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## Sanjiv Ridge Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) Project

### 1 Background

Atlas Iron Pty Ltd (Atlas) has commenced development of the Sanjiv Ridge (previously known as Corunna Downs) Iron Ore Project (the Project) located in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, approximately 33 km south of Marble Bar. The Project involves the mining of five open pits (Split rock, Razorback, Shark Gully, Runway North and Runway South), using conventional drill and blast, load and haul methods to extract an iron ore resource of approximately 23.1 million tonnes (Mt) over a mine life of approximately six years. Ore is trucked to the run-of-mine (ROM) pad for crushing and screening with the final product hauled to Utah Point in Port Hedland for export overseas.

In accordance with part 9 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) granted approval to Atlas on 23 February 2018 for the proposed action EPBC 2017/7861. A request to vary the conditions of EPBC 2017/7861 was approved by the DAWE on 30 October 2020. In accordance with condition 8 of the approval, a compliance report is required for each twelve month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with the annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. This report is Atlas' inaugural compliance report covering the 12-month period 21 April 2020 (date of commencement) to 30 April 2021.

### 2 Objective

This report addresses condition 8 of EPBC 2017/7861, whereby:

*The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement** of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:*

- a) *publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;*
- b) *notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within five **business days** of the date of publication;*
- c) *keep all **compliance reports** publicly available on the **website** until this approval expires;*
- d) *exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** that are to be published on the **website**; and*
- e) *where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.*

The Project commenced the action on 21 April 2020. As per condition 6, Atlas advised the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement on 15 May 2020 (Appendix A and B).

### 3 Scope

This report details the commitments outlined within EPBC 2017/7861 (as varied on 30 October 2020) and assessment of compliance against conditions 1-12 for the reporting period 21 April 2020 to 30 April 2021.



## 4 Statement of Compliance

### 4.1 Proposal and Proponent Details

<b>Proposal Title</b>	CORUNNA DOWNS IRON ORE MINING PROJECT
<b>Location of the Project</b>	PILBARA REGION, 33KM SOUTH MARBLE BAR, WA
<b>Approved action number</b>	EPBC 2017/7861
<b>Proponent Name</b>	Atlas Iron Pty Ltd
<b>Proponent's Australian Company Number (where relevant)</b>	110396168

### 4.2 Proponent Declaration

In making this declaration, I am aware that section 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed

Full Name (please print)

Haakon Nielssen

Position (please print)

Manager – Environment, Approvals and Heritage

Organisation (please print including ABN/ACN if applicable)

Atlas Iron Pty Ltd ACN110396168

Date

30 June 2021



## 5 Designations to record findings

### 5.1 Assessment of Compliance

The terminology used to record findings in the compliance report (Table 1) is consistent with that used by the DAWE Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014).

Table 1 Compliance Status Terminology

Status	Description
Compliant	'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
Non-compliant	A designation of 'non-compliance' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
Not applicable	A designation of 'not applicable' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which apprise to an activity that has not yet commenced.

### 5.2 Compliance Status

There were no **Non-Compliances** found during the Audit.

A detailed assessment of compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2017/7861 is presented in Table 2.



