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**Annual Clearing Permit Report for the Higginsville Gold Operation – 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023**

Please see attached tables detailing clearing activities undertaken during the reporting period for the following clearing permits held by Karora Resources at the Higginsville Gold Operations (HGO):

- CPS 6337/3 (expired 09/01/2023)
- CPS 6802/2
- CPS 6803/2
- CPS 6823/4
- CPS 6824/3
- CPS 6825/2
- CPS 7673/1 (expired 31/07/2022)
- CPS 7674/1 (expired 31/07/2022)
- CPS 8062/1 (expired 31/07/2023)
- CPS 8152/4
- CPS 9198/1
- CPS 9743/1

All clearing undertaken during the reporting period was calculated using ArcGIS and georeferenced aerial images taken by the survey department. Karora also engaged Arvista in 2021 to undertake an aerial photogrammetry service to provide an updated LiDAR image for all disturbance at Higginsville. The updated image was used to review all historic disturbance at HGO.

During the reporting period, Karora cleared a total of 6.328 ha at Higginsville under CPS 8152/4 and 3.786 ha at Spargos under CPS 9198/1. Information for each clearing permit, including total clearing for life of permits, is presented in Table 1. A list of all clearing areas, their purpose and dates cleared are provided in Appendix 1. No other clearing was undertaken by Karora for all remaining native vegetation clearing permits listed in this report.

Internal clearing permits were issued at HGO for all clearing activities undertaken during the reporting year. No clearing outside of approved mining operations or disturbance envelopes occurred during the reporting year. Compliance with permit conditions is presented in Appendix 2 for any clearing activities that were undertaken during the reporting year.

Please contact me if you require any further information or wish to discuss any content provided.



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**Table 1: Annual Clearing Permit Report Information**

Clearing Permit Number	Duration		Tenement(s)	Clearing Conducted in 2022-2023 (Ha)	Total Area Cleared to Date (Ha)	Area Approved to Clear (Ha)	Project Location	Comments
	From	To						
CPS 6337/3	10/01/2015	09/01/2023	M15/1132	0.00	23.64	23.64	Napoleon Pit (Lake Cowan Project)	No clearing during reporting period. Expired.
CPS 6802/2	26/12/2015	31/12/2025	M15/1792	0.00	0.00	545.00	Wills Project	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.
CPS 6803/2	26/12/2015	31/12/2025	L63/73, M63/647	0.00	0.00	739.00	Musket Project	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.
CPS 6823/4	16/01/2016	31/01/2026	G63/7, M63/515-I	0.00	113.27	546.35	Mt Henry Project	No clearing during reporting period.
CPS 6824/3	16/01/2016	31/01/2026	M 63/366, M63/516, G63/6	0.00	0.00	630.00	Selene, North Scotia (Mt Henry Project - South)	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.
CPS 6825/2	06/02/2016	30/04/2026	L63/64	0.00	0.00	4.50	Mt Henry Project	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.
CPS 7673/1	23/09/2017	31/07/2022	M15/338, M15/639, M15/640, M15/1790, G15/29	0.00	7.26	433.00	Mitchell Project	CPS amalgamated with 8152/3. No clearing when permit was active during the reporting period. Expired.
CPS 7674/2	23/09/2017	31/07/2022	M15/348, M15/352, M15/375, M15/512,	0.00	3.59	210	Fairplay, Two Boys and Redross Powerline	CPS amalgamated with 8152/3. No clearing when

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	From	To						
			M15/528, M15/610, M15/642					permit was active during the reporting period. Expired.
CPS 8062/1	28/07/2018	31/07/2023	G15/19, G15/27, M15/348, M15/375	0.00	0.00	100	HGO TSF	CPS amalgamated with 8152/3. No clearing when permit was active during the reporting period. Expired.
CPS 8152/4	27/10/2018	31/07/2025	G15/19, G15/26, G15/27, G15/29, M15/31, M15/231, M15/338, M15/348, M15/352, M15/375, M15/506, M15/507, M15/512, M15/528, M15/580, M15//581, M15/597, M15/610, M15/639, M15/640, M15/642, M15/681, M15/748, M15/817, M15/1790, M15/1814, L15/347, L15/368, L15/382, L15/386 and L15/389	6.33	288.76	1000	Higginsville operations: Baloo, Eundynie, Fairplay, Two Boys, Aquarius, Redross Powerline, Mitchell, TSF and Pioneer Projects	Clearing calculated as difference between 2019 and 2020 MRF areas.

