



## CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

<b>Purpose Permit number:</b>	5228/1
<b>Duration of Permit:</b>	From 5 January 2013 to 5 January 2018
<b>Permit Holder:</b>	Onslow Resources Ltd

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

### PART I- CLEARING AUTHORISED

- 1. Land on which clearing is to be done**  
Mining Lease 08/468
- 2. Purpose for which clearing may be done**  
Clearing for the purposes of mineral production.
- 3. Area of Clearing**  
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 80 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas cross-hatched yellow and shaded red on attached Plan 5228/1.
- 4. Type of Clearing Authorised**  
The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.
- 5. Clearing Not Authorised**  
The Permit Holder shall not clear:
  - (a) *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, *Eucalyptus victrix* or *Melaleuca argentea* trees with a diameter, at 1.5 metres above the ground, of 500 millimetres or greater; and
  - (b) native vegetation within the *drip line* of trees identified in Condition 5(a), unless first approved by the *CEO*.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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**

### **8. 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:

- (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.

### **9. 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*:

- (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.

### **10. Vegetation Management**

The Permit Holder shall only clear native vegetation within the areas shaded red on attached Plan 5228/1 for the purpose of access tracks unless first approved by the *CEO*.

## **PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### **11. Records to 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,

- (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.

### **12. Reporting**

- (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 11 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 5 January 2018, the Permit Holder must provide to the Executive Director, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 11 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 12(a) of this Permit.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*;

*drip line* means a line encircling a tree corresponding to the furthest extension of the branches and canopy of a tree;

*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;

*weeds* 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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