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Dear Mr Feil

### **Application for declaration of the service provided by the Robe Railway**

I refer to the application for declaration of the service provided by the Robe Railway lodged by The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd (**TPI**) on 18 January 2008 (**Application**).

Following the receipt of further information about the composition of the Robe River Iron Associates unincorporated joint venture (**Robe**), TPI provides the following information to supplement its description of the owner of the facility in the Application.

In paragraph 4.2 and the definitions section of the Application, TPI states that Robe is an unincorporated joint venture (comprising Rio (53%), Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd (33%), Nippon Steel Australia Pty Ltd (10.5%) and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd (3.5%)). TPI obtained this description of Robe from various public statements by Rio Tinto Limited, including its 2006 Annual report and financial statements, p15 (Attachment 13 to the Application).

However, TPI now understands that Robe is comprised of the following participants:

- Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd (**Robe Mining**);
- Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd;
- North Mining Limited (**North Mining**);
- Cape Lambert Iron Associates; and
- Pannawonica Iron Associates.

The Cape Lambert Iron Associates consist of:

- Nippon Steel Australia Pty Ltd;
- Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd; and
- Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd.

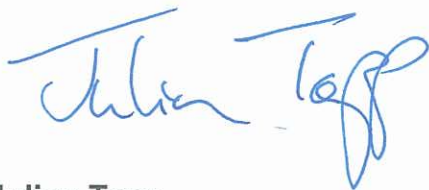
The Pannawonica Iron Associates consist of:

- Nippon Steel Australia Pty Ltd; and
- Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd.

The ultimate holding company of Robe Mining is North Mining. The ultimate holding company of North Mining is Rio Tinto Limited.

Yours sincerely

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