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	From	To						
CPS 9198/1	15/05/2021	14/05/2026	M15/1828	3.79	44.47	150	Spargos Reward	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.
CPS 9743/1	16/07/2022	15/07/2024	M26/242	0.00	0.00	40	Lakewood Mill	Clearing permit activities not yet commenced.

### Appendix 1 – List of Cleared Areas

Clearing Permit	SITE	HOLDER	TENEMENT	SITE_NAME	MRF_NAME	Jul-22	Aug-22	Nov-22	Mar-23	Apr-23	AREA (HA)
8152/4	Eundynie	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	M15/1873	Mousehollow Hardstand	Laydown or Hardstand Area				0.020		0.020
			M15/597	Hidden Secret Hardstand	Laydown or Hardstand Area				0.262		0.262
			M15/597	Mousehollow waste dump	Waste Dump Class 1					4.720	4.720
			M15/597	Mousehollow Topsoil Stockpile	Topsoil Stockpile				1.326		1.326
			Total						0.000	0.000	0.000
9198/1	Spargos	Corona Minerals Pty Ltd	M15/1828	Spargos Pit	Mining Void bgwl		0.096				0.096
			M15/1828	Access Road	Transport or service infrastructure corridor		0.431				0.431
			M15/1828	Spargos Laydown	Laydown or Hardstand Area		0.068				0.068
			M15/1828	Spargos Fire Break	Other	2.795					2.795
			M15/1828	Spargos Magazine	Laydown or Hardstand Area				0.395		0.395
			Total						2.795	0.596	0.395

## Appendix 2 – Adherence to Permit Conditions

CPS 6823/4		
Condition	Adherence to conditions (Y/N)	Comments
<b>1. Land on which clearing is to be done</b> General Purpose Lease 63/7 Mining Lease 63/515 Prospecting Licence 63/2102	Y	All clearing is confined to the mining tenements listed in Condition 1.
<b>2. Purpose for which clearing may be done</b> Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities	Y	All clearing has been conducted for the purposes of mineral production and associated activities.
<b>3. Area of clearing</b> The Permit Holder must not clear more than 546.35 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 6823/4	Y	A total of 113.27 ha of native vegetation have been cleared to date. All clearing has occurred within the approved clearing permit boundary.
<b>4. Type of clearing authorised</b> The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within six months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.	Y	Cleared areas are used for the purpose for which they are authorised within the six months timeframe or earlier.
<b>5. Application</b> 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.	Y	All clearing was conducted by Karora employees or authorised contractors.
<b>6. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing</b> 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.	Y	Karora conducts clearing by designing site works to avoid or minimise clearing of native vegetation whenever possible. Designs are modified to maximise the use of areas previously disturbed to reduce the impact of clearing on environmental values. Karora endeavors to undertake progressive rehabilitation to reduce the total amount of open areas at the mine.
<b>7. Weed control</b> 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:	Y	Karora implements internal weed management and hygiene procedures to address clearing permit conditions. Karora engaged a botanist to undertake an annual weed survey around current operational areas. Vehicle movements are

