



**7 September 2009**

### **ATLAS SIGNS NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT FOR WODGINA**

Atlas Iron Limited (ASX Code: AGO) is pleased to announce that it has today signed a landmark Native Title Mining Agreement with the Kariyarra people in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. This is an important milestone in the development of the Company's Wodgina Iron Ore Project located 100 kilometres south of Port Hedland.

This Native Title Mining Agreement with the Kariyarra people is a significant achievement in the development of the Wodgina Iron Ore Project. Both parties have worked hard to achieve a win-win outcome in a very short period of time. In addition to commercial outcomes, the agreement provides for indigenous enterprise opportunities, preserving cultural values in the region and minimising any impact on the environment.

"It's a great result and we look forward to working with the Kariyarra people for many years to come. Wodgina looks like a long life asset and there is a chance to leave a lasting positive impact in the local communities", commented David Flanagan, Atlas Managing Director.

"This agreement also represents the last of three regional based agreements required to support our targeted 12Mtpa mining rate by the end of 2012." he added.

#### **Background Atlas Iron Limited**

Atlas Iron Limited is mining and exporting from its 100%-owned Pardoo Iron Ore project, located 75 kilometres by road from Port Hedland in the Pilbara region of Western Australia and completed its first shipment of Pardoo Direct Shipping Ore in early December 2008. Atlas is planning to export 1 million tonnes during its first 12 months of operations at the Pardoo Project, expanding following commissioning of the Utah Point port facility. When combined with additional export tonnages from its Abydos and Wodgina DSO Projects, the Company is targeting exports at an annualised rate of 6 million tonnes in 2010, growing to 12 million tonnes by 2012.

#### **For further information please contact**

David Flanagan, Managing Director, Tel: (08) 9476 7900

Garry Plowright, Land Access and Approvals Manager, Tel (08) 9476 7900