



CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose Permit Number: 685/3
File Number: 21053
Duration of Permit: From 30 May 2006 to 30 May 2011

PERMIT HOLDER

Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd formally known as Portman Iron Ore Ltd

LAND ON WHICH CLEARING IS TO BE DONE

Miscellaneous Licence L77/195

AUTHORISED ACTIVITY

Clearing of up to 25 hectares of native vegetation within the area shaded yellow on attached Plan 685/3.

CONDITIONS

1. The permit holder shall not clear priority species *Eucalyptus formanii* and *Pseudactinia* spp. Bungalbin Hill without the written authority of the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
2. The permit holder shall prepare a revegetation plan to the satisfaction of the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation by July 2006, for the area delineated in black on Attachment 1. The plan shall include the following information:
 - (a) a plan of the areas to be revegetated;
 - (b) a list of species of vegetation to be planted or seeded;
 - (c) a schedule listing the date planting and seeding is to be started and completed; and
 - (d) strategies for the control of weeds, disease and pests.
3. Subject to Condition 2, the proponent shall implement the revegetation plan commencing December 2006 to the satisfaction of the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.
4. The permit holder shall contribute an increase to resourcing of \$15,000 for introduced predator control within the nominal study area delineated in blue on Attachment 2, in order to deliver improved introduced predator control outcomes.
5. The permit holder shall assist in the management of the areas to be reserved around the Mount Jackson and Windarling mining operation once transferred to the Conservation Park through de-stocking, fencing and managing water points to the satisfaction of the CEO of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

DEFINITIONS

1. In this permit, priority flora means priority flora as identified in the Declared Rare and Priority Flora List for Western Australia as published by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

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Kelly Faulkner
MANAGER
NATIVE VEGETATION CONSERVATION BRANCH

