



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 2835 / 1
File Number: A1665/200801
Duration of Permit: From 29 August 2009 to 1 August 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Fortescue Metals Group Limited

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 45/1177

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 16.38 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 2835/1.

CONDITIONS

Weed control

1. 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

2. 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) prior to 1 August 2012 following clearing authorised under this Permit, lay the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area.

Records to be kept

3. The Permit Holder shall 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 where the clearing occurred, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Easting's and Northing's;
 - (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
 - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
 - (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

Reporting

- 4.(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 1 August each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 3 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.

- (b) Prior to 1 August 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under condition 3 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 4(a) of this Permit.

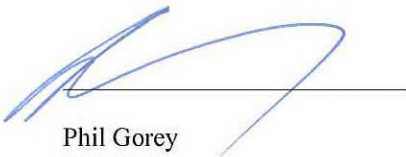
Definitions

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 *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*



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

30 July 2009