



Application to renew a licence

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

Licence Number	L8577/2011/2
Licence Holder	Mincor Operations Pty Ltd
ACN	35 094 977 321
File Number	2012/006881-1
Premises	Miitel & Mariners Mines Norseman-Coolgardie Highway WIDGIEMOOLTHA WA 6443 Legal Land description Mining Tenements M15/83, M15/85, M15/91, M15/92, M15/93, M15/543, M15/667, M15/668 and L15/243 As depicted in the Prescribed Premises map in Schedule 1 in licence
Date of Report	12/07/2024
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 L8577/2011/1 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:

- include conditions considered necessary for the effective administration of the licence (i.e. record keeping and reporting requirements);
- revise licence conditions and consolidate existing pollution control conditions;
- correct clerical mistakes and unintentional errors; and
- transfer all existing regulatory controls and conditions to the new licence.

As a result of the above, the Delegated Officer decided to grant Licence L8577/2011/3, subject to conditions set out in the attached licence.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Application summary

On 23/02/2024 Mincor Operations Pty Ltd (licence holder) applied to renew licence L8577/2011/1, as the licence is due to expire on 14/07/2024. The licence was granted to the licence holder for the premises located at Mining Tenements M15/83, M15/85, M15/91, M15/92, M15/93, M15/543, M15/667, M15/668 and L15/243 known as the Miitel & Mariners Mines (Premises).

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 6: Mine-dewatering: premises on which water is extracted and discharged into the environment to allow mining of ore	3 million tonnes per year
Category 85: Sewage facility premises – (a) on which sewage is treated (excluding septic tanks); or (b) from which treated sewage is discharged onto land or into waters	50 m ³ per day
Category 89: Putrescible landfill site - premises on which waste (as determined by reference to the waste type set out in the document entitled "Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996" published by the Chief Executive Officer, as amended from time to time) is accepted for burial.	200 tonnes per year

The mines were operated until 2016 and then placed onto care and maintenance phase. Most of the underground infrastructure was removed prior to care and maintenance and the underground working allowed to flood.

The licence holder now dewateres the mine to develop and resume production. As the water level decrease, rehabilitation of the existing portal will occur and utilized for the mine entries.

3. Regulatory framework

The Delegated Officer has not conducted a full review and risk assessment of emissions and discharges from the Premises in line with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (department) *Work Instruction: Regulatory Services, COVID-19 licensing position* October 2022.

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 \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/dwer-regulatory-documents).

4. Considerations for issuing a new licence

4.1 Compliance and enforcement actions

There have been no incidents or complaints identified at the Premises by the department in the last five years. There have been no enforcement actions taken in the last 5 years regarding the licence.

4.2 Legal occupancy

The licence holder has demonstrated legal occupancy of the Premises.

4.3 Categories of the licence

The requested categories and the corresponding maximum production capacities for the renewal of the licence are consistent with the categories for which the licence holder currently holds a licence, and which was previously assessed.

4.4 Previous relevant decision reports

As the renewal of this licence is deemed an administrative licence renewal and there is no additional risk assessment conducted, the delegated officer likes to note that for the purpose of transparency and ease of access the previous relevant decision reports shown in Table 2 will be viewable when published.

Table 2: Previous relevant decision reports

Description of decision report	Grant Date	Document number
Amendment to add category 6	27/4/2022	A2097977
Removal of category 6	12/05/2016	A1097633
Change licence to REFIRE format	18/06/2013	A635930

4.5 Planning approval

The licence holder has informed the department that it is exempt from planning approval because their activity is authorised by the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS).

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 a licence. Most licenses 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 the premises.

Table 3 summarises the changes from the expiring licence into the new licence including changes made to licence conditions where required and the rationale for changes made.

Table 3: Licence conditions changes, description and rationale

Current condition / table	Summary of current condition	New condition / table (if relevant)	Description and rationale
Schedule 1	Figure 2	Figure3	Updated Schedule 1 with maps supplied by the licence holder
	Figure3 and 4	Figure4	
	Figure 5	Figure 2	
Tables: 3,10,11, 12 and 15	NA	NA	Monitoring and non- annual reporting is only required when discharge occur.

6. Consultation

The Delegated Officer undertook the consultation for the application to renew the licence as per Table 4.

Table 4: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Delegated Officer's response
Application advertised on 27/05/2024 closing 14/06/2024	No submissions received	N/A
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) advised of the application 13/06/2024.	No submission received.	N/A
Licence holder was provided with draft for documents on 14/06/2024.	The licence holder requested that monitoring and non- annual reporting is only required when discharge occurs.	DWER amended Tables: 3,10,11, 12 and 15 to reflect licence holder's request.
Licence holder was provided with a second draft with the updated changes on 26/06/2024.	The licence holder responded on the 27/06/2024 via email accepting the draft changes and waiving the remainder of the consultation period.	N/A