



**VARIATION OF CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL
Tropicana Gold Project, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia (EPBC No 2008/4270)**

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*.

Approved action

Person to whom the approval is granted	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited (AngloGold) (ACN 008 737 424) and Independence Group NL (ACN 092 786 304)
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Approved action	To develop and operate an open-cut gold mine, processing plant, village, airstrip, power station, water source and mine access road, 330 km east northeast of Kalgoorlie and 230 km east of Laverton, Western Australia; and as described in the referral received under the EPBC Act on 13 June 2008, and as further detailed in the letter received 11 August 2010.
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Variation

Variation of conditions attached to approval	<p>The variation is:</p> <p>Delete conditions 2 and 5 and Attachment 1 attached to the approval and substitute with the conditions and Attachment specified in table below.</p> <p>Revoke condition 3 attached to the approval.</p> <p>Revoke the definition of PER Conceptual Footprint attached to the approval.</p> <p>Add a definition of Disturbance Footprint as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Revoke Appendix C attached to the approval.</p>
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Date of effect	This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	Greg Manning Assistant Secretary Assessments & Post Approvals Branch
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Signature

Date of decision	25/11/2019
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Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 13/12/2010	<p>Commencement</p> <p>1. Within 14 days of commencement of the action, the proponent must notify the Minister in writing of the actual date of commencement.</p>
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	<p>Footprint</p> <p>2. The proponent must ensure that clearing of vegetation is restricted to a maximum of 3,540 ha within the Disturbance Footprint. Changes to the Disturbance Footprint may be made if they result in no net adverse impact on EPBC listed flora and fauna species. The proponent must seek the approval of the Minister in writing for any changes to the Disturbance Footprint prior to any disturbance occurring outside the Disturbance Footprint. If the Minister considers that the changes will result in an adverse impact on EPBC listed species, the Minister may request the proponent to provide specified information or to make specified changes to the Disturbance Footprint. The proponent must comply with any such request.</p>
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	<p>Monitoring of flora</p> <p>3. Revoked</p>
Original dated 13/12/2010	<p>Management strategy</p> <p>4. The proponent must implement the 'Tropicana Gold Project Threatened Species and Communities Management Strategy – Version 3.0, September 2009', or subsequent revisions approved by the WA EPA. The proponent must provide the Department with the revised strategy within 14 days of approval by the WA EPA.</p>
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	<p>Revisions to strategies</p> <p>5. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of the <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> (Malleefowl), or other listed EPBC flora and fauna species to do so, the Minister may request that the proponent make specified revisions to the strategy referred to in condition 4, and submit the revised strategy for the Minister's approval. The proponent must comply with any such request. The revised approved strategy must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised strategy, then the proponent must continue to implement the strategy referred to in condition 4.</p>
Variation dated 04/08/2014	<p>Offsets</p> <p>6. Offsets – Biodiversity Trust Fund</p> <p>(a) The proponent must fund and develop the Great Victoria Desert – Biodiversity Trust Fund (the Trust), to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Develop a Bioregional Management Plan (the Plan) for the Great Victoria Desert Bioregions 1 and 2 (the Trust Area, at Appendix B). The Plan must identify knowledge gaps relating to species and communities of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act and make recommendations for programs to address those gaps. (ii) Facilitate priority research identified in the Plan at the landscape level and into species and communities of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act. Research outcomes must include a review of the conservation status of species and communities of national environmental significance and the development of predictive models. (iii) Fund on-ground environmental and conservation management at the landscape level, with emphasis on net conservation benefits to threatened species and communities of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act. This must include actions identified in recovery plans for the Marsupial Mole, Sandhill Dunnart and Malleefowl.

