

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1975 / 1 File Number: A1273/200701

Duration of Permit: From 30 August 2008 to 31 March 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 31/6 Mining Lease 31/3 Miscellaneous Licence 31/44

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of constructing a dewatering pipeline and access road.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 20 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area shaded yellow or red on attached Plan 1975/1.

Guiding Principles

- 2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purposes of constructing a dewatering pipeline and access road, 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.

Land Degradation Management

 The Permit Holder must create berms or other water and sediment impediment devices within the area shaded red on attached Plan 1975/1.

Record Keeping

- 4. 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.

Reporting

5. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 March each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 4 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous calendar year.

Definitions

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

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

mulch means the use of organic matter, woodchips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation; and

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water.

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ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

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

31 July 2008