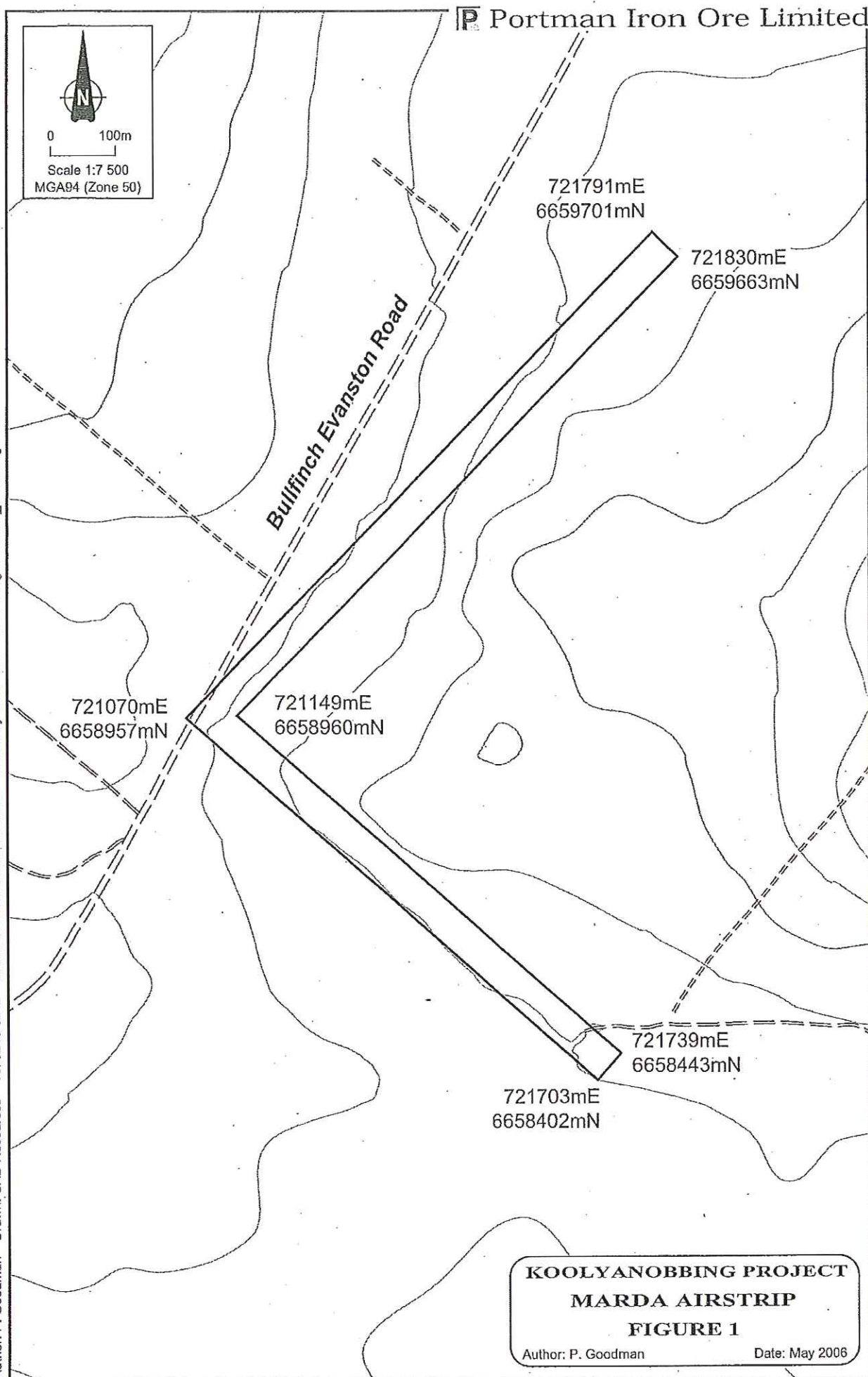
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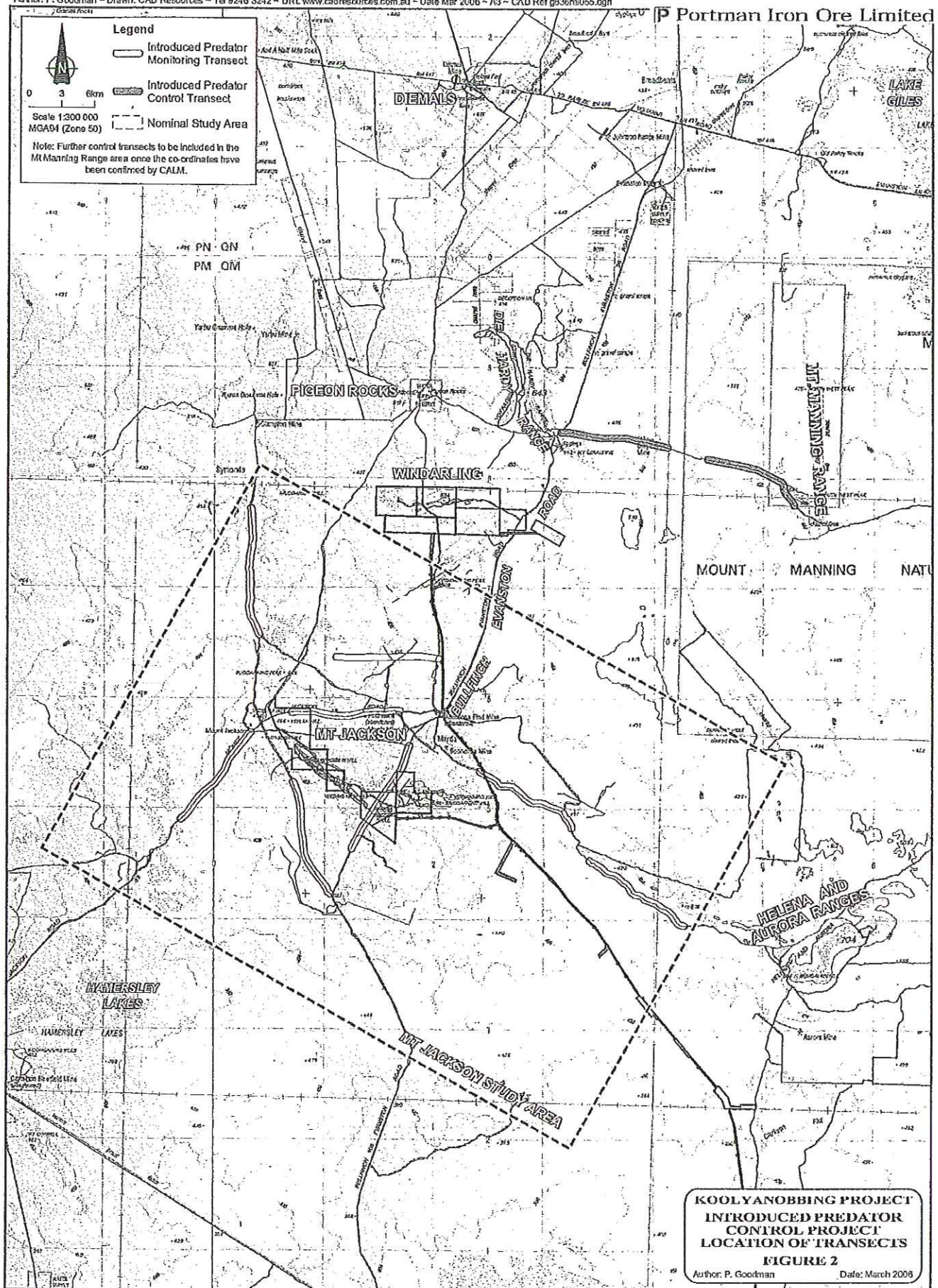
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Attachment 1
Koolyanobbing Project Marda Airstrip - Figure 1

