



Location:	110 kilometres northwest of Newman, Pilbara region, Western Australia
Client:	Joint venture: BHP Billiton (85%), Mitsui & Co Australia Ltd (7%) and Itochu Corporation (8%)
Commodity:	Iron ore
Contract duration:	July 2006 to July 2009
Major contractor since:	1991



Excellence in relationship contracting

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 Yandi.

As the major contractor engaged at Yandi since BHP Billiton Iron Ore began operating there in 1991, HWE Mining has a proud association with the mine.

Linked by railway to BHP Billiton's iron ore processing, stockpiling and shiploading facilities at Port Hedland, production at Yandi has steadily increased over the years. Today, HWE Mining handles over 40+ million tonnes of iron ore per year at the mine.

In June 2007, BHP Billiton Iron Ore awarded HWE Mining a two-year, \$400 million contract extension at Yandi to continue to provide a complete mining service at the mine. This includes 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.

Yandi operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. HWE Mining employs over 400 people at the mine, including 50 subcontractors.

In April 2007, the mine celebrated a significant milestone, crushing its 400 millionth tonne of iron ore at Ore Handling Plant 2. This phenomenal record can attributed to the enduring and very productive partnership between HWE Mining and BHP Billiton Iron Ore that has spanned many years.

Production results at a glance

- 20+ million bank cubic metres mined per year
- 40+ million tonnes of iron ore processed per year