

**27 November 2020** 

#### **ASX Announcement**

# GWR Secures Port of Geraldton Access for Export of Iron Ore -Key Production Milestone Achieved

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Significant production milestone achieved as GWR signs binding licence for a large Port storage facility and a Port Services Agreement with the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA), operator of the Port of Geraldton in WA.
- The Port Services Agreement enables GWR to export the Iron Ore produced at its high-grade C4 Iron deposit during Stage 1 via its priority access rights to Site 88 (which is fully serviceable and has been maintained by MWPA) and provides the ability to haul into port and ship load.
- Site 88 includes a truck unloading facility, a storage shed with approximately 100,000 tonnes of capacity, and associated conveyor networks
- Port access will commence on 1st of December 2020 in plenty of time for the expected first shipment in mid-January 2021.
- The Port Services Agreement permits the use of the Ports' ship-loading infrastructure and facilities, utilising berth 5, the port's iron ore and sand loading berth.
- Drilling blast holes within the Stage 1 C4 Iron pit has commenced with mining and production operations due to commence in the first week of December 2020 (Table 1).
- Pit to Port contractor PRG is engaged and mobilised for Stage 1 of the C4 mining operations which covers just 1 million tonnes of C4's Mineral Resource estimate of 21.6 million tonnes at 60.7% Fe, an exceptional, DSO iron ore development project, which will produce a high grade, low impurity iron ore<sup>1</sup>.
- The Port Access and Service agreement places GWR one step closer to becoming the next iron ore producer on the ASX and the company will continue to update the market as it reaches further Key Project Milestones ahead of production of the High-grade Iron Ore C4 DSO hematite project, including completion of the haulage road, trucking and crushing agreements, offtake agreements, commencement of mining and first sales/shipment of ore (Table 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2004 JORC Code compliant Resource is 131.1 Mt at 60.0% Fe, comprising of 10.1 Mt at 62.5% Fe Measured, 72.0 Mt at 59.9% Fe Indicated and 48.8 Mt @ 59.4% Fe Inferred. (refer ASX announcement dated 12th November 2019 and 8th July 2011 and 11th April 2013).

GWR Group Limited (**ASX:GWR**) ("**GWR Group**" or "the **Company**") is pleased to announce it has achieved a significant key project milestone in signing a binding Port Access and Services Agreement with Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA), operator of the Port of Geraldton in WA.

MWPA is the highly experienced operator and manager of the Port of Geraldton facilities having handled trade volume for 2019/20 of 14.95 million tonnes. Under the Agreement, MWPA will provide access to the port facilities and manage the loading of GWR's product into vessels during the Stage 1 mining operations, the initial term, commensurate with those operations, expires on 31 May 2021.

MWPA Chief Executive Officer Dr Rochelle Macdonald commented:

"On behalf of MWPA, I congratulate the entire GWR Group Ltd team on executing this Port Access and Services Agreement with MWPA, enabling the company to take another significant step forward toward production of their C4 Iron Ore Deposit.

We are pleased to be part of the journey and look forward to continuing our relationship with GWR by facilitating the exports of the Wiluna West Iron Ore product through the Port of Geraldton".

#### PORT ACCESS AGREEMENT

The Port Access Agreement enables GWR to export the Iron Ore produced at its high-grade C4 Iron deposit during Stage 1 via its priority access rights to Site 88 (which is fully serviceable and has been maintained by MWPA) and provides the ability to haul into port and ship load.

Site 88 (pictured below in Figure 1 and 2) includes a truck unloading facility, a storage shed with approximately 100,000 tonnes of capacity, and associated conveyor networks with Port Access commencing on 1st of December 2020 in plenty of time for its expected first shipment in January 2021. Both the Site 88 shed and loading/unloading facilities are fully operable and immediately ready for operations.



Figure 1: Port of Geraldton Site location Site 88 storage shed - GWR priority access

GWR Chairman, Mr Gary Lyons commented:

"The signing of this Port Access and Services Agreement is the culmination of many years of hard work and sacrifice and I am very pleased we have been able to achieve this Key Production Milestone for the loyal shareholders of GWR and to enable us to exploit the current buoyant Iron ore price and meet our target of first ore shipment in early January 2021.

Whilst the agreement is an integral part of the process to drive GWR to becoming the next ASX-listed Iron Ore producer, development operations continue with drill blasting holes within the Stage 1 - C4 Iron pit having commenced this week and mining and production operations due to commence in the first week of December 2020.

With the C4 site works being handled by our partners PRG, the company will continue to update the market as it reaches further Key Project Milestones ahead of production of the High-grade Iron Ore C4 DSO hematite project, including completion of the haulage road, trucking and crushing agreements, offtake agreements, commencement of mining and first sales/shipment of ore ( refer Table 1)."



