Requirements for Low Impact Exploration for Mineral Exploration

Required ﬁelds are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Summary of the proposed exploration works \*

[ ]  Attached description of the proposed exploration works

[ ]  Attached map of proposed exploration works

[ ]  Attached excel file for the proposed drilling locations and depths i.e. Northing/Easting/ MGA

 Suggested excel format:

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| **ID** | **EASTING (MGA)** | **NORTHING (MGA)** | **Depth (m)** | **Location** |
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[ ]  I/we have completed the Low Impact Exploration Checklist below

LOW IMPACT EXPLORATION CHECKLIST

From Schedule 4A MRSDA - "low impact exploration" means exploration that does not involve any of the following

| **Activity** | **Yes/No**  | **Assessment Details (How did you arrive at your answer?)** |
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| The use of explosives? \* |  |  |
| The taking of flora that is a member of a taxon of flora that is specified in the Threatened List under section 10(1) of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988**, unless that flora is taken from private land that is not owned by a public authority? \* |  |  |
| The taking of flora that is a part or a member of a community of flora that is specified in the Threatened List under section 10(1) of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988**, unless that community is found on private land that is not owned by a public authority? \* |  |  |
| The taking of fauna that is a member of a taxon of fauna, or that is a part or member of a community of fauna, that is specified in the Threatened List under section 10(1) of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988? \*** |  |  |
| The taking of any taxon or community of flora or fauna from any habitat or parts of habitat under section 20 of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 ? \*** |  |  |
| The removal or damaging of more than one (1) hectare of native vegetation if that area does not contain any native trees during either the term of the licence or a period of five (5) years from the grant of the licence, whichever ends first? \* |  |  |
| the removal or damaging of more than 15 native trees that have a trunk diameter of less than 40 cm at a height of 1.3 metres above ground level during either the term of the licence or a period of five (5) years from the grant of the licence, whichever ends first? \* |  |  |
| The removal or damaging of more than five (5) native trees that have a trunk diameter of 40 cm or more at a height of 1.3 metres above ground level during either the term of the licence or a period of five (5) years from the grant of the licence, whichever ends first? \* |  |  |
| The creation of any road, structure or hardstand area without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land on which it is created? \* |  |  |
| The use of any closed road without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land on which the road is located, or undertaking works on any road without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land on which the road is located? \* |  |  |
| Ground intrusive work that:1. is within 200m of a waterway? OR
2. is on a slope steeper than one (1) vertical: three (3) horizontal? OR
3. is of greater than two (2) hectares in an area of cultural heritage sensitivity during either the term of the licence or a period of five (5) years from the grant of the licence, whichever ends first? OR
4. involves taking water from an aquifer, hydraulic fracturing, or excavation using heavy earth moving equipment? \*
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If you answered Yes to any of the questions in the table above, a work plan must be submitted. If this is case, please contact us via workplan.approvals@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Requirements to carry out exploration work on the land

I/we will be undertaking low impact exploration in accordance with:\*

[ ]  the [Code of Practice for Mineral Exploration](https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/legislation-and-regulations/guidelines-and-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-mineral-exploration) (If checked, complete the ‘LOW IMPACT EXPLORATION CHECKLIST’ above); or

[ ]  Approved work plan for exploration

Plan Number –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I/we have complied with the following requirements under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* to carry out exploration work on the land:

[ ]  I/we have lodged the rehabilitation bond of

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  I/we hold a Public Liability Insurance policy of at least $10 million

[ ]  For work on private land, I/we have the written consent of the owners and occupiers or we have registered compensation agreements with them

[ ]  For work on restricted Crown land, I/we have obtained Ministerial consent in writing via Parks Victoria

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[ ]  Given seven (7) days’ notice to the owners and occupiers of the land on which I/we intend to do work, including the regional Crown land Manager in the case of Crown land, and 21 days’ notice to the managing person or body if I/we intend to work on public highways or roads

[ ]  Given seven (7) days' notice to the traditional owner that I/we intend to do work on Agreement Land and have provided the traditional owner with a copy of the work schedule at least 21 days prior to commencement of works on Agreement Land. Note: this applies where the licensee is required to comply with standard conditions of a Land Use Activity Agreement under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*

[ ]  I/we have obtained any other consents and/or given notice required under section 44 or section 45 of the MRSDA.

 Specify consents/notices given:

**Notice of intention to commence Exploration work on a licence**

Full name \* (required)

Phone Number \* (required)

Email \* (required)

Exploration, mining, prospecting or retention licence number \* (required)

Commencement date for exploration work \* (required)

Expected duration of proposed works \* (required)

Access road to the proposed works \* (required)

**Notice**

This notice is required seven (7) days **prior to commencement** of low impact exploration work (complying with the Code of Practice) or exploration work under a work plan.

[ ]  I/we, being the holder/s of the above exploration/mining/prospecting/retention licence, give notice that after seven (7) days of the above date, I/we intend to commence work on the land covered by the licence. \*

**Acknowledgements**

[ ]  The information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge\*

 Name of the person completing this form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*

 Company \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*

Licensees can direct any inquiries about low impact exploration to Earth Resources Regulation’s Chief Inspector errchiefinspector@ecodev.vic.gov.au.