



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	376/5
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 7 April 2006 to 9 December 2017
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I - CLEARING AUTHORISED

**1. 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

**2. Purpose for which clearing may be done**  
Clearing for the purposes of mining operations.

**3. Application**

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

**4. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under Conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

## **PART II - ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

### **5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

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.

### **6. Weed control**

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.

### **7. Flora and Vegetation Management**

(a) 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".

(b) Prior to clearing for mining operations (excluding exploration), a *flora specialist* shall review the flora survey report prepared in accordance with Condition 7(a), and identify significant habitat for flora species.

(c) 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*.

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

### **8. Fauna Management**

(a) 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".

(b) 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 either the *CEO*.

### PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 9. Records to be kept

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

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit,
  - (i) the location 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;
  - (ii) the date that the area was cleared;
  - (iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and
  - (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.
- (b) The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
  - (i) findings of the *flora* specialist as described under Condition 7;
  - (ii) location of the rare flora;
  - (iii) location of priority flora.
- (c) The Permit Holder shall record the following prior to each instance of clearing:
  - (i) findings of the *fauna specialist* as described under Condition 8;
  - (ii) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna.

#### 10. Reporting

- (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 Condition 9 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 2017, the Permit Holder must provide to the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 10(a) of this Permit.

#### Definitions

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

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

*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;

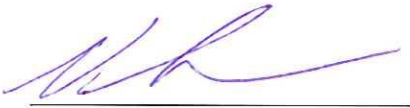
*flora specialist* means a person with specific training and/or experience in the ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

*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;

*weeds* 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*.



Virginia Simms  
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