

Decision Report

Application for Licence

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number L8345/2009/3

Applicant Greenstone Resources (WA) Pty Ltd

ACN 100 341 599

File Number DER2021/000125

Premises

Tarmoola Operations

Being M37/67, M37/76, M37/90, M37/201, M37/222, M37/248, M37/330, M37/410, M37/429, M37/449, M37/451, M37/457, M37/547, M37/548, M37/572, M37/573, M37/574 and

M37/1105

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As defined by the Premises map attached to the issued

licence

Date of Report 4 May 2021

Decision Licence granted

A/MANAGER, RESOURCE INDUSTRIES REGULATORY SERVICES

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 renew Licence L8345/2009/3 on the basis that the replacement of the licence with no material changes made to the Premises; and/or activities undertaken at the Premises is an administrative function which does not alter the risk profile of the Premises. Operations shall be undertaken in accordance with the conditions of the licence, and there is to be no change in the potential emissions associated with the operation of the facility.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In renewing the licence and completing the assessment documented in this Decision Report, 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 Renewal application summary and overview of Premises

On 17 February 2021 Greenstone Resources (WA) Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) submitted an application to renew the Licence for the Tarmoola Operations (the Premises), located within mining leases M37/67, M37/76, M37/90, M37/201, M37/222, M37/248, M37/330, M37/410, M37/429, M37/449, M37/451, M37/457, M37/547, M37/548, M37/572, M37/573, M37/574 and M37/1105.

The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in Licence L8345/2009/3.

L8345/2009/3 is currently limited to mine dewatering and crushing of waste rock material. The site is currently undergoing construction works authorised under works approval W6426/2020/1 which will see mining and processing operations re-commence onsite. This construction is expected to be complete mid-2022.

Due to the administrative nature of this application, no additional risk assessment has been conducted for this Premises.

3. Consultation

Table 1 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 1: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Applicant was provided with draft documents on 19/04/2021	Applicant replied on 21/04/2021. Applicant requested a change of wording on Note 1 for Tables 1, 2 and 3. Replace the word "pits" with "sump" as they are different sumps contained in the same pit. Applicant requested a modification to the requirements on Table 5, supplying tabulated groundwater data over a 3 year period instead of 4 years. This will align the time with their groundwater reporting requirements.	Changes accepted.
Shire of Leonora was advised of the proposal on	No comments were received.	N/A

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19/04/2021		
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) advised of proposal on 19/04/2021	Comments received by DWER on 21/4/2021. DMIRS had no comments to the proposal.	N/A

4. Conclusion

The Delegated Officer has determined that the application to renew licence L8345/2009/3 will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

The version number of the licence has been updated from 2 to 3 and the expiry date set as 3 May 2041 in accordance with the *Guidance Statement: Licence duration* (DER 2016).

The obligations of the Licence Holder have not changed in renewing the licence. The department may undertake a review of the licence at any time to reassess the emissions and discharges associated with the Premises if deemed necessary.

4.1 Summary of changes

As part of this licence renewal, the department has updated the licence by incorporating the changes shown below in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
All conditions	Conditions of the licence moved unchanged into the new licence template.
N/A	Incorporating the amendment details granted in Amendment Notices 1, 2 and 3.

The obligations of the licence holder have not changed in updating the licence. The department has not undertaken any additional risk assessment of the Premises as a part of this process.

References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2016. *Guidance Statement: Licence duration*, Perth, Western Australia.