

Amendment Report

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Licence Number L8578/2011/1

Licence Holder Regis Resources Limited

ACN 009 174 761

File Number: 2011/003002

Premises Garden well Gold Project

Legal description -

Mining tenements M38/343, M38/250, M38/237, M38/352, M38/1249, M38/1250, M38/1257, M38/283, M38/1251, M38/292, M38/630, M38/114, M38/341, M38/1277, L38/201, L38/202, L38/203 and L38/204,

Date of Report 07/02/2020

Decision Granted amendment

1. Definitions and interpretation

Definitions

In this Amendment Report, the terms in Table 1 have the meanings defined.

Table 1: Definitions

Term	Definition	
AACR	Annual Audit Compliance Report	
ACN	Australian Company Number	
AER	Annual Environment Report	
Amendment Report	refers to this document	
Category/ Categories/ Cat.	categories of Prescribed Premises as set out in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	
CEO	means Chief Executive Officer.	
	CEO for the purposes of notification means:	
	Director General Department Administering the Environmental Protection Act 1986 Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square PERTH WA 6850 info@dwer.wa.gov.au	
Delegated Officer	an officer under section 20 of the EP Act	
Department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> and designated as responsible for the administration of Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act.	
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)	
EP Regulations	Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA)	
Existing Licence	The Licence issued under Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act and in force prior to the commencement of and during this Review	
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Occupier	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.	
Prescribed Premises	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.	
Premises	refers to the premises to which this Amendment Report applies, as specified at the front of this Amendment Report.	
Revised Licence	the amended Licence issued under Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act, with changes that correspond to the assessment outlined in this Amendment Report.	

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2. Amendment Description

The following guidance statements have informed the assessment and decision outlined in this Amendment Report:

- Guidance Statement: Regulatory Principles (July 2015)
- Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions (October 2015)
- Guidance Statement: Licence Duration (August 2016)
- Guideline: Decision Making (June 2019)

2.1. Purpose and scope of assessment

Following the submission of an amendment application from the Licence Holder on 3 December 2019, the Licence has been amended to extend the expiry date. As the risk profile for the Premises does not alter with this amendment, the Delegated Officer has determined that a risk assessment is not required.

The Licence Holder requested a period of 12 months, however, DWER has determined it to be acceptable to extend the duration by a period of 24 months. 24 months will allow the Licence Holder to continue to operate per the licence conditions, whilst procedures regarding licence renewals are developed. The Licence now expires on 16 February 2022.

2.2. Consolidation of Licence

As part of this amendment package DWER has consolidated the licence by incorporating changes made under the following Amendment Notices:

- amendment Notice 1, granted 19 December 2016 Construction of tailings storage facility (TSF) 2;
- amendment Notice 2, granted 10 February 2017 Construction of three tailings lifts to TSF1; and
- amendment Notice 3, granted 28 March 2019 Construction of TSF3 at the Tooheys Well Project

The obligations of the Licence Holder have not changed in consolidating the licence. DWER has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises related to previous Amendment Notices.

In consolidating the licence, the CEO has:

- updated the format and appearance of the Licence;
- deleted the redundant AACR form set out in schedule 1 of the previous licence and advise the Licensee to obtain the form from the Department's website;
- revised licence condition's numbers, and removed any redundant conditions and realigned condition numbers for numerical consistency; and
- corrected clerical mistakes and unintentional errors.

Previously issued Amendment Notices will remain on the DWER website for future reference and will act as a record of DWER's decision making.

3. Conclusion

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

3.1. Summary of amendments

Table 2 provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised Licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 2: Licence amendments

Condition No.	Proposed amendments
Expiry	The Licence expiry date has been changed from 16 February 2020 to 16 February 2022.
Introduction	The introduction has been updated to reference the correct department name.
Definitions	The definitions have been updated to include an AACR definition and to ensure all relevant departmental correspondence conditions are correct.
1.2.8	Table 1.2.4 (condition 1.2.8) has been updated as per Amendment Notice 1
1.2.13	Condition 1.2.13 has been added as per Amendment Notice 1
1.2.14 – 1.2.22	Conditions added as a result of Amendment Notices 1 – 3
3.2.1	Table 3.2.1 (Condition 3.2.1) amended as per Amendment Notice 3
3.3.1	Table 3.3.1 (Condition 3.3.1) amended as per Amendment Notice 1
3.4.1	Table 3.4.1 (Condition 3.4.1) amended as per Amendment Notices 1 and 3
Schedule 1	Inclusion of maps from Amendment Notices 1 and 3

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Appendix 1: Key documents

	Document title	Availability
1	Licence L8578/2011/1 – Garden Well	accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au
	Gold Project	
2	DER, July 2015. Guidance Statement:	accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au
	Regulatory principles. Department of	
	Environment Regulation, Perth.	
3	DER, October 2015. Guidance Statement:]
	Setting conditions. Department of	
	Environment Regulation, Perth.	
4	DER, August 2016. Guidance Statement:	
	Licence duration. Department of	
	Environment Regulation, Perth.	
5	DWER, June 2019. Guideline: Decision]
	Making. Department of Water and	
	Environmental Regulation, Joondalup.	

Appendix 2: Summary of Licence Holder comments

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 16 January 2020 for review and comment. The Licence Holder responded on 6 February 2020. The following comments were received on the draft Amendment Report.

Condition	Summary of Licence Holder comment	DWER response
Table 1.2.6	In Table 1.2.6 we are required to install a sampling point on the discharge pipeline. We actually take the sample from the treatment pond prior to discharge (as shown on the WWTP Upgrade figure – pg 26 of the assessment report). If DWER agree we would prefer that Table 1.2.6 was reworded to be more consistent with the current wording in Table 3.2.1 e.g. 'sample point prior to discharge to land'.	Noted and accepted as this does not change the risk associated with the emission. Wording within the table has been amended to: 'Sample point to be installed at treatment pond prior to discharge to land'.
Table 3.2.1	Table 3.2.1 requires monitoring prior to discharge into the oxidation ponds. We currently take samples from the first pond that the waste water is discharged into rather than 'prior to discharge'. Sampling from the ponds themselves rather than from a tap installed on the pipelines allows us to conduct the sampling within lined area and with less risk of splashback for the sampler. If DWER agree we would prefer wording along the lines of 'L1 Monitoring point of the receiving pond' with the wording for L2 remaining unchanged.	Noted and accepted as this does not change the risk associated with the emission. Wording within the table has been amended to: 'L1 Monitoring point of the receiving pond'.