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Environmental Authority No. M7080 (mining activities)

Section 155 Environmental Protection Act 1994

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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	EPC 766	120KM SW OF MACKAY

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 766.

Ian Wilson

Signed

21 November 2001

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*.¹

¹ Important Note to Condition (B1)

Environmentally Sensitive Area identified in and adjacent to EPM 13593 are listed in the table below.

Category	Land Area Classification	General location	Who to contact
Category B	Endangered Regional Ecosystem	Scattered throughout EPM 13593	Environmental Operations PO Box 5391 Townsville MC QLD 4810 Ph (07) 4722 5364 Fax (07) 4722 5351

Schedule B - Additional conditions

Standard Environmental Condition 13 of the Code states:

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 or within 500m of category B environmentally sensitive area. Prior to carrying out activities in a category C environmentally sensitive area, consult with the relevant administering authority and the Environmental Protection Agency. If it is determined through the consultation that additional conditions are necessary, the holder must comply with those conditions.

- (B1) The environmental authority holder is authorised to carry out activities within 500m of the endangered regional ecosystems and in the endangered regional ecosystems..²

² Condition B1 is an additional condition that overrides Standard Environmental Condition (SEC)13 to the extent that SEC 13 prohibits the holder of the environmental authority carrying out activities within an endangered regional ecosystem (Category B) environmentally sensitive area.

- (B1) 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 the document entitled "Supporting Information to application for Standard Environmental Authority – Request to carry out activities in endangered regional ecosystems" signed by the holder on 21/11/2001.
- (B2) The environmental authority holder must ensure that track intensity in the areas identified as having an endangered regional ecosystem does not exceed 1:500m (one track intersecting on each 500m grid) and must ensure minimal vegetation disturbance.
- (B3) The environmental authority holder must consult with the Environmental Protection Agency to identify the specific values that must be preserved within the area identified as an endangered regional ecosystem; and



- (B4) The environmental authority holder must consult with the Environment Protection Agency prior to commencing rehabilitation to determine a seed mix that will be appropriate for the region.
- (B5) In regard to complying with Standard Environmental Condition 42, within areas identified as being endangered regional ecosystem the holder of the environmental authority must revegetate with plant species from the following regional ecosystem types.

Description of Regional Ecosystem Types	Regional ecosystem code	Conservation Status	Who to Contact
<i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> grassland on Cainozoic igneous rocks. Lowlands.	11.8.11	Endangered	District Manager Emerald (07) 4982 4555

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY