

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) Application for an amendment to a clearing

## permit

Environmental Protection Act 1986, section 51M

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)

# FORM C4

Clearing of native vegetation is prohibited in Western Australia except where a clearing permit has been granted or an exemption applies. A person who causes or allows unauthorised clearing commits an offence.

For further information on the stages of assessment for clearing permit applications (including amendments to existing permits), refer to the <u>Procedure: Native vegetation</u> <u>clearing permits</u> on DWER's website.

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CPS No.

6259-3

#### Part 1: Assessment bilateral agreement

If the amendment of a clearing permit will or is likely to impact on a matter of national environmental significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) the original application must have been assessed in accordance with the bilateral assessment, and a variation under the EPBC Act is required prior to submitting this amendment application form.

To be assessed in this manner, the proposed clearing action must be referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a '<u>controlled action</u>' prior to submitting this application form.

Further information is located in Form Annex C7 and A guide to native vegetation clearing processes under the Assessment bilateral agreement available at www.der.wa.gov.au/ourwork/clearing-permits.

n al	Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process such as the assessment bilateral agreement?						
		Yes	EPBC number:				
al	$\boxtimes$	No	Proceed to Part 2	2			
	List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision.						
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<u>f</u>		Form	Annex C7 is comp	lete and the required supporting information is attached.			

Part 2: Clearing permit details								
Amendments can only be made to active clearing permits. Applications must be made more	Permit number for existing clearing permit	<sup>ng</sup> CPS 6259-3						
than 90 working days prior to the existing permit expiring to ensure there is adequate time to assess the amendment.	Permit holder's name (as it appears on the existing clearing permit)	t Saracen Metals Pty Ltd						
FILE REFERENCE	Permit expiry date:	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023						
	Mark this box if there are less the existing permit.							

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Part 3: Applicant										
Applicant details										
To apply for an amendment to a permit you must be the current helder of the existing permit	Are you applying as an individual, a company or incorporated body? Enter details for one only.									
holder of the existing permit. Include Australian Company	An	Title	Mr		Mrs		Ms		Other:	
Number (ACN) if the proposed permit holder is a body corporate	individual	Name/s								
or other entity formed at law.	OR									
	A body corporate or other entity formed at law (include ACN)									
Applicant contact details	1									
If applying as a company or incorporated body, please also supply the registered business office address. DWER and DMIRS prefer to send	Provide cor Contact per position, if a		for the a	ibove ii	ndividu	al or bo	dy corp	oorate.		
all correspondence electronically via email. We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence	Company name (if applicable)									
relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act ("Part V documents") electronically via email by indicating your consent in this	Postal / business         address         Phone (fixed line):         Email address									
section of the application form. Where 'yes' is selected, all correspondence from DWER or DMIRS (as applicable) will be										
sent to you via email, to the email address provided in this section. Where 'no' has been selected,										
Part V documents will be posted to you in hard copy to the postal/business address you have	I consent to all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMIRS (as applicable), regarding the					Yes	No			
provided in this section. Other general correspondence may still be sent to you via email.	premises which is the subject of this application, being exclusively via email, using the email address I have provided above.					usively	$\boxtimes$			
Contact details for enquiries	1									
If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER or DMIRS should liaise with concerning this clearing	Contact per position, if a	applicable)	iffer to t	hose o	f the ap	oplicant	, compl	ete the	below sect	ion:
application.		Company name (if applicable)								
	Postal / bus address	siness								
	Phone (fixed line)									
	Email address									

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Part 4: Proposed amendments									
Additional information to support the assessment of your application to amend may be attached.	Indicate the types of proposed change(s) to your clearing permit by selecting the relevant box(es):								
Please ensure you have included	Extend the duration of the clearing permit.								
the following as part of your application:	Vary / add / remove a permit condition relating to a matter other than the size or boundary of the area to be cleared.								
<ul> <li>a photocopy of the granted clearing permit, with proposed changes highlighted,</li> </ul>	Amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add / remove a land parcel on the clearing permit.								
<ul><li><i>and</i></li><li>payment of the prescribed fee.</li></ul>	Redescribe the boundary of the area authorised to be cleared <i>[for an area permit only]</i>								
When providing details of the proposed change(s), if any additional clearing is proposed,		Make a correction to the clearing permit.							
<ul><li>include details of:</li><li>the proposed method of the</li></ul>		Other.							
clearing;	Provide details of the proposed change(s), and the rationale for it / them.								
<ul> <li>the purpose of the clearing;</li> </ul>	Northern Star Resources are submitting a Mining Proposal and Works Approval to								
<ul> <li>the period within which the clearing is proposed to be undertaken (taking note of the published minimum assessment timeframes for DWER / DMIRS, as applicable);</li> </ul>	construct Cells C and D at the Thunderbox TSF. This will require clearing of an additional <b>200 ha</b> . Currently the Permit Holder must not clear more than 500 hectares of native vegetation. Northern Star Resources are requesting this be changed to 700ha.								
and									
• the final land use.									
For an application to amend the size of the area permitted to be cleared, or add a land parcel to the clearing permit, you must have the authority of the landowner to access the land	State the nature of the applicant's authority to access the land to be cleared. Evidence of authority can include e.g. a copy of the certificate of title or a letter of authority signed by the landowner or other person with authority to give legal land access permission. [Attach evidence of authority. Note that a letter of authority must explicitly state the applicant has authority to clear on the land.]								
and undertake the clearing.									
Provide additional property details if required – if applying to extend the size of the area to be cleared	Land description: volume and folio number, lot or location number(s), Crown lease or reserve number, pastoral lease number, or mining tenement number of all properties.								
into another land parcel.									
You must provide evidence that avoidance and mitigation		alternatives that would avoid or minimise the need earing been considered and applied?	$\boxtimes$	Yes		No			
options have been pursued to eliminate, reduce or otherwise	If yes, provide details:								
mitigate the need for, and scale of, the proposed clearing of native vegetation.	No option for further lifts on existing cells								
Refer to DWER's <u>Clearing of</u> <u>native vegetation offsets</u>	-	ou want to submit a clearing permit offset proposal our application?		Yes		No			
procedure guideline available on the DWER website, and the EPA's <u>WA Environmental</u>	If yes, provide details, and complete and attach Appendix A of the <i>Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure</i> guideline.								
Offsets Policy and Guidelines on the EPA website for further information.									