



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2135 / 1

File Number: A1586/200701

Duration of Permit: From 31 May 2008 to 30 June 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Mount Gibson Mining Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 70/896

Mining Lease 70/1062

Mining Lease 70/1063

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 101.4 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2135/1.
2. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 30 hectares of native vegetation in any calendar year for the life of this Permit.

Weed Control

3. 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

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

Flora Management

5. The Permit Holder shall erect fencing around the perimeter of the area cross hatched red on attached Plan 2135/1.
 - (i) the fence shall be constructed using ring lock fence materials with a top strand of barb wire; and
 - (ii) the fence shall be constructed prior to 31 December 2008.

Record Keeping

6. 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

7. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources by 30 June each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 6 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 June and 31 May of the previous 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;

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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ENVIRONMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES
Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

1 May 2008