



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2592/1
Permit holder:	Australian Mines Limited
Duration of permit:	16 November 2008 – 16 November 2013

The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration

2. Land on which clearing is to be done

Lot 45 on Plan 226298 (FEYSVILLE 6431)

3. Area of Clearing

The permit holder must not clear more than 10 hectares of native vegetation within the area hatched yellow on attached Plan 2592/1.

4. Application

This Permit allows the permit holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the permit holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

5. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

6. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of mineral exploration, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

7. Revegetation

The Permit holder must *revegetate* all areas cleared for the purpose of mineral exploration in accordance with the following:

- (a) The Permit holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit;
- (b) Within six months of the area no longer being required for the purpose of the mineral exploration the Permit holder must *revegetate* the area by:
 - (i) Deep ripping the soil of any area to be rehabilitated;
 - (ii) Laying topsoil retained in accordance with condition 7(a) on the area.
- (c) Within one year of undertaking *revegetation* in accordance with condition 7(b), the Permit holder must:
 - (i) Determine the species composition, structure and density of the area *revegetated*;
 - (ii) Where, in the opinion of an *environmental specialist*, the composition structure and density determined under condition 7(c)(i) will not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area the Permit holder must undertake *planting* or seeding of native vegetation; and
 - (iii) Propagative material must be sourced from within 50 km of the area to be *revegetated*.

8. Watercourse buffer

The permit holder shall ensure an area of at least 50 metres in width of native vegetation is retained around any *watercourses* within the area hatched yellow on attached plan 2612/1

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. Records must be kept

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit, as relevant:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to conditions 1, 2 and 3:
 - (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System(GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.
 - (ii) the date that the area was cleared; and
 - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).
- (b) In relation to the *revegetation* of areas pursuant to condition 7:
 - (i) The location of any area *revegetated* recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.
 - (ii) A description of the *revegetation* activities undertaken, including a list of the species used for the *revegetation*; and
 - (iii) The size of the area *revegetated* (in hectares).

10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 16 August 2013, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 10(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

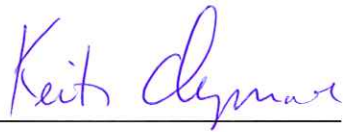
The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

environmental specialist means a person who is engaged by the Permit Holder for the purpose of providing environmental advice, who holds a tertiary qualification in environmental science or equivalent, and has experience relevant to the type of environmental advice that an environmental specialist is required to provide under this Permit;

planting means the re-establishment of vegetation by creating favourable soil conditions and planting seedlings of the desired species;

revegetate/ed/ion means the re-establishment of a cover of native vegetation in an area such that the species composition, structure and density is similar to pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, and can involve regeneration, direct seeding and/or planting.

watercourse has the same meaning as it has in the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*;



Keith Claymore
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of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

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