



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number: 4710 / 1
File Number: A2270/201101
Duration of Permit: From 18 February 2012 to 31 August 2012

PERMIT HOLDER

Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

General Purpose Lease 4/33
General Purpose Lease 4/34

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 0.19 hectares of native vegetation within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 4710/1.

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.

Records to be kept

3. 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) the purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

Reporting

4. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 August 2012, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 3 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 18 February 2012 and 31 August 2012.

Definitions

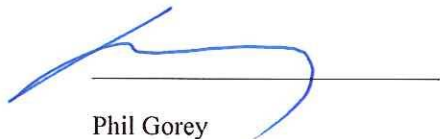
The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

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;

term means the duration of this Permit, including as amended or renewed;

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*.



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ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM
Officer with delegated authority under Section 20
of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

25 January 2012