

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

2283 / 1

File Number:

A0093/200801

Duration of Permit:

From 23 May 2008 to 31 March 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Iron Ore (Rhodes Ridge) Agreement Act 1972 Temporary Reserve TR70/4882 Iron Ore (Rhodes Ridge) Agreement Act 1972 Temporary Reserve TR70/4883 Iron Ore (Rhodes Ridge) Agreement Act 1972 Temporary Reserve TR70/4193

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of Mineral Exploration.

CONDITIONS

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 200 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2283/1.
- 2. The Permit holder shall not clear vegetation to bare earth except for the creation of drill pads and sumps.
- 3. The Permit Holder shall not clear within the areas cross-hatched red on attached Plan 2283/1A, 2283/1B and 2283/1C.
- 4. 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.
- 5. For each instance of clearing recorded under condition 2, the Permit Holder shall, within 6 months of the completion of the activity for which the area was cleared, rehabilitate all 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.
- 6. The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for clearing of native vegetation done pursuant to this Permit:
 - (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 area rehabilitated; and
 - (e) the dates rehabilitated.

7. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, Department of Industry and Resources by 31 March each year for the life of the 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 April and 31 March 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;

Tim Griffin

A/DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

RESOURCES GROUP

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

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

23 April 2008