



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 376/3

File Number: A1466/200501

Duration of Permit: From 7 April 2006 to 9 December 2012

### PERMIT HOLDER

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Leases: 24/20, 24/101, 24/180, 24/181, 24/183, 24/239, 24/240, 24/251, 24/416, 24/417, 24/422, 24/426, 24/428, 24/497, 24/716;

Prospecting Licences: 24/4253, 24/4255;

Miscellaneous Licence: 24/29.

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purposes of mining operations.

### CONDITIONS

#### Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 100 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 376/3.

#### 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;
  - (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

#### Flora and vegetation management

3. Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a flora specialist 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".
4. Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), a *flora specialist* shall review the flora survey report prepared in accordance with condition 3, and identify significant habitat for fauna species.
5. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50 metres 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*.
6. 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 Mines and Petroleum.

#### Fauna Management

7. Vegetation considered to be significant habitat for fauna shall be surveyed by a *fauna specialist* 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".

8. The Permit Holder shall not clear within 50 metres 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 Mines and Petroleum.

**Retain vegetative material and topsoil**

9. 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.

**Records to be kept**

10. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
- i) findings of the *flora specialist* as described under condition 3;
  - ii) location of rare flora;
  - iii) location of priority flora;
11. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
- i) findings of the *fauna specialist* as described under condition 7;
  - ii) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna.
12. The Permit Holder shall record the following for each instance of clearing:
- i) location of where the clearing occurred (using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994);
  - ii) purpose of clearing;
  - iii) area cleared in hectares; and
  - iv) area rehabilitated in hectares.

**Reporting**

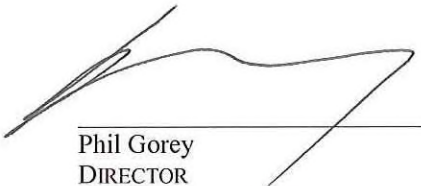
13. a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 1 February each year, setting out the records required under conditions 10, 11 and 12 of this permit in relation to clearing and surveys carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous year.
- b) Prior to 9 December 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under conditions 10, 11 and 12 of this Permit where these records have not been provided under condition 13(a) of this Permit.

**DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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



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