

Definitions

Words used in this mining lease have the same meaning as defined in the *Mining Act 1992* except where otherwise defined below:

Act means the *Mining Act 1992*.

Department means the Mining, Exploration and Geoscience group within Regional NSW. It is noted that Regional NSW is a Department of the Public Service.

Environment has the same meaning as in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Environmental incident notifications and reports means any notifications and reports required to be provided to relevant authorities under Part 5.7 or Part 5.7A of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Harm to the environment has the same meaning as in the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Landholder for the purposes of these conditions does not include a secondary landholder and includes, in the case of exempted areas, the controlling body for the exempted area.

Minister means the Minister administering the Act.

1. Notice to Landholders

- (a) Within a period of three months from the date of grant/renewal of this mining lease, the lease holder must serve on each landholder a notice in writing indicating that this mining lease has been granted/renewed and whether the lease includes the surface. A plan identifying each landholder and individual land parcel subject to the lease area, and a description of the lease area must accompany the notice.
- (b) If there are ten or more landholders, the lease holder may serve the notice by publication in a newspaper circulating in the region where the lease area is situated. The notice must indicate that this mining lease has been granted/renewed; state whether the lease includes the surface and must contain a plan and description of the lease area. If a notice is made under condition 1(b), compliance with condition 1(a) is not required.

2. Rehabilitation

Any disturbance resulting from the activities carried out under this mining lease must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Minister.

3. Mining Operations Plan and Annual Rehabilitation Report

- (a) The lease holder must comply with an approved Mining Operations Plan (MOP) in carrying out any significant surface disturbing activities, including mining operations, ancillary mining activities and prospecting. The lease holder must apply to the Minister for approval of a MOP. An approved MOP must be in place prior to commencing any significant surface disturbing activities, including mining operations, ancillary mining activities and prospecting.
- (b) The MOP must identify the post mining land use and set out a detailed rehabilitation strategy which:
 - (i) identifies areas that will be disturbed;

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- (ii) details the staging of specific mining operations, ancillary mining activities and prospecting;
- (iii) identifies how the mine will be managed and rehabilitated to achieve the post mining land use;
- (iv) identifies how mining operations, ancillary mining activities and prospecting will be carried out in order to prevent and or minimise harm to the environment; and
- (v) reflects the conditions of approval under:
 - the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
 - the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*; and
 - any other approvals relevant to the development including the conditions of this mining lease.
- (c) The MOP must be prepared in accordance with the *ESG3: Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Guidelines September 2013* published on the [Department's website](#).
- (d) The lease holder may apply to the Minister to amend an approved MOP at any time.
- (e) It is not a breach of this condition if:
 - (i) the operations which, but for this condition 3(e) would be a breach of condition 3(a), were necessary to comply with a lawful order or direction given under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014* or the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*; and *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017*.
 - (ii) the Minister had been notified in writing of the terms of the order or direction prior to the operations constituting the breach being carried out.
- (f) The lease holder must prepare a Rehabilitation Report to the satisfaction of the Minister. The report must:
 - (i) provide a detailed review of the progress of rehabilitation against the performance measures and criteria established in the approved MOP;
 - (ii) be submitted annually on the grant anniversary date (or at such other times as agreed by the Minister); and
 - (iii) be prepared in accordance with any relevant annual reporting guidelines published on the [Department's website](#).

Note: The Rehabilitation Report replaces the Annual Environmental Management Report.

4. Non-Compliance Reporting

- (a) The lease holder must notify the Department upon becoming aware of any breaches of the conditions of this mining lease or breaches of the Act or Mining Regulation 2016;
- (b) Notifications under condition 4(a) must be provided in the form specified on the Department's website within seven (7) days of the mining lease holder becoming aware of the breach.

5. Environmental Incident Report

The lease holder must provide environmental incident notifications and reports to the Secretary no later than seven (7) days after those environmental incident notifications and

reports are provided to the relevant authorities under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

6. Resource Recovery

[This condition does not apply for Ancillary Mining Activity, therefore will be struck through with the text "This condition does not apply to this authority."]

The lease holder must optimise recovery of the minerals that are the subject of this mining lease to the extent economically feasible.

7. Security

[The following condition is used for individual securities]

The lease holder is required to provide and maintain a security deposit to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations of all or any kind under the mining lease, including obligations of all or any kind under the mining lease that may arise in the future.

The amount of the security deposit to be provided has been assessed by the Minister at \$ **[Security amount entered here]**.

[The following condition is used for group securities]

The lease holder is required to provide and maintain a security deposit to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations of all or any kind under the mining lease, including obligations of all or any kind under the mining lease that may arise in the future.

The amount of the security deposit to be provided as a group security has been assessed by the Minister at \$ **[Group Security amount entered here]**.

The leases covered by the group security include:

[List added here].

This group security is extended to apply to this lease.

8. Cooperation Agreement

The lease holder must make every reasonable attempt, and be able to demonstrate its attempts, to enter into a cooperation agreement with the holder(s) of any overlapping title(s). The cooperation agreement should address but not be limited to issues such as:

- access arrangements
- operational interaction procedures
- dispute resolution
- information exchange
- well location
- timing of drilling
- potential resource extraction conflicts; and
- rehabilitation issues.

Special Conditions

Note: The standard conditions apply to all mining leases. The Department reserves the right to impose special conditions, based on individual circumstances, where appropriate.

[Either “Nil” or Special Conditions will be included for the specific Lease if relevant]

Exploration Reporting

Note: Exploration Reports (Geological and Geophysical)

The lease holder must lodge reports to the satisfaction of the Secretary in accordance with section 163C of the Mining Act 1992 and in accordance with clause 59, 60 and 61 of the Mining Regulation 2016.

Reports must be prepared in accordance with Exploration Reporting: A guide for reporting on exploration and prospecting in New South Wales.

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