

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

# PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:4708/1File Number:A2160/201101Duration of Permit:From 25 February 2012 to 25 February 2017

# PERMIT HOLDER

Holcim (Australia) Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE Mining Lease 45/93

# AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

- 1. The Permit Holder must not clear more than 13.41 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross hatched yellow on attached Plan 4708/1.
- 2. The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless actively mining within 3 months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.

#### CONDITIONS

Avoid, minimise etc clearing

- 1. 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

- 2. 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

- 3. (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 *priority flora*.
  - (b) Where *priority flora* are identified in relation to Condition 3(a) of this Permit, the Permit Holder shall ensure that:
    - (i) no clearing of identified *priority flora* occurs and no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified *priority flora*, unless approved by the CEO.

### Records to be kept

- 4. 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 Flora management pursuant to Condition 3 of this Permit:

- the location of each *priority flora* species identified 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 species name of each priority flora identified; and
- (iii) a copy of the botanists flora survey report.

#### Reporting

- 5. (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Executive Director, 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 25 February 2017, the Permit Holder must provide to the Executive Director, 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:

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

fauna specialist means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australia fauna;

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;

*priority flora* means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the Department of Environment and Conservation's Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended);

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 Executive Director Environment Department of mines and petroleum

Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

2 February 2012

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