Permit[1]

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVX00162413

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

Permit[1] number: EPVX00162413

Environmental authority takes effect on 10 September 2015.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is 31 July. An annual return and the payment of the annual fee will be due each year on this day.

Environmental authority holder(s)

Name	Registered address
Paradise Phosphate Limited	Level 8 580 St Kilda Road MELBOURNE VIC 3004

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity(ies)	Location(s)
Mining - EPM	EPM17441

Additional information for applicants

Environmentally relevant activities

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

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

[1] Permit includes licences, approvals, permits, authorisations, certificates, sanctions or equivalent/similar as required by legislation

Contaminated land

It is a requirement of the EP Act that if an owner or occupier of land becomes aware a notifiable activity (as defined in Schedule 3 and Schedule 4) is being carried out on the land, or that the land has been, or is being, contaminated by a hazardous contaminant, the owner or occupier must, within 22 business days after becoming so aware, give written notice to the chief executive.

Signature

10/9/15.

Date

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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)

Conditions of environmental authority

With the exception of any variations, the conditions of approval for this environmental authority include standard conditions contained within the attached documents entitled:

- *Code of Environmental Compliance For Exploration and Mineral Development Projects.*

Variations to the standard conditions include:

Agency Interest: General

G1 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*.

G2 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 the relevant mining tenements.

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: Strategic Environmental Areas and Designated Precincts

B1 Conditions B1 to B3 are additional conditions imposed on the environmental authority. If there is any inconsistency between a standard condition referred to in condition G4 and an additional condition, the additional condition prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

B2 Mining activities must not be carried out in the Gulf Rivers Designated Precinct.

B3 Contaminants must not be directly or indirectly released to waters in the Gulf Rivers Strategic Environmental Area or Designated Precinct.

Definitions:

Strategic Environmental Area As defined in the *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014.*

Designated Precinct As defined in the *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014.*

Waters includes river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, swamp, wetland, unconfined surface water, unconfined natural or artificial watercourse, bed and bank of any waters, dams, non-tidal or tidal waters (including the sea), storm water channel, storm water drain, and groundwater and any part thereof.

END OF PERMIT

Attachments

- *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects.*