

**ALL REGISTERED MANAGERS
ALL EXPLORATION MANAGERS**

Dear Sir

**GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION 5.31(1)(c)(i) OF THE MINES SAFETY
AND INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1995 – CABLES INSTALLED IN THE GROUND**

Pursuant to Regulation 1.4 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, I hereby grant exemption from regulation 5.31(1)(c)(i) to allow low voltage or high voltage cables 'buried direct' in the ground to be protected by either:

- Steel wire armouring; or
- Corrugated steel sheathing.

The current provisions of regulation 5.31(1)(c)(i) requiring cables to be steel wire armoured are intended to afford effective mechanical/electrical protection against damage arising from inadvertent impact when persons excavate ground in the vicinity of buried cables, and it is considered that corrugated steel sheathing will provide an equivalent degree of protection.

'buried direct' means cables which are installed in physical contact with the surrounding ground and which are not contained within any form of acceptable wiring enclosure.

Please contact Mr Denis Brown (ph: 9222 3546) at the Department of Industry and Resources should you wish to discuss this exemption.

Yours faithfully

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STATE MINING ENGINEER

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cc Senior Inspectors of Mines – Kalgoorlie, Perth, Karratha/Collie
Electrical Inspectors – Kalgoorlie, Perth, Karratha/Collie