## 6 Compliance Assessment

Table 2 EPBC 2017/7861 Audit Table

EPBC 2017/7861			
Condition Number	Condition	Compliant/NonCompliant/Not Applicable	Evidence/ Comments
1	<p>For the protection of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clear no more than 423.19 ha within the <b>disturbance footprint</b></li> <li>b) <b>Clear</b> no more than two nocturnal refuge caves for the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> within the <b>disturbance footprint</b></li> <li>c) Implement the <b>Significant Species Management Plan</b></li> </ul>	<b>Compliant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To date, a total of 181.42 ha has been cleared during the reporting period.</li> <li>b) No more than two nocturnal refuge caves for the Pilbara Leaf-nosed bat within the disturbance footprint has been cleared</li> <li>c) The Corunna Downs Significant Species Management Plan (179-LAH-EN-PLN-0001, revision 3) is currently being implemented.</li> </ul> <p>Evidence: Appendix C: Significant Species Management Plan (179-LAH-EN-PLN-0001, revision 3)</p>
2	<p>For the protection of the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) maintain at least a 340 metre <b>buffer</b> around the <b>lateral extent</b> of <b>cave CO-CA-01</b></li> <li>b) maintain at least a 25 metre <b>buffer</b> around the <b>lateral extent</b> of <b>cave CO-CA-03</b></li> </ul>	<b>Compliant</b>	<p>Cave CO-CA-01 inclusive of 340m buffer and cave CO-CA-03 inclusive of 50m buffer has been excised from the Development Envelope and demarcation around this site has been undertaken in accordance with the Atlas Significant Site Demarcation Standard and Significant Site Demarcation Procedure, to protect them from inadvertent disturbance by people, vehicles and machinery. The buffer around CO-CA-01 and CO-CA-03 has not been breached by unauthorised people, vehicles or machinery; with the exception of authorised people undertaking environmental monitoring within the cave.</p> <p>All clearing undertaken on site is assessed through the Atlas Ground Disturbance Permit procedure to ensure there is no unacceptable impact to the environment, including conservation significant flora and fauna, waterways and heritage values and sites, all of which require specific management.</p>
3	<p>The approval holder must demonstrate that, both during and after mining ceases at the <b>Razor Back Pit, cave CO-CA-03</b> and waterhole <b>CO-WS-14</b> remain suitable habitat available for use by the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b>.</p>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<p>The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period. Mining is scheduled to commence at Razorback Pit in June 2022.</p>



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4	<p>The approval holder must develop and submit a Monitoring Strategy to the <b>Minister</b> for approval. The Monitoring Strategy must be based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mapping and monitoring at <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> by an <b>independent scientific expert(s)</b>; and</li> <li>• the collection of at least 12 months of baseline humidity and temperature recordings inside <b>cave CO-CA-03</b>; and</li> <li>• 12 months of baseline water quality sampling of <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b> for physical and chemical water quality parameters.</li> </ul> <p>The Monitoring Strategy must be designed to demonstrate that the structure of <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> remains unchanged from the <b>per-mining structure</b> during mining of the <b>Razor Back Pit</b>. The monitoring strategy must also be designed to demonstrate, unless otherwise <b>justified</b> and approved by the <b>Minister</b>, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) without anthropogenic supplementation of its water level, <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b> has water in it during and continuously for three consecutive years following the cessation of mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>; and</li> <li>b) the water quality of <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b> remains <b>suitable</b> for <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> during and continuously for three consecutive years following the cessation of mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>; and</li> <li>c) <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> maintains:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. humidity between 85-100 per cent relative humidity; and</li> <li>ii. temperature between 28 and 32 degrees Celsius</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>during and continuously for five years following cessation of the mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>.</p> <p>The approval holder must not commence mining in <b>Razor Back Pit</b> until the Monitoring Strategy has been approved by the <b>Minister</b>. The approval holder must implement the approved Monitoring Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Compliant</b></p>	<p>Atlas submitted the DRAFT Monitoring Strategy to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) on 14 July 2020. The DAWE approved the Monitoring Strategy on 30 October 2020.</p> <p>The Corunna Downs CO-CA-03 and CO-WS-14 Monitoring Strategy is currently being implemented.</p> <p>Mining at Razorback Pit did not occur during the reporting period. Mining is scheduled to commence at Razorback Pit in June 2022.</p> <p><i>Evidence:</i> Appendix D: Corunna Downs Iron Ore Mining Project (EPBC 2017/7861): Variation to condition of approval, and approval of experts and Monitoring Program, dated 30 October 2020.</p>



