

## **Schedule 6**

### **Original RC Deed of Novation**

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[Representative Parties]

Representative Parties

[Insert Name of Regional Corporation]

Regional Corporation

South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation

[SWALSC may be replaced by the CSC]

SWALSC

State of Western Australia

State

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Lands, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Minister for Environment, Minister for Water, Conservation Commission of Western Australia, Conservation and Land Management Executive Body, Housing Authority, Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, Water Corporation, Western Australian Land Authority

Government Parties

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**Date** [Insert Date]

**Parties** [Insert Names of Representative Parties] [Insert addresses of Representative Parties] (Representative Parties) for and on behalf of the Native Title Agreement Group

[Insert Name of Regional Corporation] [Regional Corporation ICN] [Insert address of Regional Corporation registered office] (Regional Corporation)

South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation ICN 3832 [Insert address of SWALSC registered office] (SWALSC) [SWALSC may be replaced by the CSC]

State of Western Australia [Insert State's address] (State)

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for Lands, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Minister for Environment, Minister for Water, Conservation Commission of Western Australia, Conservation and Land Management Executive Body, Housing Authority, Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, Water Corporation, Western Australian Land Authority (Government Parties)

## Background

- A. The Representative Parties, SWALSC, the State and the Government Parties are parties to the ILUA.
- B. The Representative Parties entered into the ILUA for and on behalf of the Native Title Agreement Group.
- C. Clause 8.2 of the ILUA requires that the Regional Corporation, following its appointment by the Trustee, will replace the Representative Parties as a party to the ILUA (for and on behalf of the Native Title Agreement Group) by executing a "Deed of Novation".
- D. The Government Parties authorised, in the ILUA, the State to execute this Deed on their behalf.

## Operative provisions

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### 1. Definitions and interpretation

#### 1.1 Definitions

**Deed** means this document.

**Effective Date** means [insert].

**ILUA** means the document titled "South West Indigenous Land Use Agreement ([Amend title as appropriate for each ILUA])", which was dated [insert] and entered into between SWALSC, the Representative Parties (for and on behalf of the Native Title Agreement Group), the State and the Government Parties.

**Native Title Agreement Group** has the meaning given in the ILUA.

**Parties** means the Representative Parties, the Regional Corporation, SWALSC, the State and the Government Parties.

**Settlement Terms** has the meaning given in the ILUA.

**Trustee** has the meaning given in the ILUA.

## 1.2 Interpretation

In this Deed:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- and unless the context indicates a contrary intention:
- (b) any capitalised term used that is defined in the ILUA, but not specifically defined in this Deed, will have in this Deed the meaning that it bears in the ILUA;
  - (c) an obligation or a liability assumed by, or a right conferred on, 2 or more persons binds or benefits them jointly and severally;
  - (d) **person** includes an individual, the estate of an individual, a corporation, an authority, an association or a joint venture (whether incorporated or unincorporated), a partnership, a government entity and a trust;
  - (e) a reference to a Party is a reference to a Party to this Deed and includes that Party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns, including persons taking by way of novation, and, in the case of a trustee, includes a substituted or an additional trustee;
  - (f) a reference to any document (including this Deed) is to that document as varied, novated, ratified or replaced from time to time;
  - (g) words importing the singular include the plural (and vice versa), and words indicating a gender include every other gender;
  - (h) a reference to a clause is a reference to a constituent part of this Deed;
  - (i) if a word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning; and
  - (j) **includes** in any form is not a word of limitation.

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## 2. Novation

### 2.1 ILUA (original agreement)

Subject to clause 2.2, and with effect from the Effective Date:

- (a) the Regional Corporation is substituted for the Representative Parties as a party to the ILUA and will perform those terms and conditions of the ILUA binding upon the Native Title Agreement Group;
- (b) the Regional Corporation will be bound by the ILUA, and be entitled to the benefit of the ILUA, as if the Regional Corporation were a party to the ILUA in lieu of the Representative Parties on behalf of the Native Title Agreement Group; and
- (c) the Native Title Agreement Group is released and discharged from all obligations and liabilities, and from all claims (whether for costs, damages, fees, expenses or otherwise), arising under the ILUA.

## 2.2 Liability

Notwithstanding clause 2.1:

- (a) the Native Title Agreement Group is not released, relieved or discharged from any representation, warranty, undertaking, acknowledgement, obligation or liability:
  - (i) under clauses 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 or 16 of the ILUA, or clauses 13 and 20 of the Settlement Terms, whether arising before or after the Effective Date; or
  - (ii) for any breach of any provision of the ILUA that the Representative Parties may have committed before the Effective Date; and
- (b) the Regional Corporation will not assume any obligation or liability that has accrued under the ILUA before the Effective Date.

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## 3. Affirmation of the ILUA

The ILUA will be read and construed subject to this Deed, and in all other respects the provisions of the ILUA are ratified and confirmed, and, subject to the variation and novation contained in this Deed, the ILUA will continue in full force and effect.

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## 4. General

### 4.1 Governing Law

This Deed is governed by and must be construed according to the law applying in Western Australia.

### 4.2 Jurisdiction

Each Party irrevocably:

- (a) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Western Australia, and the courts competent to determine appeals from those courts, with respect to any proceedings that may be brought at any time relating to this Deed; and
- (b) waives any objection it may now or in the future have to the venue of any proceedings, and any claim it may now or in the future have that any proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum, if that venue falls within clause 4.2(a).

### 4.3 Further acts and documents

Each Party must promptly do all further acts and execute and deliver all further documents (in form and content reasonably satisfactory to that Party) required by law or reasonably requested by another Party to give effect to this Deed.

### 4.4 Counterparts

This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the Parties on separate counterparts. Each counterpart constitutes the deed of each Party who has executed and delivered that counterpart.

### 4.5 Expenses

Except as otherwise provided in this Deed, each Party must pay its own costs and expenses in connection with negotiating, preparing, executing and performing this Deed.

#### **4.6 Duties**

The Regional Corporation:

- (a) must pay all duties and any related fines and penalties in respect of this Deed and the performance of this Deed; and
- (b) indemnifies each other Party against any liability arising from failure to comply with clause 4.6(a).

#### **4.7 Severability**

If any part of this Deed is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under the law of any jurisdiction, that will not affect or impair:

- (a) the legality, validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of this Deed; or
- (b) the legality, validity or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision of this Deed.

#### **4.8 Entire agreement**

To the extent permitted by law, in relation to its subject matter, this Deed:

- (a) embodies the entire understanding of the Parties, and constitutes the entire terms agreed by the Parties; and
- (b) supersedes any prior written or other agreement of the Parties.

**Executed** as a deed.

**Executed by [Insert Name of Representative Party]** in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of Representative Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**[Repeat this execution clause for each individual Representative Party]**

**Executed by [Insert Name and ICN of Regional Corporation]** in accordance with its constitution in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorised representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of authorised representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Executed by South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation ICN 3832**  
in accordance with its constitution in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorised representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of authorised representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Executed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia** )  
**and of each of the Government Parties by The Honourable** )  
**[Insert name of the Premier]** in the presence of: )

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Premier

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation of Witness