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Golden West Welcomes Yilgarn Infrastructure Ltd Proposal for Mid West Regional Rail Solution

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Golden West Resources Ltd ("Golden West") has welcomed Yilgarn Infrastructure Ltd's ("Yilgarn") announcement today of the submission of its Mid West rail project proposal to the State Government.

Yilgarn's proposal involves the development of a multi-user, open-access regional rail network in the Mid West, linking existing and proposed iron ore mines with the proposed Oakajee Port.

Golden West's Chief Executive Officer, David Rose said Yilgarn's proposal represented a very practical option for allowing Golden West to get iron ore from its proposed Wiluna West mine to overseas export customers.

The Yilgarn proposal includes an option for an interim solution that would allow Golden West to export iron ore and generate early cash flow, ahead of the commissioning of the proposed Oakajee Port. The interim solution involves the construction of a regional rail network to Oakajee, but with a deviation to allow exports through Geraldton Port until Oakajee is developed. Studies have concluded that Yilgarn's Mid West infrastructure proposal appears to be the most cost effective solution to meet the transport needs of Golden West's Wiluna West

project. The solution would involve iron ore being transported from remote small-scale stockpiles to the Port in an enclosed, dust-free conveyor system, running along existing rail corridors.

"We particularly support Yilgarn's proposal to facilitate export through the existing Port of Geraldton until Oakajee comes on line," Mr Rose said

"Yilgarn's proposal is a win-win all around. Golden West gets access to rail and port infrastructure so that we can build up our business while Oakajee is being developed, the proposed Oakajee Port gets access to sustainable export customers like Golden West from the day it opens, and the people of the Mid West get more employment, training and business opportunities through seeing developments take place sooner rather than later."