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**Department of the Environment and Water Resources**

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Date: 20 August 2007  
EPBC Ref: 2007/3556  
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Dear Mr Benjamin

**Decision on referral  
Tiwest Cooljarloo Mine – Falcon Extension**

This proposed action, to expand the Cooljarloo Mineral Sands Mine in Western Australia, has now been considered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**We have decided that the proposed action is not a controlled action and, as such, does not require assessment and approval by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources before it can proceed.**

A copy of the document recording this decision is enclosed.

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I have written separately to Mr Nick Sibbel advising him of this decision.

If you have any questions about the referral process or this decision, please contact the EPBC project manager and quote the EPBC reference number shown at the beginning of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**Notification of  
REFERRAL DECISION – not controlled action**

**Tiwest Cooljarloo Mine – Falcon Extension (EPBC 2007/3556)**

This decision is made under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

**Proposed action**

person named in the referral Mr Rick Benjamin

proposed action To expand the mining of mineral sands within the Cooljarloo Mine  
Falcon Extension

**Referral decision: Not a controlled action**

status of proposed action The proposed action is not a controlled action.

**Person authorised to make decision**

Name and position Ms Vicki Middleton  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessment Branch

signature

date of decision

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