

Permit¹

s603 Environmental Protection Act 1994

Standard Environmental Authority (mining activities)

Permit number: MIM400071402

Valid From: 31-MAY-2005

Details

Permit Holder(s)	Name	Address
Principal Holder	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	Level 13, Riverside Centre 123 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Principal Holder	UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd	Level 27 BHP Billiton Centre 180 Lonsdale Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000
Principal Holder	QCT Investments Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
Principal Holder	Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd	
Principal Holder	QCT Mining Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
Principal Holder	QCT Resources Pty Limited	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
Principal Holder	BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd	Level 27 BHP Billiton Centre 180 Lonsdale Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Activity(s)	Activity Location(s)	Estate
Coal Exploration	EPC636	

Conditions of Approval**Permit details:****Authorised Mining Tenements**

Tenure Type	Tenure Number
EPC	636

Agency interest: General

- G1 The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until a surrender of the authority is accepted pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The conditions apply unless an amendment is approved pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
- G2 The environmental authority holder is to give the administering authority a financial assurance in the

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amount and form and at a time required by the administering authority.

- G3 The environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the Code of Environmental Compliance for [Exploration and Mineral Development Projects (January 2001).].
- G4 If a 'valid from' date is not stated on this document, the environmental authority takes effect when each of the environmental authority holders has become a holder of a relevant mining tenement.
- G5 Important Note: Standard Environmental Condition 13 of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects (January 2001), imposes certain restrictions on mining activities within or adjacent to Category A, B or C environmentally sensitive areas. Endangered Regional Ecosystems were identified within EPC636, please refer to the attached map and information sheet.
- G6 Spacing of gridlines must not be less than 500m apart.
- G7 The sump size must not be greater than 10 square metres.
- G8 Topsoil stripping is limited to the sump area of 10 square metres.
- G9 Clearing of mature trees is to be avoided.
- G10 The spacing between tracks, must not be less than 500m.
- G11 Existing access and fence line tracks must be used where possible. Any new tracks are to be constructed by linking natural clearing where possible.
- G12 Track construction must avoid blade clearing of established groundcover vegetation and must not involve clearing of mature trees. Tracks are not to be greater than 4m in width.
- G13 Line of sight clearing is not permitted.
- G14 Construction of new crossings over watercourses is to be avoided and only permitted when no reasonable alternative is available.
- G15 All tracks must be constructed and maintained with adequate drainage to avoid accelerated erosion.
- G16 All new tracks are to be recorded with GPS and records kept of their location and made available to the Environmental Protection Agency on request in the form of a shape file.
- G17 All equipment such as earthmoving and drilling equipment must be used in a manner that prevents unnecessary disturbance of topsoil and groundcover vegetation.
- G18 Establishing campsites must not involve the clearing of mature trees.
- G19 Existing cleared drill lines will be used
- G20 No more than 1000 square metres is permitted to be disturbed at any one location.
- G21 The sump size must not be greater than 10 square metres.
- G22 Mining activities are authorised in Endangered Regional Ecosystems subject to the following additional conditions:-
- G23 Topsoil stripping must be limited to the sump area of 10 square metres.
- G24 mature trees are not permitted to be cleared in any case
- G25 existing tracks will be used. No further tracks will be constructed
- G26 Campsites are not to be established
- G27 All equipment such as earthmoving and drilling equipment must be used in a manner that prevents unnecessary disturbance of topsoil and groundcover vegetation.

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Signed

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