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(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.		restricted to designated roads and within work areas.
<b>8. Watercourse management</b> (a) Where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing riparian vegetation. (b) Where a watercourse or wetland is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall maintain the existing surface flow.	Y	All known watercourses are avoided where practicable. No watercourses were impacted by clearing during the reporting period.
<b>9. Flora management</b> Where priority flora have been identified and their written locations provided to the CEO within Appendix E of the report titled 'Flora and Vegetation Survey of the Mt Henry Survey Area, September 2013' and within Appendix 6 of the report titled 'Level 1 Flora and Vegetation Survey of the Mt Henry Project, December 2016' the Permit Holder shall ensure that: (a) No clearing occurs within 10 metres of the following priority flora species unless first approved by the CEO: (i) Eucalyptus jimberlanica; (ii) Philotheca apiculata; (iii) Cyathostemon sp. Salmon Gums; (iv) Eremophila purpurascens; (v) Eucalyptus brockwayi; (vi) Goodenia laevis subsp. laevis; and (vii) Allocasuarina eriochlamys subsp. grossa. (b) No clearing of the priority flora species identified under Condition 9(a) occurs unless first approved by the CEO.		No clearing activities were undertaken by Karora Resources during the reporting period. Westgold maintained records of clearing activities that have been supplied in previous reports.
<b>10. Fauna management</b> (a) Prior to undertaking any clearing authorised under this Permit, the Permit Holder shall engage a fauna specialist to conduct an inspection of the areas to be cleared during the months of September through to February, to identify <i>Merops ornatus</i> (Rainbow Bee-eater) nesting burrows. (b) The Permit Holder shall not clear during the months of September through to February if <i>Merops ornatus</i>		No clearing activities were undertaken by Karora Resources during the reporting period. Westgold maintained records of clearing activities that have been supplied in previous reports.

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(Rainbow Bee-eater) nesting burrows are identified under Condition 10(a).		
<p><b>11. Records to be kept</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(ii) the date that the area was cleared;</li> <li>(iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and</li> <li>(iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>(b) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 6 of this Permit;</p> <p>(c) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of weeds in accordance with Condition 7 of this Permit.</p> <p>(d) In relation to fauna management pursuant to Condition 10 of this Permit, the location of each <i>Merops ornatus</i> (Rainbow Bee-eater) nesting burrow 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.</p>	Y	Records of clearing are kept within a geospatial database. All internal clearing permits are assessed for compliance with approvals. These records include the location, date, size and purpose for which the clearing was undertaken, as updated regularly in the HGO GIS system.
<p><b>12. Reporting</b></p> <p>(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the General Manager, Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Directorate, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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.</p> <p>(b) Prior to 31 January 2026, the Permit Holder must provide to the General Manager, Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Directorate, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records</p>	Y	Reports have been provided to DMIRS in accordance with Condition 10. Karora will provide DMIRS with a final report prior to the expiry of the permit.

CPS 6823/4		
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have not already been provided under Condition 10(a) of this Permit.		

CPS 8152/4		
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<p><b>1. Land on which clearing is to be done</b></p> <p>General purpose leases: 15/19, 15/26, 15/27 and 15/29</p> <p>Mining Leases: 15/31, 15/231, 15/338, 15/348, 15/352, 15/375, 15/506, 15/507, 15/512, 15/528, 15/580, 15/581, 15/597, 15/610, 15/639, 15/640, 15/642, 15/681, 15/748, 15/817, 15/1790 and 15/1814</p> <p>Miscellaneous Licences: 15/368, 15/382, 15/386 and 15/389</p>	Y	All clearing is confined to the mining tenements listed in Condition 1.
<p><b>2. Purpose for which clearing may be done</b></p> <p>Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities</p>	Y	All clearing has been conducted for the purposes of mineral production and associated activities.
<p><b>3. Area of clearing</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must not clear more than 1000 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 8152/3</p>	Y	A total of 237.42 ha of native vegetation have been cleared to date. All clearing has occurred within the approved clearing permit boundary.
<p><b>4. Type of clearing authorised</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.</p>	Y	Cleared areas are used for the purpose for which they are authorised within the three month timeframe or earlier.
<p><b>5. Application</b></p> <p>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.</p>	Y	All clearing was conducted by Avoca Mining employees or authorised contractors.
<p><b>6. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;</p>	Y	Karora conducts clearing by designing site works to avoid or minimise clearing of native vegetation whenever possible. Designs are modified to maximise the use of areas previously disturbed to reduce the impact of clearing on

