Amendment Report

Application for Works Approval Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval

Number

W6717/2022/1

Works Approval

Holder

Paddington Gold Pty Ltd

ACN 008 585 886

File Number DER2022/000263

Premises Golden Cities (Golden Arrow Pit)

Part of mining tenements

L24/228, M24/188, M24/251, M24/876, M24/557, M24/425,

M24/564, M24/565

Date of Report 29 November 2023

Decision Revised works approval granted

A/MANAGER, RESOURCES INDUSTRIES

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 works approval W6717/2022/1. 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 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://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents.

2.2 Application summary

Works approval W6717/2022/1 is held by Paddington Gold Pty Ltd (works approval holder) for Golden Cities (Golden Arrow Pit) (the premises). The premises sits within the Goldfields region approximately 300m east of the historic town of Broad Arrow, a State registered Heritage place.

The Premises relates to the category and the assessed design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) defined in existing works approval W6717/2022/1.

On 27 September 2023, the works approval holder submitted an application to amend works approval W6717/2022/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited to removing the required diameter of the dewatering pipeline outlined in condition 1 of the works approval. All other conditions, including a secondary containment sufficient to contain any spills between routine inspections will remain unchanged.

3. Risk assessment

The department assesses the risks of emissions from prescribed premises and identifies the potential source, pathway and impact to receptors in accordance with the *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020).

As the nature of the proposed amendment does not alter the fundamental risk associated with the prescribed activities, nor does it alter the nature of the emissions already adequately controlled through the existing instrument, a further risk assessment has not been deemed necessary.

4. Consultation

The licence holder was provided with a draft amendment report and amended licence on 23 November 2023. On the same day the licence holder emailed the department to waive the 21 day consultation period and requested the amended licence to be issued. No further comments were submitted.

5. 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.

5.1 Summary of amendments

Table 1 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 1 Infrastructure and equipment	Table 1: Dewatering Pipelines. The diameter requirements of 110 and 315 NB have been removed.			

References

1. DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.

Appendix 2: Application validation summary

SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY									
Application type									
Works approval									
		Relevant works approval number:		None					
		Has the works approval been complied with?		Yes □ No □					
Licence		Has time limited operations under the works approval demonstrated acceptable operations?		Yes □ No □ N/A □					
		Environmental Com Critical Containmen Report submitted?		Yes □ No □					
		Date Report received:							
Renewal		Current licence number:							
Amendment to works approval		Current works approval number:	W6717/2022/1		1				
Amendment to licence		Current licence number:							
Amendment to licence		Relevant works approval number:		N/A					
Registration		Current works approval number:		None					
Date application received	27/09/2023								
Applicant and Premises details									
Applicant name/s (full legal name/s)		Paddington Gold Pty Ltd							
Premises name		Golden Cities (Golden Arrow Pit)							
Premises location	L24/228, M24/188, M24/251, M24/876, M24/557, M24/425, M24/564 and M24/565								
Local Government Authority	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder								
Application documents									
HPCM file reference number:	DER2022/000263~1								
Key application documents (addition application form):	Only application form provided – administrative amendment								
Scope of application/assessment									

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Works approval amendment Condition 1 – Table 1 – Dewatering pipelines The current works approval requires the dewatering pipeline to be Summary of proposed activities or 110 and 315 NB single weld to be laid within v-drains or buried. The changes to existing operations. applicant is requesting the removal of the pipe dimension condition for additional flexibility, noting that the v-drains and scour pits need to be of a suitable capacity to provide a secondary containment sufficient to hold any spill occurring between routine inspections. Category number/s (activities that cause the premises to become prescribed premises) Table 1: Prescribed premises categories Prescribed premises category and Assessed production or design Proposed changes to the description capacity production or design capacity (amendments only) NA Category 6 - Mine dewatering: 7,000,000 tonnes per year premises on which water is extracted assessed production capacity and discharged into the environment to allow mining of ore. Legislative context and other approvals Has the applicant referred, or do they Referral decision No: intend to refer, their proposal to the EPA Managed under Part V □ Yes □ No ⊠ under Part IV of the EP Act as a significant proposal? Assessed under Part IV □ Does the applicant hold any existing Part Ministerial statement No: IV Ministerial Statements relevant to the Yes □ No 🗵 **EPA Report No:** application? Has the proposal been referred and/or Reference No: Yes □ No ⊠ assessed under the EPBC Act? Certificate of title □ General lease □ Expiry: Has the applicant demonstrated Yes ⊠ No □ occupancy (proof of occupier status)? Mining lease / tenement □ Expiry: Other evidence ☐ Expiry: Has the applicant obtained all relevant Approval: planning approvals? Expiry date:

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Yes □ No □ N/A ⊠

If N/A explain why?

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Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing EP Act clearing permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes ⊠ No □	CPS No: 8316/1 and 8872/1
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing CAWS Act clearing licence in relation to this proposal?	Yes □ No ⊠	No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing RIWI Act licence or permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes ⊠ No □	GWL167686
Does the proposal involve a discharge of waste into a designated area (as defined in section 57 of the EP Act)?	Yes ⊠ No □	Name: Goldfields Groundwater Area Type: Proclaimed Groundwater Area Has Regulatory Services (Water) been consulted? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ Regional office: Swan Avon
Is the Premises situated in a Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA)?	Yes □ No ⊠	Name: Broad Arrow Dam Catchment Priority: N/A Are the proposed activities/ landuse compatible with the PDWSA (refer to WQPN 25)? Yes □ No □ N/A ☒
Is the Premises subject to any other Acts or subsidiary regulations (e.g. Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004, Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004, State Agreement Act xxxx)	Yes ⊠ No □	Environmental Protection (Unauthorised discharge) Regulations 2004
Is the Premises within an Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) Area?	Yes □ No ⊠	
Is the Premises subject to any EPP requirements?	Yes □ No ⊠	
Is the Premises a known or suspected contaminated site under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003?	Yes □ No □	Classification: Possibly contaminated – investigation required (PC–IR) Date of classification: Feb 2020

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