Permit

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPSX00297913

This environmental authority is issued by the administering authority under Chapter 5 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Environmental authority number: EPSX00297913

Environmental authority takes effect on 18 April 2017

The first annual fee is payable within 20 business days of the day the relevant tenure is granted.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority (EA) is the same day each year as the relevant tenure is granted. An annual return and the payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name(s)	Registered address
ERO Georgetown Gold Operations Pty Ltd	39E The Prominade SANCTUARY COVE QLD 4212

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity/activities	Location(s)
Mining - EPM	EPM15995 EPM26475

Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

The description of any environmentally relevant activity (ERA) for which an environmental authority (EA) is issued is a restatement of the ERA as defined by legislation at the time the EA is issued. Where there is any inconsistency between that description of an ERA and the conditions stated by an EA as to the scale, intensity or manner of carrying out an ERA, the conditions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

An EA authorises the carrying out of an ERA and does not authorise any environmental harm unless a condition stated by the EA specifically authorises environmental harm.

A person carrying out an ERA must also be a registered suitable operator under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

Contaminated land

It is a requirement of the EP Act that an owner or occupier of contaminated land give written notice to the administering authority if they become aware of the following:

- the happening of an event involving a hazardous contaminant on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a change in the condition of the contaminated land (notice must be given within 24 hours); or
- a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3) having been carried out, or is being carried out, on the contaminated land (notice must be given within 20 business days) that is causing, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious or material environmental harm.

For further information, including the form for giving written notice, refer to the Queensland Government website www.qld.gov.au, using the search term 'duty to notify'.

Take effect

Resource projects

Please note that, in accordance with section 200 of the EP Act, if the EA is for a resource activity, the EA will not take effect until the relevant tenure is granted to the applicant.

	18/4/2017
Signature	Date

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Delegate of the administering authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

In addition to the requirements found in the conditions of this environmental authority, the holder must also meet their obligations under the EP Act, and the regulations made under the EP Act. For example, the holder must comply with the following provisions of the Act:

- general environmental duty (section 319)
- duty to notify environmental harm (section 320-320G)
- offence of causing serious or material environmental harm (sections 437-439)
- offence of causing environmental nuisance (section 440)
- offence of depositing prescribed water contaminants in waters and related matters (section 440ZG)
- offence to place contaminant where environmental harm or nuisance may be caused (section 443)

Other permits required

This permit only provides an approval under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. In order to lawfully operate you may also require permits / approvals from your local government authority and other State Government agencies prior to commencing any activity at the site. For example, this may include permits / approvals with your local Council (for planning approval), the Department of Transport and Main Roads (to access state controlled roads), the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (to clear vegetation), and the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (to clear marine plants or to obtain a quarry material allocation).

Conditions of environmental authority

With the exceptions of any variations, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority are standard conditions contained within the documents entitled:

- Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985)

Variations to the standard conditions include:

A1 Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters are not authorised under this environmental authority or the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* (EO Act).

A2 All disturbance caused by the exploration activity conducted on the tenure for exploration permit 15995 must be rehabilitated in accordance with the conditions of this environmental authority.

Definitions

Key terms and/or phrases used in this document are defined in this section. Where a term is not defined, the definition in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, its regulations or environmental protection policies must be used. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

'Significant residual impact' is defined in section 8 of the EO Act.

'Prescribed environmental matters' is defined in section 10 of the EO Act, limited to the Matters of State Environmental Significance listed in schedule 2 of the *Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014*.

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

Attachments

- Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985)