



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 4073/1

File Number: A2200/20101

Duration of Permit: From 12 February 2011 to 29 August 2012

### PERMIT HOLDER

Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

*Iron Ore (Cleveland Cliffs) Agreement Act 1964*; Special Lease for Mining Operations 3116/4622; Document I 123390 L, Lots 63, 106 on Deposited Plan 54397

*Iron Ore (Cleveland Cliffs) Agreement Act 1964*; Special Lease for Mining Operations 3116/4623; Document I 123396 L, Lot 65 on Deposited Plan 241547, Lots 404, 405 on Deposited Plan 194355

*Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964*; Lease K 58441; Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 53285  
Section 91 Licence 00338-2008\_3\_70 under the *Land Administration Act 1997*

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of construction of a powerline corridor.

### CONDITIONS

#### Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 20 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 4073/1A.

#### 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; and
- (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.

#### Fauna management

4. The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation within the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 4073/1B for the purpose of construction of a powerline corridor.

### Records to be kept

5. 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;
  - (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.

### Reporting

6. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, 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 5 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 29 August 2012, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 5 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 6(a) of this Permit.

### Definitions

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

*fill* means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

*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

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