<p>5</p>	<p>To compensate for the residual significant impacts to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) offset the residual significant impacts of <b>clearing</b> of up to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 57.76 hectares identified as <b>critical habitat</b> for at least one <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> within the disturbance footprint; and</li> <li>ii) 358.03 hectares identified as <b>suitable foraging habitat for the Pilbara leaf-nosed Bat</b> within the <b>disturbance footprint</b> and not already counter under (i);</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>by either submitting an Offset Strategy for the <b>Minister's</b> approval, as set out in 5(b), or contributing to a <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b>, as set out in 5(f);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Within 12 months of the commencement of the action, submit an Offset Strategy for the written approval of the <b>Minister</b>. The approved Offset Strategy must be implemented. The Offset Strategy must be a framework for how the residual significant impacts to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> in conditions 5(a)(i) and 5(a)(ii) will be offset, and must:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Review and account for relevant <b>approved conservation advices</b>;</li> <li>II. Identify threats to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, and potential recovery actions and research opportunities; and</li> <li>III. Outline a process for developing Offset Projects, and a staged process for submitting Offset Projects to the <b>Department</b> for the written approval of the <b>Department</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) In accordance with the approved Offset Strategy, submit Offset Projects to the <b>Department</b> for the written approval of the <b>Department</b>. Offset Project proposals submitted to the <b>Department</b> must:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Include project goal(s), budget and a detailed Offset Project description, including timeframes for implementing the Offset Project, and reporting and publishing of the Offset Project results;</li> <li>II. Demonstrate how the Offset Project is consistent with the Offset Strategy;</li> <li>III. Outline consultations associated with developing the Offset Project;</li> <li>IV. Outline how the Offset Project complies with the principles of the <b>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy</b> and, if relevant, details of how the offset Project meets the criteria for research and educational programs identified in Appendix A of the <b>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy</b>; and</li> <li>V. Identify and manage risks associated with implementing the Offset Project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) Not commence an Offset Project until that Offset Project has been approved in writing by the <b>Department</b>. Approved Offset Projects must be implemented. The approval holder must make payments on Offset Projects, approved in accordance with condition 5(c), that are no less than the payments determined in accordance with condition 5(f).</li> </ul> <p>If the approval holder wishes to implement an Offset Project otherwise than in accordance with the approved Offset Project, the approval holder must submit the revised Offset Project to the <b>Department</b> for approval.</p>	<p><b>Compliant</b></p>	<p>Conditions 5(b)- (e) do not apply</p> <p>In accordance with Condition 5(f) of Approval EPBC 2017/7861 (as varied on 30 October 2020), Atlas is required to offset significant impacts of clearing by either submitting an offset strategy or contributing to a Conservation Offset Fund.</p> <p>Atlas sent an email on 17 February 2021 to the DAWE seeking approval to use the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund (PEOF) as a Conservation Offset Fund in accordance with condition 5 of the EPBC Act approval for EPBC 2017/786. DAWE approved Atlas's request to use the PEOF as a Conservation Offset Fund to compensate for residual significant impacts to the EPBC Act listed species on 2 March 2021 (Appendix E).</p> <p>In accordance with condition 5(f)(iv), Atlas made an advanced offset payment of \$110,000 to the PEOF on 30 March 2021.</p> <p>In accordance with condition 5(f)(i-iii), an Offset Report was submitted to the DAWE on 1 June 2021 for the reporting period 21 April 2020 to 30 April 2021. A variation to EPBC 2017/7861 condition 5(f)(iii) was requested by the DAWE on 14 June 2021, to extend the timeframe required to make the annual payment to PEOF. Atlas submitted a letter to DAWE on 23 June 2021 requesting a variation to condition 5(f)(iii).</p> <p><i>Evidence:</i></p> <p>Appendix E: DAWE approval for use of PEOF 'EPBC 2017/2861: Corunna Downs Project/ Sanjiv Ridge- Use of PEOF as a Conservation Offset Fund'</p> <p>Appendix F: Statement 1152- EPBC2017/7861- Corunna Downs Project Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund Payment Due</p> <p>Appendix G: Remittance Advice, Invoice RI003191 and RI003189</p>
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	<p>e) Not continue the action for more than 18 months for the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action unless either the <b>Department</b> has approved an Offset Project as specified in condition 5(c) or an advance payment has been made in accordance with condition 5(f)(iv).</p> <p>f) If contributing to the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b>, then conditions 5(b)- (e) may not apply, or cease to be applied, and:</p> <p>i) for each hectare that is <b>cleared</b> from the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action to 30 April 2021, and then annually during each subsequent 12-month period ending 30 April, determine the number of hectares as described under 5(a)(i) and 5(a)(ii) based on <b>evidence</b> of the <b>actual clearing footprint</b>;</p> <p>ii) for each period identified in (i), make a payment to the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b> of \$3,000 for each hectare specified in (a)(i) and \$1,500 for each hectare specified in (a)(ii). All payments must be exclusive of GST and increased in accordance with the <b>CPI</b> from 1 July 2017. A payment may be reduced by an equal amount to compensate for advance payments made under (iv);</p> <p>iii) make each annual payment no later than 30 June immediately following the end of the period to which the payment relates;</p> <p>iv) as an advance payment of (ii), contribute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$35,000 towards an offset that reduces the rate of decline of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, and ensures that viable populations of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> remain in the Pilbara region; and</li> <li>• \$75,000 towards an offset that reduces the rate of decline of the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b>, and ensures that viable populations of <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> remain in the Pilbara region;</li> </ul> <p>No later than 2 months from the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b> being approved by the <b>Minister</b> for the purpose of providing environmental offsets in the Pilbara;</p> <p>v) Submit <b>evidence</b> of each payment made under (ii) and (iv) to the <b>Department</b> within 2 months of the date of the payment; and</p> <p>vi) On completion of <b>clearing</b>, submit to the <b>Department</b> an <b>impact reconciliation report</b> verified by an <b>independent third party</b>. The <b>Minister</b> may adjust the final year payment and notify the approval holder in writing of the adjusted final payment amount required under (ii) above, based on <b>evidence</b> of the <b>actual clearing footprint</b> provided in the <b>impact reconciliation report</b>.</p>		
6	<p>Within 30 days after the <b>commencement</b> of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of <b>commencement</b>.</p>	Compliant.	Atlas commenced the action on 21 April 2020. DAWE were notified on 15 May 2020 (Appendix A).



