



# Amendment Report

## Application for Licence Amendment

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

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<b>Licence Number</b>	L6110/1990/13
<b>Licence Holder</b>	Australian Gold Reagents Pty Ltd
<b>ACN</b>	009 140 121
<b>File Number</b>	DEC4869/1~3
<b>Premises</b>	Australian Gold Reagents Part Lot 20 on Diagram 78086 Kwinana Beach  Legal description – Certificate of Title Volume 1918 Folio 244 As defined by the map and coordinates in Attachment 1
<b>Date of Report</b>	11/10/2021
<b>Decision</b>	Revised licence granted

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## 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L6110/1990/13. 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 delegated officer has considered and given due regard to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (department) Regulatory Framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents>.

### 2.2 Application summary

Licence L6110/1990/13 is held by Australian Gold Reagents Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Australian Gold Reagents (the Premises), located at Kwinana Beach Road in Kwinana Beach.

The Premises relates to the category 31 chemical manufacturing and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L6110/1990/13 (the licence). On 28 July 2021, the department received an application to amend the licence under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The licence holder requested quarterly reporting of NO<sub>x</sub> emission monitoring be removed and incorporated into the annual reporting requirements.

## 3. Decision

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.

The amendment is consistent with the departments objective to reduce administrative and regulatory burden on licence holders where justified and does not alter the risk associated with emissions and discharges from the premise. Reporting of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions on an annual basis is considered reasonable and adequate.

Additional minor changes to the wording of condition 3(c) were requested, the delegated officer considers the changes to be administrative in nature and do not alter the actual requirements of that condition.

### Administrative changes

In amending the existing licence, the delegated officer has also determined to:

- Extend the expiry date of the licence from 27/03/2022 to 27/03/2034 so that the aggregate duration of the licence is 20 years;

- update the format and appearance of the cover page;
- revise licence condition numbers and realign condition numbers for numerical consistency.

The decision to extend the licence duration until 27 March 2034 has consideration to the department's *Guidance Statement: Licence duration* which notes the department's preference for longer-term (20 year) licences. It also avoids the need for an administrative renewal process that otherwise would have occurred prior to the licence expiry on 27 March 2022.

### 3.1 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
Cover page	Updated consistent with DWER template
Duration	Extended to 27/03/2042
Condition 3 (c)– Reporting Format	This condition has been amended to streamline the wording, without altering the intent.
Condition 5 – Three Monthly Reporting	Delete condition 5 to ease the administrative burden on business in line with the Streamline WA initiative whilst maintaining environmental protection standards.
Condition 6	Add condition 6b(ii) to require NOx emissions are reported annually, this condition replaces deleted condition 5 , which required three (3) monthly reporting for NOx emissions.
General numbering	Amend numbering to correct deleted conditions

## 4. Licence Holder comments

No comments were received, and the licence holder requested the Department to waive the consultation period by email correspondence on 28 September 2021.

## References

1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, *Guideline: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
3. DWER 2020, *Guideline: Risk Assessments*, Perth, Western Australia.