

Mining Management Exploration Activities

Northern Territory of Australia – Mining Management Act 2001

It is recommended that the Mining Management Plan (MMP) is completed in conjunction with the user guide available on the [Northern Territory Government website](#).

Section 1 – Project Details

Project Name Provide new or existing project name	
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Authorisation Number Insert existing authorisation number, where applicable	
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Operator Name Use ASIC-ABR registered name (if a company), or name of the applicant	
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Operator ABN and ACN numbers	
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Location and Access Details Include brief description of the location, access details, and distance to nearest town or community	
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Target Commodity Details Include target mineral commodities (i.e. gold, copper etc.)	
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Mining Activities Summarise the mining activities (exploration) to be the subject of the proposed Authorisation or Variation. Drilling programs over a maximum of four years are supported and encouraged and can be staged. Please refer to the guidelines for further information.	
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Proposed Schedule Include start and finish dates of ground disturbing work	
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Mining Interest and Land Ownership

List the mining interests (titles), the title holder name/s, the title expiry date and the Property name/Land holder (e.g. pastoralist or Aboriginal land trust) for each title.

Title Number	Title Holder	Expiry Date	Underlying Property Name or Land Holder

Delete or add rows as required

Please note a Land Access Agreement (LAA) is required for disturbance proposed on Pastoral Properties on Exploration Licence (EL).

Organisational Structure

Position Title	Name
Managing Director	
General Manager	
Exploration Manager	
Senior Geologist	
Environmental Manager	
Radiation Safety Officer	

Delete or add rows for various position titles as required

Section 2 – Operator Self-Assessment of the Environmental Risk

The purpose of this self-assessment is to ensure Operators complete a project risk assessment of potential environmental impacts and are aware of other legislative obligations from various Agencies. As a result of this self-assessment, further information may be required in the form of a management plan to enable full assessment of the MMP. If you have any queries please contact a Mining Officer prior to submitting the MMP. Useful resources to assist with this self-assessment are provided in the User Guide.

Environmental considerations

ASSESSMENT ASPECT	YES or NO	ACTIONS REQUIRED (if answered YES)	APPENDED INFORMATION (e.g. evidence of consultation with DEPWS and/or management plan where required).
<p>Step 1: Are there any threatened flora and fauna species or habitats of significance that may occur in the proposed work area?</p>		<p>The Operator must assess the likelihood of threatened species or their habitats occurring at or near the site. If the likelihood is high, then a “Significant Impact Assessment” must be undertaken and appended to this document.</p>	<p>e.g. - Consulted EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool and appended it to this document. - Consulted EPBC Protected Matters Search Tool and previous Biodiversity Management Plan, which is still current/related to the proposed work, appended to this document.</p>
<p>Step 2: Are there any known declared weeds within the proposed work area?</p>		<p>Seek advice from DEPWS – Weed Management Branch to determine if weeds are present on site and ensure management measures are appropriate for the level of activity proposed and attach a Weed Management Plan (if required).</p>	
<p>Step 3: Will you be using water from bores or other sources for the operation?</p>		<p>Water related matters on mineral titles are no longer exempt from the <i>Water Act 1992</i>. Please consult with DEPWS Water Resources and/or familiarise yourself with the <i>Water Act</i> to ensure compliance under this Act when undertaking exploration activities.</p>	

Environmental assessment and cultural considerations

ASSESSMENT ASPECT	YES or NO	MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS
<p>Step 4: Is your project likely to have a significant impact on the environment?</p>		<p>Refer to the NTEPA Environmental Factors and Objectives Guideline.</p>
<p>Step 5: Are there Aboriginal sacred sites in the Project area?</p>		<p>Sacred Sites are protected under the NT <i>Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989</i> and administered by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA). It is recommended that advice be sought from AAPA in relation to sacred site protection.</p>
<p>Step 6: Are there archaeological and heritage sites in the Project area?</p>		<p>Heritage and archaeology sites are protected in the NT. NT Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (DTFHC) administers the <i>Heritage Act 2011</i>.</p> <p>Seek advice in relation to protection of heritage and archaeological sites.</p>

Section 3 – Amendments

As per Section 41(3) of the *Mining Management Act*, an MMP reviewed and amended under Section 41(1)(a) is to have amendments made since the previous MMP submission clearly identified.

Section	Amendment

Delete or add rows as required

Section 4 – Activities Proposed for this MMP only

Provide relevant EL numbers

Mining Interests (i.e. titles)	EL	EL	EL	EL
Number and type of proposed exploration drill holes				
Maximum depth of proposed holes (m)				
Number and size of drill pads to be cleared (Length: m x Width: m)				
Total area of drill pads to be cleared (ha)				
Number of proposed water bores				
Is drilling likely to encounter groundwater in multiple or confined aquifers? (Y, N, unsure) If answering yes, please provide the number of exploration holes where this is likely to occur				
Number of costeans				
Volume to backfill costeans (Length: m x Width: m x Depth: m)				
Number of bulk sample pits				
Volume to backfill bulk sample pits (Length: m x Width: m x Depth: m)				
Bulk sample pits approved under <i>Mineral Titles Act</i> ? (Y or N). If Yes provide approval				
Line/track clearing: (length m x width m)				

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Mining Interests (i.e. titles)	EL	EL	EL	EL
Area of proposed line/track clearing (ha)				
Camp area to be cleared (ha)				
Camp Infrastructure (i.e. demountable, tents) Please provide a complete list with measurements as required in the security calculation				
Other				
Total proposed area of disturbance (ha)				

Staging approach based on disturbance can be proposed and will be considered by the Department.

