

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2271 / 1

File Number: A0048/200801

Duration of Permit: 17 May 2008 to 30 June 2013

PERMIT HOLDER

Western Areas NL

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 77/545

Mining Lease 77/582

Mining Lease 77/911

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of Mineral Exploration and Mine Infrastructure.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 15 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2271/1.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50 metres of any population of the flora species *Microcrys sp.* Forrestania.
- 3. When undertaking any clearing, revegetation and 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:
 - (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, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared
- 4. The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit, to be used in rehabilitation required under condition 5.
- 5. The Permit Holder shall retain *habitat trees* removed by clearing authorised under this Permit, to be used in rehabilitation under condition 5.
- 6. For each instance of clearing for mineral exploration purposes, recorded under condition 6, the Permit Holder shall, within 6 months of the completion of the exploration activity for which the area was cleared, rehabilitate those cleared areas by re-shaping the surface of each cleared area using the topsoil removed during the clearing, so that the shape of the surface of the rehabilitated area is consistent with the shape of the surrounding 5 metres of uncleared land.
- 7. The Permit Holder shall 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 for mineral exploration in hectares;
 - (c) the area cleared for mine infrastructure in hectares;

- (d) the dates cleared;
- (e) the area rehabilitated in hectares; and
- (f) the dates rehabilitated.
- 8. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, Department of Industry and Resources by 30 June each year for the life of the permit, demonstrating adherence to all the Conditions of this permit and setting out the records required under condition 6 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June the previous year.

DEFINITIONS:

Habitat Trees are any tree, dead or alive and includes fallen logs, that contain a hollow where the entrance to that hollow has a circumference greater than 30cm.

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DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20

of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

17 April 2008