



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	376/6
Duration of Permit:	From 7 April 2006 to 9 December 2017
Permit Holder:	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. Area of Clearing

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 376/6.

4. 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.

PART II – MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS

5. 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.

6. 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 6(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*.

7. 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 the *CEO*.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. 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 6;
 - (ii) location of the rare flora; and
 - (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 7; and
 - (ii) location of significant habitat for specially protected fauna.

9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, 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 8 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 Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 8 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 9(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 Regulation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

fauna specialist means a person who holds a tertiary qualification specializing in environmental science or equivalent, and has a minimum of 2 years work experience in fauna identification and surveys of fauna native to the region being inspected or surveyed, or who is approved by the *CEO* as a suitable fauna specialist for the bioregion, and who holds a valid fauna licence issued under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

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 any plant -

- (a) that is declared under the section 37 of the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976*; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned.



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