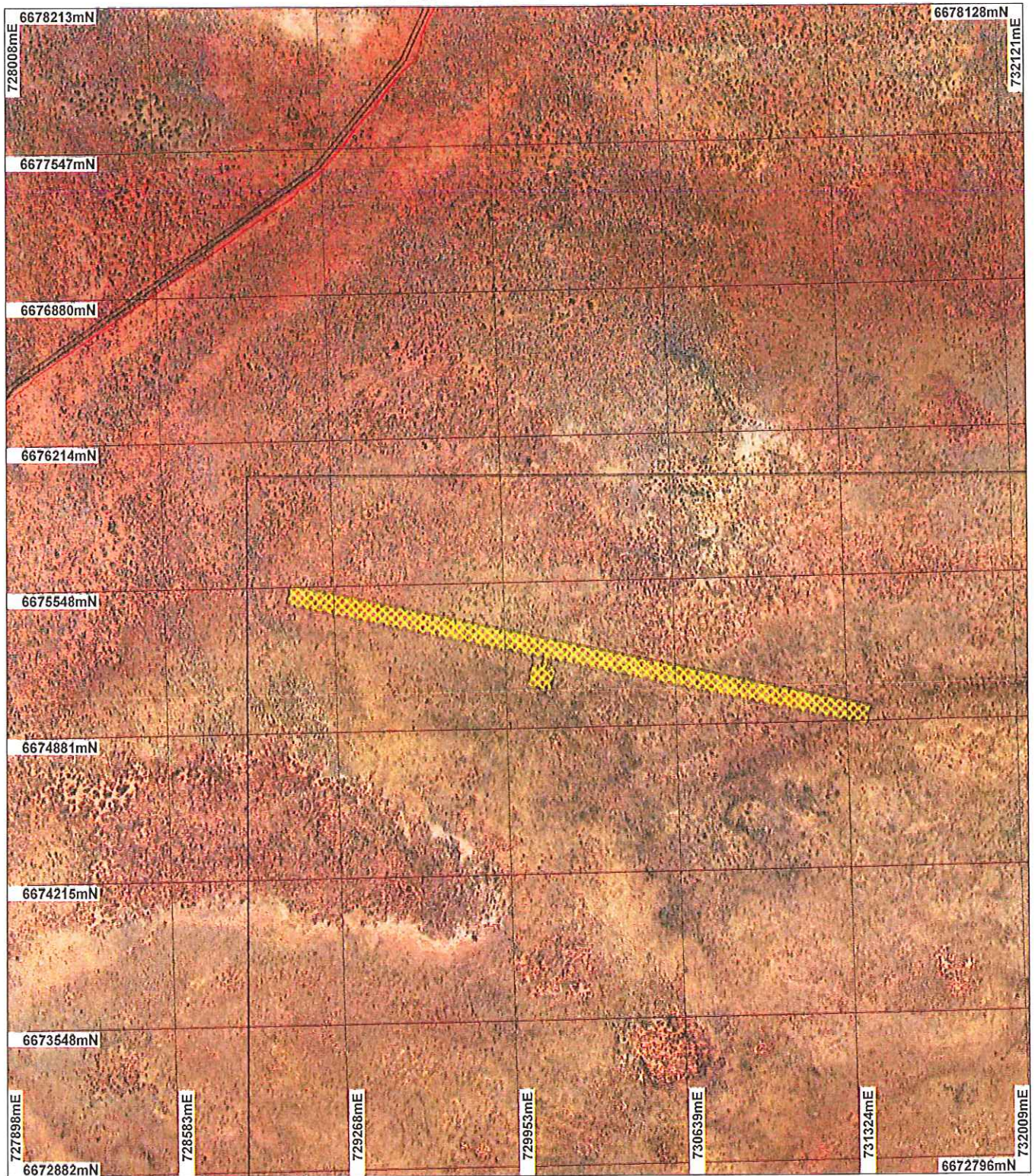
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Attachment 2
Introduced Predator Control Project
Location of Transects – Figure 2



