

**BHP BILLITON IRON ORE - PILBARA, WA****PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

Austrak was initially contracted to supply sleepers for BHP's Iron Ore projects in 1986 and to date has supplied more than 700,000 sleepers and approximately 100 turnout bearer sets. The sleepers were for the partial duplication of the line to Mt Newman, Yandi, Whaleback and Jimblebar.

**PRODUCT:**

- standard gauge, maximum 50 tonne axle load, 80 kph, 68kg rail, heavy duty Pandrol insulated eClip
- variety of turnout bearer sets including 1:10, 1:15 and 1:20
- catchpoints

**FACTORY:**

- the first factory was built and commissioned at South Hedland, WA.. This was a single bed factory, growing over time to 230m in length, and serviced the first four contracts
- in 2000 a new five bed factory was built and commissioned at Wedgefield, WA. and this factory is now used for BHP production
- the facility at Wedgefield has also been producing turnout bearers since 2005

