



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 1995 / 1

File Number: A1292/200701

Duration of Permit: From 5 July 2008 to 31 July 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

BGC (Australia) Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 70/1085

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of mineral production.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 24.18 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 1995/1.

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.

Clearing Restrictions

3. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 6 hectares of native vegetation in any calendar year for the life of this Permit.

Fauna Management

4. (i) Prior to each instance of clearing within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 1995/1, the area shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify trees that contain hollows suitable to be utilised as habitat by fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2006*;
- (ii) Any habitat identified under Condition 4 (i) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* to determine whether it is being utilised by fauna listed in the *Wildlife Conservation (Specially Protected Fauna) Notice 2006*;
- (iii) The Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in Condition 4 (ii) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*.

Weed Management

5. When undertaking any clearing, 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.

Rehabilitation

6. The Permit Holder shall stockpile all topsoil and native vegetation cleared under this permit for use in rehabilitation.

Record Keeping

7. 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 purpose of clearing;
- (v) the method of clearing; and
- (vi) the area rehabilitated in hectares.

Reporting

8. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 July each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 7 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous 12 month period.

DEFINITIONS

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

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

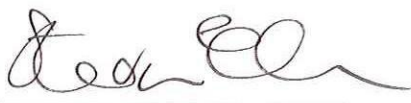
fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation, issued pursuant to the *Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970* (as amended) authorising them to take fauna in order to carry out the approved clearing associated with this permit;

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;

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

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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