport ore to two contiguous berths at Port Hedland directly from the mine site.

Rail operations will see the movement of five 232-wagon train loads of 32,000T each per day. The heavy haul railway will also have the capacity to provide extra ore haulage to stranded third party iron ore projects.

The receipt of the SRL was marked by a private ceremony attended by the Premier, the Hon Colin Barnett MLA, the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Bill Marmion MLA, respective department executives, the Chairman of Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (HPPL), Mrs Gina Rinehart, HPPL Group executives and guests from Asia.

