

Orebody 23/25



Location: Near Newman and 360 kilometres south-east of Port Hedland, Pilbara region, Western Australia

Client: Joint venture: BHP Billiton (85%), Mitsui & Co Australia Ltd (5%) & Itochu Corporation (10%)

Commodity: Iron ore

Contract duration: February 2006 to August 2008

Major contractor since: 1998



Complementing our client's extensive operations

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 satellite Orebodies 23 and 25 located near the Mount Newman Mine.

The Orebody 23/25 deposits are two of several deposits that make up the Mount Newman mine, which is one of the largest single pit open-cut iron ore mines in the world. Orebody 23 consists of a single pit while Orebody 25 has three pits.

HWE Mining handles a combined total of 10 million tonnes per year at both operations. We provide a complete mining service including drilling and blasting, loading and hauling, processing, train

loading, infrastructure management, maintenance and other related services. We also use the full range of surface mining plant and equipment at the mine.

Orebody 23/25 operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. HWE Mining employs over 150 people at the operations, including 12 subcontractors.

HWE Mining is committed to providing Indigenous training and employment opportunities at the Orebody 23/25 operations. Over 10 per cent of our workforce is represented by Indigenous people, recruited locally from the Newman area.

Production results at a glance

- 6.5 bank cubic metres mined per year
- 10 million tonnes of iron ore processed per year