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7	<p>The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of the approval, including measures taken to implement the <b>Significant Species Management Plan</b>, Offset Strategy and Monitoring Strategy required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the <b>Department</b>. Such records may be subject to audit by the <b>Department</b> or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the <b>EPBC Act</b>, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the <b>Department's</b> website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>	Compliant	Records of activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of the approval are currently being maintained.
8	<p>Annual compliance reporting</p> <p>The approval holder must prepare a <b>compliance report</b> for each 12-month period following the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b>. The approval must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>publish each <b>compliance report</b> on the <b>website</b> within 60 <b>business days</b> following the relevant 12-month period;</li> <li>notify the <b>Department</b> by email that a <b>compliance report</b> has been published on the <b>website</b> and provide the weblink for the <b>compliance report</b> within five <b>business days</b> of the date of publication;</li> <li>keep all <b>compliance reports</b> publically available on the <b>website</b> until this approval expires;</li> <li>exclude or redact <b>sensitive ecological data</b> from <b>compliance reports</b> that are to be published on the <b>website</b>; and</li> <li>where any <b>sensitive ecological data</b> has been excluded from the version published, submit the full <b>compliance report</b> to the <b>Department</b> within 5 <b>business days</b> of publication.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>Atlas commenced the action on 21 April 2020.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first Compliance Report (this report) will be published on the Atlas website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period.</li> <li>The Department will be notified by email that the compliance report has been published on the website and provided with a weblink to the compliance report within five business days of the date of publication.</li> <li>All compliance reports will be made available on the Atlas website until the approval expires.</li> <li>Sensitive ecological data will be excluded from the version published and a full compliance report submitted to the Department within 5 business days of publication.</li> </ol>
8A	<p>The approval holder must notify the <b>Department in writing of any incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans</b>. the notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance. The notification must specify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any condition which is or may be in breach;</li> <li>a short description of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance; and</li> <li>the location (including co-ordinates, date, and time of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.</li> </ol>	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
8B	<p>The approval holder must provide to the <b>Department</b> the details of any <b>incident</b> or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in <b>plans</b> as soon as practicable and no later than 10 <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance, specifying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;</li> <li>the potential impacts of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance; and</li> <li>the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder</li> </ol>	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.



