



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L7969/2004/3
Licence Holder	Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd
ACN	657 781 194
File Number	DER2013/000991-1~3
Premises	Paulsens Gold Operation Nanutarra-Munjina Road , PARABURDOO WA 6754 Legal description – Part of Mining Tenements M08/99 and M08/196 As defined by the Premises maps of Schedule 1 attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	16 November 2023
Proposed Decision	Revised licence granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L7969/2004/3. 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 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 L7969/2004/3 is held by Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Paulsens Gold Project (the Premises), located at Mining Tenements M08/99 and M08/196, Paraburdoo WA 6754.

The Premises relates to the categories 5, 52, 63, 64 and 85 and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Licence L7969/2004/3.

On 27 July 2023, the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend Licence L7969/2004/3 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The amendment is limited only to adding on Stage 7 tailings storage facility (TSF) embankment lift (completed in 2015) which was omitted as part of moving the site to care and maintenance operations, and correcting the references to production monitoring bores. The Licence Holder also retracted a request to change their nominated number of diesel generators at the specified power stations.

3. Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Local Government Authority – Shire of Ashburton advised of amendment on 28/09/2023	None received	N/A
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) advised of amendment on 06/10/2023	Comment received 26/10/2023: “Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd is currently finalising a feasibility study for the recommencement of mining and processing at the Project. An upgrade to the processing plant will be required to recommence; <i>Mining</i>	Noted in the final decision to grant letter.

	Act 1978 approval will need to be sought by Black Cat (Paulsens) Pty Ltd prior to the process plant upgrades and any TSF lift occurring. A Mining Proposal has not been received by DMIRS for these activities”	
Licence Holder was provided with draft amendment on 31/10/2023	<p>Comments received 09/11/2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identified expiry date error. Should be 7 November 2025. 2. Request update of Premises Name as “Paulsens Gold Operation” to align with W6561 and W6842 3. Request update of “Transient return water pipeline” for the reference to TSF pipelines as they are no permanent. 4. Identified incorrect numbering of table 7 to table 12 (should be from table 5 to 10) <p>Provided updated images to replace images in licence</p>	All changes made to licence.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, 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.

4.1 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
Licence History	Added this amendment as a new row.
Interpretation	Added to reflect current departmental template.
Condition 7	Added to include TSF lift stages completed up to stage 7.
Condition 9	Corrected reference to monitoring points in Table 3 and Table 4 -Added PMB3A and PMB6A, -replaced PMB11a with PMB11
	Moved definitions to a table at the end (table 10) to reflect current

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Definitions	departmental template.
	Definitions added: 'discharge', 'EP Regulations', 'premises', 'waste', 'ACN'.
Formatting	Changed all 'shall' to 'must' to reflect current departmental template Updated condition and table numbering.

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.