



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit number:	4073/4
Permit Holder:	Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd
Duration of Permit:	12 February 2011 to 29 August 2012

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

Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964; Special Lease for Mining Operations 3116/4622; Document I 123390 L, Lots 63, 106 on Deposited Plan 54397
Iron Ore (Robe River) 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
Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964; Special Lease for Mining Operations 3116/11346; Document I 126942 L, Lot 307 on Deposited Plan 218388
Section 91 Licence 00338-2008_3_70 under the *Land Administration Act 1997*
Section 91 Licence 02405-1975_4_178 under the *Land Administration Act 1997*

2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of construction and installation of utilities and associated infrastructure.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 30 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 4073/4A.

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.

5. 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

6. 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:

- avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

7. 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*:

- (a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (b) ensure that no *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

8. Fauna management

The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation within the area shaded red on attached Plan 4073/4B for the purpose of construction and installation of utilities and associated infrastructure.

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.

10. Reporting

The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 29 August 2012, 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 12 February 2011 and 29 August 2012.


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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