



## Application for Licence Amendment

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

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| <b>Licence Number</b> | L8435/2010/3   |
| <b>Licence Holder</b> | GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd   |
| <b>ACN</b>            | 165 235 030  |
| <b>File Number</b>    | 2011/000299-3  |
| <b>Premises</b>       | Granny Smith Gold Mine<br><br>Mining tenements L38/50, L38/51, L38/80, L38/106, L38/144<br>M38/18, M38/1280, M38/161, M38/162, M38/167, M38/191,<br>M38/205, M38/287, M38/361, M38/380, M38/389, M39/397,<br>M38/440, M38/525, M38/532, M38/690, M38/691, M38/692<br>and M38/725<br><br>LAVERTON WA 6440<br><br>As defined by the Premises maps attached to the Revised<br>Licence |
| <b>Date of Report</b> | 12 April 2021  |
| <b>Decision</b>       | Revised licence granted  |

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# 1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Licence L8435/2010/3. 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 Amendment Notices 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 Amendment summary

Licence L8435/2010/3 is held by GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Granny Smith Gold Mine (the Premises).

The Premises relates to the categories and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in Licence L8435/2010/3.

On 30 April 2019, the Licence Holder submitted an application (GSM 2019) to the department to amend Licence L8435/2010/3 under section 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) for the following:

- Recommissioning of dewatering infrastructure from the Granny Smith open pits (namely Goanna and Granny Smith pits) to Lake Carey with the intention to dewater into the Lake; and
- Update of the prescribed premises boundary for the inclusion of mining tenement M38/1280 and removal of L38/79, L38/87, L38/96, L38/145, L38/146, L38/313 and L38/209.

On 29 January 2021, the department wrote to the Licence Holder (DWER 2021) advising of the following options in order to progress the licence amendment:

1. Application in its entirety is withdrawn and a new application submitted; or
2. The dewatering aspect of the application is withdrawn and a new application for dewatering activities is submitted at a later date.

The Licence Holder advised the department on 15 February 2021, that they would "*withdraw all aspects relating to dewatering, but proceed with updating the Prescribed Premises boundary*" (GSM 2021).

This amendment is related to changes to the prescribed premises boundary only.

During this amendment, Amendment Notices 1 and 2 have been consolidated into the Revised Licence, which has also been updated to the current licensing format (refer to Section 4.1, Table 1).

### 3. Consultation

The Licence Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 15 March 2021 and the Licence Holder replied on the 7 April 2021 stating they had no objection to the amendments proposed.

### 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  |
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| <b>Cover page</b>  | Administrative updates in line with current licensing format. The table clearly indicates the prescribed activities and assessed capacities previously risk assessed.                                      |
| <b>Introduction</b>  | Deleted, as per current licensing format.  |
| <b>Licence history</b>   | Administrative changes.  |
| <b>Interpretation</b>  | Updated as per current licensing format.   |
| <b>Definitions</b>   | Moved to the back of the Licence now Table 21.   |
| <b>Premises operation</b><br>Conditions 1 to 11 and 13<br>(previous conditions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.5, 1.2.6, 1.2.7, 1.2.8, 1.2.9, 1.2.10, 1.2.11 and 1.2.17) | Administrative changes only.   |
| Condition 12<br>Previous condition 1.2.16  | This condition has been amended to delete the reference to 'construction requirement' and only refer to 'operational requirements' as construction and compliance of the infrastructure has been achieved. |
| Previous conditions 1.2.12, 1.2.13, 1.2.14 and 1.2.15  | Deleted, as they specify construction requirements for infrastructure where construction is complete and compliance has been achieved through the submission of relevant documentation to the department.  |
| <b>Emissions</b>   | Administrative changes only.   |

| Condition no.   | Proposed amendments   |
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| Conditions 14 to 20<br>(previous conditions 2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.5.1 and 2.5.2)                         |   |
| <b>Monitoring</b><br>Condition 21 to 28<br>(previous conditions 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.3.1, 3.4.1, 3.5.1, 3.6.1, 3.7.1) | Administrative changes only.  |
| <b>Information renamed Records and reporting</b><br>Previous condition 4.1.1  | Deleted, as per current licensing format.   |
| Conditions 29 and 30<br>(previous conditions 4.1.3 and 4.1.2)   | Updated as per current licensing format.  |
| Conditions 31 to 34<br>(previous conditions 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 and 4.3.1)  | Administrative changes only.  |
| Previous conditions 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.3.2 and 4.3.3   | Deleted, as construction requirements has been achieved through the submission of relevant documentation to the department. |
| Conditions 35 and 36<br>(previous condition 4.3.4 and 4.3.5)  | Administrative changes only.  |
| Conditions 37 and 38  | Included, as per current licensing format.  |
| Schedule 1: Maps  | Premises map – Figure 1 updated.<br>All other existing maps retained and re-labelled as necessary.                          |
| Schedule 2  | Deleted, as per current licensing format.   |

## References

1. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2021, *Application for a Licence Amendment under the Environmental Protection Act 1986*, dated 29 January 2021.
2. GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd (GSM) 2019, *GSM Licence Amendment – Category 6 and Revised Hypersaline Management Plan*, dated 30 April 2019.
3. GSM 2021, *RE: Application for a Licence Amendment – L8435/2010/3 – Advice to Withdraw*, dated 14 February 2021.