



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L9297/2021/1
Licence Holder	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd
ACN	008 585 886
File Number	DER2021/000246~1
Premises	Golden Funnel Project Legal description – Within Mining tenements M24/102, M24/796, M24/708, M24/166, M24/155, M24/265 and M24/304, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1
Date of Report	27/02/2024
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 L9297/2011/1. 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 Amendment summary

Licence L9297/2021/1 is held by Paddington Gold Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Golden Funnel Project (the Premises), located within Mining tenements M24/102, M24/796, M24/708, M24/166, M24/155, M24/265 and M24/304.

The Premises relates to the category and the assessed design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L9297/2021/1.

On 28/11/2023, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L9297/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending the licence expiry date.

3. Decision

Licence L9297/2021/1 was issued 22 September 2021 to enable mine dewatering and discharge into open pits to allow mining of ore. In 2022, 319,117 kilolitres (kL) of water was pumped from Golden Funnel pit to Racetrack pit. Racetrack pit is a source for supply water to the Paddington Mill. The project was to continue for a period of two years, and this is why the expiry of the licence was set for 2024. However, in April 2022 mining at the Golden Funnel open pits ceased.

The Licence Holder wishes to keep the licence active and therefore is seeking an extension to the expiry date. No specified time period for the extension has been requested by the licence holder, however the application form indicates that the life of the project is 10 years.

As the licence has only been active for a few years it is considered that the conditions are sufficient to manage any impacts and that the risk profile of the premises has remained unchanged.

Annual audit reports have indicated that the licence holder continues to comply with the conditions of the licence.

In accordance with the department's Guideline: *Licence duration* (2015) a licence can be renewed for a maximum period of 20 years. As the Licence Holder has indicated that the estimated operating period of the project is 10 years the licence expiry date has been extended until year 2034.

4. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 23 February 2024. On 26 February 2024 the Licence Holder responded with no comments and waived the comment period.

5. 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.

5.1 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
Duration	Expiry date 21/09/2024 extended to 21/09/2034 (additional 10-year period)