Amendment Report

Application for Licence Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Licence Number L9183/2018/2

Licence Holder Meteor Stone Pty Ltd

ACN 623 253 770

File Number DER2018/001603

Premises Meteor Stone Wesco Road

86 Wesco Road NOWERGUP WA 6032

Legal description -

Lot 6 on Diagram 34734 NOWERGUP WA 6032

As defined by the coordinates in Schedule 1 of the Revised

Licence

Date of Report 15/08/2023

Decision Revised licence granted

A/MANAGER, RESOURCE INDUSTRIES REGULATORY SERVICES

an officer delegated under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)

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1. Decision summary

Licence L9183/2018/2 is held by Meteor Stone Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) for the Meteor Stone Wesco Road (the Premises), located at 86 Wesco Road NOWERGUP WA 6032.

This Amendment Report documents the assessment of potential risks to the environment and public health from proposed changes to the emissions and discharges during the operation of the Premises. As a result of this assessment, Revised Licence L9183/2018/2 has been granted.

The Revised Licence issued as a result of this amendment consolidates and supersedes the existing Licence previously granted in relation to the Premises. The Revised Licence has been granted in a new format with existing conditions being transferred, but not reassessed, to the new format.

2. Scope of assessment

2.1 Regulatory framework

In completing the assessment documented in this Amendment Report, 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 Application summary

On 30 March 2023 the Licence Holder submitted an application to the department to amend L9183/2018/2 under section 59 and 59B of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The following amendments are being sought:

• Increase maximum throughput capacity for category 12 and 77 from 100,000 tonnes per annum to 150,000 tonnes per annum

The amendment does not include any change to existing equipment or infrastructure on the premises. The extraction footprint and depth of extraction pit are likewise to be unchanged. To produce the 150,000 tonnes, the production time will increase from about 10 hours per week to about 15 hours per week.

Table 1 below outlines the proposed changes to the existing Licence

Table 1: Proposed throughput capacity changes

Category	Current throughput capacity	Proposed throughput capacity	
12	100,000 tonnes per annum 150,000 tonnes per annum		
77	100,000 tonnes per annum	150,000 tonnes per annum	

3. Legislative context and other approvals

The limestone extraction activity onsite is regulated by the City of Wanneroo through an Extractive Industries Licence (Number: DA2014/1733) under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* which is valid until 21 November 2024. The Applicant also has Development Approval for the current activities which is also valid until 21 November 2024.

4. Risk assessment

The department assesses the risks of emissions from prescribed premises and identifies the potential source, pathway and impact to receptors in accordance with the *Guideline: Risk* assessments (DWER 2020).

To establish a Risk Event there must be an emission, a receptor which may be exposed to that emission through an identified actual or likely pathway, and a potential adverse effect to the receptor from exposure to that emission.

4.1 Source-pathways and receptors

4.1.1 Emissions and controls

The key emissions and associated actual or likely pathway during premises operation which have been considered in this Amendment Report are detailed in Table 2 below. Table 2 also details the proposed control measures the Licence Holder has proposed to assist in controlling these emissions, where necessary.

Table 2: Licence Holder controls

Emission	Sources	Potential pathways	Proposed controls	
Dust	Crushing of material, vehicle movements, lift-off from	Air/windborne pathway	The Licence Holder stated "there will be no increase in noise or dust emissions or risk." No new controls proposed.	
	stockpiles and/or stored product,		Existing controls in L9183/2018/2:	
	earthworks etc.		Condition 4 - The Licence Holder must ensure that all vehicles on the Premises: (i) comply with the maximum speed limit of 15km per hour; and (ii) are driven in a manner that minimises the use of airbrakes when entering or exiting the access road on Lot 7	
			Condition 6 – The Licence Holder must ensure that all loading of material on the Premises occurs using the lowest drop heights possible, so that dust and noise are minimised.	
			Condition 7 – The Licence Holder must ensure that all crushing and screening activities occur at the lowest elevation of the premises and are sheltered by the quarry walls.	
Noise	Crushing and screening of material	Air/windborne pathway	The Licence Holder stated "there will be no increase in noise or dust emissions or risk." No new controls proposed.	
			Existing controls in L9183/2018/2:	
			Condition 2 – The Licence Holder must ensure that operations at the Premises only occur between the hours of 6:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday excluding	

