



## Application for Licence Amendment

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L8306/2008/3
<b>Licence Holder</b>	Newmont Boddington Gold Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	101 199 731
<b>File Number</b>	2013/002375-2
<b>Premises</b>	Boddington Gold Mine Gold mine Road, BODDINGTON WA 6390  Legal description –  Mining Tenements: M70/1237, M70/1238, M70/21, M70/799, M70/22, M70/23, M70/24, M70/25, M264SA, M70/1236, M70/1031, M70/564, M70/26, M70/589, M70/462, M70/588, M70/590 and M70/1221.  General Tenements: G70/215, G70/219, G70/218.  Miscellaneous Tenements: L70/28, L70/152, L70/165, L70/96, L70/95, ML70/752, ML70/751
<b>Date of Report</b>	22 March 2024
<b>Decision</b>	Revised licence granted

**A/SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER, INDUSTRY REGULATION  
REGULATORY SERVICES**

an officer delegated under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA)

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## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8306/2008/3. The amendments are 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 Amendment Report documents the amendments made pursuant to section 59 and 59(B) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Regulatory framework

In amending 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 L8306/2008/3 is held by Newmont Boddington Gold Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for Boddington Gold Mine (the Premises), located at Gold Mine Road.

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 L8306/2008/3.

On 27 February 2024, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L8306/2008/3 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

The application relates to the amendment of the condition 33. Condition 33 in existing licence L8306/2008/3 currently requires the Licence Holder to submit an Annual Environmental Report (AER) to the department within 90 calendar days after the end of each annual period (i.e., 31 December of each calendar year).

The Licence Holder has requested that the timeframe for the submission of the AER be amended from 90 calendar days to six months. The Licence Holder was previously required to submit their AER within six months, but this was modified to 90 calendar days during the renewal of licence L8306/2008/2 on 26 April 2023. The Licence Holder requested that the AER submission timeframe be reverted to six months for the following reasons:

1. To align with the Licence Holder's operational calendar, specifically their reporting obligations with the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety tenement conditions which takes place in June.
2. To reduce administrative burden on the Licence Holder for preparing annual reports for consecutive quarters.
3. To provide a more realistic timeframe to compile comprehensive and accurate summary and analysis of data required. Specifically, the existing 90-day timeframe presented a challenge in preparing and finalising the annual hydrogeological review (required under condition 33) due to the significant volume of data and analysis required.

In considering these reasons, the Delegated Officer has granted the proposed amendment, noting that there are no changes to the existing risk assessment as a result of this amendment. The only material changes that resulted from this amendment is the submission of information at a later date (i.e., approximately three months later), which the Delegated Officer has determined to be an acceptable timeframe.

## 2.3 CEO initiated amendment

The Department has initiated an additional amendment to condition 32 of existing Licence L8306/2008/3 under section 59(2) of the EP Act. To align with the submission timeframe of the AER under the amended condition 33, the Delegated Officer has also amended condition 32, such that the Annual Audit Compliance Report (AACR) must be submitted by no later than six months after the end of each annual period.

## 3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 15 March 2024. On 19 March 2024, the Licence Holder waived the comment period.

## 4. Conclusion

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

### 4.1 Summary of amendments

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

**Table 1: Summary of licence amendments**

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 32	Change of submission date of AACR from no later than 90 days, to no later than six months, after the end of each annual period.
Condition 33	Change of submission date of AER from no later than 90 days, to no later than six months, after the end of each annual period.