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30 June 2021

Our reference RTIO-HSE-0350856
 Your reference CPS 4690/4

To whom it may concern

CPS 4690/4 – 2020 Annual Report

Condition 12(a) of Native Vegetation Clearing Permit CPS 4690/4 requires an annual report to be submitted by 30 June 2021. The below details satisfy this condition and covers the reporting period from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

CONDITIONS

Condition 1: Land on which clearing is to be done

Clearing occurred within Mineral Lease 4SA (AML 70/4).

Condition 2: Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing has been conducted for the purposes of mineral exploration, access tracks and associated activities.

Condition 3: Area of clearing

Table 1: Clearing and rehabilitation summary

Clearing completed during the report period (ha)	5.39
Date(s) during the report period when clearing was undertaken	N/A
Clearing completed in previous report periods (ha)	11.03
Total clearing conducted under the permit (ha)	16.42
Total approved clearing under the permit (ha)	70

Rehabilitation completed during the report period (ha)	5.16
Date(s) during the report period when rehabilitation was undertaken	Jan – Dec 2020
Rehabilitation completed in previous report periods (ha)	6.24
Total rehabilitation conducted under the permit (ha)	11.4

Condition 4: Restricted clearing

There has been no native vegetation cleared under this permit within the areas shaded red on Plan 4690/4A, 4690/4B, 4690/4D, 4690/4E and 4690/4F for purposes other than access track construction.

Condition 5: Period in which clearing is authorised

There will be no native vegetation clearing after 31 December 2021.

Condition 6: Application

The Permit Holder operates an internal Approval Request system where approval to commence clearing works is issued to authorised employees, contractors and agents within the scope of the relevant regulatory requirements, including conditions of this Permit.

Condition 7: Weed control

The Permit Holder has detailed management procedures designed to reduce the potential for the introduction/spread of biological and mineral contaminants:

- (i) Earthmoving equipment entering the permitted area was cleaned, inspected and issued a weed hygiene certificate prior to undertaking any clearing/rehabilitation activity.
- (ii) No weed affected soil, mulch, fill or other material was brought into the permitted area.
- (iii) Vehicular movement was restricted to established tracks and pads.

Condition 8: Vegetation management

- a) Where practicable the Permit Holder has avoided the clearing of riparian vegetation.
- b) Where a watercourse has been encountered, the Permit Holder ensured that the surface flow was maintained.

Condition 9: Flora management

- a) There has been no clearing of native vegetation within 10 metres of identified priority flora.
- b) There has been no clearing of identified priority flora.

Condition 10: Retain vegetative material and topsoil, revegetation and rehabilitation

- a) All vegetative material and topsoil harvested was stockpiled within cleared areas inside the cross-hatched yellow or shaded red areas on attached Plans 4690/4A, 4690/4B, 4690/4C, 4690/4D, 4690/4E and 4690/4F.
- b) Disturbed areas will continue to be progressively rehabilitated when it is determined that the areas are no longer required for the purpose for which they were cleared under this Permit. Rehabilitated areas have been:
 - (i) Ripped on the contour to remove soil compaction.
 - (ii) Covered with vegetative material and topsoil retained under Condition 10(a).
- c) Within four years of rehabilitating the disturbed ground a biological assessment will be conducted to determine species composition, structure and density of the remediated areas. If, after four years of being allowed to regenerate, the rehabilitated areas do not result in a similar species composition, structure and density to that of pre-clearing vegetation types in that area, then further remedial work will be undertaken. If reseeded is required to promote regeneration then only local provincial seeds and propagating material will be used.

Condition 11: Records to be kept

- a) Refer to Table 2: Disturbance area reference points.

Table 2: Disturbance area reference points

Purpose	Reference Point	Easting [^]	Northing [^]	Date Cleared	Area (ha)
Mineral exploration	North West Corner	456,500	7,497,300	Jan – Dec 2020	5.39
	North East Corner	462,000	7,497,300		
	South West Corner	456,500	7,481,800		
	South East Corner	462,000	7,481,800		

[^] Coordinates are in GDA94.

- b) Refer to Table 3: Rehabilitation area reference points.

Table 3: Rehabilitation area reference points

Purpose	Reference Point	Easting [^]	Northing [^]	Area (ha)	Rehab method
Mineral exploration	North West Corner	456,500	7,497,300	2.40	As per (ii) below.
	North East Corner	462,000	7,497,300		
	South West Corner	456,500	7,481,800		
	South East Corner	462,000	7,481,800		

[^] Coordinates are in GDA94.

- (ii) All drilled collars were capped and buried below depth as per DMIRS Guidelines. All excavated sumps were backfilled, prior to all drill pads being profiled to ensure consistency with the surrounding five metres of uncleared land. Stockpiled vegetation and topsoil was then returned to cleared areas, prior to compacted areas being ripped on the contour to promote regeneration.