Plan 685/3

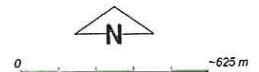


LEGEND

Clearing Instruments

- Areas Subject to Conditions
- Areas Approved to Clear

✓ WA Coastline
Jackson 14m Orthomosaic
Landgate 2001



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(Approximate when reproduced at A4)

Geocentric Datum Australia 1994

Note: the data in this map have not been protected. This may result in geometric distortion or measurement inaccuracies.

K. Faulkner

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1. Application details

1.1. Permit application details

Permit application No.: 685/3
Permit type: Purpose Permit

1.2. Proponent details

Proponent's name: Portman Iron Ore Ltd

1.3. Property details

Property: L77/195
Local Government Area: Shire Of Yilgam
Colloquial name:

1.4. Application

Clearing Area (ha)	No. Trees	Method of Clearing	For the purpose of:
25		Mechanical Removal	Miscellaneous

2. Site Information

2.1. Existing environment and information

2.1.1. Description of the native vegetation under application

Vegetation Description	Clearing Description	Vegetation Condition	Comment
Beard vegetation association 435: Shrublands; Acacia neurophylla, A. beauverdiana & A.resinomarginea thicket. (Hopkins et al. 2001, Shepherd et al. 2001).	The area under application is a 25ha vegetated section within the Mount Manning Range Nature Reserve/Conservation Park. The predominant vegetation type is Acacia-Hakea thickets with emergent mallees (Western Botanical 2004). Eucalypt woodlands with mulga are associated with the broad drainage line to the north-west (Western Botanical 2004). Three significant species were recorded: Eucalyptus formanii (P4), Pseudactinia sp. Bungalbin (P1) and Grevillea erectiloba (P4) (Western Botanical).	Excellent: Vegetation structure intact; disturbance affecting individual species, weeds non-aggressive (Keighery 1994)	Information pertaining to the vegetation to be cleared description was obtained from Western Botanical (2004) and GIS database Western Australia Etm 25m 543-Ago 04.

3. Assessment of application against clearing principles

Comments

CPS 685/1 was refused on 10 November 2005.

This decision was appealed and a Ministerial grant was issued on 30 May 2009 subject to certain conditions (CPS 685/2).

The current amendment (CPS 685/3) does not alter the decision or permit of 685/2. The amendment is an administrative change of name from 'Portman Iron Ore Ltd' to 'Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd' formally known as Portman Iron Ore'.

Methodology

4. Glossary

Term	Meaning
BCS	Biodiversity Coordination Section of DEC
CALM	Department of Conservation and Land Management (now BCS)
DAFWA	Department of Agriculture and Food

DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (now DEC)
DoE	Department of Environment
DoIR	Department of Industry and Resources
DRF	Declared Rare Flora
EPP	Environmental Protection Policy
GIS	Geographical Information System
ha	Hectare (10,000 square metres)
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WRC	Water and Rivers Commission (now DEC)