



Application for Licence Amendment

Division 3, Part V *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Licence Number	L8358/2009/1
Applicant	Northern Star (Echo Mining) Pty Ltd
ACN	120 974 567
File Number	DER2015/001858
Premises	Bronzewing Gold Mine 106 Mt McClure Road Legal description - Mining Tenements M36/146, M36/200, M36/263 and M36/295
Date of Report	22 May 2020

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1. Definitions of terms and acronyms

In this Decision Report, the terms in Table 1 have the meanings defined.

Table 1: Definitions

Term	Definition
ACN	Australian Company Number
Amendment Report	Refers to this document
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Category/ Categories/ Cat.	Categories of Prescribed Premises as set out in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations
Delegated Officer	an officer under section 20 of the EP Act.
Department	means the department established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> and designated as responsible for the administration of Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act.
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation As of 1 July 2017, the Department of Environment Regulation (DER), the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and the Department of Water (DoW) amalgamated to form the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). DWER was established under section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> and is responsible for the administration of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> along with other legislation.
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</i>
EP Regulations	<i>Environmental Protection Regulations 1987 (WA)</i>
Existing Licence	The Licence issued under Part V, Division 3 of the EP Act and in force prior to the commencement of, and during this Review
Licence Holder	Northern Star (Echo Mining) Pty Ltd
Occupier	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
Prescribed Premises	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
Premises	refers to the premises to which this Decision Report applies, as specified at the front of this Decision Report

2. Amendment description

This amendment is limited to a transfer of Licence L8358/2009/2 from Echo Resources Limited to Northern Star (Echo Mining) Pty Ltd (Northern Star). This transfer has been made at the request of Northern Star following its acquisition of the Premises on 24 January 2020.

The Bronzewing Gold Project was placed under care and maintenance in 2013. Echo Resources Limited planned to recommence operations in 2019 and the Licence was amended to allow this occur. However, operations did not recommence and the Premises was subsequently sold.

The following guidance statements have informed the assessment and decision outlined in this Amendment Report:

- *Guidance Statement: Regulatory Principles (July 2015)*
- *Guideline: Decision Making (June 2019)*
- *Guidance Statement: Risk Assessment (February 2017)*

2.1 Purpose and scope of assessment

The assessment of the transfer application is limited to a review of ownership details and fitness and competency of operator to determine if a Licence transfer may occur.

There are no proposed changes to the current approved Premises categories or design capacity.

Table 2: lists the documents submitted during the assessment process.

Table 2: Documents and information submitted during the assessment process

Document/information description	Date received
Licence transfer application form (DWER Document reference: A1874293)	9 March 2020
ASIC current company extract – Northern Star (Echo Mining) Pty Ltd (DWER Document reference: A1883971)	2 April 2020
Proof of ownership of Premises (DWER Document reference A1883971)	2 April 2020

2.2 Assessment of fitness and competency of the Licence Holder

Northern Star has been deemed to be a fit and competent operator. No records of the following have been found by DWER:

- Infringement notices or environmental field notices;
- Closure notices, stop work orders or environmental protection notices;
- Investigation reports or prosecution outcomes;
- Non-compliance history with controlled waste obligations and payment of fees;
- History or complaints received about the applicant or any other activities they have been involved with; and
- Past history of being unable to meet their financial obligations, for example unpaid licensing fees, current or past insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.

2.3 Licensing History

The 3 provides the licensing history for L8358/2009/2.

Table 3: Amendment History

Instrument	Issued	Amendment
L8358/2009/1	25/03/2010	Licence amendment to include new tenements relating to W4647 (mine dewatering from Success Pit to Parmelia Pit)
L8358/2009//2	16/10/2014	Licence renewal. Updated to the current licence format and conditions changed to reflect the non-operational status. Issued to Metaliko Resources.
L8358/2009//2	16/06/2016	Licence amendment to update conditions to ensure accurate and adequacy in relation to on-site activities.
L8358/2009//2	13/02/2019	Licence amendment and review to ensure assessment is current as operations recommence.
L8358/2009//2	28/10/2019	Licence amendment to correct storage amount for category 73 and to change continuous WAD-CN monitoring in the in-it TSF to manual monitoring per shift.
L8358/2009/2	22/05/2020	Licence transferred from Echo Resources Limited to Northern Star (Echo Mining) Pty Ltd

3. Risk assessment

The Delegated Officer has determined that the transfer of the Licence is an administrative amendment which does not alter the risk profile of the Premises. Therefore, following the review of proof of ownership and ASIC business registration details, the Delegated Officer has transferred the Licence to Northern Star. The Premises must continue to operate in accordance with the original Licence conditions.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that the Licence transfer will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

Lauren Fox
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Appendix 1: Key documents

	Document title	Availability
1.	Licence L8358/2009/2 – Bronzewing Gold Mine	accessed at www.der.wa.gov.au
2.	DER, July 2015. <i>Guidance Statement: Regulatory principles</i> . Department of Environment Regulation, Perth.	
3.	DER, November 2016. <i>Guidance Statement: Risk Assessments</i> . Department of Environment Regulation, Perth.	
4.	DWER, June 2019. <i>Guidance Statement: Decision Making</i> . Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Perth.	