



Application to renew a licence

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

Licence Number	L8111/2005/3
Licence Holder	Black Cat (Coyote) Pty Ltd
ACN	063 213 598
File Number	2011/002320-2~2
Premises	Coyote Gold Operations Mining Lease M80/559 Tanami Road TANAMI WA 6770 As defined by the Premises map.
Date of Report	15 July 2024
Decision	To grant a licence

SENIOR INDUSTRY LICENSING OFFICER
INDUSTRY REGULATION
Officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

1. Decision summary

Under the regulatory framework the Delegated Officer decided to process the application to renew licence L8111/2005/2 without conducting any additional risk assessment.

The licence can be issued for 20 years, which is consistent with the *Guidance Statement on Licence Duration 2016*. In renewing the licence, the Delegated Officer has determined to:

- Update the format and appearance of the licence;
- Correct the assessed production/design capacity for category 5 to 250,000 tonnes per annum. *The previous licence indicated “more than 250,000 tonnes per annum” which implies an unlimited throughput which is incorrect.*
- Correct the assessed production/design capacity for category 63 to 1,000 tonnes per annum. *The previous licence indicated “more than 1,000 tonnes per year” which implies an unlimited throughput which is incorrect.*
- Transfer existing regulatory controls and conditions to the new licence;
- Revise licence conditions;
- Remove redundant conditions;
- Include conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements); and,
- Replace the word “shall” in the licence conditions with the word “must”.

The Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L8111/2005/3 subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Application summary

On 19 March 2024 Black Cat (Coyote) (licence holder) applied to renew licence L8111/2005/2 as the licence is due to expire on 15 July 2024. The licence holder applied to change the name of the premises from Tanami Gold Mine to Coyote Gold Operations.

The licence relates to the premises located within Mining Lease M80/559 located within the Shire of Halls Creek in Western Australia.

The licence relates to prescribed premises categories as described in Table 1.

Table 1: Premises category description and production / design capacity

Prescribed premises category description (Schedule 1, <i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987</i>)	Production / design capacity
Category 5 - Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore:	250,000 tonnes per annum
Category 6 - Mine dewatering	150,000 tonnes per annum
Category 63 - Class I inert landfill site	1,000 tonnes per year
Category 85 - Sewage facility	30 cubic metres per day
Category 89 - Putrescible landfill site	60 tonnes per year

The licence is for prescribed premises activities including - processing of ore; mine dewater discharge; disposal of inert and putrescible waste; and operation of a sewage facility.

Prescribed premises infrastructure at the premises includes – processing plant; tailings storage facility; raw water dam; class 1 inert landfill; putrescible landfill; sewage facility and soil bioremediation area.

The Licence Holder advised that the site was placed in care and maintenance in 2016 and continues to be in this status.

3. Regulatory framework

In granting the licence, the Delegated Officer has considered and given due regard to the department’s regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at – [DWER Regulatory documents | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’s *Work Instruction: Industry Regulation, Licensing position – COVID 19 response (October 2022)* guides the processes under which this licence is assessed. This Work Instruction has been revised and expanded to address licenses that expire beyond 30 June 2023.

The Delegated Officer has confirmed that an application to renew the licence has been submitted and the Premises is considered “low” risk. An administrative licence renewal has been processed with no further review nor assessment of the risk from emissions and discharges from the premises.

4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

4.1 Legal occupancy

The licence holder has demonstrated legal occupancy of the Premises.

4.2 Prescribed premises details

The requested prescribed premises categories and the corresponding production/design capacities are consistent with the category and production/design capacities previously assessed by the Department. The Delegated Officer has verified that there are no proposed changes to the previously assessed activities.

4.3 Compliance and enforcement actions

There have been two incidents recorded at the Premises in the last five years. There have been no enforcement actions resulting from these incidents.

4.4 Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 2.

Table 2: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer’s response
Application advertised on the department’s website on 9 May 2024 closing on 30 May 2024.	No comments received.	Noted.

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Shire of Halls Creek advised of the application on 17 May 2024 closing 7 June 2024.	No comments received.	Noted.
Licence holder was provided the draft licence on 14/06/2024 with comments due by 05/07/2024.	The Licence holder replied on the 14/6/2024 with no comments and then waived the remaining consultation period.	Noted.

5. Summary of changes to the licence conditions

Section 62 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) provides the legal power to attach conditions to licences. Most licences are issued with conditions as per *Guidance Statement – Setting Conditions* (October 2015) to prevent, control, abate or mitigate pollution or environmental harm resulting from emissions and/or discharges from this Premises.

Table 3 summarises and compares the changes between the expired and new licence including changes made to licence conditions plus describes and rationalizes the changes.

Table 3: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale.

Current condition / schedule	New condition /schedule (if relevant)	Description and rationale
Definitions	Definitions	Definitions list has been transferred to the new licence and updated in accordance with the current standard. Redundant defined terms have been removed.
Condition 1	Condition 4	Change to condition number. Updated reference to site layout map. Updated reference to site layout map.
Condition 2	Condition 5	Change to condition number only
Condition 3	Condition 6	Change to condition number only
Condition 4	Condition 8	Change to condition number only
Condition 5	Condition 9	Change to condition number only
Condition 6	Condition 10	Change to condition number only
Condition 7	Condition 11	Change to condition number only
Condition 8	Condition 1	Change to condition number only
Condition 9	Condition 21	Condition moved to new Condition 21 - environmental reporting requirements
Condition 10	Condition 2	Change to condition number and updated title of reference document and definitions.
Condition 11	Condition 3	Minor change to condition wording to clarify requirement.

Current condition / schedule	New condition /schedule (if relevant)	Description and rationale
Condition 12	Condition 7	Change to condition number only
Condition 13	Condition 12	Change to condition number and identified Underground discharge as point DWBH003.
Condition 14	Condition 13 & new Condition 16	Condition updated in accordance with current standard for ambient groundwater monitoring and replaced by new condition (16).
N/A	Condition 14	New condition requiring adherence to Condition 16.
Condition 15	Condition 15	Condition updated in accordance with current standard.
Condition 16	N/A	Condition removed as it is addressed in Condition 21.
N/A	Condition 16	New Condition explaining quality assurance and quality control requirement.
Condition 17	Condition 21 and Table 2	<p>Summary of changes made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condition wording and format aligned to current standard; - Biannual reporting implemented next due 30/04/2026. - Removal of existing clause (i) as this is deemed redundant; - Minor changes to wording of existing clause (ii) - Removal of existing clause (iii) as it is deemed redundant. <p>Removal of existing clause (vi) as it is redundant.</p>
Condition 18	Condition 20	Condition updated in accordance with current standard defining the report due date being 30 April yearly.
N/A	Conditions 17,18 & 19	New conditions in accordance with current licence template explaining complaint register and record standard.
Attachment 1 – premises location and boundary	Schedule 1 – Premises map	Attachments 1 and 2 from the existing licence have been incorporated into Schedule 1 of the new licence.
Attachment 2 – location of facilities at premises	Schedule 1 – Site layout and groundwater monitoring bores map.	
Schedule 2	Premise boundary coordinated	Included the Premises boundary coordinates in a new Schedule 2.