



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 601/1

File Number: 20534

Duration of Permit: From 21 November 2005 to 21 November 2010

PERMIT HOLDER

Birla (Nifty) Pty Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Tenement:

AM70/271

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

1. Clearing of up to 124.1 hectares for the purposes of Mineral Production within the area shaded blue on attached Plan 601/1.

CONDITIONS

1. Prior to clearing, the site shall be walked in transects 50m apart, inspected and surveyed by a fauna specialist who shall search for animal scats, signs of foraging, tracks, diggings and burrows and determine if the following species are present:
 - (a) *Notoryctes caurinus* (Marsupial mole)
 - (b) *Macrotis lagotis* (Bilby);
 - (c) *Dasyercus cristicauda* (Mulgara); and

The fauna specialist shall record the approximate location of each specimen.

2. If the fauna specialist determines that *Macrotis lagotis* or *Dasyercus cristicauda* are present, the Permit Holder shall prepare and implement an environmental management plan prior to clearing. The environmental management plan shall include steps to minimise the impact on *Macrotis lagotis* and *Dasyercus cristicauda* caused by clearing, including:
 - (a) Procedures for capturing and removal of fauna in areas impacted by proposed clearing;
 - (b) detailed handling techniques for fauna encounters, fauna disturbance, and fauna injury;
 - (c) detailed prevention, minimisation and mitigation strategies and action for controlling impacts to fauna listed under this condition;
 - (d) details of proposed monitoring for fauna; and
 - (e) timing of fauna management initiatives.
3. If the fauna specialist determines that *Notoryctes caurinus* is present, the Permit Holder shall implement and adhere to the 'Northern Marsupial Mole Management Plan prepared for Birla (Nifty) Pty Ltd, MBS Environmental, 26 October 2004'.
4. Prior to clearing, the site shall be walked, inspected and surveyed by a flora specialist who shall conduct a search for specimens of *Goodenia hartiana*. The flora specialist shall record the location of each specimen found.

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Derek Carew-Hopkins

Chief Executive Officer, Department of Environment
21 October 2005

5. The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO by 1 July each year setting out the records required under condition 1 and 4 of this permit in relation to the records obtained between 1 July and 30 June of the previous year.
6. The Permit Holder shall provide a copy of the plan required under condition 2 and report on implementation of the plan.

DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, terms used in this Permit have the meaning set out in the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

“flora specialist” means a person with botanical training and specific work experience in ecology and taxonomy of Western Australian flora.

“fauna specialist” means a person with training and specific work experience in fauna identification or faunal assemblage surveys of Western Australian fauna.



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