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HWE Mining Pty Ltd awarded \$400 million contract extension at Yandi, WA.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore has awarded HWE Mining (now part of Leighton Contractors) a 2-year contract extension worth approximately \$400 million at Yandi, located in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The contract extension will see HWE Mining continue to provide a complete mining service including drill and blast, load and haul, processing, train loading, infrastructure management and maintenance and other related services.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said today the contract extension demonstrated the strong relationship between HWE Mining and BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

"HWE Mining has been providing contract mining services at Yandi for BHP Billiton Iron Ore since 1991. To have been granted a contract of this longevity is a fantastic achievement."

Craig Laslett, Executive General Manager of Leighton Contractors' Mining Division, said the contract extension reflected the hard work and dedication shown by all members of the HWE Mining team.

"We have a great team at Yandi and are committed to maintaining our safety driven, high performance culture. We look forward to working closely with BHP Billiton Iron Ore at Yandi to continue delivering this world class operation" Mr Laslett said.

Henry Walker Eltin commenced operations at Yandi in 1991 with the construction of the first process plant producing 5Mtpa. Production has increased over the years and HWE Mining now produces more than 40Mtpa of iron ore with 400 employees on site.



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