



## CLEARING PERMIT

*Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986*

**Purpose Permit number:** 7104/1  
**Duration of Permit:** From 10 September 2016 to 31 July 2019  
**Permit Holder:** Golden Eagle Mining 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**  
Mining Lease 15/621  
Miscellaneous Licence 15/229
2. **Purpose for which clearing may be done**  
Clearing for the purposes of mineral production.
3. **Area of Clearing**  
The Permit Holder must not clear more than 130 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 7104/1.
4. **Type of clearing authorised**  
The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised begins within 3 months of the clearing being undertaken.
5. **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

6. **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.

## 7. Fauna Management

Where active *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds have been identified and their written locations provided to the CEO, within Table 4-1 and Figure 4-2 of the document titled 'Geko Gold Project Native Vegetation Clearing Permit Supporting Document– M15/621 and L15/229. MWH Australia Pty Ltd, 2 June 2016', the Permit Holder shall ensure that no clearing occurs within 250 metres of the identified *Leipoa ocellata* (Malleefowl) mounds, unless approved by the CEO.

## 8. Vegetation Management

- (a) Where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing *riparian vegetation*; and
- (b) Where a *watercourse* is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall maintain the existing surface flow.

## **PART III - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

### 9. 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.

### 10. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum by 31 July each year for the life of this permit, demonstrating adherence to all conditions of this permit, and setting out the records required under Condition 9 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.
- (b) Prior to 31 July 2019, the Permit Holder must provide to the Director Operations, Environment, Department of Mines and Petroleum a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 10(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 Environment Regulation or an Officer with delegated authority under Section 20 of the Environment 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;

*riparian vegetation* has the meaning given to it in Regulation 3 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004;

*watercourse* has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*;

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

18 August 2016