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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

**Nominated project proponent:** BLUESCOPE FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD

**Other project proponent(s):**

BHP GROUP OPERATIONS PTY LTD

MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD   
HAMERSLEY IRON PTY. LIMITED

WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD.

Project details

Name: NeoSmelt

Location: Kwinana, WA

Type: Other productive facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: $500 million or more

Description: Heavy industry decarbonisation faces many challenges including significant upfront capital costs, availability and cost of renewable energy and green hydrogen, decarbonisation technology performance and scalability, and surety of market demand for lower greenhouse gas emission products. BlueScope, BHP, Rio Tinto, Mitsui Iron Ore Development and Woodside (Joint Venture Partners) are seeking to mitigate challenges in the decarbonisation of steel production through cooperation across industry and government, and the proliferation of learnings related to an innovative technology pathway: DRI-ESF (Direct Reduced Iron - Electric Smelting Furnace) The Project involves the development of a Pilot facility to validate the technology pathway. The project is currently in Feasibility to inform a deeper understanding of the commercial and technical requirements to establish a successful Pilot. The Joint Venture Partners plan to validate the use of a DRI – electric smelting furnace (ESF) technology pathway for a first-of-a-kind Pilot (“Pilot”) using Pilbara iron ores. The Feasibility Phase is currently anticipated to be completed by Mid-2026 with a Final Investment Decision (FID) to be made shortly thereafter. If the Pilot is approved, work for Execution will commence and Procurement activities to supply resources (labour, material, equipment) are anticipated to commence around that time. Procurement will be undertaken by a Bl ueScope led team.

Completion date: 29 Jun 2029

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

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| **Key goods and services** | **Opportunities for Australian entities\*** | **Opportunities for  non-Australian  entities** | **Explanation for no opportunities  for Australian entities** |

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PS001 - Structural Steel Yes Yes

PS003 - Fabric Storage Buildings Yes Yes

PS004 - Buildings Yes Yes

PM 004 - Conveyors and Belts Yes Yes

PM005A - HVAC and Dust Handling Yes Yes

PM005B - HVAC and Dust Handling OEM Yes Yes

Area

PM 006 - Compressed Air System Yes Yes

PM007B - Nitrogen and Oxygen System Yes Yes

PM010 - Cranes and Hoists Yes Yes

PE001 - Power Transformers Yes Yes

PE002 - HV and MV Switchgear Yes Yes

PE011 - Transportable Switchrooms Yes Yes

CC001 - Civil Bulk Earthworks Yes No

CX001 - ECI Construction Works, Yes No

Structural, Mechanical, Piping (SMP)

CX004 - Construction Works, Structural, Yes No   
Mechanical and Piping (SMP)

PS002 - Steel Piles Yes Yes

PM003 - Weighbridge Yes Yes

PM 008 - Off-gas systems Yes Yes

PM009 - Pumps Yes Yes

PM011 - Platework Yes Yes

PM012 - Steel fabricated tanks Yes Yes

PM016 - Mobile Plant (for Operations) Yes Yes

PM017 - Control Room Fit out Yes No

PM108 - Site Workshop Fit out Yes No

PM019 - Laboratory Fit out Yes No

PM 022 - Fire Suppression System Yes Yes

PM 023 - Ladle Heating and Repair Yes Yes

PM 024 - Bulk Bag Handling System Yes Yes

PM 025 - Hydrogen Gas and Natural Gas Yes Yes

LDS

PP001 - CS Pipes Yes Yes

PP002 - HDPE Pipes Yes Yes

PP003 - SS Pipes Yes Yes

PP004 - Manual Valves and SP Items Yes Yes

PE003 - MV VSD Yes Yes

PE005 - LV VSD Yes Yes

PE006 - HV & LV Power and Fibre Optic Yes Yes

Cable

PE007 - LV MCC's Yes Yes

PE009 - Power Factor Correction Equipment Yes Yes

PE010 - Standby Generators Yes Yes

PE013 - Distribution Transformers Yes Yes

PJ001 - Process Control System Hardware Yes Yes

(BPCS and SIS)

PJ002 - Process Control System Software Yes Yes   
(BPCS and SIS)

PJ003 - Process CCTV Yes Yes

PJ004 - Field Instrumentation Yes Yes

PJ005 - Specialist Instrumentation - Yes Yes

Flowmeter

PJ006 - Specialist Instrumentation - Yes Yes   
Radiation Scanning

PJ007 - Valve Control Panels Yes Yes

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PJ008 - Control and Actuated Valves Yes Yes

PJ009 - LV and Instrumentation Control Yes Yes

Cabling

PJ012 - Fire Detection System Yes Yes

PJ013 - Power Management System Yes Yes

PJ014 - Access Control System Yes Yes

CC002 - Final Roads and Drainage Yes No

CC003 - Plant Concrete Construction Yes No

CC004 - Piling and Ground Improvements Yes No

CE005 - HV Power Supply Yes No

CE006 - Earthing and Lightning Protection Yes No

incl Soil Resistivity Testing

CE007 - Construction Works - E&I Yes No   
Installation

CE008 - HV E&I incl. Switchyard Yes No   
components

CM010 - SMPP BoP Yes No

CM011 - SMPP ESF Yes No

CM012 - SMPP DRP Yes No

CX015 - Site Fencing Yes No

CX016 - Site Temporary Offices and Yes Yes

facilities

CX017 - Construction Works SMP Yes No

CX018 - Design and Construct of Yes Yes

Prefabricated Buildings

CX019 - Refractory Installer Yes No

CX020 - Non-Process Buildings Yes Yes

CX021 - Process Buildings Yes Yes

CY022 - Site Wide Commissioning Services Yes No

PM 007 - Nitrogen and Oxygen systems and Yes No

supply

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Project standards:

Australian

International

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WHS etc. regulations/code of practice applied, tenders will detail.

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Supplier information and communication

Project proponent’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Inga Schmidtke

**Contact person position** Procurement Lead

**Phone number** 0359586105

**E-mail** [inga.schmidtke@bluescope.com](mailto:inga.schmidtke@bluescope.com)

Project proponent website: In progress, current timeline for publication is end of September 2025

Project opportunities website: The Project will be published on ICN Gateway.

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes

Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities

Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation

Transfer new product and process technology to suppliers

Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers

Support supplier development initiatives of industry associations or governments

Global supply chain integration actions:

Introduce suppliers to global supply chain partners

Recommend suppliers undertake export readiness training or international accreditation

Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The ICN Gateway process has the ability to notify unsuccessful companies who are not requested to tender. This can include reasons for lack of success which will guide the unsuccessful company to training or technology to improve their chances in the future. For companies who are register an interest with ICN and who are not invited to tender ICN will provide a written offer of feedback. In all cases, feedback will only be provided to those companies who request it. For companies who are invited to tender but are unsuccessful, BlueScope will provide a written offer of feedback. In all cases, feedback will only be provided to those companies who request it.

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

**Nominated facility operator:** BlueScope Future Technologies

Facility details

Name: NeoSmelt

Location: Kwinana, WA

Type: Other productive facility

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Supplier information and communication

Facility operator’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Inga Schmidtke

**Contact person position** Procurement Lead

**Phone number** 0359586105

**E-mail** [inga.schmidtke@bluescope.com](mailto:inga.schmidtke@bluescope.com)

Facility operator website: Website is under development. Planned publish date for the project website is early-October 2025

Facility opportunities website: The Project will be published on ICN Gateway.

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes

Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities

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