



ALL REGISTERED MANAGERS

GENERAL APPROVAL AND EXEMPTION REGARDING THE SUBMISSION AND CERTIFICATION OF MINE PLANS IN ELECTRONIC FORM

Submission of Mine Plans in Electronic Form

The Mine Safety and Inspection Act 1994, in section 87(2), requires mine managers to supply copies of mine plans to the State mining engineer in accordance with the Regulations.

The Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, in regulation 3.53(c), allow for the submission of mine plans in electronic format where the State mining engineer so approves.

In accordance with this regulation, I will approve and accept mine plans covered by regulation 3.53 in electronic format **provided** that they conform to the following specifications:

Specifications for Mine Plans Submitted in Electronic Format

Mine plans will be accepted in electronic format by the State mining engineer if they contain the particulars required in Regulation 3.51 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 and they conform to the following specifications:

1. Files are submitted in Adobe PDF (portable document format)
2. All fonts are embedded into the file
3. Files are readable on Windows platforms
4. A maximum individual file size of 100MB is not exceeded
5. All text and graphics are clearly legible
6. The PDF page size is set to the size that the plan was designed to be printed at
7. The page size is written on the plan
8. A graphical scale bar is present on the plan
9. All plans show the Map Grid of Australia 1994 where possible
10. Files are submitted on CD or DVD media
11. A general endorsement (see below under *Certification of Mine Plan Sheets*) in hardcopy form accompanies the disk on which the electronic files are presented and is signed by the authorized mine surveyor who certifies the correctness and accuracy of the plans submitted. Each plan sheet is to be individually nominated in the endorsement by title or drawing number or other means of individually identifying it.

These specifications may be updated from time to time.

So far as may be practicable, all plans should be submitted in electronic format. This general approval is granted as I have determined that it is unnecessary for hard-copy plans to be submitted, provided that a correctly certified set of reproducible electronic plans is delivered to the State mining engineer. This approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. In accordance with regulation 3.53 (a) and (b), hard copies of plans must be submitted for the initial set of plans and before suspension or closure of the mine; these should be accompanied by a set of electronic copies of the same plans.
2. In the case of plans provided at other times, electronic format only is preferred.

Certification of Mine Plan Sheets

Pursuant to regulation 3.51 each sheet of mine plans kept under section 87 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 must be certified by its creator so as to vouch for its accuracy and completeness.

I hereby grant a general exemption from this requirement when plans are submitted to the State mining engineer in electronic form. This exemption is granted pursuant to regulation 1.5 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995, on the grounds that, where plans are submitted in electronic format, it would be impracticable to ensure that each separate sheet bears the necessary endorsement.

This exemption is issued subject to the following conditions:

1. That a general endorsement in **hard copy** form is provided - with the disk on which the electronic files are presented - to cover all of the plan sheets provided electronically.
2. That this endorsement is signed by the authorized mine surveyor who certifies the correctness and accuracy of the plans submitted and is in the form provided in regulation 3.51(2).
3. That each plan sheet submitted electronically is listed and individually nominated in the endorsement by title or drawing number or other means of individually identifying it.



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