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21st December 2004

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Dear Naomi,

RE: 5 YEAR PURPOSE PERMIT FOR CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LIMITED

Croesus Mining NL submits the following application and cheque for \$200 with the intention of obtaining a 5 year purpose permit for the potential clearing of native vegetation at its' Central Norseman Gold operations. *Central Norseman Gold Corporation Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Croesus Mining NL.*

Please find attached Flora & Vegetation Surveys provided in support of the application:

- Baseline Flora and Vegetation Survey, Phase II, Norseman WA (*Cockerton & Stratford 1996*).
- Baseline Flora Survey Phase III, Norseman WA (*Cockerton & Stratford 1997*).
- Flora and Vegetation Survey, Proposed Mining Area, Cobbler, Norseman (*Mattiske Consulting 2002*).
- Baseline Environmental Study: Lake Cowan (*Outback Ecology 2003*).
- Flora and Vegetation Survey: Gladstone and Daisy Project Areas (*Mattiske Consulting 2001*).
- Flora Survey, Bullen (*Rally Revegetation 2004*).

Electronic copies of site maps in shape file format are available on request from Neil Rankine (Land Manager) or myself.

The purpose of the proposed clearing will be for a variety of gold mining activities, for example:

- Open pits
- Underground decline access
- Waste dumps
- Tailings storage facilities
- Run-of-Mine (ROM) pads
- 'Lay-down' areas
- Exploration Drilling Activity

The bulk of the proposed clearing is likely to be as a result of exploration drilling whereby each drilling project generally clears less than one hectare of native vegetation at each time. However, there are usually quite a number of such projects every year across the site.

In spite of a granted purpose permit, all new project approvals will still be subject to scrutiny from the Department of Industry and Resources and Croesus will be required to submit comprehensive Notice of Intent (NOI) applications for projects to be approved. Native Vegetation Clearing will form a component of such applications and DoIR will not grant approval without sighting our DoE permit as part of the NOI.

The size of the Davyhurst Project tenement holding in total is approximately 255, 000 hectares.

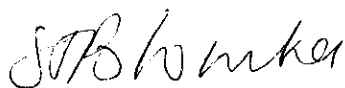
The mining tenement numbers within our project area may change over the 5-year period, depending on the *Mining Act 1978* requirements and the conversion/turning over of mining tenements over time. We can therefore only give a project area for this point in time, however changes are likely to be negligible in comparison to the 255, 000 ha involved.

As of July 8, 2005 exploration activity will no longer be exempt from obtaining clearing approval therefore we are attempting to pre-empt approval delays by applying for a purpose permit in advance of that date.

Management staff, employees and contractors are made acutely aware of their environmental responsibilities on site. Every effort is made to clear vegetation responsibly and conservatively. Croesus Mining NL has defined work instructions for clearing vegetation first and stockpiling it for rehabilitation purposes. Topsoil is then removed and stored in a manner that minimises compaction and re-used for the rehabilitation of the site. If used soon enough the topsoil often has a viable seed bank and the previously cleared vegetative matter is used as very effective mulch, improving soil stability and water harvesting for new vegetation.

If any more information is required to expedite the approval process, please do not hesitate to call me on 9091 2222 or email me at spolomka@croesus.com.au.

Yours faithfully,



Stacey Polomka
Environmental Advisor



OFFICE USE ONLY

FORM C2

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except where a clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

A purpose permit is required for programs of clearing, such as ongoing maintenance projects.

Application for a clearing permit (purpose permit)

To the CEO of the Department of Environment (DoE)
Environmental Protection Act 1986 s 51E

Part 1 Applicant

An application for a purpose permit can only be made by the person by on whose behalf the clearing is to be done.

Applicant's given name(s) and surname or company name(s)

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LIMITED

Contact details

If there is insufficient room on any part of this form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

Postal address

39 PORTER ST.
KALGOORLIE WA Postcode 6430

Contact name (if different to applicant)

STACEY POLONKA

Phone number

9091 2222

Mobile number

0418 934 920

Fax number

9021 7724

Email address

spolanka@croesus.com.au

Part 2 Land details

The land where clearing is proposed must be accurately described.

