

FORTESCUE METALS GROUP - PILBARA, WA**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

In 2007/08 Austrak produced 260km of heavy haul sleepers for FMG to connect their new port facilities at Port Hedland to their iron ore mine sites. FMG are laying a 260km single track railway in 2007/8 to connect their new port facilities at Port Hedland to their new iron ore mine sites. Their intention is to start shipping in 2008 with 30mtpa increasing to 45mtpa target tonnage in 2009. AUD \$3.25billion has been raised to fund the whole project - port, railway, airstrip, highways, accommodation and mine, with the initial mine site at Cloud Break.

PRODUCT:

- one sleeper type only, heavy duty Pandrol eClip. Nominal 42 tonne axle load 80 kph, 68kg rail
- total of 40 turnouts comprising 17 off 1:20, 13 off 1:12 and 10 catchpoints
- monorail sleepers will also be provided to the port facilities

CONTRACTS:

- 420,000 sleepers for delivery throughout 2007
- 40 turnout sets
- 8,000 monorail sleepers for stacker/reclaimers and ship loader

FACTORIES:

- existing factory in Wedgefield, Port Hedland, WA
- operating 2 x 12 hours shifts six days increasing to seven days per week rotating roster for sleepers
- turnouts are also cast at the Wedgefield factory at the rate of three beds of 130m every second day to meet the schedule

