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The Midwest Corporation Limited Koolanooka / Blue Hills Direct Shipping Iron Ore (DSO) Mining Project covers the mining, processing and transport of iron ore from three established pits in the Koolanooka and Blue Hills Region, Southwest of Geraldton, to a rail siding at Tilley, slightly north of the WA township of Morawa. The project will be conducted within existing pits or in previously disturbed areas as far as practicable to reduce environmental impacts.

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