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9	Upon the direction of the <b>Minister</b> , the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the condition of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the <b>Minister</b> . The independent auditor must be approved by the <b>Minister</b> prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the <b>Minister</b> and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the <b>Minister</b> .	<b>Not applicable</b>	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10	The person taking the action may choose to revise a management plan, strategy or program approved by the <b>Minister</b> under condition 1, condition 4 or condition 5 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would not be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b> . If the person taking the action makes this choice they must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. notify the <b>Department</b> in writing that the approved plan, strategy or program has been revised and provide the <b>Department</b> with an electronic copy of the revised plan or program;</li> <li>ii. implement the revised plan or program from the date that the plan, strategy or program is submitted to the <b>Department</b>; and</li> <li>iii. for the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would not be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b>.</li> </ol>	<b>Not applicable</b>	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10A	The person taking the action may revoke their choice under condition 10 at any time by notice to the <b>Department</b> . If the person taking the action revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, strategy or program, without approval under section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , the plan or program approved by the <b>Minister</b> must be implemented.	<b>Not applicable</b>	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10B	If the <b>Minister</b> gives a notice to the person taking the action that the <b>Minister</b> is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b> , then: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Condition 10 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan or program; and</li> <li>ii. The person taking the action must implement the plan or program approved by the <b>Minister</b>.</li> </ol> To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 10, 10A and 10B in the period before the day the notice is given.  At the time of giving the notice the <b>Minister</b> may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 9 does not apply for one or more specified plans, strategies	<b>Not applicable</b>	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10C	Conditions 10, 10A, 10B and 10C are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the person taking the action to submit a revised plan, strategy or program to the <b>Minister</b> for approval.	<b>Not applicable</b>	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
11	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially <b>commence</b> the action without the written agreement of the <b>Minister</b> .	<b>Compliant</b>	The action has substantially commenced. Atlas commenced the action on 21 April 2020.
12	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b> , the person taking the action must publish all management plans, strategies or programs referred to in these conditions of approval on their website until the expiry date of approval. Each management plan, strategy or program must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved by the <b>Minister</b> or being submitted under condition 10.i.	<b>Compliant</b>	The Corunna Downs Significant Species Management Plan (Revision 3, 9 June 2017) and CO-CA-03 and CO-WS-14 Monitoring Strategy (Revision 6, dated 8 October 2020) have been published on the Atlas Iron website  Evidence: Appendix H: Atlas Iron Environmental Publications



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### Appendix A. Notification of commencement of action



15 May 2020

Mallory Owen  
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Dear Mallory

**RE: Corunna Downs Direct Shipping Ore Project, Pilbara, WA- EPBC 2017/7861- Notification of Commencement**

As per condition 6 of the EPBC approval for the above Project, please be advised that Atlas Iron Proprietary Limited commenced the action on Tuesday 21 April 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0422 014 390 if you require any additional information or have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Theo Sprenkels  
Senior Environmental Advisor



## Appendix B. Commencement of Action letter



Ref: EPBC 2017/7861

Email: [epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au](mailto:epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au)

Theo Sprenkels  
Senior Environmental Advisor  
Atlas Iron Pty Ltd  
PO Box 7071  
Cloisters Square PO WA 6850

Dear Mr Sprenkels,

**Commencement of Action – Corunna Downs Iron Ore Mining Project,  
Pilbara Region, WA (EPBC 2017/7861)**

I refer to your email of 15 May 2020, notifying the Department in accordance with condition 6 of the Approval granted for the Corunna Downs Iron Ore Mining Project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), that the action commenced on 21 April 2020.

