

Permit

S258 Environmental Protection Act 1994 Environmental Authority (Exploration) Non-Code Compliant Level 2 Mining Project

Permit number: MIN200535207

This environmental authority is granted under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and includes conditions to minimise environmental harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the authorised mining activities. An environmental authority (mining activities) may be for mining activities authorised (under the Mineral Resources Act 1989) to occur under one of the following mining tenements: a prospecting permit; mining claim; exploration permit; mineral development licence; or mining lease. In general, a mining activity means: prospecting, exploring, mining; or processing minerals; remediation; rehabilitation; and includes facilitation and supporting activities and any action taken to prevent environmental harm.

Under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* this environmental authority is issued to:

Permit Holder(s)	Name	Address
Principal Holder	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	Level 23-Riparian Plaza 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4001
Joint Holders	UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd	Level 27 BHP Billiton Centre 180 Lonsdale Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000
	BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd	Level 27 BHP Billiton Centre 180 Lonsdale Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000
	Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
	QCT Investment Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
	QCT Mining Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000
	QCT Management Pty Ltd	Level 43 Gateway 1 Macquarie Place SYDNEY NSW 2000

Activity(s)	Location(s)
Exploration	EPC718

This Environmental Authority takes effect from: 25 May 2007

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



Melissa Wells
Delegate of the Administering Authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994
25 May 2007

Schedule of conditions

This environmental authority consists of the following schedules of conditions relevant to various issues:

- Schedule A - General condition
- Schedule B - Activities within Buffer of Endangered Regional Ecosystem
- Schedule C - Definitions

Schedule A - General

- (A1-1) For exploration activities 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*, except Condition 13, which is replaced by Schedule B conditions.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE A

Schedule B –Activities within Endangered Regional Ecosystem (ERE)

General

- (B1-1) The environmental authority holder is authorised to construct two borehole on EPC718 within the 500m ERE buffer. The subsequent conditions, B2-1 to B4-2, authorises the environmental disturbance related to this borehole.

Drill sites

- (B2-1) The operational area of the drill site within ERE 500m buffer must not exceed 1000m².
- (B2-2) The drill hole within the buffer of the ERE is limited to less than 200mm in diameter.
- (B2-3) The construction of sumps within the ERE buffer must not exceed 10m².
- (B2-4) Topsoil stripping within the ERE buffer is limited to an area no greater than 25m x 25m.
- (B2-5) The environmental holder must minimise disturbance within the ERE buffer and avoid clearing of trees.

Tracks

- (B3-1) Existing access and fence line tracks must be used wherever possible. Any new tracks are to be constructed by linking natural cleared or disturbed areas.
- (B3-2) Track construction must avoid clearing of trees; and
- (B3-3) Where new tracks are required they will not be constructed greater than 5m in width.
- (B3-4) Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is to be minimised.
- (B3-5) No clearing of disturbance for access to boreholes will take place within the ERE.

Other land disturbance

- (B4-1) Exploration within the ERE buffer must not involve costeaning or bulk sampling activities.
- (B4-2) Exploration camps must not be established within the ERE and 500m buffer.
- (B4-3) Rehabilitation of drill sites and sumps will be in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE B

Schedule C - Definitions

“authority” means environmental authority (mining activities) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

“environmental authority holder” means the holder of this environmental authority.

“ERE” means Endangered Regional Ecosystem.

“land” in the “land schedule” of this document means land excluding waters and the atmosphere.

END OF CONDITIONS