Emission	Sources	Potential pathways	Proposed controls
			public holidays.
			Condition 3 – The Licence Holder must ensure noise shields and silencers are fitted to crushing and screening equipment used on the Premises wherever possible.
			Condition 4 - The Licence Holder must ensure that all vehicles on the Premises: (i) comply with the maximum speed limit of 15km per hour; and (ii) are driven in a manner that minimises the use of airbrakes when entering or exiting the access road on Lot 7
			Condition 5 – The Licence Holder must ensure that all vehicles and machinery operated by the Licence Holder on the Premises are fitted with low frequency 'croaker' reversing alarms where possible.
			Condition 6 – The Licence Holder must ensure that all loading of material on the Premises occurs using the lowest drop heights possible, so that dust and noise are minimised.
			Condition 7 – The Licence Holder must ensure that all crushing and screening activities occur at the lowest elevation of the premises and are sheltered by the quarry walls.

4.1.2 Receptors

In accordance with the *Guideline: Risk assessments* (DWER 2020), the Delegated Officer has excluded employees, visitors and contractors of the Licence Holder's from its assessment. Protection of these parties often involves different exposure risks and prevention strategies, and is provided for under other state legislation.

Table 3 below provides a summary of potential human and environmental receptors that may be impacted as a result of activities upon or emission and discharges from the prescribed premises (Guideline: Environmental siting (DWER 2020)).

Table 3: Sensitive human and environmental receptors and distance from prescribed activity

Human receptors	Distance from prescribed activity
Residential Premises 172 Gibbs Road, NOWERGUP 6032	700 m west of the prescribed premises boundary
Dress Circle Farm Pty Ltd 79 Dayrell Road, NOWERGUP 6032	< 500m south of the prescribed premises boundary

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Environmental receptors	Distance from prescribed activity
Bushforever site 136	1.1km north-east of prescribed premises boundary
Bushforever site 290	1km north-east of prescribed premises boundary
Threatened ecological community (TEC): Melaleuca huegelii (Melaleuca systena shrublands on limestone ridges)	Approximately 800m south-west of the prescribed premises boundary
Threatened ecological community (TEC): Banksia Dominated Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain IBRA Region	1.1km north-east of the prescribed premises boundary
Threatened flora: Melaleuca sp. Wanneroo	Adjacent to the prescribed premises boundary
Threatened fauna: Calyptorhynchus latirostris	400m north, 1km north-east and 1.1km north-west of prescribed premises



Figure 1: Distance to sensitive receptors

4.2 Risk ratings

Risk ratings have been assessed in accordance with the *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020) for those emission sources which are proposed to change and takes into account potential source-pathway and receptor linkages as identified in Section 4.1.1. Where linkages are in-complete they have not been considered further in the risk assessment.

Where the Licence Holder has proposed mitigation measures/controls (as detailed in Section 4.1.1), these have been considered when determining the final risk rating. Where the Delegated Officer considers the Licence Holder's proposed controls to be critical to maintaining an acceptable level of risk, these will be incorporated into the licence as regulatory controls.

Additional regulatory controls may be imposed where the Licence Holder's controls are not deemed sufficient. Where this is the case the need for additional controls will be documented and justified in Table 4.

The Revised Licence L9183/2018/2 that accompanies this Amendment Report authorises emissions associated with the operation of the Premises i.e. category 12 and category 77 activities.

The conditions in the Revised Licence have been determined in accordance with *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions* (DER 2015).

