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ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS SECURE FOR ROGETTA MINE

The development of the Rogetta iron ore mine in north-western Tasmania has been approved under national environment law and is set to significantly boost local employment.

Located approximately seven kilometres south-east of the village of Hampshire and 30 kilometres south of Burnie, the project is an example of a development that is both economically beneficial and environmentally sustainable.

It will deliver significant economic and social benefits to Tasmania at the local, regional and state levels, including approximately 200 jobs during the construction phase and up to 100 permanent positions during the operational phase.

The proponent will also spend up to \$100 million to develop and maintain the mine and the sale of its products will bring in export revenues of up \$90-100 million each year.

The approval is subject to strict conditions to protect nationally significant species, including the Tasmanian devil.

Key among the conditions imposed are:

- financial support for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program and to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy to use in conservation programs and provide positive outcomes for the endangered Tasmanian devil and the vulnerable spotted-tailed quoll; and
- strict measures to prevent endangered wedge-tailed eagles from colliding with powerlines.

Forward Mining Limited can now go ahead and develop the mine which involves open cut mining of iron ore, on site processing and trucking of the refined ore to Burnie for export.

The project was approved following a comprehensive environmental assessment in conjunction with the Tasmanian Government.

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