Condition 12: Reporting

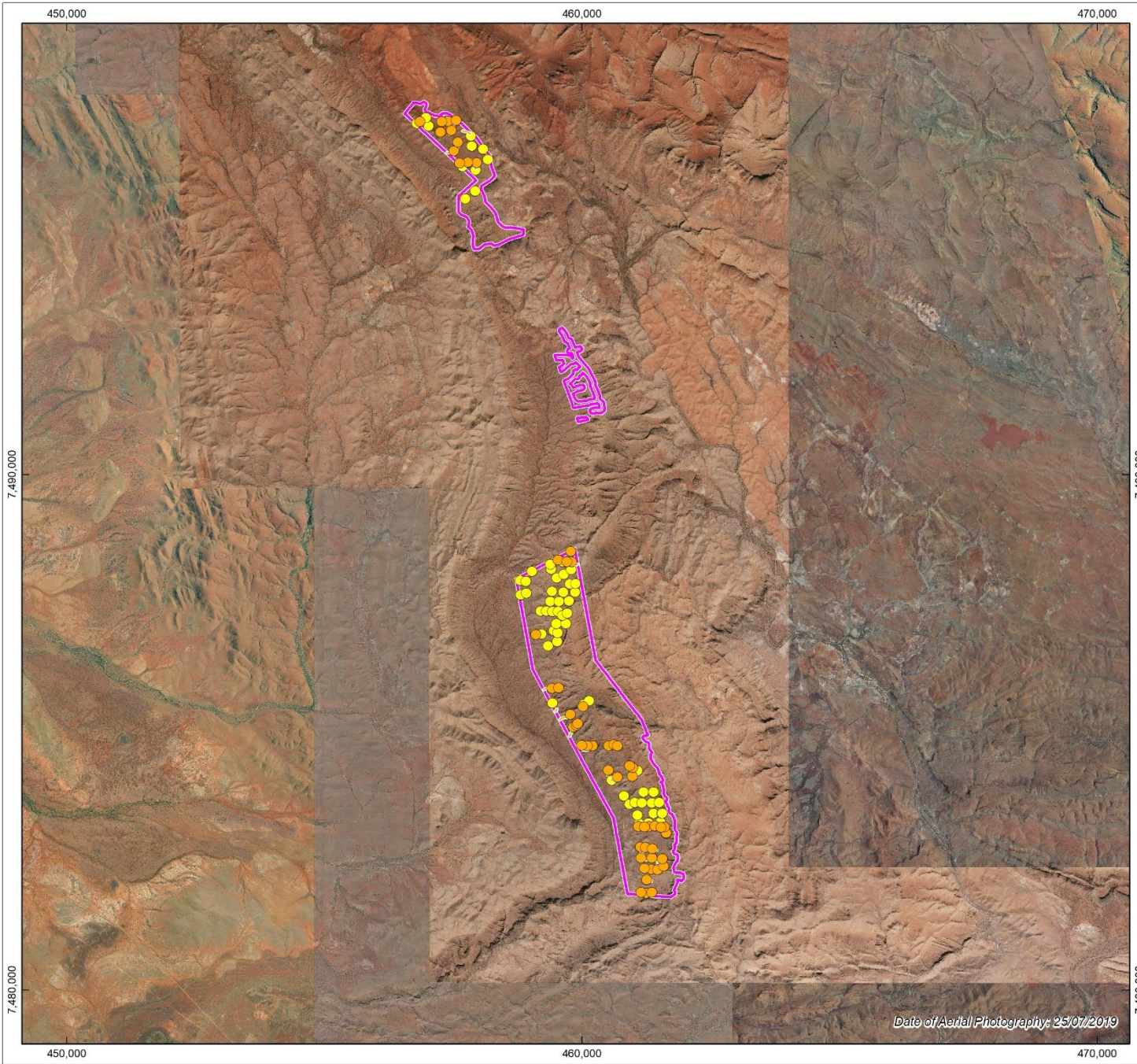
- a) This report (RTIO-HSE-0350856) addresses permit conditions and provides the records required for ground disturbance activities that occurred under CPS 4690/4 between 1 January to 31 December 2020.
- b) Prior to 31 December 2026 the Permit Holder will provide a final report detailing all records required, where they have not already been provided.

Should you require any further information in regards to the above, please contact Chris Morris, Superintendent Environment, at Christopher.Morris@riotinto.com in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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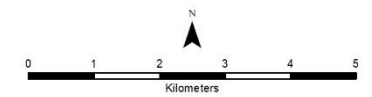
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**CPS 4690
Overview**

Drawn: GIS Team
Plan: PDE0182836v1
Date: June 2021

Proj: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50
Scale: 1:100,000 @ A4
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- Legend**
- CPS Boundary
 - Current Report Period
 - Disturbance - Pad
 - Disturbance - Track
 - Rehabilitation - Pad



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Map 1: CPS 4690 Overview