

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4537/3

File Number:

A1376/201101

Duration of Permit: From 3 March 2012 to 30 April 2016

PERMIT HOLDER

T T Sands Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 70/793

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 17.27 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 4537/3.

CONDITIONS

1. Period in which clearing is authorised

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 5.27 hectares of native vegetation within a 12 month period.

2. Dieback and 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 and dieback:

- clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (ii) shall only move soils in dry conditions;
- (iii) ensure that no dieback or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
- (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

Prior to clearing native vegetation the Permit Holder must implement and adhere to the *offset* proposal titled, "Austsand Mining Mindijup Mine Clearing Permit Offset Proposal January 2012."

4. 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) In relation to the *offset* of areas pursuant to Condition 3:
 - the location of any area of offsets 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) a description of the offset activities undertaken; and
 - (iii) the size of the offset area (in hectares).

5. 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 4 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 30 April 2016, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 4 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 5(a) of this Permit.

DEFINITIONS

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

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

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;

offset/s means an offset required to be implemented under Condition 3 of this Permit;

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007; 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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Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

29 January 2015