ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994

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Environmental Authority No. M7168 (mining activities)

Section 155 *Environmental Protection Act 1994* EMD20021.4728

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:

NEW HOPE EXPLORATION PTY LTD
17 Lowry Street
IPSWICH QLD 4305

in respect of carrying out activities as part of the following mining project:

Type of environmental authority (mining activities)	Authorised mining tenements	Location
EXPLORATION PERMIT COAL	**EPC 777**	**25 KM W OF NEBO**

This environmental authority is subject to the conditions set out in the attached schedules.

This environmental authority takes effect from the date of grant of EPC 777.

Ian Wilson — Signed

20 February 2002 — Date

Dr Ian Wilson
Manager Mining Operations
Delegate of Administering Authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994

Note: This environmental authority document is not proof of the current status of the environmental authority. The current status of the environmental authority may be ascertained by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency.

Schedule of conditions

Schedule A - General Conditions

(A1) 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*.

(A2) 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.

(A3) 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* dated January 2001.

Schedule B - Additional conditions

(B1) The environmental authority holder is authorised, subject to conditions B2 to B3, to carry out standard mining activities on the relevant tenement in, or within 500m of, any endangered regional ecosystems.

(B2) Where carrying out activities in endangered regional ecosystems as permitted by B1 the environmental authority holder must do so in accordance with the undertakings in *Supporting Information to application for Standard Environmental Authority – Request to carry out activities in endangered regional ecosystems* signed by the holder on 06 February 2002.

(B3) In regard to complying with Standard Environmental Condition 42, the environmental authority holder must spread seeds or plant species that will promote vegetation of a similar species and density of cover to that of the pre disturbed areas, within the areas identified as endangered regional ecosystem.

Category	Land Area Classification	General location	Who to contact
Category B	Endangered Regional Ecosystems	Scattered throughout EPC 777	Environmental Protection Agency District Manager - Emerald (07) 4982 4555

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY