

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

**Purpose Permit number:** 5636/4

**Duration of Permit:** From 21 September 2013 to 31 December 2021

**Permit Holder:** Hamersley Exploration Pty 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

Exploration Licence 47/584 Exploration Licence 47/631 Exploration Licence 47/1943

# 2. Purpose for which clearing may be done

Clearing for the purposes of mineral exploration, hydrogeological drilling and associated activities.

### 3. Area of Clearing

The Permit Holder must not clear more than 125 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the areas shaded yellow on attached Plan 5636/4.

### 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.

## **PART II - MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS**

## 5. 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.

#### 6. Flora Management

Where the *priority flora* species Aristida lazaridis has been identified and its written locations provided to the *CEO* within report "Juna Downs Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Report, Biota Environmental Sciences, January 2018" as retained on the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety file "A1300/201301", the Permit Holder shall ensure that:

- (a) no clearing of identified Aristida lazaridis occurs, unless first approved by the CEO; and
- (b) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified Aristida lazaridis, unless first approved by the CEO.

# PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

#### 7. 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.

## 8. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety by 30 June each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 7 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 January and 31 December of the previous calendar year.
- (b) Prior to 31 December 2021, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety a written report of records required under Condition 7 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 8(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 Water and Environmental Regulation 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;

priority flora means those plant taxa described as priority flora classes 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Threatened and Priority Flora List for Western Australia (as amended);

weed/s means any plant -

- (a) that is a declared pest under section 22 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007; or
- (b) published in a Department of Parks and Wildlife Regional Weed Rankings Summary, regardless of ranking; or

(c) not indigenous to the area concerned.

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**Environmental Compliance** 

19 April 2018

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