

## **NULLAGINE JOINT VENTURE – COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION AGAINST WATPAC**

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BC Iron Limited (ASX:BCI) advises that on behalf of the Nullagine Joint Venture (“NJV”) partners, it today commenced legal proceedings against its former mining services contractor Watpac Civil & Mining Pty Ltd (“Watpac”). The NJV is an unincorporated 75:25 joint venture with FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Fortescue Metals Group Limited).

As announced on 22 December 2015, the NJV and Watpac are in dispute in relation to matters arising under the mining services contract between Watpac and BC Iron Nullagine Pty Ltd (in its capacity as manager of the NJV) (“BCIN”).

Today, BCIN (in its capacity as manager of the NJV) filed a writ of summons and statement of claim in the Supreme Court of Western Australia against Watpac seeking the recovery of damages and those documents are being served on Watpac. BCIN considers that during numerous periods of the term of the mining services contract, Watpac failed to comply with its primary contractual obligations owed to BCIN as manager of the NJV causing damage to BCIN.

The Company will continue to keep the market informed of further developments in respect of these matters.

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## ABOUT BC IRON LIMITED

BC Iron is an iron ore mining and development company with assets in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, including the Nullagine Joint Venture (“NJV”), Iron Valley and Buckland. BC Iron is listed on the ASX under the code ‘BCI’.

The NJV is an unincorporated 75:25 joint venture with Fortescue Metals Group Limited (“Fortescue”), which commenced exports in February 2011. The NJV has the capacity to rail and export up to 6Mtpa of ore on Fortescue’s infrastructure. Direct shipping ore operations at the NJV are currently being suspended due to market conditions, with the potential for an ongoing low grade operation being assessed.

Iron Valley is a mine located in the Central Pilbara that is operated by Mineral Resources Limited (“MIN”) under an iron ore sale agreement. MIN operates the mine at its cost and purchases Iron Valley product from BC Iron at a price linked to MIN’s realised sale price. MIN is currently evaluating a range of initiatives that have the potential to improve the long term viability of Iron Valley and its value to both parties.

Buckland is a development project located in the West Pilbara region. It has Ore Reserves of 134.3 Mt at 57.6% Fe, a completed and announced feasibility study, its own proposed infrastructure solution comprising a haul road and transshipment port at Cape Preston East, and all primary tenure and licences secured. BC Iron is currently evaluating all options to determine the optimal development and financing path for Buckland.

BC Iron also has an interest in a number of other exploration stage projects in the Pilbara and potential royalties over the Koodaideri South and North Marillana tenements.

## KEY STATISTICS

<b>Shares on issue:</b>	196.2 million	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>	A\$71.8 million	as at 30 September 2015
<b>Board:</b>	Tony Kiernan	Chairman and Non-Executive Director
	Morgan Ball	Managing Director
	Martin Bryant	Non-Executive Director
	Andy Haslam	Non-Executive Director
	Brian O’Donnell	Non-Executive Director
	Hayley McNamara	Company Secretary
<b>Major shareholders:</b>	Wroxby Pty Ltd	19.0%

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