Permit[1]

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental Authority (Exploration or Mineral Development) Non Code Compliant Level 2 Mining Project
Permit[1] Number: MIN200750008

Section *211 — Environmental Protection Act 1994*

Takes Effect: 15 May 2014

Details

Permit Holder(s)	Name	Address
Principal Holder	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	QCT Mining Pty Ltd	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	QCT Investment Pty Ltd	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	QCT Resources Pty Limited	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
Joint Holder	UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd	C/O Level 23, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Activity(s)	Location(s)
Exploration Permit Coal	EPC554

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

Christopher Loveday
Delegate of Administering Authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994
15 May 2014

[1] Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

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Schedule of Conditions

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 2 and Condition 13, which are replaced by Schedule B conditions and Schedule C conditions respectively.

(A1-2) The conditions of this environmental authority are in force until 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*.

(A1-3) If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition referred and an additional condition in this environmental authority, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE A

Schedule B – Land Disturbance

(B1-1) The holder of the environmental authority must ensure that the area and duration of disturbance to land and vegetation is minimised. Not more than 10,000m^2 can be disturbed at any one location, excluding campsites.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE B

Schedule C – Disturbance to Environmentally Sensitive Areas

(C1-1) The holder of the environmental authority must not carry out activities in a Category A or B Environmentally Sensitive Area. Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 1km of a category A Environmentally Sensitive Area. Prior to carrying out activities in a category C Environmentally Sensitive Area, consult with the administering authority. If it is determined through the consultation that additional conditions are necessary, the holder must comply with those conditions. The holder of the environmental authority is authorised to carry out exploration activities within 500m of category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas subject to the following conditions.

Drill Sites and Seismic Grid

(C2-1) Drill holes must be constructed in existing disturbed areas where possible.

(C2-2) The operational area of the drill pad (after drilling has been completed) must not exceed 3,000m^2.

(C2-3) Drill holes are limited to less than 250mm in diameter.

(C2-4) The construction of sumps must not exceed 120m^2.

(C2-5) Topsoil stripping must be minimised. Topsoil removed must be appropriately stockpiled and replaced during rehabilitation.

(C2-6) The environmental authority holder must minimise disturbance. Clearing of mature trees must be prevented or minimised.

(C2-7) Spacing of gridlines must be a minimum of 45m apart.

Tracks

(C3-1) Existing access and fence line tracks must be used where possible. New tracks must be constructed by linking existing clearings where possible.

(C3-2) Constructed tracks must be less than 15m in width.

(C3-3) Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is to be avoided.

(C3-4) All new tracks are to be recorded with GPS and records kept of their location and made available to the administering authority on request.

(C3-5) All tracks, including watercourse crossings, must be commissioned and operated in accordance with the Code of Practice for Native Forest Timber Production.

Other Land Disturbance

(C4-1) Activities must not include costeaning or bulk sampling.

(C4-2) All equipment such as earthmoving and drilling equipment must be used in a manner which prevents the spread of weeds and minimises unnecessary disturbance of topsoil and ground cover vegetation.

(C4-3) Prior to operating within 500m of category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas all vehicles, machinery and equipment must be washed down in accordance with appropriate procedures.

(C4-4) Campsites must not be established within 500m of category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

(C4-5) All waste must be removed and disposed of offsite.

(C4-6) Burning of vegetation is not permitted.

(C4-7) Sediment control barriers installed on the tenure should be made of non-organic material to prevent the spread of weeds.

Rehabilitation & Reporting

(C5-1) Rehabilitation of areas disturbed within 500m of category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas must be completed as soon as practicable but no longer than 6 months after completion of the disturbance activity.

(C5-2) The environmental authority holder must revegetate disturbed areas within 500m of category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas with native plant species endemic to the area that will promote the same vegetation type and density of cover to that of the surrounding undisturbed area.

(C5-3) An annual report must be prepared each year and submitted with each annual return. The report must include details of exploration activities undertaken and details of rehabilitation completed to demonstrate compliance with the environmental authority.

END OF CONDITIONS FOR SCHEDULE C

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