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FLINDERS MINES ASSESSING UP TO SEVEN

EXPORT OPTIONS FOR PILBARA IRON ORE

At least seven infrastructure options to export its iron ore to a West Australian port are being considered by emerging Pilbara iron exporter, Flinders Mines Limited.

Addressing the *Paydirt 2010 South Australian Resources and Investment Conference* in Adelaide yesterday, Flinders Mines' Managing Director, Dr Kevin Wills, said the Company's 100%-owned current 550 million tonne Inferred and Indicated Resource 175 kilometres south of Dampier, south of Pilbara, is well located with respect to the province's existing rail and port networks - and discussions for mine gate sales and third party access were continuing satisfactorily with a number of parties.

"The seven shipment options are currently under detailed review as part of the prefeasibility study and I am expecting the PFS – being undertaken by WorleyParsons - to be completed by October this year," Dr Wills said.

"Importantly, the Pilbara iron project does offer numerous short-term and long-term infrastructure development solutions for both rail and port legs of mining, shipping and exporting our ore to global markets," Dr Wills said.

"This choice has been aided by more recent developments in the Pilbara including the Western Australian Government's decision to back a new multi-user port at Anketell, 30 kilometres east of Karratha."

He added that Flinders Mines expected to commence its Bankable Feasibility Study for the project in the December quarter this year, having already drilled more than 1,000 holes on the Pilbara project.

The 2010 drilling program commenced only a week ago and soon three Reverse Circulation drill rigs will be working 7 days per week, drilling an estimated 12 holes a day to continue to prove up and improve the project's resource.

Part of the current campaign is aimed at testing open intersections and higher grade areas to increase the project's resource size, JORC status and grade, particularly at the flagship Delta prospect.

Delta has been targeted as likely first open cut low cost mining operation and is being considered for fast-tracking to potentially allow Flinders Mines to commission the project's first mine towards the end of 2012 focused around Direct Shipping Ore mining opportunities.

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