**Annual Compliance Reporting**

Condition 8 of the approval states that by the 30 June each year after the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months, including the implementation of any management plans or strategies as specified in the conditions.

Please submit the report by email including a link to where it is publicly available to [epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au](mailto:epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au). The first report is due by 30 June 2021.

When preparing the report please refer to the Department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines available on the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/annual-compliance-report-guidelines>.

**Offsetting residual significant impacts**

Condition 5 of the approval requires the approval holder to either provide funding to the Conservation Offset Fund by 30 June in the first year following commencement, or the submission of an Offset Strategy for the written approval of the Minister. Please refer to condition 5 of the EPBC Act approval 2017/7861 regarding offset obligations under the approval.

Please note that conditions of the approval require the approval holder to maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the approval conditions so that they can be made available to the Department on request. These documents may be subject to audit and be used to verify compliance. Summaries of audits may be published by the Department.

More information about the Department's Monitoring and Audit program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/compliance-and-enforcement/auditing>.

Section 142 of the Act requires an approval holder to comply with conditions attached to an approval. Penalties may apply to approval holders who contravene conditions.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Michaela Ballard at [epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au](mailto:epbcmonitoring@awe.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



Victoria Bartlett  
A/g Assistant Director  
Environmental Audit Section  
18/05/2020



## Appendix C. Corunna Downs DSO Significant Species Management Plan



# Significant Species Management Plan

Corunna Downs

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Appendix D. Corunna Downs Iron Ore Mining Project (EPBC 2017/7861): Variation to condition of approval, and approval of experts and Monitoring Program letter, dated 30 October 2020



**Australian Government**

**Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment**

Ms Natassja Bell  
Principal Advisor - Approvals  
Atlas Iron Pty Ltd  
Level 17, 300 Murray Street  
PERTH WA 6000

**Corunna Downs Iron Ore Mining Project (EPBC 2017/7861): Variation to conditions of approval, and approval of experts and Monitoring Program.**

Dear Ms Bell

Thank you for your request to vary the conditions of approval for this project, and for submitting for approval independent scientific experts, and the Monitoring Program, in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Officers of the Department have advised me on the above requests and on the requirements of the EPBC Act conditions of approval for this project. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment, I have decided to agree to the variation of conditions of approval attached to EPBC 2017/7861, and to approve:

- for the purpose of Condition 4 of the above approval, the independent scientific experts submitted to the Department by letter dated 3 September 2020; and
- in accordance with Condition 4 of the above approval, the *Corunna Downs CO-CA-03 and CO-WS-14 Monitoring Strategy*, Revision 6, dated 8 October 2020.

The conditions as varied are attached for your information.

The approved monitoring strategy must now be implemented. Please note that if you wish to vary the approved monitoring strategy you must do so in accordance with Condition 10 of the approval.

Should you require any further information please contact Vaughn Cox directly or by email at [postapproval@awe.gov.au](mailto:postapproval@awe.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Declan'.

Declan O'Connor Cox, Assistant Secretary (A/g)  
Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch

30 October 2020

Attach: Variation to conditions of approval for EPBC 2017/7861.



