



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1950 / 2

File Number: A1115/200701

Duration of Permit: From 29 November 2007 to 06 October 2012

### PERMIT HOLDER

Sinosteel Midwest Management Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Temporary Reserve 70/3902

### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration.

### CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 40 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 1950/2.

2. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:

- i) the location of where the clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
- ii) the size of the area cleared in hectares;
- iii) the dates on which the area was cleared;
- iv) the area rehabilitated in hectares;
- v) the method of clearing; and
- vi) the purpose of clearing.

3. When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and rehabilitation, or other activity pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds:

- i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- ii) ensure that no weed-affected road building materials, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

4. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 10 metres of any Priority Flora taxa within the areas cross-hatched red on attached Plan 1950/2.

5. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 10 metres of *Abutilon malvifolium* or *Caladrintia* sp. The Pink Hills within the areas cross-hatched red on attached Plan 1950/2.

6. Before commencing clearing within the area to which this clearing permit applies, the permit holder shall procure a suitably qualified person to:

- i) walk, inspect and survey the area to be cleared to identify any individuals, webs or burrows of the species *Idiosoma nigrum* or *Cethegus* sp. present within the area to be cleared, in accordance with "Guidance Statement No 56 Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia", June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority;
- ii) mark the locations of any individuals, webs or burrows so identified with highly visible marking tape; and
- iii) record the location of any individuals, webs or burrows so identified, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system.

7. When undertaking any clearing pursuant to this Permit, the Permit Holder shall not take any individuals, webs or burrows of the species *Idiosoma nigrum* or *Cethegus* sp. identified pursuant to Condition 6.

8. In this permit, suitably qualified person means a person who has had formal training, experience and mentoring in the area of fauna identification/ fauna and faunal assemblage surveys and/ or specific training in elements of survey or sampling theory and Australian fauna identification and zoogeography; and would normally have had a wide exposure to Western Australia's fauna and faunal assemblages, preferably with knowledge and experience in the region being surveyed.

9. The Permit Holder shall conduct rehabilitation of the areas approved to clear pursuant to this permit in accordance with the document titled: "*Sinosteel Midwest Management - Environmental Management Plan (Exploration)*", dated April 2007 and retained on Department of Industry and Resources File No: A1115/200701.

10. Where a difference exists between the document referred to in Condition 9 and the conditions pursuant to this permit, then the conditions shall prevail.

11. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 6 October each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 2 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.



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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20  
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

29 November 2007