

Notice of decision - Permit¹ transfer or amendment

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Queensland Energy Resources Limited
C/- Deacons
Level 17, 175 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
Australia

Our reference: 171760

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Decision made in relation to your application under legislation administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA has assessed your application received on 01-MAR-2004 and wishes to advise you of the following decision:

Permit Applied For	Permit Number	Decision
Standard Environmental Authority (mining activities) under Environmental Protection Act 1994	MIM600237204	Granted

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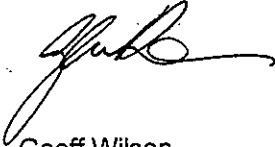
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If you require more information, please contact Jonathon Dalton, the Project Manager, on the telephone number listed below.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Wilson
Environmental Protection Agency
23-JUL-2004

Enquiries:

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PO Box 5065

GLADSTONE QLD 4680

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Attachment

Permit¹

s183 Environmental Protection Act 1994

Standard Environmental Authority (mining activities)

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Details

Permit Holder(s)	Name	Address
Principal Holder	Queensland Energy Resources Limited	C/- Deacons Level 17, 175 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000 Australia
Activity(s)	Activity Location(s)	
Mineral Development	MDL178	

Conditions of Approval

Permit details:

Authorised Mining Tenements

Tenure Type	Tenure Number
MDL	178

Agency interest: General

- G1 The environmental authority does not take effect until the grant of the tenure to the environmental authority holder, or until each environmental authority holder has become a holder, under the Mineral Resources Act 1989, of each of relevant mining tenements.
- G2 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.
- G3 Financial assurance
- The environmental authority holder is to give the administering authority a financial assurance in the amount and form and at a time required by the administering authority.
- G4 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.

Agency interest: Impacts on surrounds

- I1 The holder of this environmental authority is authorised, subject to conditions I2 to I5, to carry out standard mining activities on the relevant mining tenement in, or within 500m of, any endangered regional ecosystem. The endangered regional ecosystem is described in Table 1.
- I2 When carrying out mining activities within an endangered regional ecosystem the holder of the environmental authority must do so in accordance with the scale and intensity of activities as outlined

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below:

Site Access

- 1.1 Spacing of gridlines is not less than 500m apart; and
- 1.2 Spacing may be reduced to 250m at no more than three specified prospects.

Drill Sites

- 1.3 Operational area is to be no greater than 1000m²;
- 1.4 Sump size is no greater than 10m²
- 1.5 Topsoil stripping is limited to sump area; and
- 1.6 Clearing of mature trees is prevented or minimised.

Tracks

- 1.7 Spacing between tracks is not less than 500m;
- 1.8 Existing access and fence line tracks are used where possible and any new tracks are constructed by linking natural clearings where possible;
- 1.9 Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is prevented or minimised;
- 1.10 Line of sight clearing is prevented or minimised; and
- 1.11 Construction of new crossings of major natural drainage lines is prevented or minimised.

Other Land Disturbances

- 1.12 Exploration does not involve costeaning or bulk sampling in areas of endangered regional ecosystem; and
- 1.13 Establishing exploration camps will not involve clearing areas of endangered regional ecosystem.

Equipment Use

- 1.14 Rubber tyred low ground pressure vehicles and machinery is to be used where possible; and
- 1.15 Transport of weeds on vehicles and machinery is prevented.

- 13 The environmental authority holder will limit total disturbance within any areas identified as endangered regional ecosystem to a maximum area of 1% of the remnant patch or up to a maximum area of 1000 square metres at any one location.
- 14 In regard to complying with standard environmental condition 42, the holder of the environmental authority must revegetate the areas identified as endangered regional ecosystems with plant species from the same ecosystem type. Consult with the Environmental Protection Agency prior to commencing rehabilitation to determine the most appropriate techniques and seed mixture for the specific area.
- 15 Rehabilitation of all areas disturbed with the endangered regional ecosystem will be completed as soon as practical but no longer than three months after completion of the disturbance activity.

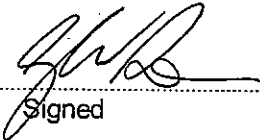
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Date 28 JULY 2004



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Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Category	Land Area Classification	General Location	Who to Contact
Category B	Endangered Regional Ecosystem	Along creek lines of MDL178	Environmental Protection Agency District Manager - Gladstone 49716500

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