



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 3446 / 1
File Number: A2009/200901
Duration of Permit: From 23 January 2010 to 23 January 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 77/1039

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 8.48 hectares of native vegetation within the areas cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 3446/1.

CONDITIONS

Avoid, minimise etc clearing

1. 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

2. (a) 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.
- (b) At least once in each 12 month period for the *term* of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this Permit.

Records to be kept

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

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's and Northing's;
- (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

4. 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 3 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:

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;

term means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed;

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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