



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2192 / 1

File Number: A1852/200701

Duration of Permit: From 10 May 2008 to 10 November 2010

PERMIT HOLDER

Boxcut Mining Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Exploration licence 45/2690

Exploration licence 45/2691

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of exploration drilling movement and temporary camp area.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 21.33 ha of native vegetation, within the areas hatched yellow on attached Plan 2192/1.
2. Avoid, minimise etc clearing
In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of road upgrades, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:
 - a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
 - b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
 - c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.
3. Weed control
When undertaking any clearing, 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*:
 - a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - b) ensure that no *weed-affected road building materials, mulches, fill* or other material is brought into areas to be cleared; and
 - c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
4. Fauna Management
 - a) Prior to clearing within the areas described in condition 1, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify fauna habitat (burrows) suitable to be utilised by fauna species listed below:
 - (i) Mulgara (*Dasycerus cristicauda*)
 - (ii) Greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*)
 - (iii) Northern marsupial mole *Notoryctes caurinus*)
 - (iv) Great desert skink (*Egernia kintorei*)
 - b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified by condition 4a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna.
 - c) The Permit Holder shall not clear within 10m of the burrows of fauna identified in condition 4. a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
5. The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation for drill pads, sumps and the exploration camp within 50 metres of a *watercourse*.

6. Revegetation
- a) The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit.
 - b) Within six months of any area no longer being required for the purpose of exploration and camp area the Permit Holder must lay the vegetative material and topsoil retained in accordance with the requirements of condition 6(a).
7. Records must be kept
- The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:
- a) the species composition, structure and density of the cleared area;
 - b) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - c) the date that the area was cleared; and
 - d) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).
8. Reporting
- The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 7 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

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;


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

mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips 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;

watercourse has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.

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.



Sarah McEvoy
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