



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1739 / 1

File Number: A0262/200701

Duration of Permit: From 23 June 2007 to 23 September 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

Pioneer Nickel Limited

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 74/163

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 1.54 hectares of native vegetation for the purposes of mineral exploration, within the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 1739/1.

CONDITIONS

1. When clearing native vegetation for access tracks under this permit, the Permit Holder must use a raised blade or hand clearing.
2. The Permit Holder must stockpile all native vegetation cleared under this permit for use in rehabilitation in accordance with Condition 4. Cleared native vegetation must be stockpiled in an area that has already been cleared.
3. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - a) the location of 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 dates on which the area was cleared;
 - d) the area rehabilitated in hectares;
 - e) the method of clearing; and
 - f) the purpose of clearing.
4. For each instance of clearing recorded under Condition 3, the Permit Holder must, within 6 months of the completion of exploration activities, rehabilitate all cleared areas by re-shaping the surface so that it is consistent with the surrounding 5 meters of uncleared land, and re-spreading the topsoil and vegetative material stockpiled under Condition 2 over each cleared area.
5. For each area rehabilitated under Condition 4 of this permit, the Permit Holder must record:
 - a) the co-ordinates of areas rehabilitated using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - b) the size of the areas rehabilitated in hectares; and
 - c) the dates on which the area was rehabilitated.
6. Exploration activities shall only be undertaken by the Permit Holder during dry soil conditions.
7. The Permit Holder shall ensure that all vehicles and machinery prior to entering the permit area are free of soil and plant propagules.
8. The Permit Holder should avoid clearing whilst Bridal Creeper, *Asparagus asparagoides*, is seeding (late spring – early summer).
9. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, of the Department of Industry and Resources by 1 February 2008 and each subsequent year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all the conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Conditions 3 and 5 of this permit in relation to the clearing activities carried out between 1 January and 31 December the previous year.


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24 May 2007