



Yamatji Marlpa ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Yinhawangka BHP Billiton Project Agreement

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Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation and BHP Billiton Iron Ore celebrated the signing of the Project Agreement between the Yinhawangka people and BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

The Yinhawangka BHPBIO Project Agreement covers the area of the Yinhawangka Native Title Claims in the Pilbara, an area of 10,108 square kilometres.

Formal negotiations towards a Project Agreement began in 2011 and negotiations were concluded in 2015. YMAC represented the Yinhawangka people in the negotiations and assisted with the establishment of the Yinhawangka people's own corporation Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation.

Simon Hawkins, CEO of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation said this agreement between BHP Billiton Iron Ore and the Yinhawangka people is a positive outcome after many years of negotiation.

"This agreement between the Yinhawangka people and BHP Billiton is a great achievement for all involved. It's a positive example showing mining and Traditional Owners can co-exist if all parties are willing to listen and work co-operatively," he said.

Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation has been appointed by the Yinhawangka people to be their agent and will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Project Agreement.

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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