

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2029 / 1 File Number: A1380/200701

Duration of Permit: From 01 December 2007 to 31 May 2008

PERMIT HOLDER

Opus Exploration Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease M47/473 Mining Lease M47/474 Mining Lease M47/475

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 40 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached plan 2029/1.
- 2. The Permit Holder must record the following for each instance of clearing:
 - (a) the location where clearing occurred, expressed as grid coordinates using the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 coordinate system;
 - (b) the area cleared in hectares;
 - (c) the dates cleared;
 - (d) the method of clearing;
 - (e) the purpose of clearing; and
 - (f) the area rehabilitated in hectares.
- 3. Remedial work involving stabilisation of areas by placement of erosion retardants at any points showing signs of significant erosion to be undertaken where required.
- 4. The Permit holder shall create a monitoring program that includes but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) monitoring plant health and condition, and
 - (b) weed outbreaks.
- 5. The monitoring program identified in Condition 4 shall be performed by a suitably qualified person on the following schedule:
 - (a) within three weeks of discharge commencing; then
 - (b) monthly for the first six months; and then
 - (c) bi-monthly for the remainder of the discharge time.
- 6. Should the monitoring of the vegetation within the area inundated by water discharge indicate that vegetation health is showing significant signs of deterioration, Opus Exploration Pty Ltd will develop and implement a post-discharge monitoring and rehabilitation program. Deterioration of vegetation health will be determined based on the professional judgement of a suitably qualified person.

7. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 January each year, setting out the records required under Condition 2 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between January and December of the previous year. This report can be included as part of the Annual Environmental Report submitted to DoIR.

Explanatory Note:

In this permit Annual Environmental Report means a report produced as a requirement of tenement conditions under the *Mining Act* 1978.

Graham Cobby

DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

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

01 November 2007