



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:371 / 3

File Number:19609

Duration of Permit: From 20 June 2005 to 20 June 2010

PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

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AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 50 hectares for the purposes of mining.

CONDITIONS

1. Prior to clearing, the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a suitably qualified person who shall identify the flora and fauna species present in accordance with :

a) Guidance Statement No 51 Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority, and;

b) Guidance Statement no 56, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority.

2. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:

- a) findings of the suitably qualified person as described under condition 1
- b) location of rare flora;
- c) location of priority flora;
- d) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna; and
- e) location of threatened ecological communities.

3. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of rare flora unless the permit holder has first obtained Ministerial consent to take that rare flora under section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

4. The Permit Holder shall not clear priority flora unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.

5. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50m of significant habitat for specially protected fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.

6. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 500m of a Threatened Ecological Community fauna unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the CEO.

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30 March 2006

7. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:

- a) the location where clearing occurred;
- b) the co-ordinates of areas cleared using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
- c) the purpose for which the clearing was carried out;
- d) area cleared in hectares.

8. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO by 31 January each year setting out the records required under condition 2 and 7 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous year.

9. Where water flows or collects within a cleared area, the Permit Holder shall construct levee banks to divert water away from the cleared area and into existing drainage channels.

DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, terms used in this Permit have the meaning set out in the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

“priority flora” means priority flora as identified in the Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia as published by the Department of Conservation and Land Management from time to time.

“rare flora” means flora that is declared to be rare flora under section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

“suitably qualified person” means a person with botanical training and specific work experience in ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora, and experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian Fauna.

“specially protected fauna” means fauna declared under section 14(2)(ba) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* as likely to become extinct, or as being rare, or otherwise in need of special protection.

“significant habitat” means habitat that provides resources (breeding, hunting, protection, resting and feeding), connectivity or habitat area for a species or community of indigenous fauna that is necessary for its survival.

“Threatened Ecological Community” means an ecological community that –

- a) has been determined by the Minister to be a threatened ecological community; and
- b) is referred to in the list of threatened ecological communities maintained by the chief executive officer of the Department principally assisting in the administration of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*.

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