Figure 2: Site 88 Storage Shed – Aerial View

## **PORT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

The Port Services Agreement permits the use of the Ports ship-loading infrastructure and facilities utilising berth 5 which is the ports iron ore and sand ship loading facilities.

## **ABOUT MWPA & THE PORT OF GERALDTON**

Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA) operates as a Western Australian Government Trading Enterprise and has been overseeing safe, secure and efficient port and marine services in the Mid West region since 1969.

MWPA manages one of WA's most diverse operations in Geraldton Port, catering for exports of grain, minerals and livestock, and imports of fuel, fertiliser and general cargo, while also welcoming cruise ships, oil rig tenders and many different expedition craft. MWPA plays a key role in the economic stability and development of the region which is reflected in its vision to 'be bold supply chain enablers for the sustainable long-term future of regional Australia'.

MWPA is responsible for the efficient, safe and effective operation of the Port of Geraldton, and planning for the future and maintenance of facilities while operating in balance with the environment.

Further information can be found by visiting their website.



Figure 3: Site 88 - Internal Shed View



Figure 4: Site 88 - Truck Unloading Facility

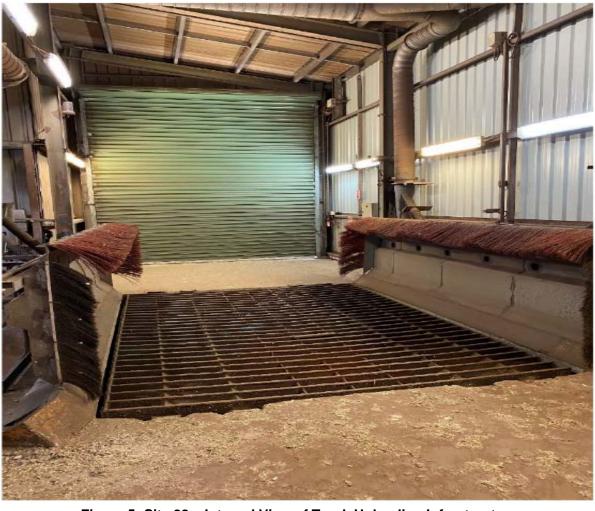
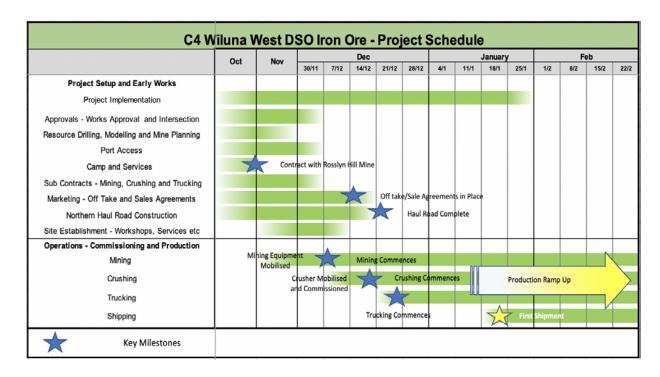


Figure 5: Site 88 - Internal View of Truck Unloading Infrastructure

Table 1: Key project Milestones to be achieved for the development of the C4 Iron Deposit

MILESTONE  **The Company will keep shareholders informed of operational	PROGRESS
milestones as they progress**	
Engaged project manager and team to assist with the establishment of	Completed
offtake agreements for sale of product	Completed
Completion of service agreement with nearby mine for access to site	Completed
services such as village, workshops and water.	
Finalisation of contract rates for major services; mining, crushing and screening	Completed
Northern Haul Road construction and site setup (workshops, lay down area's, internal access roads and services such as water, power and communication)	On schedul
Works Approval (required for crushing and screening operations)	Imminent
Completion of approvals and designs for Wiluna/Meekatharra Road and C4 Access road intersection	Progressin
Road user agreement for the gravel sections and low standard tar sealed sections of the C4 turn to Meekatharra portion of the Gold Fields highway	Progressin
Completion of agreements with Port of Geraldton for services and third party for shed access	Completed
Completion of establishment offtake agreements for sale of product	Progressin
Completion of Trucking and Crushing Contractor Agreement	Progressin
GWR is currently securing contracts for shed management, shipping agents, ship management and Umpire for loading and discharge of the Iron Ore product.	Progressing
Commencement of Mining Operations	1st Week o Dec 2020
Geological modelling, mine planning and scheduling	Complete
First shipment of Iron Ore Mined and Transported	Jan 2021



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This ASX announcement was authorised for release by the Adrian Costello, General Manager of GWR Group Ltd

