

Mining lease - mining program template

Description of mining operations – Mining Program

This template is intended as a guide to assist applicants/lease holders address the requirements for an application for the grant of or the renewal of a mining lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*.

Section 245 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* requires a statement acceptable to the chief executive outlining the mining program proposed for a mining lease application.

The mining program for the renewal of a mining lease is required under section 286 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*.

The principal objectives of a mining program are to:

- provide a better understanding of the nature and extent of the proposed development and production of mineral resources from the lease;
- allow an assessment of the proposed development and whether it is appropriate (this is particularly important with respect to resources that are not currently being mined or have been not developed for some time);
- assess the prospective resource utilisation and identify any resource sterilisation issues; and
- allow appropriate resource management decisions to be made

Scope of mining programs

The scope of mining programs will vary depending on the size and complexity of the proposed mining operations. The plan for an alluvial gold project or a small open cut operation, for instance, would require less detail than a multi-seam open cut and underground operation that also had coal seam gas extraction issues.

If the mining lease supports other permits or forms part of a project, the program described must describe the project and clearly show the relationship of this mining lease.

1. Mining program to support

New application

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Proposed mining lease name: BROWNS

Renewal of mining lease

Mining lease number:

2 Commencement of operations:

For new permits:

When are operations are expected to commence on this mining lease?
Operations are expected to commence as soon as possible after the application is accepted and approved, within months of the approval.

For renewals:

If operations have not commenced, when are operations expected to commence on this mining lease?

3. Supporting operations

Is this mining lease being or to be operated in conjunction with other mining permits as part of a project? If yes, provide details of the project including a description of the relationship of this lease to the project and why this lease is required for the project or operation of other permits	Yes ☒	No ☐
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- Include a map showing the extent of the project
- provide clarification of the extent of the mining program described ie what leases and permits are covered by the program

The Percyvale Project is comprised of three mining leases all on Percyvale Station, where the mining lease holder is also the background landholder. ML30103, ML 30199 and ML 30216. All mining leases are within a 10km area. There is a working alluvial plant on ML 30103 and is mobile to move onto other leases when necessary. As all mining leases are being mined for the same minerals it is expected when there is a reason (flooding, etc.) one lease is not being worked another will be mined.

4 Method of operations

The mining program should:

- *Cover every mineral that the lease holder or applicant has (or will have) the right to mine.*
- *If the lease was granted for a purpose other than mining, cover the use of the mining lease for the purpose it was granted for.*
- *Describe the method in enough detail to support the size, shape eg overburden dumps, pits, stockpiles, processing etc.*
- *Provide adequate graphic representations (i.e. maps, photos, diagrams) of the resource and mining information to support the proposed use.*
- *Include a description of infrastructure to constructed /maintained on the lease.*
- *Describe the methods proposed for rehabilitation works.*
- *Include a description of the workforce to establish/maintain this operation.*

I have previously held an EMP (A to P) in the 1980s of this area where I conducted consteaming and sampling which resulted in positive findings of gold. With the gold and silver prices at all time highs compared to 10-15 years ago the mineralisation that has been formed in this area and my knowledge, being a metal detector operator for many years I know there are many areas that there are nuggets that are on the surface and many under surface. This application's size and shape reflects the workings (old shallow pits) and historical background to encompass all available mineralisation.

I believe there are 20000 metres processed in ten years. With 40 ounces every 2000 metres annually.

As this application is a short distance from the homestead, a machine (Dozer, excavator, loader), dry blower and metal detector will be used in the first five years, progressively rehabilitating any large amounts of ground disturbance (eg. large open pits and overburden). Dry blowing and progressively rehabilitating when needed as necessary. For the first five to eight years there will be excavating, spreading earth and detecting conducted. Then a dry blowing plant when necessary.

Rehabilitation will be conducted when both excavating and dry blowing has been completed in each one third of a hectare. It will encompass backfilling dug out holes and planting seca and other appropriate seed to prevent erosion.

If there is a centrated elluvial or alluvial trap and a substantial hole is dug out, I, being the background landowner would be grateful if the hole would be left as a cattle water point when the necessary safety concerns are met eg, bund or wall constructed and batted for safety purposes.

This is to be a family operation and not more than two people will be operating this lease at a time.

Provide a list of attached documents to support this mining program

Sketch of mining workings.

5 Applicant’s declaration

I confirm the following:

- I understand my obligations as a holder of a mining lease.
- I have truthfully declared all relevant details required on this form.
- If any part of this form has been completed with the assistance of another person, I declare that the information as set down is true and correct and has been included with my full knowledge, consent and understanding.

Signature:	<i>AJ Zabel</i>	Signature:	
Print name:	ALLYN JOHN ZABEL	Print name:	
Date:	23/06/2026	Date:	
Signature:		Signature:	
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Date:		Date:	

if additional signatures, attach a separate piece of paper)