



GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM PROVISIONS OF REGULATION 3.53 OF THE MINES SAFETY AND INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1995 IN RESPECT OF HARDCOPY SUBMISSION OF MINE PLANS

Section 87(2) of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* requires Registered Managers to supply copies of mine plans to the State Mining Engineer in accordance with the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995.

Regulation 3.51(a) specifies the particulars to be contained in a mine plan.

Regulation 3.51(b) prescribes the need for an Authorised Mine Surveyor to certify the correctness of the mine plan.

The regulations specify that plans must be provided:

- within one year of commencement [r. 3.52(a)]
- each five years for mines with underground operations [r. 3.52(b)]
- before a period of suspension [r. 3.52(c)]
- at mine closure [r. 3.52(d)].

Regulation 3.53 prescribes hardcopy submission of mine plans.

I have determined that hardcopy submission of mine plans is no longer necessary because digital copies are considered an acceptable business practice. Therefore, pursuant to regulation 1.5 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, I hereby grant a general exemption from the requirement for hardcopy submission of mine plans subject to the following conditions.

1. *Electronic format specifications*

- Plans are submitted as Adobe PDF (portable document format) files.
- All fonts are embedded in the file.
- Files are readable on Microsoft Windows platforms.
- The maximum file size is 100 MB.
- All text and graphics are clearly legible.
- The PDF is generated at the page size the plan was designed to be printed at.
- The page size is stated on the plan.
- A graphical scale bar is included on the plan.
- The plan shows the Map Grid of Australia 1994 where possible.
- Plans are submitted using DMP's online system.

2. *Certification by Authorised Mine Surveyor*

- Each plan is certified by an Authorised Mine Surveyor using the wording specified in Regulation 3.51(b).
- Signatures are legible at the scale that the plan was designed to be printed at.
- The name of the Authorised Mine Surveyor is clearly printed or typed on the mine plan alongside the person's signature.

- The Grade and Certificate Number of the Authorised Mine Surveyor is clearly printed or typed on the mine plan under the certification.

3. *List of submitted plans to be provided*

- A list of the plans contained in the submission is provided in a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file along with the submission.
- Each plan is individually identified by its title, drawing number or other means of identification.

This exemption, which is issued under regulation 1.5 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, supersedes the general exemption issued by the State Mining Engineer on 28 May 2007, which is hereby revoked.



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