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MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY

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Sherwin Iron's first iron ore shipment is being loaded at East Arm Wharf for export to China.

Minister for Mines and Energy, Willem Westra van Holthe, met with Sherwin Iron Executives and Senior Traditional Owners to oversee the bulk sample being loaded.

"It is a momentous occasion to see the iron ore being loaded," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"This project will see the employment of up to 300 people when it is fully operational.

"The Territory Government is fully committed to doing whatever it can to see this project succeed.

"This is a proud day for Sherwin Iron, the Traditional Owners and the Territory Government.

"I recently visited Sherwin's Roper Mine Site. The level of economic activity in the Roper Region is encouraging. Taking jobs, training, infrastructure and services to the bush is all part of the Country Liberal Government's regional development agenda.

"I look forward to seeing the long-term benefits the mine site brings to the Roper Region."

The Roper River mine is located 500 km southeast of Darwin and is scheduled to move into full production next year.

At least 200 million tonnes of ore from the Roper River mine is expected to pass through East Arm over the project's 20+ year lifespan.

The iron ore is destined for steel mills in China.

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