

PERMIT TO INTERFERE WITH A WATERWAY

Pursuant to section 41 of the *Water Act 1992*

Permit Details	
Permit Number:	IWW:VGD-002
Permit Holder:	Vista Gold Australia Pty Ltd
Registered Address:	Level 1, 43 Cavenagh St, Darwin 0801
Commencement Date:	1 February 2022
Last Amended:	NA
Expiry Date:	1 August 2025
Water Control District:	Daly Roper Beetaloo
Water Allocation Plan:	No
River Basin:	Edith
Waterway:	Horseshoe Creek
Location of interference:	-17.12369, 132.13140 (GDA94) Mineral Lease: ML 31525 & MLN 1070
Property on which interference occurs:	NT Portion 4366 & 4367
Type of interference:	Dam

Preamble

Notes:

1. This permit **does not** authorise a person to take water from a waterway.
2. This permit **does not** grant any right to access the Land. If a consent or right to access the Land is required, it must be obtained from the relevant owner or occupier.
3. This permit **does not** affect the requirement to comply with any other laws that apply, and any other approvals that are required, in order to carry out the Work and any related activities.

Compliance:

You must comply at all times with the *Water Act 1992* (“**the Act**”) and all regulations and policies made pursuant to the Act. Strict penalties apply for non-compliance with any part of your permit or providing misleading information to a person exercising powers or performing functions under, or related to the administration of, the Act.

Your permit is subject to conditions. These conditions give rise to a number of duties and obligations on you as the permit holder. Some of these are general in nature, while others require you to do (or not to do) specific things. The duties and obligations imposed by these conditions do not derogate from each other in any way, nor do they affect any other duties or obligations which you are required by law to comply with. You must fulfil all of the duties and perform all of the obligations set out in this permit or otherwise required by law.

Where this permit identifies information or notices must be provided to Water Resources Division or the Controller of Water Resources, information must be provided via email to water.regulation@nt.gov.au.

Interpretation:

Unless the contrary intention appears, words or terms used in the conditions of your permit have the same meaning as in the Act, including any regulations or policies made pursuant to the Act.

“Act” means the *Water Act 1992* (NT).

“Approved Mining Activity” means an activity authorised via a Mining Management Plan, approved by the Minister for Mines under the Mining Management Act 2001.

“Days” means business days.

“Regulations” means the *Water Regulations 1992* (NT).

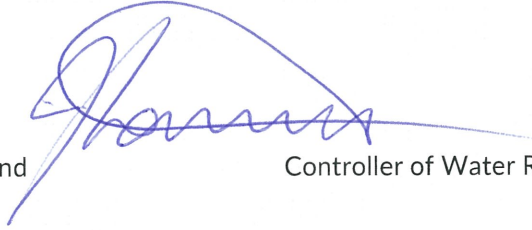
“You” means the permit holder identified on the Permit Details.

Terms and Conditions

- GC1 The permit holder must notify Water Resources within 14 days of any change to your name or contact details.
- GC2 The permit holder must notify Water Resources within 14 days of any change in person or company, land ownership or land occupation associated with the activity.
- GC3 The works authorised by this permit must only be undertaken at the location specified in the permit details.
- GC4 The permit holder must have in place an authorised Mining Management Plan, approved by the Minister in accordance with the Mining Management Act 2001 throughout the term of this Permit. If the associated Mining Management Plan is suspended or revoked notification must be provided to the Controller of Water Resources within 7 days.
- GC5 The permit holder must supply the final technical drawings, as authorised under the Mining Management Act 2001, to the Controller prior to commencing construction.
- GC6 The permit holder must notify the Controller of Water Resources within 5 days of commencement of works.
- GC7 Within 2 weeks of June 30 of each year the permit holder must supply an Annual Report prepared by a suitably qualified person.
- GC8 The Annual Report in GC7 must include:
- a. A water balance for the Raw Water Dam, based on monitoring results of the past 12 months, prepared in accordance with the *Minerals Council of Australia Water Accounting Framework for the Minerals Industry*;
 - b. Surface water modelling, for the past 12 months, at locations:
 - a. within Horseshoe Creek north-east tributary upstream of the Raw Water Dam;
 - b. within Horseshoe Creek north-east tributary downstream of the Raw Water Dam; and
 - c. within Edith River downstream of its confluence with Horseshoe Creek.
 - c. Surface water modelling provided under condition GC8(b) must include and compare the following scenarios:
 - a. Scenario 1: Works authorised under this permit had not been undertaken; and
 - b. Scenario 2: Raw Water Dam operating in accordance with works authorised under this permit, and in accordance with the water balance required under condition GC8(a).
 - d. Representative surface water monitoring results for Horseshoe Creek north-east tributary which verify model Scenario 2. Monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with the *National Industry Guidelines for hydrometric monitoring*.

GC10 The permit holder must notify and include the Controller of Water Resources as a key stakeholder when commencing engagement regarding the future of Raw Water Dam, post mine closure. Notification must be via email to water.regulation@nt.gov.au

Joanne Townsend



Controller of Water Resources

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