



Application to transfer a Licence

Part V Division 3 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence Number	L7969/2004/3
Licence Holder	Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd
ACN	657 781 194
File Number	DER2013/000991
Premises	Paulsens Gold Project Mining Leases M08/99 and M08/196 Nanutarra-Munjina Road PARABURDOO WA 6754
Date of Report	5 August 2022
Decision	Licence transfer granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to transfer Licence L7969/2004/3 from the existing Licence Holder (Northern Star Resources Ltd) to Black Cat (Paulsons) Pty Ltd (the applicant). This transfer is administrative in nature therefore they do not alter the risk profile of the Premises, providing that activities, emissions and receptors as stated in existing approvals remain unchanged.

This Transfer Report documents the transfer made pursuant to section 64 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In transferring the licence, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (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 L7969/2004/3 is currently held by Northern Star Resources Ltd (ACN 092 832 892) for the Paulsens Gold Project (the Premises), located at Mining Leases M08/99 and M08/196, Paraburdoo.

The Premises relates to category 5, 52, 63, 64 and 85 activities and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L7969/2004/3.

On 30 June 2022, Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd (657 781 194) submitted an application to the department for the transfer of Licence L7969/2004/3 under section 64 of the EP Act. The licence transfer is limited only to revising the Licence Holder details including updating the new licence holder name, ACN and registered business address.

3. Assessment

The assessment of the licence transfer application is limited to a review of ownership details and the fitness of the applicant to operate the premises

Legal Entity Status

The applicant is a registered company with a valid and current entry on the Australian Securities & Investments Commission register (ACN 657 781 194) and is therefore a legal entity.

Fitness and competency

A review of the Department's records indicates the applicant does not appear to have any known convictions or penalties under the EP Act, any non-compliance history with regards to meeting works approval or licence obligations, no complaints received or history of being unable to meet their financial obligations.

4. Decision

The Delegated Officer has determined that the transfer of the licence does not alter the risk profile of the premises. Following a review of the legal entity status and fitness and competency of the applicant, the Delegated Officer has decided to transfer the licence to Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd, on the grounds that it is a current legal entity with legal access to the premises and is a fit and competent operator.

The Delegated Officer notes that compliance with Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd's licence will be in line with the department's Compliance and Enforcement Policy. The Compliance and Enforcement Policy details the department's approach to ensure compliance with the legislation it administers, and how it responds to breaches of the law to deter and punish offenders and rehabilitate damage caused to the environment.

5. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this transfer report, the Delegated Officer has determined that the transfer will be granted. The premises shall continue to operate in accordance with the original licence conditions and regulatory requirements.

5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 below provides a summary of the proposed amendments incorporated into the transferred licence and will act as a record of implemented changes.

Table 1: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	Change of Licence Holder, ACN, and Registered business address.
Definitions	A definition for 'Premises', 'Prescribed Premises' and 'EP Act' has been included.
Schedules 1 - 6	Minor administrative changes have been made to make the licence more readable, including updating cross-referencing and the addition of figure captions.