



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

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Permit holder:	South Kal Mines Pty Ltd
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Shire:	Shire of Coolgardie; Shire of Kalgoorlie/Boulder
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The Permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Clearing authorised

Clearing of up to 225 hectares in the area cross-hatched yellow on Plan 1546/1a.

2. Clearing not authorised

The Permit holder shall not clear any native vegetation within the areas in vegetation habitat type 1.5, solid fill red on attached Plan 1546/1b.

3. Application

This Permit allows the Permit holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit holder, to clear *native vegetation* for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit holder.

4. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under condition 1 of this Permit, the Permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

- (a) In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of the authorised activities the Permit holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:
- (i) Avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
 - (ii) Minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
 - (iii) Reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

6. Revegetation

The Permit Holder must revegetate all areas cleared for the purpose of exploration and prospecting in accordance with the following:

- (a) The Permit holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit;
- (b) Within six months of the area no longer being required for the purpose of the exploration and prospecting the Permit holder must revegetate the area by:
 - (i) Deep ripping the soil of any area to be rehabilitated;
 - (ii) Laying topsoil retained in accordance with condition 6(a) on the area;
- (c) Within one year of undertaking revegetation in accordance with condition 6(b), the Permit Holder must:
 - (i) Determine the species composition, structure and density of the area revegetated;
 - (ii) Where, in the opinion of an *flora specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 6(c)(i) will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area the Permit Holder must undertake planting or seeding of *native vegetation*;
 - (iii) Propagative material must be sourced from within 50 km of the area to be revegetated.

7. Fauna management

- (a) Prior to clearing, the sites shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a *fauna specialist* to identify the presence of malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) mounds.
- (b) The Permit holder shall not clear within 50m of malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) mounds identified in condition 7(a) above.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records must be kept

The Permit holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- (a) In relation to the *clearing of native vegetation* undertaken pursuant to condition 1:
 - (i) The location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) The date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iii) The size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 6(b) and (c):
 - (i) The location of any area *revegetated* recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken; and
 - (iii) The size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares).
- (c) In relation to fauna management pursuant to condition 7:
 - (i) The location of each malleefowl mound in accordance with condition 7(a) recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;

9. Reporting

The Permit holder must provide to the *CEO*, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records requested under condition 8 and activities done by the Permit holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

10. Severance

It is the intent of these conditions that they shall operate so that, if a condition or part of a condition is beyond my power to impose, or is otherwise ultra vires or invalid, that condition or part of a condition shall be severed and the remainder of these conditions shall nevertheless be valid to the extent that they are within my power to impose and are not otherwise ultra vires or invalid.

11. Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

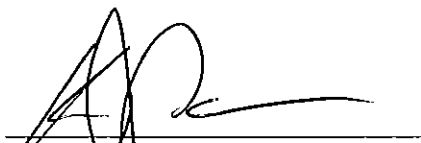
CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation;

clearing has the meaning given to it in section 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

EP Act means the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

native vegetation has the meaning given to it in sections 3 and 51A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and regulation 4 of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;

revegetation means the re-establishment of a cover of *native vegetation* in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-*clearing* vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting;



Kim Taylor
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