

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:

1677 / 1

File Number:

A2762/200601

Duration of Permit:

28th July 2007 to 28th July 2009

PERMIT HOLDER

Westonia Mines Limited

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease M77/88 Mining Lease M77/124

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 9.57 hectares for the purposes of Mineral Production.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - a) the location where the clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
 - b) the size of the area cleared in hectares;
 - c) the method of clearing;
 - d) the purpose of clearing;
 - e) the date on which the area was cleared; and
 - f) the area revegetated in hectares.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall provide an Annual Clearing Report to the Director, Environment, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 July each year for the life of the permit, demonstrating adherence to all the conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under condition 1 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1st January and 31st December the previous year. This report can be included as an addendum to the Annual Environmental Report submitted to DoIR.
- The Permit Holder must stockpile all topsoil and native vegetation cleared under this permit for use in rehabilitation.
- 4. The Permit Holder shall employ dust suppression measures on all roads within Mining Lease M77/88 and Mining Lease M77/124. The Permit holder shall ensure that water used in dust suppression does not spray or drift onto adjacent native vegetation.
- The Permit Holder shall construct water retention bunds on each side of all roads within M77/88 and M77/124 to ensure that saline water does not seep or spill into adjacent native vegetation. Water run-off from roads shall be directed into drainage sumps.
- 6. The Permit Holder shall revegetate an area surrounding a Tailings Storage Facility to be constructed on Mining Lease M77/110, equal to or greater than 9.57 ha, using locally sourced native seeds and seedlings according to a Mining Proposal approved by the Department of Industry and Resources (DoIR) entitled 'Westonia Gold Mine, Mining Leases M77/88, M77/110, M77/124 and L77/18 Mining Proposal for the Edna May Cutback at Westonia Gold Mine Final', or DoIR approved update.

- 7. The permit holder shall monitor populations of *Eremophila resinosa* located within M77/88 and M77/124 according to the following:
 - a) Weekly inspection of salt water pipelines;
 - b) Monthly review of the condition of *E. resinosa* within the tenements to determine any impacts of mining;
 - c) Monthly review of mining operations for the following month and potential to impact E. resinosa;
 - d) Monthly inspection of bunds, sumps and drains and fencing associated with the management of *E. resinosa*; and,
 - e) Annual recording of E. resinosa plant numbers and location, density, cover and health.

Where signs of plant stress are observed, the Permit Holder shall notify the Native Vegetation Assessment Branch of the Department of Industry and Resources.

Definitions

In this permit:

Annual Environmental Report means a report produced as a requirement of tenement conditions under the *Mining Act 1978*.

Dust suppression measures means the spraying of water over road surfaces to suppress the release of dust particles.

Water retention bund means a continuous windrow of soil designed to prevent run off from discharging into the surrounding environment.

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