



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1977/1

File Number: A1274/200701

Duration of Permit: From 9 August 2008 to 31 March 2013

### PERMIT HOLDER

Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 31/3

Mining Lease 31/5

Mining Lease 31/6

Mining Lease 31/76

Miscellaneous Licence 31/45

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of the construction of a haul road and associated works.

### CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 60 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 1977/1.

### Guiding Principles

2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of Mineral Production, 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

3. The Permit Holder shall construct and maintain a culvert or floodway where the haul road crosses a drainage line.
4. No windrows or mounds of soil are to remain in *broad drainage lines* post construction of the haul road.

### **Record Keeping**

5. 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**

6. 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 5 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:

*broad drainage lines* are areas prone to sheetflow after high intensity rainfall;

*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;

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

*weed* means a species listed in Appendix 3 of the "Environmental Weed Strategy" published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (1999), and plants declared under section 37 of the Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976.



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