If the certificate of title description is not appropriate, describe the type of land to be cleared, for example road reserves.

Description of land

Ephemeral salt lakes. Around lakes are kopi dunes, samphire flats & saltbush plains. As well as lakes exist low hills vegetated with eucalypt woodland - composition of which varies with soil type & the type of landform. * SEE ATTACHED INT.

Ownership of land

A land owner can be:

- A person who holds the certificate of title
- A person who is the lessee of crown land, or
- A public authority that is responsible for care of the land

Full name of land owner as appears on certificate of title

CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LIMITED

If the land owner is a company or registered body, please provide the Australian Company Number:

ACN 005 482 860

Part 3 Proposal

Please provide some initial details on the clearing proposed. DoE may contact you to request further information on a specific issue.

Where existing technical information is unavailable or incomplete, you will need to arrange for a qualified person to collect it.

A decision may take a number of weeks, depending on the complexity of the proposal.

Total area of clearing proposed (ha)

250 hectares

Method of clearing and proposed disposal of vegetation

BULLDOZER TO STRIP VEG & TOPSOIL & STORE FOR REHABILITATION PURPOSES

Period for which clearing is required, eg May 2007 - June 2007

JAN 05 -> JAN 2010 (5 YRS)

Purpose of clearing

VARIED MINING PURPOSES ie OPEN PITS, WASTE DUMPS, EXPLORATION, TAILINGS FACILITIES

Additional information

Existing issues such as the risk of land or water salinity, flooding, presence of rare flora or fauna should be noted. Providing this information may assist in the assessment of your application.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLORA SURVEYS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION.

Part 4 Fees

Accepted payment methods:

Cheques or money order.
Make cheques or money orders payable to: *Department of Environment*.
Do not send cash in the mail.
Fees must accompany your application for a clearing permit.

I have enclosed the required fee of \$200

Part 5 Declaration & Signature

For your application to be accepted, you must sign it either on behalf of your company (a), or as an individual (b).

By signing this form you are declaring that the statements on this form are true and correct. Providing false or misleading information is grounds for revocation or suspension of a clearing permit.

a) For company applicants

For applicants that are a company or registered body, complete this part of the form.

If you are authorised to sign on behalf of your company, sign this part of the form.

OR

If your company is required to use a common seal, you must affix this seal and have this application signed by an authorised director(s) in accordance with the Corporations Law.

ACN

005 482 860

Signature of person duly authorised to sign for and on behalf of incorporated body or company

Grace Smith

Date

20/12/04

The common seal was affixed in accordance with the company articles of association in the presence of

[Empty box for common seal]

Date

[Empty box for date]

Company Seal

[Empty box for company seal]

b) For individual applicants

For individual applicants, such as private land holders, sign this part of the application form.

Signature

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Date

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Part 6 Application checklist

Additional information to assist in the assessment of your proposal may be attached with this application.

