

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:

3358/1

File Number:

A1775/200901

**Duration of Permit:** 

From 23 January 2010 to 23 January 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

Golden Stallion Resources Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 59/420

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of mineral production.

#### CONDITIONS

### Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 17.02 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 3358/1.

# Avoid, minimise etc clearing

- 2. In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared pursuant to 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.

### Fauna Management

- 3. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the area shall be inspected by a *fauna* specialist for the presence of *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds.
  - (b) Where *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds are identified in relation to Condition 3 (a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 50 metres of the identified *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds, unless approved by the Chief Executive Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation.

## Fauna Management continued

- 4. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the area(s) shall be inspected by a *fauna* specialist who shall identify habitat/habitat tree(s) suitable to be utilised by fauna species listed below:
  - (i) Western Spiny-tailed Skink (Egernia stokesii badia)
  - (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat/habitat tree(s) identified by Condition 4(a) shall be inspected by a fauna specialist for the presence of fauna listed in Condition 4(a).
  - (c) Prior to clearing, the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified by Condition 4(b) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

### Weed control

- 5. 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 road building materials, 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.

### 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:
    - 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 fauna management pursuant to Condition 3 of this Permit:
    - (i) the location of each Leipoa ocellata (Malleefowl) mound recorded using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit set to Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94), expressing the geographical coordinates in Eastings and Northings.

## Reporting

7. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 23 January 2011, 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 23 January 2010 and 23 January 2011.

#### **Definitions**

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

fauna clearing person means a person who has obtained a licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation, issued pursuant to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970 authorising them to take fauna;

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

habitat tree(s) means trees that have a diameter, at average adult human chest height, of greater than 70cm, healthy but with dead limbs and broken crowns that are likely to contain hollows and roosts suitable for native fauna, or where these are not present then healthy but with the potential to contain hollows and roosts;

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/s 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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**ENVIRONMENT DIVISION** 

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM

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

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