

ALMAC MAPPING ACCESS PROCEDURES
(ANNEXURE B TO EXPLORATION CONTRACT CONDITIONS)

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In these *mapping access procedures*, unless the context otherwise requires:

advanced exploration activity means:

- (a) grid-based pattern drilling with 100 metres x 100 metres or 200 metres x 50 metres (or equivalent) centres or less;
- (b) diamond drilling of at least five drill holes per square kilometre;
- (c) costeaming or trenching;
- (d) bulk sampling of more than 100 tonnes from a single surface location;
- (e) making new tracks using *declared equipment*; and
- (f) any *exploration activity* using explosives,

and includes any associated *land clearing*;

exploration mapping report means one or more written reports which are prepared pursuant to clause 5.4(a) of the *mapping survey procedures*;

land clearing means:

- (a) in the case of grass, scrub or bush, the removal of vegetation by disturbing root systems and exposing underlying soil, but does not include:
 - (i) the flattening or compaction of vegetation by vehicles where the vegetation remains living;
 - (ii) the slashing or mowing of vegetation to facilitate access tracks, provided root systems remain in place and vegetation remains living; or
 - (iii) the clearing of noxious or introduced plant species; and
- (b) in the case of trees, cutting down, ringbarking or pushing over trees;

mapping access application means an application made pursuant to clause 3.1 by an *explorer* to the *mapping caretaker* for a *mapping authorisation*;

mapping authorisation means an authorisation issued pursuant to clause 3.2 by the *mapping caretaker* to an *explorer* authorising the *explorer* to carry

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on *authorised exploration activities* subject to any conditions specified in the authorisation;

mapping caretaker means the person from time to time appointed pursuant to clause 8.1 of the *mapping survey procedures*; and

other terms in italics defined or used in the *native title act* or the *mining act* bear their defined meanings when used in these *mapping access procedures*.

2. Purpose and Application

- (a) These *mapping access procedures* set out the procedures which are required to be followed by the *explorer* in order to obtain a *mapping authorisation* from the *mapping caretaker*.
- (b) These *mapping access procedures* only apply if the provisions of clause 5.1(b)(i), (ii) and (iii) of the *exploration contract conditions* apply.

3. Access Process

3.1 Application

If the *explorer* wishes to carry out *authorised exploration activities* on *exploration land* in respect of which the *mapping caretaker* holds a copy of an *exploration mapping report*, the *explorer* may submit a *mapping access application* to the *mapping caretaker* and simultaneously provide the *mapping caretaker* with the following:

- (a) two copies of:
 - (i) a 1:50,000 scale map; and
 - (ii) a 1:10,000 scale map, if necessary for clearly indicating, for purposes of clause 3.1(a)(vi), any land upon which any *advanced exploration activity* is to be carried out; or
 - (iii) in either case, another appropriate and generally available map,
detailing on the relevant map:
 - (iv) the land (within the *exploration land*) upon which those *authorised exploration activities* are to be undertaken;
 - (v) the proposed access routes for personnel and equipment to and from that land; and
 - (vi) if known at the time the *mapping access application* is submitted, each area or location within that land where any *advanced exploration activity* is to be undertaken; and
- (b) details of the *authorised exploration activities* proposed to be carried out:

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- (i) on that land; and
 - (ii) if known at the time the *mapping access application* is submitted, in each area or location where any *advanced exploration activity* is to be undertaken.
- (c) the estimated period during which the *authorised exploration activities* are to be carried out on that land;
- (d) the number of personnel (and their roles) estimated to be involved in carrying out the *authorised exploration activities* on that land; and
- (e) payment of a *mapping access application* fee in the amount of \$2,500 or such other reasonable amount required by the *state* from time to time.

3.2 Provision of Application to Association

Within 5 *business days* of receipt of a *mapping access application*, the *state* must ensure that the *mapping caretaker* provides a copy of the *mapping access application* to the *association*.

3.3 Response

- (a) Within 20 *business days* of receipt of a *mapping access application* the *state* must ensure that the *mapping caretaker*:
- (i) assesses the *mapping access application* and the *authorised exploration activities* to which it relates by reference to the relevant *exploration mapping report* and the *exploration activities* to which it extends;
 - (ii) on the basis of that assessment, determines whether to issue or refuse to issue a *mapping authorisation* in relation to those *authorised exploration activities*;
 - (iii) on the basis of that assessment, if the *mapping caretaker* determines to issue a *mapping authorisation*, also determines whether the *mapping authorisation* should be subject to any conditions which are necessary in order to preserve and protect any *Aboriginal site, object or remains*, and
 - (iv) notifies the *explorer* of its decision either by issuing a *mapping authorisation* to the *explorer* or advising the *explorer* of the refusal to issue a *mapping authorisation*.
- (b) The *mapping caretaker* may consult the *association* in the course of performing its functions under clause 3.3(a).
- (c) Subject to clause 3.4 and to clause 9.2 of the *mapping survey procedures*, the *state* must ensure that any *mapping authorisation* issued by the *mapping caretaker*:
- (i) describes the part or parts of the *exploration land* upon which:

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- (A) *authorised exploration activities* (the subject of the *mapping access application*) may be carried out; or
- (B) those *authorised exploration activities* may not be carried out,

with sufficient particularity to enable that part or those parts to be identified;

- (ii) identifies the *authorised exploration activities* to which the *mapping authorisation* applies; and
- (iii) sets out the conditions, if any, necessary to protect and preserve any *Aboriginal site, object or remains* on, or in the vicinity of, the *exploration land* upon which *authorised exploration activities* (the subject of the *mapping access application*) may be carried out.

3.4 Mapping Caretaker Confidentiality

The *state* must ensure that the *mapping caretaker* keeps confidential and does not disclose to any person:

- (a) the location of any *Aboriginal site, object or remains*, if the *mapping caretaker* considers that location to be a matter of *cultural confidence*, but the *state* must ensure that the *mapping caretaker*, in granting any *mapping authorisation* pursuant to these *mapping access procedures*, discloses sufficient information in accordance with clause 3.3(c) to enable the *explorer*, its employees, contractors and subcontractors to carry out *specified exploration activities* within those parts of the relevant *mapping survey area* in respect of which a *mapping authorisation* is granted to the *explorer* without damaging, disturbing or interfering with the relevant *Aboriginal site, object or remains*;
- (b) the significance of, or any *cultural confidence* regarding, any *Aboriginal site, object or remains* on, or in the vicinity of, the relevant *mapping survey area*; or
- (c) any information provided by the *explorer* to the *mapping caretaker* which is designated by the *explorer* as confidential information.