



Application for a Transfer of Licence

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

Licence Number	L8569/2011/2
Licence Holder	Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd
ACN	116 649 122
File Number	2011/005435-1
Premises	Porphyry Gold Mine Legal description – Part of Mining tenements M31/3, M31/4, M31/5, M31/6, M31/30, M31/76, M31/380, M31/381, L31/44, L31/62 and L31/63 As defined by the Premises maps attached to the revised licence
Date of Report	10 August 2021
Decision	Revised licence granted

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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 L8569/2011/2. 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).

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 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

Saracen Gold Mine Pty Ltd currently holds licence L8569/2011/2 for the operation of Porphyry Gold Mine (the premises), part of Mining tenements M31/3, M31/4, M31/5, M31/6, M31/30, M31/76, M31/380, M31/381, L31/44, L31/62 and L31/63 in Menzies.

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 L8569/2011/2.

On 15 April 2021, Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd (the applicant) submitted an application to the department to transfer licence L8569/2011/2 into their name. All Mining Tenements associated with the premises are currently held by Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd.

The assessment of the transfer application is limited to a review of ownership details to determine if a transfer may occur. There are no proposed changes to the current approved premises categories or associated design capacity.

The CEO has also determined to include minor administrative changes as part of the licence transfer, these are limited only to:

- updating the style and appearance of the licence;
- including a copy of the current N1 form;
- correcting clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- updates to Condition 1.3.14 (Table 1.3.5) as demonstrated in Appendix 1.

3. Consultation

The licence holder was provided with the draft licence and amendment report on 8 July 2021. Comments received from the licence holder on 2 August 2021 have been considered by the Delegated Officer as detailed in Appendix 1.

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

Relevant section or condition No.	Proposed amendments
Cover page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated licence holder from Saracen Gold Mine Pty Ltd to Northern Star (Carosue Dam) Pty Ltd. Updated the 'Registered business address'.
Licence requirements	Website reference to State Law Publisher has been updated.
Licence history	Licence transfer information has been added.
Throughout licence	<p>The following items have been updated throughout the licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensee has been replaced with licence holder; Department of Mines and Petroleum has been replaced with Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS); and Licence, licence holder and premises are now demonstrated in lower case.
Premises description and licence summary	<p>Removal of the following paragraph as it is no longer applicable to the current operations:</p> <p><i>"The only prescribed activity within the premises that occurs is dewatering. This includes discharge from the Million Dollar pit into Porphyry pit and Million Dollar and Wallbrook projects into Lake Rebecca."</i></p>
Granting of Licence (L8569/2011/2) amendment 2020	Removal of this section as it was applicable to the changes made during the previous licence amendment.
Condition 1.3.14 (Table 1.3.5)	Updates as demonstrated in Appendix 1.
Table 3.5.1	Inclusion of "Note 1: In-field non-NATA accredited analysis permitted" after the table.
Schedule 1, Map of emission points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference to Table 2.4.1 has been updated to Table 2.3.1 to correct a cross referencing administrative error within the

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	<p>existing licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference to Table 3.8.1 has been updated to Table 3.5.1 to correct a cross referencing administrative error within the existing licence.
Schedule 1, Map of emission points	Title of Figure 2 has been updated from “Site plan of the prescribed premises” to “Emission point location” to accurately describe the figure.
Schedule 1, Map of monitoring locations	Title of Figure 3 has been updated from “Monitoring bore locations” to “Monitoring point locations” to accurately describe the figure.
Schedule 2	Removed the old N1 form and replaced with a copy of the current N1 form.

Appendix 1: Summary of licence holder's comments on draft amendment

Condition	Summary of licence holder's comment	Department's response
Condition 1.3.14 (Table 1.3.5)	In Table 1.3.5, under the requirements for 'Pipelines', please change the word 'and' to 'or'.	The Delegated Officer notes that Condition 1.3.1 of the existing licence L8569/2011/2 sufficiently covers pipeline risks and therefore the line-item requirement for 'Pipelines' listed in Condition 1.3.14 (Table 1.3.5) has been removed as this is a duplication of regulatory requirements.
	In Table 1.3.5, under the requirements for 'Hydrocarbon/chemical storage area', please change the impermeable bunded area from '4m x 4m' to '2m x 4m'.	Condition 1.3.14 (Table 1.3.5) of the existing licence L8569/2011/2 has been amended as a department-initiated amendment (as part of the licence transfer) to align with the department's expectations in relation to the storage of hydrocarbons and chemicals.