



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 3042/1  
File Number: A0423/200901  
Duration of Permit: From 11 July 2009 to 1 September 2014

### PERMIT HOLDER

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

*Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964*  
Mineral Lease 244SA (AML 70/244)

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of mineral exploration.

### CONDITIONS

#### Authorised Activity

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 65 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 3042/1.

#### 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.

## Flora management

4. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this permit, the site shall be inspected by a *flora specialist* for the presence of the following *priority flora taxa*:
- (i) *Goodenia sp. East Pilbara*;
  - (ii) *Goodenia nuda*;
  - (iii) *Indigofera gilesii subsp. gilesii*; and
  - (iv) *Tephrosia sp. Pilbara Ranges*
- (b) Where *priority flora taxa* are identified in relation to condition 4 (a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
- (i) all records of *priority flora taxa* are submitted to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum; and
  - (ii) no clearing occurs within 5 metres of identified *priority flora taxa*, unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

## Retain and spread vegetative material and topsoil

5. 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 12 months following clearing authorised under the Permit, lay the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared areas that are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit.

## Records to be kept

6. 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 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;
  - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
  - (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.
- (b) In relation to the *rehabilitation* of areas pursuant to condition 5 of this Permit:
- (i) the location of any areas *rehabilitated*, recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographic coordinates in Easting and Northings;
  - (ii) a description of the *rehabilitation* activities undertaken; and
  - (iii) the size of the area *rehabilitated* (in hectares).

## Reporting

- 7 (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 1 September each year for the life of this 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 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 1 September 2014, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 6 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 7 (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;

*flora specialist* means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

*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;

*priority flora taxa* means those plant taxa that are described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department of Environment and Conservation's Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended);

*rehabilitate/ed/ion* means actively managing an area containing native vegetation in order to improve the ecological function of that area;

*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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