Table 4: Risk assessment of potential emissions and discharges from the Premises during operation

Risk Event	Risk Event					Licence Holder's		Justification for	
Source/Activities	Potential Potential pathways and impact		Receptors	Licence Holder's controls	C = consequence L = likelihood	controls sufficient?	Conditions ² of licence	additional regulatory controls	
Operation									
Vehicle movements Extraction, storage, and processing (crushing/screening) of material Construction of limestone products	Dust	Air/windborne pathway causing impacts to health and amenity of closest human	Bushforever sites 290, 136 TEC: Melaleuca huegelii TEC: Banksia Dominated Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain IBRA Region Melaleuca sp. Wanneroo Calyptorhynchus latirostris Northsands Resources Residences 700m west Dress Circle Farm Pty Ltd	Refer to Section 4.1.1	C = Minor L = Unlikely Medium Risk	Y	Existing conditions – 4, 6, 7 Refer to Section 4.1.1 for description	As increased production will only involve an additional 5 hours of production time per week (an increase from 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week), the risk profile for the activity remains unchanged. Existing conditions are therefore considered sufficient	
	Noise	receptors	Residences 700m west Dress Circle Farm Pty Ltd Calyptorhynchus latirostris	Refer to Section 4.1.1	C = Minor L = Unlikely Medium Risk	Y	Existing conditions – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Refer to Section 4.1.1 for description	As increased production will only involve an additional 5 hours of production time per week (an increase from 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week), the risk profile for the activity remains unchanged. Existing conditions are therefore considered sufficient	

Note 1: Consequence ratings, likelihood ratings and risk descriptions are detailed in the *Guideline: Risk assessments* (DWER 2020).

Note 2: Proposed Licence Holder's controls are depicted by standard text. **Bold and underline text** depicts additional regulatory controls imposed by department.

5. Consultation

Table 5 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 5: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Local Government Authority – City of Wanneroo advised of proposal 23/06/2023	No comments received	N/A
Stakeholder adjacent to the premises – Northsands Resources advised of proposal 22/06/2023	No comments received	N/A
Stakeholder in proximity to premises - Dress Circle Farm Pty Ltd advised of proposal 22/06/2023	No comments received	N/A
Resident in proximity to premises – 172 Gibbs Road advised of proposal 22/06/2023	No comments received	N/A
Licence Holder was provided with draft amendment on 07/08/2023	Requested to waive comment period	Noted.

6. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that the emissions risk profile resulting from the proposed increase in production time is unlikely to change, and that existing conditions on Licence L9183/2018/2 remain sufficient to manage emissions from the prescribed premises operations. A Revised Licence will therefore be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

6.1 Summary of amendments

Table 6 provides a summary of the proposed amendments and will act as record of implemented changes. All proposed changes have been incorporated into the Revised Licence as part of the amendment process.

Table 6: Summary of licence amendments

Condition no.	Proposed amendments
Assessed production/design	For category 12, replaced 100,000 with 150,000 tonnes per annum

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capacity	For category 77, replaced 100,000 with 150,000 tonnes per annum
Schedule 2: Primary Activities	Updated premises production or design capacity under table 5
Formatting	 Updated to new licence format; deleted explanatory notes Added Licence history table
	 Moved definitions to the end of conditions and changed table numbering

References

- 1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, *Guideline: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
- 3. DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.

Appendix 1: Application validation summary

SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY					
Application type					
Works approval	\Box				
		Relevant works approval number:		None	
		Has the works approvith?	oval been complied Yes - N		No □
Licence		Has time limited operations under the works approval demonstrated acceptable operations?		Yes - No -	
		Environmental Com Critical Containmen Report submitted?		Yes □	No □
		Date Report receive	id:		
Renewal	-	Current licence number:			
Amendment to works approval		Current works- approval number:			
Amendment to licence	\boxtimes	Current licence number:	L9183/2018/1		
Amendment to ilcence		Relevant works approval number:		N/A	
Registration-	-	Current works- approval number:		None	
Date application received		30/03/2023			
Applicant and Premises details					
Applicant name/s (full legal name/s)		Meteor Stone Pty Lt	d		
Premises name		Meteor Stone Wesco Road			
		86 Wesco Road Nowergup			
Premises location		Portion Lot 6 on diagram 34734 Portion Lot 7 (D: 49564), 136 Wesco Road, Nowergup			
Local Government Authority		City of Wanneroo			
Application documents					
HPCM file reference number:		DER2018/001603 (A)			
		Extractive Industry Licence to Meteor Stone (A2167007) Certificate of title			
Key application documents (additional to application form):		Signed amendment for tonnage land owners (A2167006)			
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Scope of application/assessment		Company extract			

