



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	CPS 4953/2
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	23 June 2012 – 30 September 2017

The Permit Holder is authorised to clear native vegetation subject to the following conditions of this Permit.

### PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

#### **1. Purpose for which clearing may be done**

Clearing for the purpose of access to, and upgrade of the Millstream Summit Tank

#### **2. Land on which clearing is to be done**

Lot 59 on Deposited Plan 213136 - Reserve 36991 (Millstream 6716)

Lot 93 on Deposited Plan 213136 – Reserve 36991 (Millstream 6716)

Lot 55 on Deposited Plan 212209 – Reserve 36991 (Millstream 6716)

#### **3. Area of Clearing**

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1 hectare of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 4953/2.

#### **4. Application**

This Permit allows the Permit Holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit Holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit Holder.

#### **5. Type of clearing authorised**

This Permit authorises the Permit Holder to clear native vegetation for activities to the extent that the Permit Holder has the right to access land under the *Land Administration Act 1997* or any other written law.

#### **6. Compliance with Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures**

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1, 2 and 3 of this Permit, the Permit Holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and the Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

## PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

### **7. Avoid, minimise etc clearing**

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:

- (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

### **8. Vegetation management**

- (a) Where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing riparian vegetation.
- (b) Where a watercourse is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall maintain the existing surface flow by use of culverts.

### **9. Weed control**

- (a) 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.
- (b) At least once in each 12 month period for the term of this Permit, the Permit Holder must remove or kill any *weeds* growing within areas cleared under this Permit.

## PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

### **10. Records must be kept**

The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit in relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:

- (a) 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;
- (b) the date that the area was cleared; and
- (c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares).

### **11. Reporting**

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO on or before 30 June of each year, a written report:
  - (i) of records required under condition 10 of this Permit; and
  - (ii) concerning activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.
- (b) Prior to 30 June 2017, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 10 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under condition 11(a) of this Permit.

### **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;

*riparian vegetation* has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004;

*watercourse* has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*;

*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*;

*wetland/s* means an area of seasonally, intermittently or permanently waterlogged or inundated land, whether natural or otherwise, and includes a lake, swamp, marsh, spring, dampland, tidal flat or estuary.

