NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Pastoral Land Act 1992 – section 38(1)(h)

CONSENT TO CLEAR PASTORAL LAND

Permit Number: PLC19/04

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND SUBJECT OF THE PERMIT

N.T. Portion 2093

21468 Stuart Highway, Pamayu Locality

Perpetual Pastoral Lease No. 947 - Newcastle Waters Station

APPROVED PURPOSE

To use and develop the land for the purpose of clearing of native vegetation for Pastoral Purposes, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Conditions and the Endorsed Plans.

TERM OF PERMIT

Commencing on the Date of this Permit and expiring on the Expiry Date, subject to the Schedule of Conditions.

EXTENSION OF TERM OF PERMIT

The Permit Holder may apply to the Pastoral Land Board (Board) for an extension of the Term of this Permit, provided that:

- (i) The Permit Holder Substantially Commenced the Clearing Activities within the Commencement Period; and
- (ii) The application for extension is submitted to the Board in the approved form at least one (1) year before the Expiry Date.

The Board may, at its absolute discretion, grant or reject the request, or grant the request subject to conditions.

Date of Permit: 29/10/2019

Leigh Hunt

Chairman, Pastoral Land Board

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DEFINITIONS

In this Permit:

"Clearing Activities" means any works associated with the clearing of native vegetation; including, but not limited to, any earth-disturbing preparatory works within the Permitted Clearing Area (for example boundary demarcation by grading and / or installation of erosion and sediment controls).

"Commencement Period" means the period of two (2) years from the Date of Permit.

"Endorsed Plan" means any plan subject to the conditions of the Permit that has been endorsed by the Board as forming part of this Permit.

"Expiry Date" means the period of six (6) years from the Date of Permit.

"Original Application" means the document entitled Application to Clear Pastoral Land (s.38(1)(h) Pastoral Land Act) dated 12/12/2019 and related attachments and supplementary documentation.

"Pastoral Lessee" has the same meaning as in the Pastoral Land Act 1992.

"Pastoral Purposes" has the same meaning as in the Pastoral Land Act 1992.

"Permit Holder/s" means the Pastoral Lessee.

"Permitted Clearing Area" means the area shown on the approved clearing plans (i.e. Endorsed Drawing No. PLC19/04-001).

"Substantially Commenced" and "Substantially Commence" means not less than 10% of the total area proposed for clearing under this Permit has been cleared.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

- 1. The Clearing Activities must be undertaken in accordance with the Endorsed Clearing Plan at Schedule 1 (Endorsed Drawing No. PLC19/04-001) of this Permit; that is, the Permit Holder must only clear native vegetation within the areas identified on the Endorsed Drawing as "Permitted Clearing" to the satisfaction of the Board.
- The clearing methods and ongoing environmental management (including erosion and sediment control) of cleared areas must be undertaken in accordance with the Original Application to the satisfaction of the Board.
- 3. The Permit Holder must have, and must ensure that any person who carries out the clearing on its behalf has, a copy of the following endorsed documents in their possession at all times whilst carrying out any works associated with clearing and complies with them: this Permit and the Endorsed Drawing.
- 4. Appropriate erosion and sediment control measures are to be employed throughout the clearing and establishment phases of the development, to the satisfaction of the Board, including (but not limited to): retention of buffer zones where appropriate and measures to address seasonal timing of works, management of groundcover and minimisation of bare ground, crop layout and maintenance of natural sheet flow patterns, avoidance or removal of soil windrows or other surface modifications that create concentrated flow paths for runoff, and installation of erosion

controls on access tracks, fencelines and firebreaks where appropriate. Information regarding erosion and sediment control is available on the NTG website at https://nt.gov.au/environment/soil-land-vegetation. For further information, contact the Land Management Unit on: (08) 8999 4454.

- 5. The Permit Holder is required to ensure land management practices do not instigate erosion and to ensure that appropriate erosion and sediment control measures are employed throughout the operational phases of the Pastoral Purpose including:
 - a) measures to address seasonal timing of works;
 - b) management of groundcover and minimisation of bare ground, crop layout and maintenance of natural sheet flow patterns;
 - c) avoidance or removal of soil windrows or other surface modifications that create concentrated flow paths for runoff; and
 - d) use of erosion controls on access tracks where appropriate.
- 6. This Permit is subject to the Permit Holder's ongoing compliance with its obligations under the Perpetual Pastoral Lease.
- 7. Despite any term or condition of this Permit, the Permit Holder must at its own cost in all respects, comply with all laws, statutes and subordinate instruments, applicable to the clearing of pastoral land including but not limited to the following:
 - a) Weeds Management Act 2001;
 - b) Bushfires Management Act 2016;
 - c) Water Act 1992;
 - d) Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976;
 - e) Heritage Act 2011;
 - f) Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989;
 - g) Environmental Assessment Act 1982;
 - h) Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998; and
 - i) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).
- 8. This Permit is at all times subject to existing rights, title and interests of all other persons (including any rights or interests registered on the certificate as to title (as defined by the *Land Titles Act 2001*). The Permit Holder must comply with all terms and conditions of such existing rights, title and interests. The Permit Holder must not unreasonably or unduly interfere with, impede, restrict or limit the rights, title or interests of any person.
- 9. This Permit shall be revoked automatically upon the:
 - termination of the pastoral lease; or
 - surrender of the pastoral lease.

For the avoidance of doubt, a transfer of the pastoral lease does not revoke this Permit.

10. The Board may revoke this Permit by written notice to the Permit Holder if the Permit Holder breaches any condition of this Permit and fails to remedy the breach within ninety (90) days after receiving notice requiring it to do so.

NOTES

- 1. Information regarding best practice erosion and sediment control is available on the following websites: https://www.austieca.com.au/; https://www.austieca.com.au/; https://www.catchmentsandcreeks.com.au/index.html. For advice telephone (08) 8999 4454.
- 2. All land in the Northern Territory is subject to the *Weeds Management Act 2001*. The Act states that the owner and occupier of land must: (a) take all reasonable measures to prevent the land being infested with a declared weed; (b) take all reasonable measures to prevent a declared weed or potential weed on the land spreading to other land. Further information is provided at: https://denr.nt.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0011/257987/preventing-weed-spread.pdf.
- 3. Standard precautions to reduce bushfire risk should be taken in relation to the use of heavy machinery and burning of felled vegetation windrows. Fire prevention measures are to be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the *Bushfires Management Act 2016*.
- 4. A Permit to Burn must be obtained prior to the ignition of any felled vegetation on the land which is the subject of this Permit during the southern fire danger period. To obtain a Permit to Burn, contact the Barkly Bushfires NT Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources on (08) 8962 4577.
- 5. The Permit Holder is advised that it is an offence to disturb or destroy declared places and objects without consent under the *Heritage Act 2011*. Should any heritage or archaeological material be discovered during the clearing operation, the Permit Holder must cease operation and telephone the Heritage Branch on (08) 8999 5036.
- 6. The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority recommends that the Permit Holder obtain an Authority Certificate to ensure the Permit Holder does not damage or interfere with sacred sites under the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*. For advice telephone: (08) 8981 4700.

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Permit Holder - Consolidated Pastoral Company Pty Ltd NT Portion 2093 Newcastle Waters Station



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