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<p>(b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and</p> <p>(c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.</p>		<p>environmental values. Karora endeavors to undertake progressive rehabilitation to reduce the total amount of open areas at the mine.</p>
<p><b>7. Weed control</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</p> <p>(ii) ensure that no weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and</p> <p>(iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.</p>	Y	<p>Karora implements internal weed management and hygiene procedures to address clearing permit conditions. Karora engaged a botanist to undertake an annual weed survey around current operational areas. Vehicle movements are restricted to designated roads and within work areas.</p>
<p><b>8. Watercourse management</b></p> <p>(a) Where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing riparian vegetation.</p> <p>(b) Where a watercourse or wetland is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall maintain the existing surface flow.</p>	Y	<p>All known watercourses are avoided where practicable. No watercourses were impacted by clearing during the reporting period.</p>
<p><b>9. Records to be kept</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(ii) the date that the area was cleared;</p> <p>(iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and</p> <p>(iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.</p> <p>(b) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 6 of this Permit; and actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of weeds in accordance with Condition 7 of this Permit.</p>	Y	<p>Records of clearing are kept within a geospatial database. All internal clearing permits are assessed for compliance with approvals. These records include the location, date, size and purpose for which the clearing was undertaken, as updated regularly in the HGO GIS system.</p>
<p><b>10. Reporting</b></p> <p>(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the General Manager, Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental</p>	Y	<p>Reports have been provided to DMIRS in accordance with Condition 10. Karora will provide DMIRS with a final</p>

CPS 8152/4		
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<p>Compliance Directorate, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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.</p> <p>(b) Prior to 31 July 2023, the Permit Holder must provide to the General Manager, Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Directorate, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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.</p>		report prior to the expiry of the permit.

CPS 9198/1		
Condition	Adherence to conditions (Y/N)	Comments
<p><b>1. Land on which clearing is to be done</b> Mining Leases: 15/1828</p>	Y	All clearing is confined to the mining tenements listed in Condition 1.
<p><b>2. Purpose for which clearing may be done</b> Clearing for the purpose of mineral production and associated activities</p>	Y	All clearing has been conducted for the purposes of mineral production and associated activities.
<p><b>3. Area of clearing</b> The Permit Holder must not clear more than 150 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 9198/1</p>	Y	A total of 40.68 ha of native vegetation was cleared during the annual period and since the permit commenced. All clearing has occurred within the approved clearing permit boundary.
<p><b>4. Type of clearing authorised</b> The Permit Holder shall not clear native vegetation unless the purpose for which the clearing is authorised is enacted within three months of the authorised clearing being undertaken.</p>	Y	Cleared areas were used for the prescribed purpose for which they are authorised within the three month timeframe or earlier.
<p><b>5. Application</b> 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.</p>	Y	All clearing was conducted by Avoca Mining employees or authorised contractors.

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<p><b>6. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;</p> <p>(b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and</p> <p>(c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.</p>	Y	<p>Karora conducts clearing by designing site works to avoid or minimise clearing of native vegetation whenever possible. Designs are modified to maximise the use of areas previously disturbed to reduce the impact of clearing on environmental values. Karora endeavors to undertake progressive rehabilitation to reduce the total amount of open areas at the mine.</p>
<p><b>7. Weed control</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</p> <p>(b) ensure that no weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and</p> <p>(c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.</p>	Y	<p>Karora implements internal weed management and hygiene procedures to address clearing permit conditions. Karora engaged a botanist to undertake an annual weed survey around current operational areas. Vehicle movements are restricted to designated roads and within work areas.</p>
<p><b>8. Flora management</b></p> <p>Where priority flora have been identified and their written location(s) provided to the CEO, within report 'Reconnaissance Flora and Vegetation of the Spargos Project – October 2020, Final V2.0, December 2020, prepared by Native Vegetation Solutions' as retained on DMIRS file A0317/202101, the Permit Holder shall ensure that: (a) no clearing of the identified priority flora occurs, unless first approved by the CEO; (b) no clearing occurs within 10 metres of identified priority flora unless first approved by the CEO.</p>	Y	<p>No clearing has occurred of priority flora or within the 10 m buffer for priority flora at Spargos.</p>
<p><b>9. Records to be kept</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:</p> <p>(a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation authorised under this Permit:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(ii) the date that the area was cleared;</p>	Y	<p>Records of clearing are kept within a geospatial database. All internal clearing permits are assessed for compliance with approvals. These records include the location, date, size and purpose for which the clearing was undertaken, as updated regularly in the HGO GIS system.</p>