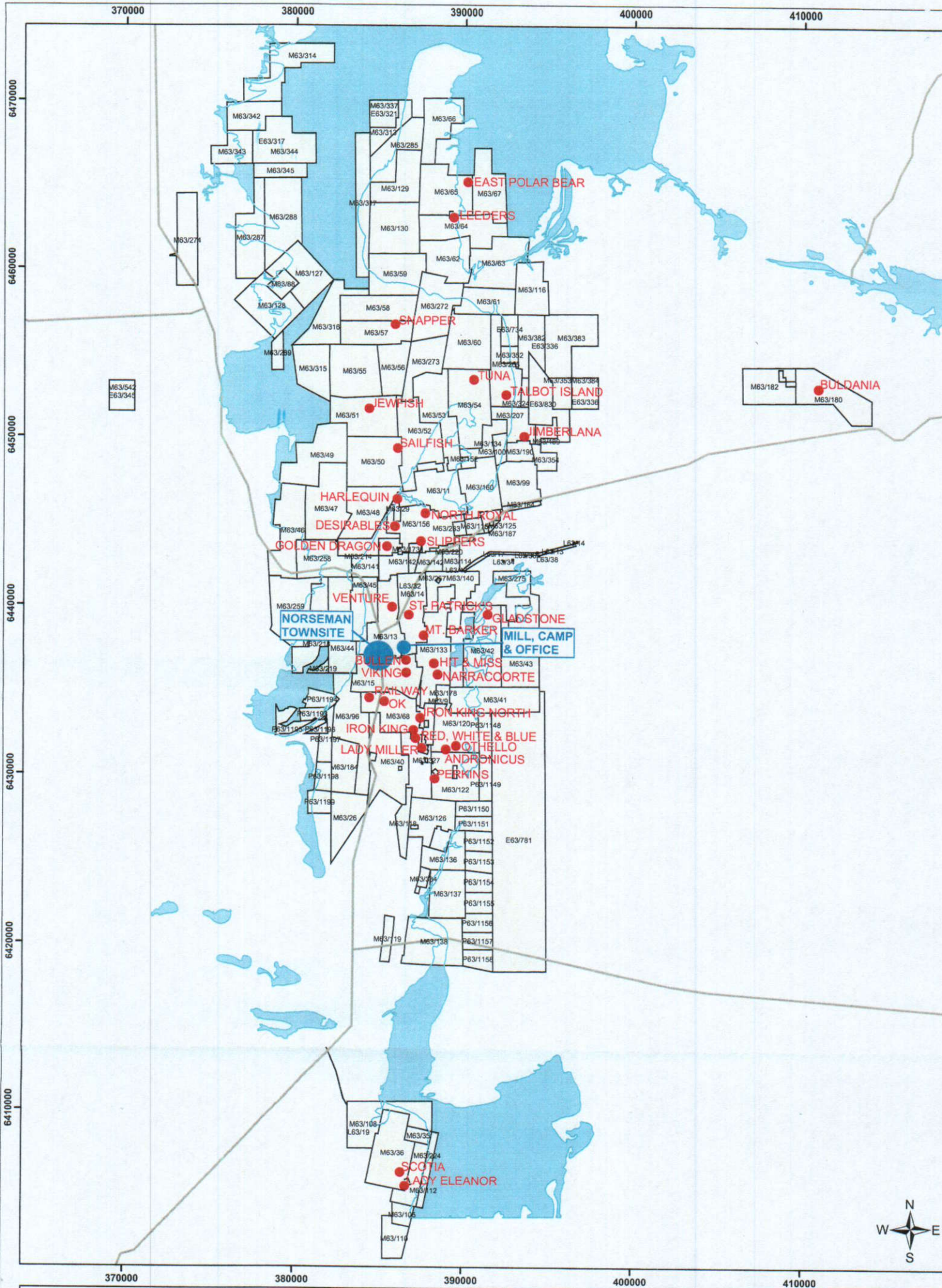
Please ensure you have included the following as part of your application:

- A completed application form that is signed and dated
- A locality map with a north point identifying the land to be cleared

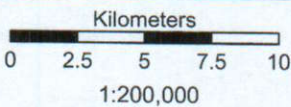
Part 7 How to lodge this application

Lodge this application with your local DoE office or post to:
Department of Environment
PO Box 6740 Hay Street
East Perth, WA 6892

For further information please refer to the *Guide to Clearing Permits*, contact your nearest regional DoE office, phone 1800 061 025, or visit www.environment.wa.gov.au.



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REMITTANCE ADVICE



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We enclose with this statement our cheque in full settlement of the Invoices/Credit Notes listed below. Should any invoice remain unpaid for 60 days, please send a copy.

DATE	TYPE	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	PAYMENT
12 DEC 2004	CI	12 DEC 04	200.00	200.00



National Australia Bank Limited

002809

STAMP DUTY PAID

KALGOORLIE 79 MARITANA ST WA

Central Norseman Gold Corporation Limited

ABN 48 005 482 860

DATE 21 DEC 2004

PAY THE SUM OF *** TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ***

TO THE ORDER OF

Department of Environment

3 Plain Street
 EAST PERTH WA 6004

NOT NEGOTIABLE

\$ *****200.00

For and on behalf of CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LIMITED

Signature

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line: the absence of which could indicate a fraudulent cheque.