# **Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this report which relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results and Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Allen Maynard, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geosciences ("AIG") a Corporate Member of the AusIMM and independent consultant to the Company. Mr Maynard is the Director and principal geologist of Al Maynard & Associates Pty Ltd and has over 40 continuous years of exploration and mining experience in a variety of mineral deposit styles. Mr Maynard has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Exploration Targets, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (JORC Code). Mr Maynard consents to inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Mineral Resource Estimate was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Table 2. Wiluna West Iron Ore Project Mineral Resources by Deposit

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Classification	Deposit	Calc	Cut Off	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe %	SIO <sub>2</sub> %	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> %	LOI %	Р%
	JWD	Optiro 2013	55	6.40	64.07	2.63	1.51	3.07	0.034
Measured	BOWERBIRD CENTRAL	Optiro 2011	50	1.20	62.27	6.25	2.74	1.60	0.038
	C3	Optiro 2011	50	2.50	58.38	8.46	2.39	5.14	0.107
	TOTAL			10.10	62.45	4.50	1.87	3.41	0.053
Indicated	BOWERBIRD CENTRAL	Optiro 2011	50	5.90	59.86	7.76	3.44	2.65	0.054
	BOWERBIRD SOUTH	Optiro 2011	50	13.00	60.50	7.18	2.91	2.89	0.048
	JWD	Optiro 2013	55	0.90	63.61	2.76	1.33	3.57	0.030
	JINDALEE JOYNERS	Optiro 2010	50	3.30	63.61	4.27	2.05	1.83	0.036
	C3	Optiro 2011	50	30.40	58.47	8.35	2.39	5.22	0.076
	C4	Optiro 2010	50	18.53	61.17	8.08	1.97	2.22	0.034
	TOTAL			72.03	59.94	7.76	2.43	3.64	0.056
Inferred	BOWERBIRD NTH NTH	GWR 2009	50	2.58	60.84	5.19	2.19	3.64	0.050
	BOWERBIRD NTH	Snowden 2008	50	3.90	59.70	6.50	3.80	2.60	0.040
	BOWERBIRD CENTRAL	Optiro 2011	50	0.80	58.15	9.48	3.83	2.86	0.045
	BOWERBIRD SOUTH	Optiro 2011	50	5.20	60.03	8.33	2.42	2.36	0.038
	JWD	Optiro 2013	55	3.40	63.13	3.23	1.58	3.38	0.029
	JINDALEE JOYNERS	Optiro 2010	50	3.90	62.47	4.81	2.12	2.16	0.057
	C1	Snowden 2007	50	4.20	58.50	7.20	3.30	5.20	0.088
	C2	GWR 2009	50	6.76	58.52	6.89	2.86	6.25	0.036
	C3	Optiro 2011	50	4.40	56.70	8.97	3.25	6.13	0.069
	C4	Optiro 2010	50	3.08	58.00	10.30	2.85	3.60	0.035
	C5	Snowden 2007	50	4.40	59.10	8.90	2.10	3.80	0.118
	CR	Snowden 2007	50	4.00	60.60	9.30	1.40	1.70	0.030
	South 2	Snowden 2008	50	2.20	56.20	9.10	2.03	7.80	0.077
	TOTAL			48.82	59.45	7.45	2.57	4.03	0.055
Deposit Totals	BOWERBIRD NTH NTH	GWR 2009	50	2.58	60.84	5.19	2.19	3.64	0.050
	BOWERBIRD NTH	Snowden 2008	50	3.90	59.70	6.50	3.80	2.60	0.040
	BOWERBIRD CENTRAL	Optiro 2011	50	8.00	60.06	7.70	3.38	2.51	0.051
	BOWERBIRD SOUTH	Optiro 2011	50	18.20	60.37	7.51	2.77	2.74	0.045
	JWD	Optiro 2013	55	10.70	63.74	2.83	1.52	3.21	0.032
	JINDALEE JOYNERS	Optiro 2010	50	7.20	62.99	4.57	2.09	2.01	0.047
	C1	Snowden 2007	50	4.20	58.50	7.20	3.30	5.20	0.088
	C2	GWR 2009	50	6.76	58.52	6.89	2.86	6.25	0.036
	C3	Optiro 2011	50	37.30	58.26	8.43	2.49	5.32	0.077
	C4	Optiro 2010	50	21.62	60.72	8.39	2.09	2.42	0.034
	C5	Snowden 2007	50	4.40	59.10	8.90	2.10	3.80	0.118
	CR	Snowden 2007	50	4.00	60.60	9.30	1.40	1.70	0.030
	South 2	Snowden 2008	50	2.20	56.20	9.10	2.03	7.80	0.077
	Grand To	tal		131.10	60.00	7.40	2.40	3.80	0.060

Note: Differences may occur due to rounding. Refer ASX Announcements 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and 11 April 2013.