

Permit¹

s298 Environmental Protection Act 1994
Level 2 Non Code Compliant Environmental
Authority (Mining Lease)

Permit¹ number: MIN200404606

Takes Effect From: 20 March 2006

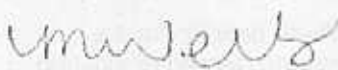
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Details

Permit Holder(s)	Name	Address
Principal Holder	BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd	Level 13, Riverside Centre 123 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Activity(s)	Location(s)
Mining Project	ML 1791 (Winchester)

The environmental authority is subject to the attached conditions of approval.


Melissa Wells
Delegate
Environmental Protection Agency
20 March 2006

¹ Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation administered by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

Agency Interest: Biodiversity

- B1** For exploration activities the environmental authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the "Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects", except condition 14, which is amended to include the following conditions B2 and B3 in relation to Endangered Regional Ecosystems.
- B2** Activities in Dominant Endangered Regional Ecosystems:
- 1.0 Drilling or Seismic Grid
 - 1.1 Drilling and seismic activities may only be undertaken within an endangered regional ecosystem where existing seismic/drill lines or disturbed area exist. No further clearing within these ecosystems is to occur.
 - 2.0 Drill Sites
 - 2.1 Operational area is no greater than 1000 square metres;
 - 2.2 Sump size must not be greater than 10 square metres; and
 - 2.3 Topsoil stripping must be limited to the sump area of 10 square metres.
 - 3.0 Tracks
 - 3.1 No new tracks are to be constructed. Existing access and fence line tracks must be used.
- B3** Activities in Sub-Dominant Endangered Regional Ecosystems:
- 1.0 Drilling or Seismic Grid
 - 1.1 Drilling and seismic activities may only be undertaken within an endangered regional ecosystem where existing seismic/drill lines or disturbed area exist. Where no existing seismic/drill lines or disturbed areas are present the Environmental Authority holder must minimise disturbance and avoid clearing mature trees.
 - 2.0 Drill Sites
 - 2.1 Operational area is no greater than 1000 square metres;
 - 2.2 Sump size must not be greater than 10 square metres; and
 - 2.3 Topsoil stripping must be limited to the sump area of 10 square metres.
 - 3.0 Tracks
 - 3.1 Existing access and fence line tracks must be used as a priority. Where new tracks are required they must be constructed to minimise clearing by linking natural cleared or existing disturbed areas; and
 - 3.2 Where new tracks are required the Environmental Authority holder must minimise clearing and limit disturbance to a width of less than 4 metres.

Agency Interest: General

- G1** Codes of Environmental Compliance
For Mining Activities, the Environmental Authority holder must comply with each of the Standard Environmental Conditions contained in the "Code of Environmental Compliance for Mining Lease Projects" subject to condition B1 of this Environmental Authority.

Notice

Mining

Notice of decision to amend an environmental authority (mining activities)

This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to subsection 298(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise you that the administering authority has decided to amend an environmental authority (mining activities).

BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd
Level 13, Riverside Centre
123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Your reference : MIN200404606

Our reference : EMD 2204

Attention: Mr Peter Roe,

Re: Amendment to environmental authority (mining lease), number MIN200404606, held by BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd.

You are hereby advised that the Environmental Protection Agency has decided to amend the above mentioned environmental authority.

The reasons for the decision are:

Separation of the ML 1791 (Winchester) from the Poitrel Coal Mine Project.

The environmental authority is to be amended in the following manner:

ML 1791 has been issued with a new Level 2 Non-Code Complaint Environmental Authority (Mining Lease), which supersedes the previous Environmental Authority MIM400226904.

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If the environmental authority is, or will be for a non-code compliant level 1 mining project, you may apply to the administering authority for a review of this decision within 14 days after receiving this notice. You may also appeal against the review decision to the Planning and Environment Court.

Information outlining the review and appeal process under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* is included with this notice.



Signature



Date

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