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Summary of proposed activities or changes to existing operations.

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Maximum production capacity for categories 77 and 12 increased to 150,000 tonnes per year.

Category number/s (activities that cause the premises to become prescribed premises)

Table 1: Prescribed premises categories

Prescribed premises category and description	Assessed production or design capacity	Proposed changes to the production or design capacity (amendments only)			
Category 12: Screening etc. of material: premises (other than premises within category 5 or 8) on which material extracted from the ground is screened, washed, crushed, ground, milled, sized or separated.	Existing: 100,000 tonnes per annum	Proposed: 150,000 tonnes per annum			
Category 77: Concrete batching or cement products manufacturing: premises on which cement products or concrete are manufactured for use at places or premises other than those premises.	Existing: 100,000 tonnes per annum	Proposed: 150,000 tonnes per annum			

Legislative context and other approvals

Has the applicant referred, or do they intend to refer, their proposal to the EPA under Part IV of the EP Act as a significant proposal?	Yes □ No ⊠	Referral decision No: Managed under Part V Assessed under Part IV
Does the applicant hold any existing Part IV Ministerial Statements relevant to the application?	Yes □ No ⊠	Ministerial statement No: EPA Report No:
Has the proposal been referred and/or assessed under the EPBC Act?	Yes □ No ⊠	Reference No:
Has the applicant demonstrated occupancy (proof of occupier status)?	Yes ⊠ No □	Certificate of title □ General lease □ Expiry: Mining lease / tenement □ Expiry: Other evidence ☒ letter authorising permission for increased tonnage from the Land Holders

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Has the applicant obtained all relevant planning approvals?	Yes ⊠ No □ N/A □	Approval: Extractive Industry Licence Expiry date: 21/11/2024
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing EP Act clearing permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes □ No ⊠	CPS No: N/A No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing CAWS Act clearing licence in relation to this proposal?	Yes □ No ⊠	Application reference No: N/A Licence/permit No: N/A No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing RIWI Act licence or permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes □ No ⊠	Application reference No: Licence/permit No: Licence / permit not required.
Does the proposal involve a discharge of waste into a designated area (as defined in section 57 of the EP Act)?	Yes □ No ⊠	Name: Wanneroo Groundwater Area Type: Proclaimed Groundwater Area Has Regulatory Services (Water) been consulted? Yes □ No □ N/A ☒ Regional office: N/A
Is the Premises situated in a Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA)?	Yes □ No ⊠	Name: N/A Priority: P1 / P2 / P3 / N/A Are the proposed activities/ landuse compatible with the PDWSA (refer to WQPN 25)? Yes □ No □ N/A ☒
Is the Premises subject to any other Acts or subsidiary regulations (e.g. Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004, Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004, State Agreement Act xxxx)	Yes ⊠ No □	Planning and Development Act 2005 (DA2014/1733 Expires 21/11/2024) Local Government Act 1995 (Extractive Industry Licence (No. 2014/1733, DA2020/499 – expires 21/11/2024) Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997
Is the Premises within an Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) Area?	Yes □ No ⊠	

Is the Premises subject to any EPP requirements?	Yes □ No ⊠	
Is the Premises a known or suspected contaminated site under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003?	Yes □ No ⊠	CSS site ID: N/A Classification: N/A Date of classification: N/A