



**ALL REGISTERED MANAGERS
ALL EXPLORATION MANAGERS**

Dear Sir

**GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION 5.31(1)(b) OF THE MINES SAFETY
AND INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1995 – CABLES INSTALLED IN THE GROUND**

Pursuant to Regulation 1.5 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, I hereby grant exemption from the requirements of regulation 5.31(1)(b) to install orange cable marker tape when low voltage or high voltage cables are installed in the ground using the installation method known as 'horizontal line boring'.

'Horizontal line boring' is a relatively new method of installing buried cables and can provide significant economic and environmental benefits by obviating the need to excavate trenches in the ground. It is recognised that the concurrent installation of cable marker tape with 'horizontal line boring' methods is inherently impracticable.

This exemption is issued subject to the following conditions:

- This exemption applies only in relation to low voltage or high voltage cables installed in the ground using the installation method referred to as 'horizontal line boring'.
- Low voltage or high voltage cables installed in the ground using 'horizontal line boring' techniques must be installed in an orange coloured heavy duty wiring enclosure.
- The provision of regulation 5.31(1)(b) requiring the installation of 'surface cable route indicators' remains in force.

Please contact Mr Denis Brown, Electrical Engineer (ph: 08 9222 3546) at the Department of Industry and Resources should you wish to discuss this exemption.

Yours faithfully

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STATE MINING ENGINEER

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cc Senior Inspectors of Mines – Kalgoorlie, Perth, Karratha/Collie
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