



Location:	120 kilometres northwest of Newman, Pilbara region, Western Australia
Client:	Goldsworthy joint venture: BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd, Itochu Minerals & Energy of Australia Pty Ltd and Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation Pty Ltd
Commodity:	Iron ore
Contract duration:	June 2003 to June 2008
Major contractor since:	2003



An A-grade mining operation

A long time partner of BHP Billiton Iron Ore, HWE Mining operates at four of its six world class iron ore operations in Western Australia's Pilbara region, including the vast Area C operation.

The mine is located 37 kilometres from the Yandi mine and existing railway system that links Yandi and BHP Billiton's Newman mines to iron ore processing, stockpiling and shiploading facilities at Port Hedland.

HWE Mining presently handles 20+ million tonnes of iron ore per year at Area C. Currently in a major expansion phase, the mine is ramping up to almost double production to over 40+ million tonnes of iron ore per year.

On completion of the expansion program, Area C will become one of BHP Billiton's most productive iron ore operations in Australia.

HWE Mining provides a complete mining service at Area C including drilling and blasting, loading and hauling, processing, train loading, infrastructure management, maintenance and other related services. We use the full range of surface mining plant and equipment at the mine.

Area C operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. HWE Mining employs over 400 people at the mine. There are also over 500 subcontractors involved in the expansion program.

Production results at a glance

- 25+ million bank cubic metres mined per year
- 20+ million tonnes of iron ore processed per year (ramping up to 40+ million tonnes per year)