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<p>(iii) the size of the area cleared (in hectares); and</p> <p>(iv) purpose for which clearing was undertaken.</p> <p>(b) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 6 of this Permit; and</p> <p>(c) actions taken to minimise the introduction and spread of weeds in accordance with Condition 7 of this Permit.</p> <p>(d) actions taken in accordance with Condition 8 of this Permit.</p>		
<p><b>10. Reporting</b></p> <p>(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the General Manager, Environmental Compliance, Resource and Environmental Compliance Directorate, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety 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.</p> <p>(b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO by 31 July of each year.</p> <p>(c) Prior to 14 May 2026, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under Condition 9 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 10(a) or 10(b) of this Permit.</p>	Y	Reports have been provided to DMIRS in accordance with Condition 10. Karora will provide DMIRS with a final report prior to the expiry of the permit.

CPS 9743/1		
Condition	Adherence to conditions (Y/N)	Comments
<p><b>Land on which clearing is to be done</b></p> <p>Mining Leases: 26/242</p>	Y	All clearing is confined to the mining tenements listed in Condition 1.
<p><b>Authorised Activity</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must not clear more than 40 hectares of native vegetation. All clearing must</p>	Y	No native vegetation was cleared during the annual period and since the permit commenced. All clearing has

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be within the area cross-hatched yellow on attached Plan 9198/1		occurred within the approved clearing permit boundary.
<p><b>1. Avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and extent of clearing</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;</p> <p>(b) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and</p> <p>(c) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.</p>	Y	Karora conducts clearing by designing site works to avoid or minimise clearing of native vegetation whenever possible. Designs are modified to maximise the use of areas previously disturbed to reduce the impact of clearing on environmental values. Karora endeavors to undertake progressive rehabilitation to reduce the total amount of open areas at the mine.
<p><b>2. Weed control</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>(a) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;</p> <p>(b) ensure that no weed-affected soil, mulch, fill or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and</p> <p>(c) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.</p>	Y	Karora implements internal weed management and hygiene procedures to address clearing permit conditions. Karora engaged a botanist to undertake an annual weed survey around current operational areas. Vehicle movements are restricted to designated roads and within work areas.
<p><b>3. Vegetation management</b></p> <p>(a) where practicable the Permit Holder shall avoid clearing riparian vegetation; and</p> <p>(b) where a watercourse or drainage line is to be impacted by clearing, the Permit Holder shall ensure that the existing surface flow is maintained, or reinstated downstream into existing natural drainage lines.</p>	Y	No clearing has been completed to date under this permit.
<p><b>4. Records to be kept</b></p> <p>The Permit Holder must maintain records relating to the listed relevant matters in accordance with the specifications:</p> <p>(a) 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;</p> <p>(b) the date that the area was cleared;</p> <p>(c) the size of the area cleared (in hectares);</p> <p>(d) actions taken to avoid, minimise and reduce the impacts and the extent of clearing in accordance with Condition 1;</p>	Y	Records of clearing are kept within a geospatial database. All internal clearing permits are assessed for compliance with approvals. These records include the location, date, size and purpose for which the clearing was undertaken, as updated regularly in the HGO GIS system.

Condition	Adherence to conditions (Y/N)	Comments
(e) actions taken to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of weeds in accordance with Condition 2; and (f) actions taken in accordance with Condition 3.		
<p><b>5. Reporting</b></p> <p>(a) The Permit Holder shall provide a report to the CEO, 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 4 of this permit in relation to clearing carried out between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year.</p> <p>(b) If no clearing authorised under this Permit was undertaken between 1 July and 30 June of the previous financial year, a written report confirming that no clearing under this permit has been carried out, must be provided to the CEO by 31 July of each year.</p> <p>(c) Prior to 15 July 2024, the Permit Holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under Condition 4 of this Permit where these records have not already been provided under Condition 5(a) or 5(b) of this Permit.</p>	Y	Reports have been provided to DMIRS in accordance with Condition 5. Karora will provide DMIRS with a final report if no records were submitted.