



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L7817/2006/6
Licence Holder	Sand Queen Gold Mines Pty Ltd
ACN	141 839 287
File Number	DER2012/006894-1
Premises	Sand Queen Dewatering Project Part of mining tenements M29/52, M29/233, M29/321, L29/67 Shire of Menzies WA 6436 As defined by the Premises maps attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	22 March 2023
Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L7817/2006/6. The amendments are administrative in nature and therefore 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 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

Licence L7817/2006/6 is held by Sand Queen Gold Mines Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Sand Queen Dewatering Project (the Premises), located at M29/52, M29/233, M29/321, L29/67 in the Shire of Menzies, Western Australia.

The Premises relates to the category 6 mine dewatering and the assessed production capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which is defined in existing Licence L7817/2006/6.

On 23 December 2022, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L7817/2006/6 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited to extending the licence expiry date, updating the wording of conditions and fixing typographical errors.

3. Consultation

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

Table 1 Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - advised of amendment (14/02/2023)	(Received 22/02/2023) Mining proposals have been approved on the associated tenements which relate to mining dewatering activities. The mining proposals do not have an expiry date and remain valid while the tenure for which they are granted remains live.	N/A
Licence Holder was provided with draft amendment on 14/03/2023	(Received 17/03/2023) Requested two changes to the licence:	(Sent 17/03/2023) Accepted proposed change 1. Declined proposed change 2 given the intention of this condition is to

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condition 3, Table 1 - add 'when dewatering is in operation' to the frequency of inspection 2. Condition 8, Table 4 - add 'when dewatering is in operation' to the rows of emission point references 'LG1', 'LG2' and 'LG3' 	monitor changes to habitat and therefore it is irrelevant if dewatering is occurring when taking photographs of the reference site.
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4. Conclusion

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.

In amending the licence, the Delegated Officer has also:

- Updated the structure of the licence to the contemporary format;
- Deleted redundant conditions covered by other legislation to reduce duplication; and
- Revised condition numbers.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 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 amended licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 2: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Formatting	Updated to the new licence format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cover page • Revised condition numbers • Deleted redundant information (Conditions 1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.2, 2.4-2.8, 3.2, 3.4-3.9, 4.1, 5.1, 5.3) • Deleted Schedule 2 • Added updated interpretation section, records (now conditions 9-12), definition table • Changed 'licensee' to 'licence holder' and 'shall' to 'must' throughout
Duration	Expiry extended to 13/10/2028.
Table 1.3.3 (now Table 1)	Added 'when dewatering is in operation' to frequency of inspection for the dewatering pipeline
Table 3.3.1 (now Table 4)	Added 'when dewatering is in operation' to the row of emission point reference 'W1'.
Condition 5.1.3 (now	Updated to reflect the amended reporting dates for the Annual

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
10) and 5.2.1 (now 13)	Environmental Report and Annual Audit Compliance Report – outlined in Schedule 2 of the 'Notice of amendment and schedule of licences with amended reporting conditions (2022)'.

References

1. *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA), Perth, Western Australia. Available online at: https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_304_homepage.html
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