

## APPLICATION FOR A GROUP PROSPECTING LICENCE

### FULL NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

Applicant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name(s) (if different to above): \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Association Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ABN (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Licence Sought: (5 years maximum) \_\_\_\_\_

#### To apply for a Group Prospecting Licence (GPL) you must supply:

1. A map or maps of the location(s) highlighting the boundaries of the site(s) and any off-road access routes that are intended to be used.  YES
2. Proof of identity of applicant(s)  YES  
*Minimum age of 18 years if applicant is not a company*  
*Individual – Copy of Driver's Licence or Passport*  
*Company – Copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Australian Companies Number (ACN) and list of office holders/directors*

**Note: If you do not provide the above information, complete this form and pay the application fee Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) cannot process your application.**

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**The prescribed application fee of \$226.80 must accompany this application.**

Applications made through Service Tasmania: **STaRS Code: MR2**

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cashier (Initial & date) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost allocation: 2125.45.4611

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**Question One: Proposed Tour Based Activities**

Estimated Number of Tours Per Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Number of Participants Per Tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the proposed tour activities including transport to site(s), what minerals will be sought and the prospecting technique to be used. Attach extra page(s) if required.

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**Question Two: Identification and Proposed Management of Waste**

Describe potential waste issues at the proposed site(s) with statement(s) regarding the consequent management of any identified issues. Attach extra page(s) if required.

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### Question Three: Identification and Proposed Management of Hazards

Describe potential hazards at the proposed site(s) with statement(s) regarding the consequent management of any identified issues. Attach extra page(s) if required.

*e.g. Accessibility to site, unprotected shafts/excavations, sheer or dangerous topography, falling objects etc...*

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### STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Please tick

- I understand that I am required to provide to MRT a signed Activity Report 6 months after the Group Prospecting Licence (GPL) granted date. If the GPL is for longer than 12 months I am required to provide MRT with subsequent Activity Reports on the anniversary of the licence being granted.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Conditions Relating to Group Prospecting Licences and taken all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with other regulatory requirements related to operating a tour group in Tasmania.

**By signing below you are agreeing to the items in the Statement of Understanding:**

*Full Name of Applicant/s*

*Signatures of Applicant/s*

*Date*

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**Note:**

If the signature(s) on this form are not that of the applicant (or where the applicant is a company, the Company Secretary or a Director of that company, or where the applicant is an incorporated association, an office holder), written evidence must be provided that the person signing this declaration is authorised to do so on behalf of the applicant. *(for example a statement signed by the authorised person on company/association letterhead)*

