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Media Statement

DEC pollution prosecution

The Department of Environment and Conservation today charged a WA port in relation to lead contamination and nickel odour in Esperance.

The charges are:

Section 49(2)(a) Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Caused Pollution with Criminal Negligence (maximum corporate penalty: \$1,000,000);

Section 72(1) Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Failure to Notify the CEO of a Discharge of Waste Likely to Cause Pollution (maximum corporate penalty: \$50,000);

Section 49(3) Environmental Protection Act 1986 - Causing Pollution (maximum corporate penalty: \$500,000);

Section 72(1) Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Failure to Notify the CEO of a Discharge of Waste Likely to Cause Pollution (maximum penalty both corporate and individual: \$50,000);

Section 49(5)(a) Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Emit Unreasonable Emission (maximum corporate penalty: \$125,000); and

Section 56(1) Environmental Protection Act 1986 – Causing an Emission Not in Accordance with a Licence (maximum corporate penalty: \$100,000).

The offences are alleged to have occurred between December 2006 and March 2007.

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