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Appendix E. Approval for use of PEOF 'EPBC 2017/2861: Corunna Downs Project/ Sanjiv Ridge- Use of PEOF as a Conservation Offset Fund' letter



Ms Natassja Bell  
Principal Advisor - Approvals  
Atlas Iron Limited  
PO Box 7071  
CLOISTERS SQUARE PO WA 6850

Dear Ms Bell

**EPBC 2017/7861: Corunna Downs Project/Sanjiv Ridge – Use of PEOF as a Conservation Offset Fund**

Thank you for your email dated 17 February 2021 to the department, seeking approval to use the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund (PEOF) as a Conservation Offset Fund, in accordance with condition 5 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) approval for the above action.

Officers of the department have advised me on the information you have provided, including the information provided by the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and the requirements of the conditions of the approval for this project. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment, I have decided to approve your request to use the PEOF as a Conservation Offset Fund, to compensate for residual significant impacts to EPBC Act listed species.

As you are aware, the Department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval, including the requirements for payments into the PEOF specified under condition 5f, so that they can be made available to the Department on request.

Should you require any further information please contact Kara DeFay on (02) 6275 9973 or [postapproval@environment.gov.au](mailto:postapproval@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Farrant', written in a cursive style.

Kim Farrant  
Assistant Secretary  
Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch  
Environment Approvals Division

2 March 2021



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### Appendix F. Statement 1152- EPBC2017/7861- Corunna Downs Project Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund Payment Due letter



Our ref: DWERT5067  
Enquiries: Louise Lavery, Ph 6364 7083

Mr David Morley  
Senior Advisor - Approvals  
Atlas Iron Pty Ltd

Via email: [David.Morley@atlasiron.com.au](mailto:David.Morley@atlasiron.com.au) cc: [accounts.payable@atlasiron.com.au](mailto:accounts.payable@atlasiron.com.au)

Dear Mr Morley

**STATEMENT 1152 – EPBC2017/7861 – CORUNNA DOWNS PROJECT -  
PILBARA ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSET FUND PAYMENT DUE**

In accord with the approval of the Corunna Downs Project by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (EPBC Approval Decision EPBC2017/7861, amended 30 October 2020), the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) is issuing you an invoice for an upfront payment to the Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund.

Condition 5.f.iv. of EPBC2017/7861 requires an upfront payment to the Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund of **\$110,000.00**. An invoice for this amount is attached, with payment due by **16 April 2021**.

If you have any queries in relation to payment, please contact Louise Lavery on 6364 7083 or at [louise.lavery@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:louise.lavery@dwer.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Louise Lavery  
A/Manager Audit  
Compliance and Enforcement

19 March 2021

*Attachment*

1. *Invoice No. RI003189*



Appendix G. Remittance Advice, Invoice RI003191 and RI003189



## Remittance Advice

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**  
P.O. Box 33  
PERTH WA 6850

**Date:** 14/05/2021  
**Customer no:** 1003115  
**Contact Person:** Kerry McLeod  
**Phone:**  
**Fax:**

### Remittance Advice

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 31/03/2021, the amount of AUD 210,000.00 was settled by a Bank Transfer to BSB 066040 account 18300113 for the items listed below.

Document Number	Document Date	Document Type	Payment Amount	Payment Currency	Gross Amount	Gross Currency
RI003189	17/03/2021	Invoice	110,000.00	AUD	110,000.00	AUD
RI003191	19/03/2021	Invoice	100,000.00	AUD	100,000.00	AUD

Should there be any queries, or if the bank account details shown above are not correct, please call our accounts team on (08) 6228 8000 or email [accounts.payable@atlasiron.com.au](mailto:accounts.payable@atlasiron.com.au) for prompt investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry McLeod  
**Atlas Iron Pty Ltd**



## Appendix H. Atlas Iron Environmental Publications

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### Sanjiv Ridge (previously Corunna Downs) Direct Shipping Ore Project

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CO-CA-03 AND CO-WS-14 MONITORING STRATEGY	DOWNLOAD
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - EPA REFERRAL	DOWNLOAD
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 1125 COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT PLAN	DOWNLOAD

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