## STANDARD CONDITIONS RELATING TO GROUP PROSPECTING LICENCES

1. A Group Prospecting Licence enables the holder of the licence to conduct group prospecting activities within areas allowed for prospecting. To determine allowed areas:
  - a. go to the [Mineral Resources Tasmania \(MRT\) Map Viewer](#) by scanning the QR Code provided below, and
  - b. refer to information provided on the [Prospecting and Fossicking page](#) on the MRT website.
2. Prospecting on private property or existing mining leases, retention licences or exploration licences may only be conducted with the consent of the property owner and the holder of the mineral tenement.
3. Prospecting on land which is subject to an application for an exploration licence or a mining lease may only be conducted with the consent of both the applicant and the Director of Mines.
4. Group Prospecting Licence holders must comply at all times with the Mineral Resources Development Act (1995) and the Mineral Resources Regulations (2016) and all Federal, State and Local legislation, codes of practice and conditions of use relevant to proposed activities and area(s) where prospecting activities are intended. Authorities include *Crown Land Services, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Local Planning Authorities (Local Government), Transport Tasmania, Tourism Tasmania, WorkSafe Tasmania and Fairwork Australia*.
5. The holder of a Group Prospecting Licence does NOT have exclusive access to proposed site(s)
6. The holder of a Group Prospecting Licence is responsible for the actions of all participants on tours and must hold current Public Liability Insurance which is appropriate for the proposed activities at all times. Mineral Resources Tasmania reserves the right to request a copy of a current Public Liability Insurance policy at any time.
7. A prospecting licence issued by Mineral Resources Tasmania enables the holder to prospect for recreational or educational purposes only.
8. Only hand prospecting for material is allowed and only hand-held tools may be used.
9. The use of metal detectors is allowed anywhere that prospecting is allowed if you hold a current Prospecting Licence. Metal detectors are prohibited in designated fossicking areas.
10. The use of dredges, suction dredges, trommels and motorised pumps is prohibited. If in doubt, check with MRT prior to use.
11. Hand held and un-powered sluices and high-bankers which are less than 1m in length and can be easily carried in the field by an average person, may be used. The use of motor and/or battery powered assistance is not permitted.
12. The use of any explosives is prohibited.
13. Prospectors are to conduct activities in a manner so as not to cause or aggravate soil erosion.
14. Excavation on any natural stream bank is not permitted. Banks must not be undermined.
15. Prospecting in roadside gutters, or extraction from road embankments, is not permitted.
16. All care is to be taken in the prospecting of materials and any diggings shall be restored to normal surface level before leaving the area.
17. No vegetation is to be cut or removed.
18. A person who finds a meteorite must deliver the meteorite to the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum.
19. Discovery of mineral and fossil specimens not recognised as common should be referred to Mineral Resources Tasmania.
20. "Salting" of any area is prohibited in Tasmania unless it is performed in a controlled environment subject to relevant planning authority and Mineral Resources Tasmania approval. "Salting" is defined as the introduction of gold, precious and/or semi-precious stones into an area to increase the "find" ratio. If Salting will be a part of proposed activities MRT requires EITHER invoices/proof of purchase of salting materials OR a current mining lease.
21. No Aboriginal artefacts or site, or historic relics or site, are to be damaged or removed.
22. No speleothems (stalactites, etc.) are to be removed from caves, even if previously broken or not. Removal of speleothems is an offence and offenders can be prosecuted.
23. Excavation in any sinkhole in a karst area or within 10 metres of the entrance of, or within, any cave is not permitted.
24. Vehicles are not to be taken off formed tracks.
25. Local camping and fire regulations must be observed.



Ensure you have downloaded the most recent version of this form from [www.mrt.tas.gov.au](http://www.mrt.tas.gov.au)

## PAYMENTS TO MINERAL RESOURCES TASMANIA

Fees, rents and royalty payments may be made in the following ways:

- By credit card over the phone by calling (03) 6477 7082,
- By direct deposit to the details below,
- In person at the MRT offices in Rosny Park and Burnie,
- In person at any Service Tasmania outlet, OR
- Via cheque made payable to Mineral Resources Tasmania sent with accompanying payment information.

### Making Direct Deposit payments to Mineral Resources Tasmania

Direct Deposit payments may be made as follows:

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| BSB            | 037 001                                  |
| Account Number | 259881                                   |
| Bank           | Westpac                                  |
| Account name   | Department of State Growth – Collections |

If making a Direct Deposit, an email notification is to be made to [info@mrt.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@mrt.tas.gov.au) of the payment details clearly stating:

- The tenement/s the payment is for; or
- The invoice number/s; or
- A full description of the purpose for which the payment is made; and
- Name, address and contact details of the party supplying the funds should we need to verify payment details.

## ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND LODGEMENT OF FORMS

Forms and attachments are to be lodged electronically at [info@mrt.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@mrt.tas.gov.au) OR,

**Post to:**

Registrar of Mines  
Mineral Resources Tasmania  
PO Box 672  
BURNIE TAS 7320

**Street Address:**

Mineral Resources Tasmania  
Level 2, Harris Building  
49-51 Cattley Street  
BURNIE TAS

## FURTHER ADVICE

Further advice may be obtained by contacting Mineral Resources Tasmania:

Telephone: (03) 6477 7385  
Facsimile: (03) 6173 0222  
Email: [info@mrt.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@mrt.tas.gov.au)  
Internet: [www.mrt.tas.gov.au](http://www.mrt.tas.gov.au)

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Personal information we collect from you for registration and tenement administration processes will be used by the Director of Mines for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995* and associated laws. Your personal information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Director of Mines, law enforcement agencies and other public sector bodies or organisations authorised to collect it.

This information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by you on request to the Department. You may be charged a fee for this service. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or records not being properly maintained.