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	<p>These objectives must not be modified without the approval of the Minister.</p> <p>The proponent must commence implementation of the Trust on commencement of the action.</p> <p>(b) Before commencement of the action, the proponent must provide the Minister with a Project Plan for The Trust specifying activities to meet the Trust objectives, the amount of funding the proponent will provide to the Trust, and an indicative budget for each of the activities. The action must not commence until the Minister has approved the Project Plan. The approved Project Plan must be implemented. If the Trust Board approves any modifications to the Project Plan, the proponent must advise the Minister of the changes within 14 days of their approval, and the modified plan implemented.</p> <p>(c) If, at any time during the life of this approval, the Minister is not satisfied that the Trust is achieving its objectives relevant to matters of national environmental significance, the Minister may require the proponent to undertake additional measures and/or provide additional funding to the Trust or to activities specified in the Project Plan. The proponent must comply with any such requirement.</p> <p>(d) The proponent (approval holder) must provide the Department by 31 August of each year with an annual progress report describing the actions taken and financial payments made over the preceding 12 months (between 30 June to 1 July of the following year) to implement the objectives of the Biodiversity Trust Fund as described in approval condition 6(a). The annual progress report must be made publicly available on the proponent's website. This report can be submitted as an attachment to the annual compliance report required by condition 8.</p>
Original dated 13/12/2010	<p>Records</p> <p>7. The proponent must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the above conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans required by this approval and the objectives of the Trust, and make them available upon request to the Department. Records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.</p>
Variation dated 04/08/2014	<p>Compliance report</p> <p>8. By 31 August each year from the commencement of the action, the proponent (approval holder) must submit to the Minister a report addressing compliance with the conditions of the approval over the preceding 12 months (between 30 June to 1 July of the following year). Annual reports must be provided until the Minister is satisfied that the proponent (approval holder) has complied with all conditions of the approval.</p>
Original dated 13/12/2010	<p>Substantial commencement</p> <p>9. If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the Minister notifies the proponent in writing that the Minister is not satisfied that there has been substantial commencement of the action, the action must not thereafter be commenced without the written agreement of the Minister.</p>
Original dated 13/12/2010	<p>Audit</p> <p>10. Upon the direction of the Minister, the proponent must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be</p>

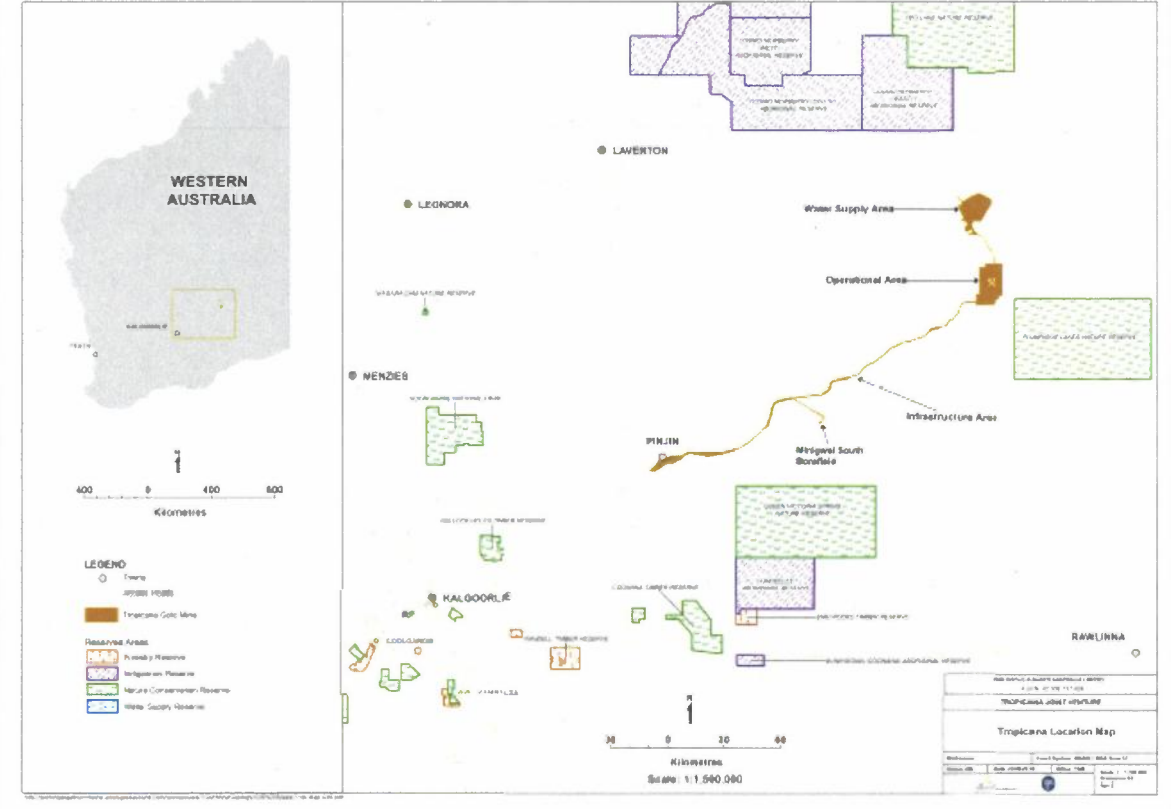
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	approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister .
Original dated 13/12/2010	Dictionary 11. In these conditions, unless otherwise indicated:

Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
Original dated 13/12/2010	Commencement of the action is any preparatory works required to be undertaken, including clearing of vegetation, the erection of any on-site temporary structures and/or the use of construction or excavation equipment on site for the purposes of breaking the ground.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Disturbance Footprint means all of the areas designated in Figure 1 of Appendix A as the Tropicana Gold Mine and, in Figure 2 of Appendix A, as the Operational Development Envelope, Water Supply Area Development Envelope and Infrastructure Development Envelope.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	(PER Conceptual Footprint) Revoked
Original dated 13/12/2010	Department is the Australian Government department responsible for the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 13/12/2010	EPBC Act is the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 13/12/2010	Minister refers to the Minister responsible for the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 13/12/2010	Proponent means the holder of the approval to which these conditions relate, and includes any person acting on behalf of the proponent .
Original dated 13/12/2010	The Trust means the proposed Great Victoria Desert Biodiversity Trust Fund which will be operated under a public trustee governance arrangement under WA legislation.
Original dated 13/12/2010	WA EPA means the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, Western Australia.

Date of decision **Appendix A**

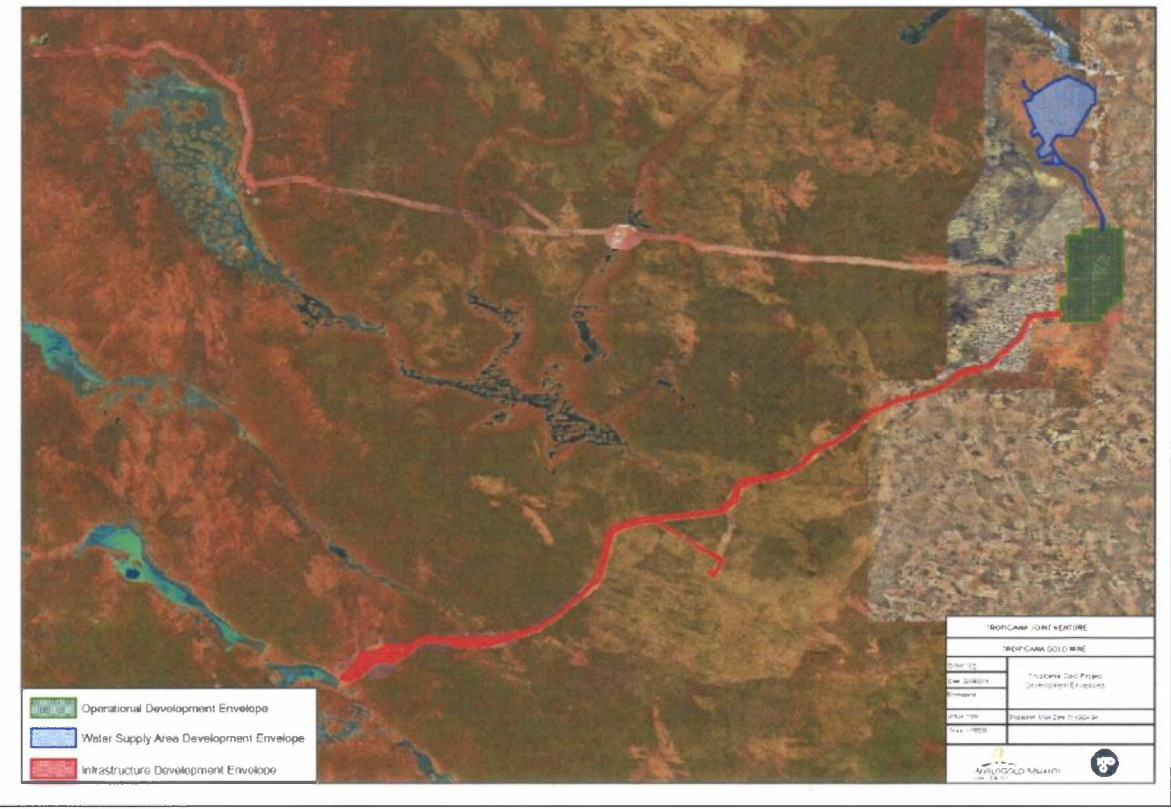
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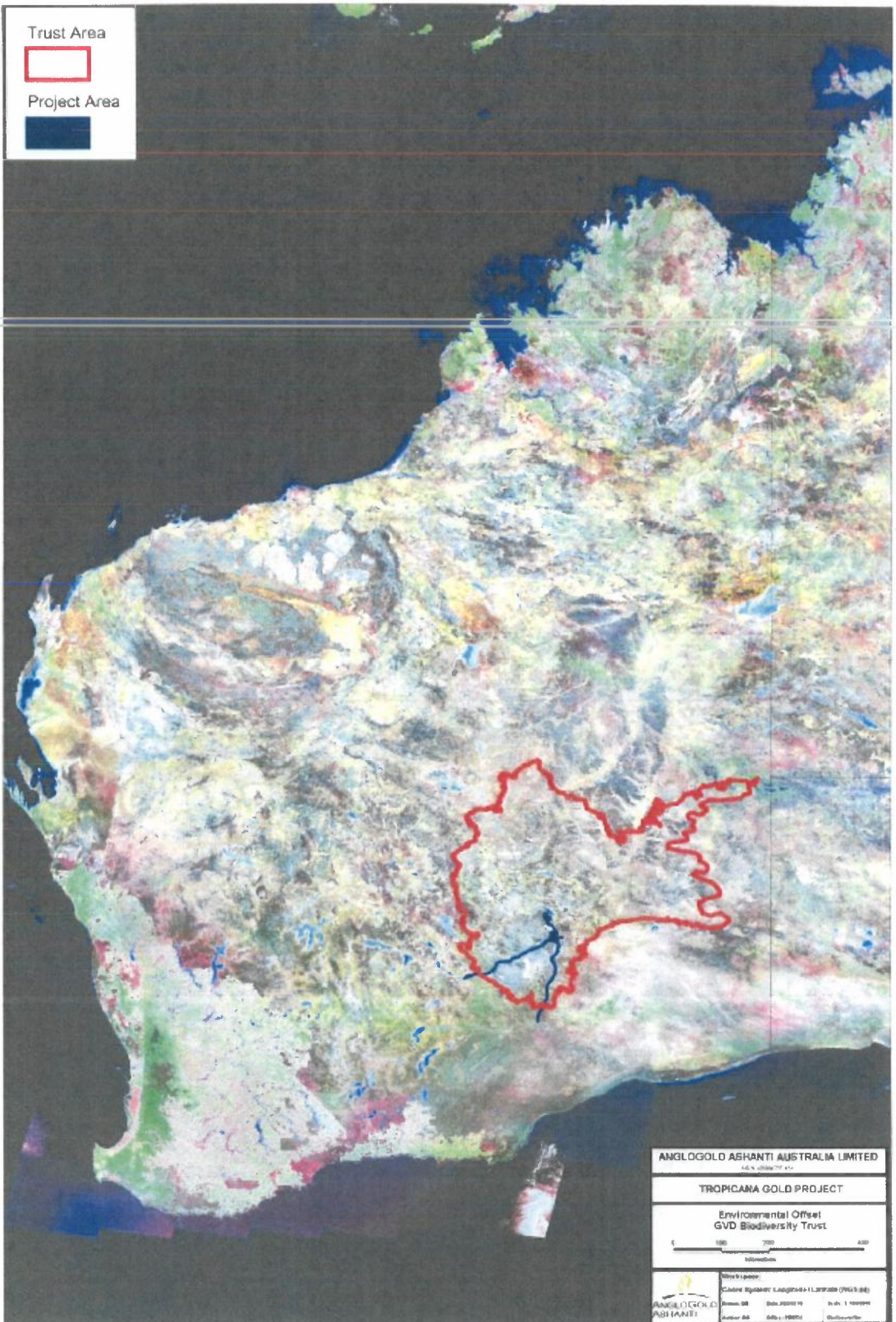


Figure 1



As varied on the date this instrument was signed

Figure 2: Disturbance Footprint



Date of decision	Appendix B
Original dated 13/12/2010	 <p data-bbox="359 280 502 448"> Trust Area  Project Area  </p> <p data-bbox="1125 1646 1412 1859"> ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED <small>ASX: AGL</small> TROPICANA GOLD PROJECT Environmental Office GVD Biodiversity Trust Scale: 1:50,000 Date: 13/12/2010 Author: GVD Date: 13/12/2010 </p>

Date of decision	Appendix C
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	(Letter received 11 August 2010) Revoked