



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 2410/1

File Number: A0487/200801

Duration of Permit: From 16 May 2009 to 2 May 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

Metals Exploration Limited

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Miscellaneous Licence 69/13

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of groundwater exploration drilling.

### CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 5 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2410/1.

#### **Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared authorised under this Permit, 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 or other activity authorised under 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 soil, *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.

#### **Retain and spread vegetative material and topsoil**

4. The Permit Holder shall:
  - (i) retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing authorised under this Permit;
  - (ii) stockpile the vegetative material and topsoil in an area that has already been cleared; and
  - (iii) within 6 months following clearing authorised under the Permit, lay the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area.

### Records to be kept

5. The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (i) the location of where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographic coordinates in Easting and Northings;
- (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
- (iii) the size of the area cleared in hectares; and
- (iv) the purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

### Reporting

6. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 2 May 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 the clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.

7. Prior to 2 February 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 of this Permit.

### 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, wood chips 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 *Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*.



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16 April 2009