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Permit

S292 *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
Environmental Authority (Exploration) Non-Code Compliant Level 2 Mining Project

Permit number: MIN200620007

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	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd	Level 5 60 Edward Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Activity(s)	Location(s)
Exploration	EPC1039

This Environmental Authority takes effect from: 30 April 2009

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

Michael Rodgerson
Delegate of the Administering Authority
Environmental Protection Act 1994
30 April 2009

Queensland Government

Department of Environment and Resource Management
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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 13, which is replaced by Schedule B conditions.

(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 – Disturbance to Category C Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Drill sites

(B1-1) The environmental authority authorises the construction of 9 drill holes within the Cudmore Resource Refuge. The drill holes must be constructed in existing disturbed areas of the Resource Refuge.

(B1-2) The operational area of the drill must not exceed 1000m^2.

(B1-3) Drill holes are limited to less than 250mm in diameter.

(B1-4) The construction of sumps must not exceed 10m^2.

(B1-5) Topsoil stripping within is limited to the sump area of 10m^2.

(B1-6) The environmental holder must minimise disturbance and no clearing mature trees is authorised.

Tracks

(B2-1) Existing access and fence line tracks must be used. New tracks may only be constructed with EPA Approval.

(B2-2) Constructed tracks must be less than 5m in width.

(B2-3) Track construction involving blade clearing of established ground cover vegetation and/or clearing of mature trees is to be minimised.

(B2-4) All new tracks are to be recorded with GPS and records kept of their location and made available to regulatory authorised on request.

(B2-5) All tracks, including water course crossings, must be commissioned and operated in accordance with the Code of Practice for Native Forest Timber Production.

(B2-6) Rehabilitation of all new tracks is only to be conducted after liaison with the appropriate QLD Parks and Wildlife officers.

(B2-7) All new tracks are to be constructed with minimal top soil disturbance and clearing for tracks is limited to surface vegetation removal where practical.

Other Land Disturbance

(B3-1) Activities must not include seismic lines, costeaning or bulk sampling.

(B3-2) All equipment such as earthmoving and drilling equipment must be used in a manner which prevents the spread of weeds, minimises unnecessary disturbance of topsoil and ground cover vegetation.

(B4-3) Prior to entering the Cudmore Resource Reserve all vehicles, machinery and equipment must be washed down in accordance with the latest Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) Queensland checklist for clean down procedures.

(B4-4) Campsites must not be established within the Resource Reserve.

(B4-5) All waste must be removed and disposed offsite.

(B4-6) Burning of vegetation is not permitted.

(B4-7) Sediment controls barriers installed on the tenure should be made of non-organic material to prevent the spread of weeds.

Rehabilitation & Reporting

(B5-1) Rehabilitation of areas disturbed within the Cudmore Resource Reserve must be completed as soon as practicable but no longer than 3 months after completion of the disturbance activity.

(B5-2) The environmental authority holder must revegetate disturbed areas of the Cudmore Resource Reserve 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 areas in the Cudmore Resource Reserve.

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.

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

END OF CONDITIONS