Decision Report

Application for a Licence Renewal

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number L7276/1996/12

Licence Holder Murrin Murrin Operations Pty Ltd

ACN 076 717 505

File Number 2011/011705-1

Premises Murrin Murrin Nickel Cobalt Project

Mining tenements, L39/81, L39/62, L39/83, L39/136, L39/168, M39/314, M39/322, M39/562, M39/637, M39/63

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to renew licence L7276/1996/12. The renewal is administrative in nature therefore does not alter the risk profile of the Premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged. Administrative updates have been made to the licence only, including updates to format and appearance, correction of errors (spelling etc) and replacement of outdated hyperlinks and terminology.

The decision report for the existing licence will remain on the department's website for future reference and will act as a record of the department's decision making.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In renewing the licence, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents.

2.2 Application summary

Licence L7276/1996/12 is held by Murrin Murrin Operations Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Murrin Murrin Nickel Cobalt Project (the Premises), within multiple mining tenements in Laverton. The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L7276/1996/12.

On 4 March 2021, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to renew Licence L7276/1996/12 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The renewal is limited to extending the licence expiry date, updates to format and appearance, definitions and replacement of outdated hyperlinks and references.

3. Consultation

Table 1 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 1: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Application advertised on the department's website (3/05/2021)	None received	N/A
Local Government Authority advised of proposal (4/05/2021) – Shire of Laverton	None received	N/A
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) advised of proposal (4/05/2021)	None received	N/A

Applicant was provided with draft documents 26 May 2021 On 1 June 2021, the Licence Holder provided comments with regards to the draft licence renewal.	DWER notes the number of comments provided by the Licence Holder. The replacement of maps indicating monitoring bore locations will be addressed during the amendment process currently being undertaken by DWER. This process will determine whether any further risk assessment is required. The amendment process will also convert this licence renewal into the most recent DWER licence format. As for comments relating to grammatical, spelling and formatting errors, these were addressed in this new licence.
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4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that a renewal to licence will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 Summary of licence renewal

Table 1 below provides a summary of the licence renewal and acts as a record of the implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised licence as part of the renewal process.

Table 2: Summary of licence renewal

Condition no.	Proposed changes to licence renewal
-	Update version number 11 to 12 throughout the licence renewal.
-	Licence duration extended from 06/06/2021 to 05/06/2041.
Introduction	Website reference to State Law Publisher Updated
Premises description and Licence summary	Outdated information removed and description updated. Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors corrected.
Definitions	Spelling mistakes corrected throughout the licence renewal definitions including definition of CEO, CEMS and EP Act.
Instrument log on page 7	Addressed grammatical errors and amended date errors.
Table 1.3.1	Updated the Heap Leach pond capacities and included second pond for Counter Current Decantation Ponds and corrected grammatical errors for HDPE liner.
Table 2.2.2	Corrected parameter description for SO ₂ , SO ₃ , H ₂ SO ₄ and NO _x
Schedule 1 - Maps	Replaced figure 1: Premises map with new map and caption reference numbers amended.

References

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- 2. DWER 22 April 2020, Work Instruction: *Licensing COVID*, Joondalup Western Australia.
- 3. Murrin Murrin Operations Pty Ltd, 2021, *Application and Supporting Documentation* Trim 2011/011705-1~3
- 4. DWER Record A2014205, titled: L7276 Murrin Murrin Operations Comments on renewal of licence dated 1 June 2021.