



Yamatji Marlpa
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Yugunga-Nya People Sign Native Title Agreement with Ventnor Resources

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The Yugunga-Nya People, Traditional Owners of land within the Eastern Murchison region of Western Australia, have announced the signing of an agreement with Australian base metals company Ventnor Resources Limited (Ventnor) for the Thaduna/Green Dragon Copper Project over 640 hectares of their traditional country in Doolgunna Western Australia.

The agreement recognises the cultural and environmental significance of the area for Traditional Owners and aims to deliver significant financial and social outcomes to the Yugunga-Nya People through commercial and community development opportunities.

Yugunga-Nya Traditional Evelyn Gilla said, 'I am happy that this agreement was signed. The company was friendly, and it was a good agreement for Yugunga-Nya people'.

Ventnor Managing Director Bruce Maluish responded, 'we at Ventnor extend our appreciation to the Yugunga-Nya People for the goodwill they have exhibited throughout our negotiations that have culminated in this important agreement. Ventnor looks forward to working with the group in the future'.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) CEO Simon Hawkins said, 'This agreement shows what can be achieved when companies are open from the outset. The mutual cooperation throughout negotiations meant this agreement was finalised within a short timeframe and both parties were happy with the result'.

About Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is the native title representative body for native title claims in the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne areas of Western Australia. The organisation has a representative area of almost one million square kilometres and represents over 20 native title claims, all with their own language, culture and traditions.

YMAC is a not-for-profit organisation, run by an Aboriginal Board and provides a range of services to its members including claim and future-act representation, heritage protection services, community and economic development and natural resource management.

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