Earth Resources Regulation

Royalty information sheet - extractives

Annual reports

The holder of a work authority must lodge an Annual Report no later than 31 July following the end of the financial year. The Annual Report takes the form of Schedule 2 of the *Mineral Resources* (Sustainable Development) (Extractive Industries) Regulations 2010 (MREGGS) and includes details of volumes extracted, the rock type and product type and the value of total sales at gate.

The value of total sales at gate determines the **annual fee** payable for the work authority for that year. An Annual Report is therefore required of all work authority holders regardless of whether they are liable to pay a royalty or not.

Royalty on extractives

Section 12 of the *Mineral Resources* (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 (MRSDA) requires that "the holder of an extractive industry work authority to be carried out on crown land must pay **royalties** in accordance with the rate or method of assessment".

Regulation 18 of the MRREGS states that "Unless otherwise specified in an extractive industry work authority, royalties in respect of a financial year must be paid no later than 31 July next following the end of the financial year."

Schedule 2, Part 3 of the MRREGS gives the royalty rate as:

- 1. For all stone other than dimension stone and marble:
 - cubic metres of stone @ \$1.43 per cubic metre or
 - tonnes of stone @ \$0.87 per tonne
- 2. For dimension stone and marble:
 - cubic metres of stone @ \$8.07 per cubic metre or
 - tonnes of stone @ \$3.23 per tonne

Work authority holders may report on either a cubic metre or tonnage basis. The reporting basis must be clearly stated on the **royalty return**.

Pursuant to Section 12 of the MRSDA, the quantity upon which royalties must be paid:

- (a) includes the amount of stone sold or otherwise removed from Crown land
- (b) includes the amount of stone extracted from Crown land and intended for use in the manufacture of concrete, asphalt, bricks, tiles or cement products on the same site where the stone is extracted.

Crown land

Crown land includes any material extracted from below the stated limit on title of **depth limited** private land. The depth limit is measured from natural ground level at any point on title from which material is extracted.

