

# **CLEARING PERMIT**

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

#### PERMIT DETAILS

Area Permit Number:

6722/1

File Number:

A1655/201501

Duration of Permit:

From 14 November 2015 to 1 February 2016

#### PERMIT HOLDER

Newmont Boddington Gold Pty Ltd

# LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Mining Lease 70/23 Mining Lease 70/24

#### AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

The Permit Holder shall not clear more than 19 native trees within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6722/1.

# **CONDITIONS**

#### Avoid, minimise etc clearing

- 1. 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:
  - (a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
  - (b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
  - (c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

### Dieback and Weed Control

- 2. 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* and *dieback*:
  - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
  - (ii) ensure that no *dieback* or *weed*-affected soil, *mulch*, *fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared;
  - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared;
  - (iv) only move soils in dry conditions; and
  - (v) where dieback or weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is to be removed from the area to be cleared, ensure it is transferred to areas of comparable *soil disease status*.

#### Records to be kept

3. 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 number of trees cleared; and
- (iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

dieback means the effect of Phytophthora species on native vegetation;

dry conditions means when soils (not dust) do not freely adhere to rubber tyres, tracks, vehicle chassis or wheel arches;

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;

soil disease status means soil types either infested, not infested, uninterpretable or not interpreted with a pathogen;

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 Summary, regardless of ranking; or
- (c) not indigenous to the area concerned

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**DIRECTOR OPERATIONS** 

**ENVIRONMENT** 

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM

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

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