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WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
1986)

APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/647
ARROWSMITH LAKE, ENEABBA (269)

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This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. The proponent shall ensure no ground-disturbing activity occurs in the environmentally sensitive area(s) until such activity has been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority and approved by the Minister for the Environment. The environmentally sensitive area is designated as the area described in the Environmental Protection Authority Red Book Recommendation 5.7.

The following activities would not result in significant ground-disturbance:

- all airborne surveys;
- reconnaissance in a light vehicle, including limited off-road access where approved by the management authority;
- geophysical work, for example, magnetometer surveys, especially if on foot, by helicopter or with limited off-road access where approved by the management authority;
- geochemical work including collection of small samples (<20 kg) especially if on foot, by helicopter or with limited off-road access where approved by the management authority; and
- scout drilling on existing roads, tracks and approved management access routes (firebreaks, etc).

2. No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister for the Environment has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

Procedure

The detailed implementation of this project shall be controlled via the attached list of conditions to be imposed on the exploration licence by the Minister for Mines under the Mines Act.

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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Appendix 1

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**Proposed schedule of environmental conditions for
exploration licence 70/647**

1. The grant of this licence not inferring automatic approval to mine or the subsequent grant of a mining lease in accordance with Section 75 of the Mining Act unless and until a proposal is referred to the Environmental Protection Authority under Part IV Section 38 of the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
2. Prior to any significant ground-disturbing activity, as defined by the State Mining Engineer, in the designated environmentally sensitive area, the licensee preparing a detailed programme for each phase of proposed exploration for approval of the State Mining Engineer in agreement with the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and for referral to the Environmental Protection Authority. This programme to include :
 - i) Maps and/or aerial photographs showing the proposed locations of all roads, tracks, camps, costeans and other disturbances;
 - ii) The purpose, specifications and life of such roads, tracks, disturbances, etc;
 - iii) Descriptions of all vegetation types (in general terms), land forms, and unusual features likely to be disturbed by such proposed disturbances. The Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, specifying the level of vegetation description;
 - iv) Proposals which may disturb any declared rare or geographically restricted flora and fauna;
 - v) Techniques, prescriptions, and timetable for rehabilitation of all proposed disturbances;
 - vi) Undertaking for corrective measures for failed rehabilitation;
 - vii) Details of water requirements from within the reserve;
 - viii) Details of refuse disposal;
 - ix) Proposals for instruction and supervision of personnel and contractors in respect to environmental conditions; and
 - x) Description of the environmental impacts and programmes for their management.
3. Unless the written approval of the State Mining Engineer, Department of Mines, is first obtained, the use of scrapers, graders, bulldozers, backhoes or other mechanised equipment for surface clearing or the excavation of costeans is prohibited.

Following approval, all topsoil being removed ahead of mining operations and separately stockpiled for replacement after backfilling and/or completion of operations.
4. The licensee, at his expense, capping or filling all holes drilled, rehabilitating all areas cleared or otherwise disturbed and backfilling all volumes excavated during the term of the licence to the satisfaction of the State Mining Engineer in agreement with the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management. Backfilling and rehabilitation being required no later than six months after excavation unless otherwise approved in writing by the State Mining Engineer. Drill holes are to be capped or filled immediately after completion.
5. At agreed intervals, not greater than 12 monthly, the licensee reporting to the State Mining Engineer, the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, and the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority on the progress of the operation and the rehabilitation programme.
6. The Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, being supplied with an itinerary and programme of the locations of operations on the licence area and informed at least seven days in advance of any changes to that itinerary.

7. The licensee complying with and ensuring that all persons under its control operating in the licence area are aware of and comply with the provisions of:
 - i) the *Conservation and Land Management Act*, 1984, and the Regulations thereunder;
 - ii) the *Bush Fires Act*, 1954-77, and the Regulations thereunder; and
 - iii) the *Wildlife Conservation Act*, 1950, as amended, and the Regulations thereunder (excepting the Regulations 46 a, b, c, d, g l, L and O, insofar as non-compliance occurs as an unavoidable incident or reasonable consequence in the performance of the approved exploration programme).
8. The licensee ensuring that, where required by the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, all vehicles and equipment entering the designated environmentally sensitive area are washed down to remove soil and plant propagules and adhering to such conditions specified by the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, for the prevention of the spread of soil-borne diseases.
9. Access to and from and the movement of vehicles within the licence area being restricted to ground or seasonal conditions and routes approved under the programme or otherwise agreed by the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
10. Prior to the cessation of the exploration/prospecting activity in the environmentally sensitive area, the licensee notifying the State Mining Engineer, the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management, and the Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority and arranging an inspection as required.
11. All waste material, rubbish, plastic sample bags, abandoned equipment and temporary buildings being removed from the mining tenement prior to or at the termination of the exploration programme.
12. The licensee making provisions to prevent spillage of fuel and discharge of pollutants generally and for all exploration sites being kept free from any rubbish and being left in a clean and tidy state.
13. The licensee not establishing any camp, base works or area, fuelling depot or similar establishment on the licence area unless the site and access has received prior approval of the Regional Manager, Department of Conservation and Land Management.
14. No soap, detergent or other foaming agent being used in any watercourse or rockhole nor any rubbish or other polluting material being deposited in any watercourse or rockhole.
15. Domestic animals, traps or firearms not being taken onto the designated environmentally sensitive area.
16. Such further conditions for protection of the land environment and rehabilitation of the land as the Minister for Mines may from time to time impose.

Specific conditions applied to Tenement 70/647

17. The licensee submitting the programme for ground-disturbing activity cited in condition 2 for the area impinging on Red Book Recommendation 5.7.