



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 376/4

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 Lease 24/20

Mining Lease 24/101

Mining Lease 24/180

Mining Lease 24/181

Mining Lease 24/183

Mining Lease 24/239

Mining Lease 24/240

Mining Lease 24/251

Mining Lease 24/416

Mining Lease 24/417

Mining Lease 24/422

Mining Lease 24/426

Mining Lease 24/428

Mining Lease 24/497

Mining Lease 24/716

Prospecting Licence 24/4253

Prospecting Licence 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 376/4.

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.

Weed control

3. 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.

Flora and vegetation management

4. 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".
5. Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), a *flora specialist* shall review the flora survey report prepared in accordance with Condition 4, and identify significant habitat for flora species.
6. 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*.
7. The Permit Holder shall not clear priority flora unless the clearing is in accordance with a management plan approved by the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Fauna Management

8. Vegetation considered to be significant habitat for specially protected 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".
9. 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 Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Records to be kept

10. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the *flora specialist* as described under Condition 4;
 - b) location of rare flora; and
 - c) location of priority flora;
11. The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
 - a) findings of the *fauna specialist* as described under Condition 8;
 - b) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna.
12. In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:
 - a) the location of 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 or decimal degrees;
 - b) the date that the area was cleared;
 - c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
 - d) the purpose of which clearing was undertaken.

Reporting

13. a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 July each year for the life of this Permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this Permit, and setting out the records required under Conditions 10, 11 and 12 of this Permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- b) Prior to 9 December 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the Executive Director, Environment, 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:

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;


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

Guidance Statement No. 51 means the Environmental Protection Authority Guidance Statement No 51, Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors - Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia (2004);

Guidance Statement No 56 means Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors: Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia. Guidance Statement No 56, Environmental Protection Authority (2004);

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

20 October 2011