



## CLEARING PERMIT

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

### PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 4243/1  
File Number: A0408/201101  
Duration of Permit: From 21 May 2011 to 31 May 2016

### PERMIT HOLDER

Auvex Resources Limited

### LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 52/1048

### PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CLEARING MAY BE DONE

1. Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated infrastructure.

### CONDITIONS

#### Type of clearing authorised

1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 85.5 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 4243/1.
2. The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation within the area cross-hatched red on attached Plan 4243/1 unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

#### Avoid, minimise etc clearing

3. 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

4. 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 management

5. (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a *botanist* to inspect that area for the presence of the Priority Flora species *Eucalyptus semota*.  
  
(b) Where *Eucalyptus semota* are identified in relation to Condition 5(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
  - (i) no clearing of identified *Eucalyptus semota* occurs and no clearing within 10 metres of identified *Eucalyptus semota*, unless approved by the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum.

### Records to be kept

6. 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;
  - (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) In relation to flora management pursuant to Condition 5 of this Permit:
  - (i) the location of each Priority Flora species *Eucalyptus semota* 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; and
  - (ii) a copy of the botanists flora survey report.

### Reporting

7. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 May each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 6 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 31 May 2016, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director, Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 6 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 7(a) of this Permit.

### Definitions

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

*botanist* means a person with specific training and/or experience in the biology, identification and taxonomy of Western Australian flora;

*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*.



Phil Gorey  
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