



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number:376 / 1

File Number:A1466/200501

Duration of Permit: From 07 April 2006 to 09 December 2009

PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

M24/239
M24/183
M24/251
M24/181
M24/20
M24/716
M24/180
L24/29
M24/428
M24/240
M24/417
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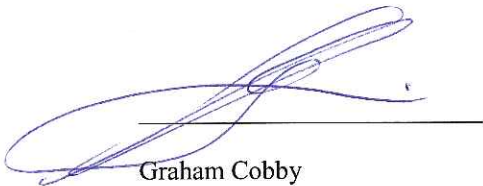
AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 100 hectares for the purposes of mining.

CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing: a) location of where the clearing occurred (using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994); b) purpose of clearing; c) area cleared in hectares; and d) area rehabilitated in hectares.
2. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, DoIR by 1 February each year, setting out the records required under conditions 1, 5 and 11 of this permit in relation to clearing and surveys carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous year.
3. The Permit Holder shall retain the vegetative material and topsoil removed by clearing in accordance with this Permit and shall, within six months of completion of exploration activities, lay the vegetative material and topsoil on the cleared area.
4. Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a suitably qualified person who shall identify significant flora species present in accordance with "Guidance Statement No 51 Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority".
5. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the suitably qualified person as described under condition 4;
 - b) location of rare flora;
 - c) location of priority flora;

6. In this permit, suitably qualified person means a person who has had formal training and/or experience in ecology and taxonomy of the Australian flora. They shall have had a minimum of 3 years experience in the survey of WA's flora and vegetation, preferably with knowledge and experience in the region being surveyed.
7. 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*.
8. The Permit Holder shall not clear priority flora unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources.
9. Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), a suitably qualified person shall review the flora survey report prepared in accordance with condition 4, and identify significant habitat for fauna species.
10. Vegetation considered to be significant habitat for fauna shall be surveyed by a suitably qualified person who shall identify the fauna species present in accordance with "Guidance Statement no 56, Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, June 2004, Environmental Protection Authority".
11. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the suitably qualified person as described under condition 10;
 - b) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna.
12. In this permit, suitably qualified person means a person who has had:
 - a) formal training, experience and mentoring in the area of fauna identification/ fauna and faunal assemblage surveys and/ or specific training in elements of survey or sampling theory and Australian fauna identification and zoogeography; and
 - b) would normally have had a wide exposure to WA's fauna and faunal assemblages, preferably with knowledge and experience in the region being surveyed.
13. 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 Director, Environment Division, Department of Industry and Resources.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES

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