



## ASX Announcement

### Wiluna West Iron Ore Project Environmental Approval Update

Golden West Resources Limited (ASX: GWR) announces that it has received notification from the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority ("EPA"), of the Chairman's determination, on the level of assessment required for the Wiluna West Iron Ore Project environmental referral.

The referral, lodged with the EPA in December 2012 under section 38(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 ("EP Act"), concerned the plans to develop the Wiluna West iron ore mine at a rate of production of up to 10 million tonnes per annum with a mine life of approximately 15 years.

The EPA has advised that it considers the information provided by GWR, in its referral information, is adequate, and although it does potentially impact on the environmental factors identified, it does not warrant formal assessment under the EP Act. The EPA advised that any potential environmental impacts of the proposal can be adequately regulated and mitigated by other statutory decision-making processes in order to meet the EPA's objectives and principles. The determination is subject to a 14 day appeals period.

GWR has already received approval from the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum ("DMP") for mining of the John William Douth ("JWD") high grade deposit. The JWD mining proposal allows mining to commence at a rate of 1 million tonnes per annum for three years and forms part of the larger Wiluna West Iron Ore Project.

The determination, once formalised, permits the development of the Wiluna West Iron Ore Project and mining of specific ore bodies, subject to obtaining the required clearing permits under Part V of the EP Act, and approval of mining proposals under the Mining Act 1978, as was the case with the JWD mining approval.

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