

# South Middleback Ranges



<b>Location:</b>	80 kilometres west of Whyalla, Eyre Peninsula, South Australia
<b>Client:</b>	OneSteel Manufacturing
<b>Commodity:</b>	Iron ore
<b>Current duration:</b>	December 2006 to December 2011
<b>Major contractor since:</b>	1998



## Commercialising the mine's resources

HWE Mining has a longstanding and successful partnership with OneSteel Manufacturing, Australia's second largest steel manufacturer and the country's largest long products producer.

Since 1998, HWE Mining has been responsible for managing and operating the South Middleback Ranges (SMR) open-cut mine. Mining activities are concentrated on the mine's three pits – Iron Duke, Iron Duchess and Iron Knight.

In December 2006, OneSteel Manufacturing awarded HWE Mining a five-year, \$300 million contract extension at SMR to develop the next phase of the project. Known as Project Magnet, the development involves commercialising the mine's vast magnetite iron ore resource.

With increased production now in full swing as part of Project Magnet, HWE Mining currently handles over nine million tonnes of iron ore per year at SMR. The ore is processed on site, pelletised and used as feedstock at the Whyalla Steelworks, the engine room of OneSteel's business. The remaining ore mined from SMR is sold to international markets.

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

SMR operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. HWE Mining employs 180 people at the mine, including 20 subcontractors.

## Production results at a glance

- 9.3 million bank cubic metres mined per year
- 9 million tonnes of iron ore processed per year