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To whom it may concern,

### Annual Greenhouse Gas Reporting Ministerial Statement MS1188 - FY2023 -2024

The West Musgrave Project (WMP) is a greenfield copper and nickel project that is being developed by the BHP wholly owned subsidiary, OZ Minerals Musgrave Operations Pty Ltd. Due to the prevailing nickel market conditions the WMP was formally placed in temporary suspension in October 2024 and all construction activities ceased. The WMP is approved under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), subject to the conditions outlined in Ministerial Statement 1188 (MS 1188), as amended.

Condition 5 of MS1188 outlines annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reporting requirements for the project. As the project has not yet commenced production of nickel or copper, currently only Condition 5-2 (1) of MS 1188 applies.

5-2 "The proponent shall submit a report to the CEO each year by 31 March, commencing on the first 31 March after the date of this Statement specifying for the previous financial year:

(1) the quantity of proposal GHG emissions and copper and nickel concentrates produced".

The Project commenced construction in November 2022. Activities during the FY2022-2023 and FY2023-2024 reporting periods that contributed to Scope 1 emissions consisted of site power generation, construction activities and limited exploration activities. No nickel or copper concentrates have been produced from the project to date. The FY2022-2023 report was submitted to the CEO on 18 March 2024.

### **Reporting of Potential Non-Compliance**

On 11 April 2025, BHP Western Australia Nickel (WAN) identified that the report required under Condition 5-2 had, due to an oversight, not been submitted on or before 31 March 2025. As required under Condition 10-5, WAN hereby formally notifies the CEO of the potential non-compliance, which will also be reported in the annual MS1188 Compliance Assessment Report.

## **Quantity of proposal GHG emissions**

Details of the total Scope 1 emissions for the 2023-2024 reporting period are provided in Table 1, below. These emission estimates are based on fuel and lubricant consumption records maintained by the project for the reporting period. During the 2023-2024 reporting period the WMP was estimated to emit 9,268 tonnes of  $CO_2$  equivalent emissions.

		GHG EMISSIONS (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)			ENERGY (GJ)	
Activity	Quantity	Scope 1	Scope 2	Total Scope 1 + Scope 2	Consumed	Produced
Diesel combusted	3,413.11 kL	9258.17	Nil	9258.17	131745.09	Nil
LPG Combusted	6.2 kL	9.637	Nil	9.637	159.03	Nil
Petroleum Based Oils & Grease	1.44 kL	0.196	Nil	0.196	55.87	Nil
	Total	9268.00	Nil	9268.00	131,959.99	Nil

### Table 1 FY2023-2024 GHG Emissions and Energy Consumption

# Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Inquiry into MS 1188 Greenhouse Gas Emission Conditions

WAN received correspondence from the EPA Service branch of DWER (Department of Water and Environmental Regulation) during April 2025 requesting further information in relation to the Greenhouse Gas Conditions of MS1188. WAN understands the EPA Services branch intends to amend the MS1188 Greenhouse Gas Conditions to allow the proposal to be regulated under the Commonwealth's Safeguard Mechanism and not by the State.

If you require any additional information, please contact Mr Danie Richter (daniel.richter@bhp.com).

Yours sincerely,

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