

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose Permit Number:

5541/1

Duration of Permit:

From 29 June 2013 to 31 August 2014

Permit Holder:

Vector 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 General Purpose Lease 77/119 Miscellaneous Licence 77/247 Miscellaneous Licence 77/248 Mining Lease 77/1263

2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated infrastructure.

3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 107.17 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 5541/1.

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. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Clearing not authorised

The Permit Holder shall not clear any native vegetation within 50 metres of the *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mound recorded at the following geographical coordinates expressed in Eastings and Northings using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994 (GDA94) unless approved by the *CEO*:

(i) 734315 E 6711486 N Zone 50.

PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

9. 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.

10. Reporting

The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 August 2014, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 9 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out under 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*;

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;

weed/s means any plant -

(a) that is declared under the section 22 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*; or (b) published in the Department of Environment and Conservation Regional Weed Assessments, regardless of

ranking; or

(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

Steve Tantala DIRECTOR OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM

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

6 June 2013