

# Yarrie Niningarra



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| <b>Location:</b>         | 200 kilometres east of Port Hedland, Pilbara region, Western Australia         |
| <b>Client:</b>           | BHP Billiton (85%), Mitsui & Co Australia Ltd (7%) and Itochu Corporation (8%) |
| <b>Commodity:</b>        | Iron ore   |
| <b>Current duration:</b> | October 2002 to ongoing  |



## Excellence in safety and production

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 Yarrie Niningarra.

HWE Mining currently handles two million tonnes of iron ore per year at Yarrie. The mine is linked by railway to BHP Billiton's iron ore processing, stockpiling and shiploading facilities at Port Hedland.

The mine comprises the Yarrie, Niningarra and Cattle Gorge sites, which are spread over 45 kilometres. All mining activity is currently centred on the Cattle Gorge pit.

HWE Mining provides a complete mining service at Yarrie 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.

Yarrie operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and HWE Mining employs 87 people at the mine.

In February 2007, Yarrie celebrated a major safety and health performance milestone – three years without a single Lost Time Injury on site. This outstanding result was achieved while maintaining above target production rates.

## Production results at a glance

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