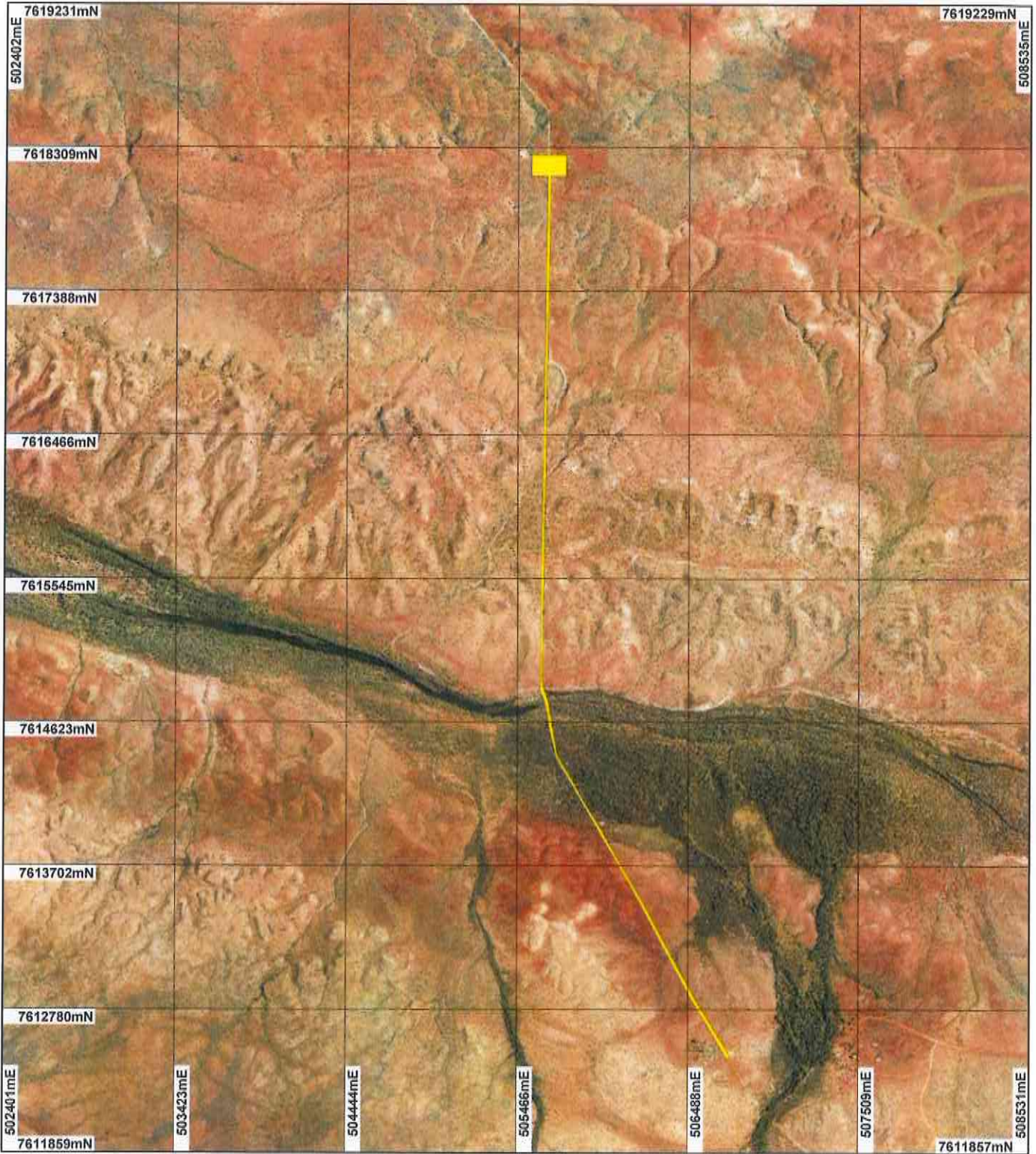


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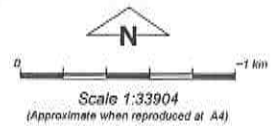
# Plan 4953/2



## LEGEND

### Clearing Instruments

- Areas Approved to Clear
- Millstream 80cm Orthomosaic - Landgate 2007



Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been projected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

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## 1. Application details

### 1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 4953/2  
Permit type: Purpose Permit

### 1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd

### 1.3. Property details

Property: LOT 93 ON PLAN 213136 ( MILLSTREAM 6716)  
LOT 59 ON PLAN 213136 ( MILLSTREAM 6716)  
LOT 55 ON PLAN 212209 ( MILLSTREAM 6716)

Local Government Area: Shire of Ashburton

Colloquial name:

### 1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
1		Mechanical Removal	Building or Structure

### 1.5. Decision on application

Decision on Permit Application: Grant  
Decision Date: 15 November 2012

## 2. Site Information

### 2.1. Existing environment and information

#### 2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
There are three mapped Beard vegetation associations:	This application is for the purpose of access to, and upgrade of the Millstream Summit Tank, including a standpipe, connection to tank, connections to existing mains, bypass to overflow pit, associated valving and other works.	Degraded: Structure severely disturbed; regeneration to good condition requires intensive management (Keighery 1994)	The vegetation condition and description was determined from aerial photography (Millstream 80cm Orthomosaic Landgate 2007).
1) Vegetation association 603 is described as 'Hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; kanji over soft spinifex and Triodia wiseana on basalt'		To	
2) Vegetation association 607 is described as 'Hummock grasslands, low tree steppe; snappy gum & bloodwood over soft spinifex and Triodia wiseana.		Good: Structure significantly altered by multiple disturbance; retains basic structure/ability to regenerate (Keighery 1994)	
3) Vegetation association 646 is described as 'Hummock grasslands, shrub steppe; snakewood over Triodia basedowii' (Shepherd et al., 2001).			

## 3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

### Comments

This amendment has been made to extend the permit duration until 30 September and amend the reporting date to 30 June and reporting period to 1 January to 31 December.

The assessment against the clearing principles has not changed and can be found in Decision Report CPS 4953/1.

### Methodology

## Planning instrument, Native Title, Previous EPA decision or other matter.

### Comments

The assessment against Planning and Other Matters has not changed and can be found in Decision Report CPS 4953/1.

### Methodology

## 4. References

- Keighery, B.J. (1994) Bushland Plant Survey: A Guide to Plant Community Survey for the Community. Wildflower Society of WA (Inc). Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Shepherd, D.P., Beeston, G.R., and Hopkins, A.J.M. (2001), Native Vegetation in Western Australia. Technical Report 249. Department of Agriculture Western Australia, South Perth.

## 5. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)