



Department initiated Amendment

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

Works Approval Number	W6249/2019/1
Works Approval Holder	Adaman Resources Pty Ltd
ACN	620 314 007
File Number	DER2018/001588
Premises	Kirkalocka Gold Mine Mining Tenement M59/234 DAGGAR HILLS WA 6638
Date of Report	26 June 2020
Decision	Intent to grant revised works approval

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6249/2019/1 (Works Approval). 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 Works Approval 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 Works Approval, the department has considered and given due regard to its Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://www.der.wa.gov.au>.

The departments *Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing (June 2019)* recommends a time frame of between three to six months (90 to 180 days) to allow the operation of Works to occur under a works approval. This time frame allows for the works approval holder to commence operations at the Premises, while the department is assessing a licence or licence amendment application submitted by the works approval holder.

2.2 Amendment summary

The Works Approval is held by Adaman Resources Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Kirkalocka Gold Mine (the Premises), located at Mining Tenement M59/234, Daggar Hills WA 6638.

The Premises relates to the category and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in Existing Works Approval W6249/2019/1.

The Works Approval Holder notified the department on 6 April 2020 that Commissioning of the Works, as described in the Existing Works Approval, was completed on the 31 March 2020. The Works Approval Holder is now operating the Works for a period of three months under the time limited operational phase as permitted in the Existing Works Approval. This period ends on 30 June 2020. However, as a result of the Covid19 global pandemic, the Works Approval Holder has experienced delays in submitting a Licence amendment application. Therefore, the Works Approval Holder requires an additional three months of time limited operations to continue under the Existing Works Approval, to allow for the finalisation and submission of a Licence amendment application and the assessment of the application by the department.

On 5 June 2020, the department initiated an amendment to Works Approval W6249/2019/1. The amendment is limited to extending the time limited operations period by an additional three months at the Premises.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 24 June 2020.

On 24 June 2020 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval 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 Works Approval as part of the amendment process.

Table 1: Summary of works approval amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Condition 9	This condition has been updated by extending the time allowed to Operate the Works by an additional 3 months to allow for finalisation of the Licence amendment process.

References

1. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (June 2019), *Guidance Statement: Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Blacklow, M (2020), W6190/W6191 & W6249 – Extension to TLO Request, 4 June 2020.
3. Lavery, L (2020), W6190/W6191 & W6249 – Extension to TLO Request, 4 June 2020.