



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2329 / 2
File Number: A0189/200801
Duration of Permit: From 9 August 2008 to 30 April 2014

PERMIT HOLDER

Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 77/607

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of Mineral Production.

CONDITIONS

Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 51.04 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2329/2.

Avoid, minimise etc clearing

2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of Mineral Production, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:
 - (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
 - (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
 - (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

Weed control

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 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) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions; and
 - (iii) ensure that no weed-infected soil, *mulches* or *fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *weeds*.

Fauna Management

4. The Permit Holder must develop a Tree-stem Trapdoor Spider (*Aganippe castellum*) Management Plan. This Management Plan is to be submitted to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum within 12 months of the grant of this permit.

Records to be kept

5. 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

6. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 30 April each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 5 of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous calendar year.
- (b) Prior to 30 April 2014, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 5 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 6(a) of this Permit.

Definitions

The following meanings are given to the 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.

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 *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



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