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Application for Works Approval Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval Number	W6603/2021/1
Works Approval Holder	Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd
ACN	090 642 809
File Number	DER2021/000500~3
Premises	Big Bell Project – Cue Gold Operations
	Mining Tenement M20/98 and M20/197
	As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 2 of the Revised Works Approval
Date of Report	26/06/2024
Decision	Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

Works Approval W6603/2021/1 is held by Big Bell Gold Operations Pty Ltd for the Big Bell Project - Cue Gold Operations (the Premises), located at Mining Tenement M20/98 and M20/197.

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6603/2021/1. 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 Amendment summary

On 8 May 2024, the Works Approval Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Works Approval W6603/2021/1 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to extending the works approval expiry date.

The Works Approval Holder requested an extension of the duration of the works approval for a further five (5) years to 27 February 2030, due to a delay in their mining schedule. The works proposed under Works Approval W6603/2021/1 have not commenced and the applicant is not expecting to complete the works within the timeframe permitted under the current works approval, which is due to expire on 27 February 2025.

3. Assessment

The proposed works approval expiry date with a five-year extension is calculated to be 27 February 2025. However, the Delegated Officer notes that mining tenement M20/98 will expire on 18 February 2030. Therefore, the Delegated Officer has determined to align the extension expiry date with the tenement expiry on 18 February 2030.

4. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 24 June 2024 and on 25 June 2024 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

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 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
Cover page	The works approval expiry date extended from 27/02/2025 to 18/02/2030