

Permit¹

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental authority EPVX04353816

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

Permit¹ number: EPVX04353816

Environmental authority takes effect: 1 December 2016

The first annual fee is payable within 20 business days of the effective date.

The anniversary date of this environmental authority is the same day each year as the effective date. 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
Peabody BB Interests Pty Ltd	Level 5 100 Melbourne Street SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101
CITIC Bowen Basin Pty Ltd	Level 7, CITIC House 99 King Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Environmentally relevant activity and location details

Environmentally relevant activity(ies)	Location(s)
Mining – Mineral Development License (MDL)	MDL3023

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.

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



A person carrying out an ERA must also be a registered suitable operator under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act).

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

1 December 2016

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 document(s) entitled:

- *Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985).*

Agency interest: General	
Condition number	Condition
A1	Activity The holder of this environmental authority must comply with each of the environmental conditions contained in the <i>Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects—(ESR/2016/1985)</i> with the exception of Condition A13 which is replaced by the conditions within this authority.
A2	If there is any inconsistency between a standard environmental condition and an additional condition in this environmental authority, the additional condition prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

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Agency interest: Land	
Condition number	Condition
B1	Land Disturbance The holder of the environmental authority must not carry out activities in Category A or B Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Activities involving machinery must not be carried out within 1km of Category A Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Activities carried out within the 500m buffer zone of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas are confined to areas of pre-existing disturbance.
B2	Exploration The holder of the environmental authority is authorised to drill no more than six (6) drill holes within the 500m buffer zone of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas as per Appendix A, Figure 1 – Location of proposed drilling program for MDL3023.
B3	Tracks constructed within the 500m buffer zone of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas (a) must be less than 5 metres in width, including shoulder width; (b) must be no more than a total of 1.5km; (c) must be more than 250m apart.
B4	Tracks within the 500m buffer zone of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas must not be used when soil is saturated and prone to displacement or erosion by vehicle movement.
B5	Campsites The holder of the environmental authority is not authorised to establish camps within Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas or within the 500m buffer zone of Category B Environmentally Sensitive Areas.
B6	Significant residual impacts to prescribed environmental matters are not authorised under this environmental authority or the <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014</i>.

Definitions

Words and phrases used throughout this license are defined below except where identified in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* or subordinate legislation. Where a word or term is not defined, the ordinary English meaning applies, and regard should be given to the Macquarie Dictionary.

'Prescribed environmental matters' has the meaning in section 10 of the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*, limited to the matters of State environmental significant listed in schedule 2 of the Environmental Offsets Regulation 2014.

'Significant residual impact' has the meaning in section 8 *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*.

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Appendix: A

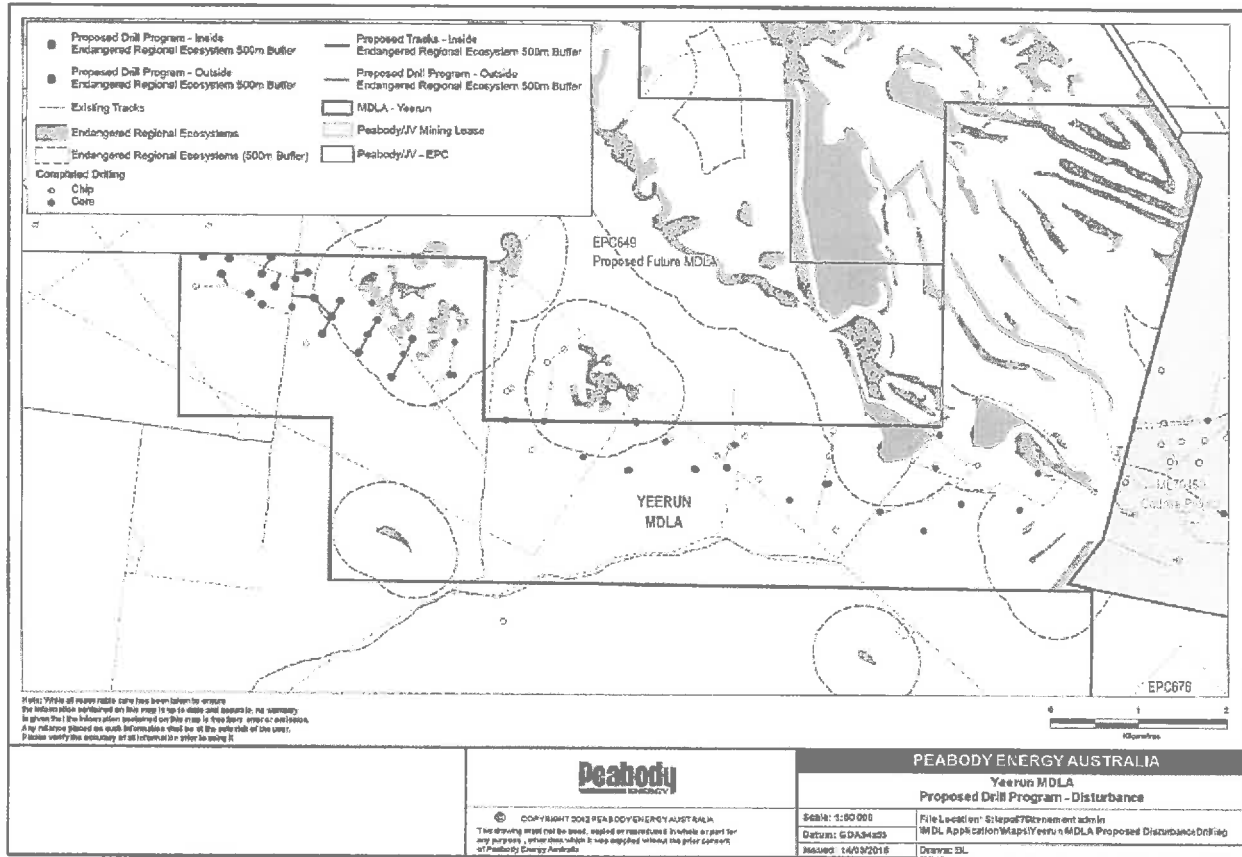


Figure 1: Location of proposed drilling program for MDL3023

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Attachments

Eligibility criteria and standard conditions for exploration and mineral development projects (ESR/2016/1985).

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