

project site with the Nyiyaparli native title claimants to the area. Business News, pg 20

18-Aug-05 Fortescue row leads to court action  
Fortescue Metals is suing the Pilbara Native Title Services' legal advisor James Fitzgerald and Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation for defamation after PNTS claimed the key signatories to a native title agreement had not understood the agreement and called on the Australian Stock Exchange and Australian Securities and Investment Commission to investigate the matter. Fortescue director Graeme Rowley said "We are reacting to the PNTS' defamatory statements. The comments are outrageous and we must protect our reputation". On-going Age, pg ; West Australian, pg 45; Sydney Morning Herald, pg 21(19 Aug 2005)

19-Aug-05 Fortescue in court. Nyiyaparli native title claimants filed a Federal Court writ to void their land agreement with Fortescue Metals Group. On-going Age, pg 4; Canberra Times, pg 9; Australian, pg 24; Courier Mail, pg 36; Herald Sun, pg 45; West Australian, pg 48

31-Aug-05 Indigenous Centre opens at Roebourne. A \$1.4 million cultural precinct centre has opened in Roebourne. It is a project of the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation, formed as part of a native title agreement with mining company Woodside. Alice Springs News, pg 14

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Case Manager: Sharon Reynolds

02-Sep-05 Native title agreement reached. Murchison Metals and traditional owners, the Wajarri and Ngoonooru Wadjari peoples, have finalised the terms of a native title agreement. Yamatji Land and Sea Council Executive Director Simon Hawkins said that the mining company was open about its plans for the area and the claimant group responded well to this. "The traditional owners of the land are happy with the outcome and it's safe to say there is a high level of trust in Murchison Metals at this stage. When mining companies come to negotiations with full information, it makes the process considerably easier". While the terms of the agreement are confidential, it will provide benefits to the Ngoonooru Wadjari and Wadjari people over the life of the Jack Hills project. Mining company and traditional owners finalise terms of agreement Alice Springs News, pg 25; The Guardian, Geraldton WA - Friday (12/8/05)

03-Sep-05 Negotiations to proceed over mining in the Pilbara. Iron ore drilling will begin in the Pilbara once AusQuest have negotiated an agreement with native title claimants. Mining company to negotiate with native title claimants. Alice Springs News, pg 22

## APPLICATIONS LODGED

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The National Native Title Tribunal posts summaries on their website of applications that are lodged with them, [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au). The following applications were lodged in July/August 2005.

### Claimant Applications

Application date	Application name	Decision date	State/ Terr.	Decision	Tribunal file no.	Federal Court file no.
17/08/2005	<a href="#">Bar Barrum People #2</a>	19/07/2005	QLD	Accepted	QC01/17-3	QUD6015/01
17/08/2005	<a href="#">Bar Barrum People #3</a>	21/07/2005	QLD	Accepted	QC01/18-3	QUD6017/01
17/08/2005	<a href="#">Bar Barrum People #7</a>	28/07/2005	QLD	Accepted	QC01/35-2	QUD6033/01