Section 5 – Previous Disturbance (for existing Authorisations only)

The 'Disturbance Tracking' spreadsheet must be completed and attached to the MMP submission to complete this section. The spreadsheet is available on the departmental web page where this template is located.

Section 6 – Environmental Management

By checking these shaded boxes, you are agreeing to implement the following minimum environmental management standards on the project area. Where boxes have been left unchecked, justification is required.

6.1		Blade-up approach for clearing will be used (i.e. no windrows, leave root stock and topsoil)
6.2		Significant vegetation will be avoided during clearing (i.e. large trees, specimens providing habitat or food sources, riparian vegetation, and threatened species)
6.3		Vegetation clearing during, and immediately after rainfall events, will be avoided
6.4		Vegetation clearing will be kept to the minimum required to safely traverse vehicles and drill rigs along tracks and drill pads
6.5		Where blade-up techniques cannot be employed, topsoil and vegetation will be stockpiled appropriately for rehabilitation purposes
6.6		All employees and contractors will be trained and inducted in relation to the management of environmental risks in the work area, including weeds, waterways, threatened species, soil erosion, sacred sites and heritage areas
6.7		Sumps will be lined or tanks of appropriate size to contain water, sediment and drilling fluids encountered during drilling, will be used
6.8		Sumps, drill holes, and fuel stores will be located away from environmentally significant areas and water courses
6.9		Excavations (sumps, costeans and pits) will be appropriately ramped to allow fauna egress
6.10		Drill holes will be securely capped immediately after drilling
6.11		Vehicle hygiene measures will be employed to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and pathogens when mobilising vehicles and equipment from one location to another
6.12		Hydrocarbon spills will be minimised using liners and drip trays under machinery, and appropriately sized spill-kits available in the event of a spill
6.13		Hazardous substances (including hydrocarbons) will be stored and handled in accordance with relevant Australian Standards
6.14		Hydrocarbons will be stored in lined and bunded areas
6.15		Waste will be stored securely while on-site to minimise windblown rubbish and access by feral animals
6.16		Waste will be removed off-site and disposed of at an appropriate waste management facility
6.17		All environmental incidents will be reported to the Department in accordance with Section 29 of the <i>Mining Management Act</i> .
6.18		Acid and Metalliferous Drainage (AMD) and Potentially Acid Forming (PAF) material derived from drilling cuts will be managed to avoid AMD and PAF related issues on site.

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6.19		Radioactive/NORM drill cuttings will be managed to avoid radiation related issues on site.
6.20		Dust management will be implemented on site.

Justification and alternative management measures:

Section 7 – Rehabilitation and Closure

By checking these shaded boxes, you are agreeing to implement the following minimum rehabilitation standards on the project area. Where boxes have been left unchecked, justification is required.

A refund of security related to completed rehabilitation on site requires the submission of a rehabilitation report including photographs, an updated security calculation and updated disturbance tracking spreadsheet to the Department.

7.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drill holes will be plugged below ground level at a minimum depth of 0.4 metres and soil mounded to prevent subsidence, within 6 months of completion of drilling.
7.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drill holes encountering multiple or confined aquifers will be grouted with concrete.
7.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drill samples/spoil will be returned down drill holes, buried in sumps, or removed from site.
7.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	All drill hole and access markers including flagging tape, wooden markers and star pickets will be removed from site.
7.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cut and fill drill pads will be re-contoured to be consistent with the surrounding terrain.
7.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drill pads and compacted areas along the contour (on sloping ground) will be ripped/scarified of and tracks will be cross-ripped (zig-zag).
7.7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracks will be rehabilitated, including pushing in all windrows, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the land holder or appropriate third party.
7.8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate erosion and sediment controls will be installed where erosion is evident or likely to occur.
7.10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access through watercourses will be removed and banks restored.
7.11	<input type="checkbox"/>	All previously disturbed areas will be stable, with no evidence of active soil erosion.
7.12	<input type="checkbox"/>	All excavations will be backfilled within 6 months of their completion.
7.13	<input type="checkbox"/>	All water bores will be decommissioned unless otherwise agreed in writing by the land holder or appropriate third party.
7.14	<input type="checkbox"/>	All rubbish and infrastructure will be removed from site.
7.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Topsoil will be replaced and vegetation re-established.
7.16	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contaminated soils (e.g. hydrocarbon or hazardous chemicals) will be rehabilitated or removed from site.
7.17	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring will be undertaken following the wet season or a significant rainfall event.

Justification and alternative management measures:

Section 8 – Required Attachments

8.1		Initial Application for Authorisation or variation of Authorisation (only if details on the form have subsequently changed).
8.2		Nomination of Operator Form, where required
8.3		Security Calculation Spreadsheet
8.4		Evidence of Land Access Agreement if operating on an Exploration Licence (EL) on Pastoral Lease (e.g. two-ways exchange of email)
8.5		Disturbance tracking spreadsheet (for existing Authorisations)
8.6		Spreadsheet with coordinates of proposed drill holes or polygons of target areas
8.7		KML/shape files/track logs of proposed tracks, camp sites and proposed drill holes or polygons of target areas
8.8		Map(s) of the work area(s) showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. title boundaries and title numbers 2. current and proposed drill holes, or polygons of target areas 3. current and proposed tracks 4. rehabilitated areas 5. camp sites 6. heritage sites or significant environmental areas 7. environmental constraints
8.10		Radiation Management Plan (if applicable)
8.12		Document(s) being appended in relation to Section 2 (if any): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - -