



Application to amend licence

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

Licence number	L8617/2011/2
Applicant	Goldview Metals Limited
ACN	079 580 055
DWER file number	DER2011/010800-1~2
Premises	New Orient Gold Mine Legal description Mining Tenements M21/66 and M21/140 CUE WA 6640
Date of report	21 January 2020
Status of Report	Final

1. Definitions

Key terms relevant to this decision report and their associated definitions are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Definitions

Term	Definition
applicant	Goldview Metals Limited
category / categories	Categories of prescribed premises as set out in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations.
decision report	refers to this document.
Delegated Officer	An officer delegated under section 20 of the EP Act.
department	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.
emission	has the same meaning given to that term under the EP Act.
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	Goldview Metals Limited
prescribed premises	This 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. Overview of premises

2.1 Classification of Premises

Table 2: Classification of premises and assessed design capacity

Category	Description	Assessed production or design capacity or throughput
Category 6	Mine dewatering: premises on which water is extracted and discharged into the environment to allow mining of ore.	163,000 tonnes per annual period

2.2 Description of proposed activity

Goldview Metals Limited (Goldview) has applied for an amendment to extend the duration of licence L8617/2011/2 for the New Orient Gold Mine (New Orient).

Goldview was issued licence L8617/2011/2 under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* in February 2015 for New Orient. New Orient is located on an island in Lake Austin in the Murchison Goldfields, approximately 20 km south of Cue (nearest residential receptor) and 540 km north east of Perth. Lake Austin is a large inland saline closed basin covering an area of approximately 770 square kilometres.

Dewatering operations involve extraction of groundwater from an existing mine shaft to lower the local groundwater level. This will allow for the excavation of a future open mine pit and subsequent mining operations to occur.

As there will be no change in activities relating to the current licence, the risk rating has not changed and therefore a re-assessment of risk at this time is not deemed necessary.

3. Legislative context and other approvals

The legislative framework for this assessment is the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations).

Relevant guidance documents are outlined in Appendix 1.

Approvals relevant to the premises are outlined in the table below.

Legislation	Number	Approval
<i>Mining Act 1978</i>	Reg ID: 68518	Approval for mining at New Orient has been granted by the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety (DMIRS). Goldview holds mining tenements M21/66 (expires 27 December 2032) and M21/140 (expires 14 October 2030)
<i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>	GWL62709(4)	Groundwater licence allowing for the abstraction of groundwater (entitlement: 165,000L/year)
<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>	CPS 2866-3	A clearing permit, CPS 2866-3, to clear native vegetation has been granted under the EP Act via DMIRS (expires 31 March 2020). An application for a clearing permit renewal (CPS 2866-4) is currently with DMIRS.

4. Consultation

Method	Comments received	DWER response
Applicant referred draft documents (19 December 2019)	None received.	Amendment issued on 21/01/2020 upon cessation of the comment period.

5. Conclusion

The Delegated Officer has determined that the application to amend the licence expiry date for a period of five years will be granted on the condition that activities and emissions as stated in the current licence will remain unchanged.

Lauren Fox
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An officer delegated by the CEO under section 20 of the EP Act

Appendix 1: Key documents

Document title	Availability
Licence (L8617/2019/1) amendment application form and supporting documentation (November, 2019)	DWER records (DWERDT225654)
DER, July 2015. <i>Guidance Statement: Regulatory principles</i> . Department of Environment Regulation, Perth.	accessed at www.dwer.wa.gov.au
DER, August 2016. <i>Guidance Statement: Licence duration</i> . Department of Environment Regulation, Perth.	
DWER, June 2019 <i>Guideline: Decision Making</i> Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	