



Application for Licence Amendment

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

Licence Number	L9414/2023/01
Licence Holder	Billabong Gold Pty Ltd
ACN	613 900 922
File Number	DER2014/001259-1~8
Premises	Plutonic Gold Mine Mining Tenements: M52/171, M52/170, M52/148, M52/149, M52/150, M52/295, M52/296, M52/301 and M52/300 MEEKATHARRA WA 6642 As defined by the Premises map attached to the Revised Licence
Date of Report	07 November 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 L6868/1989/12 held by Billabong Gold Pty Ltd (Licence Holder) ceased on 5 October 2023 due to the annual fee not being provided on time. This licence regulated prescribed activities at the Plutonic Gold Mine (the Premises), located approximately 180 km north-east of Meekatharra.

This Decision Report documents the administrative process undertaken by the department to assess and grant replacement Licence L9414/2023/01 for the Premises.

1.1 Regulatory framework

In completing the assessment documented in this Decision 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. Scope of application

Licence L6868/1989/12 ceased due to administrative oversight regarding payment of annual fees. The Licence Holder submitted an application for a replacement licence on 24 October 2023 (Billabong, 2023). No changes to the current operations at the Premises have occurred and therefore there has been no change to the current management of emissions and discharges at the premises. Therefore, the following documentation outlining recent risk assessments remain relevant, valid and unchanged:

- Decision Document for L6868/1989/12 dated 29 September 2016,
- Amendment Report for L6868/1989/12 dated 15 October 2020, and,
- Amendment Report for L6868/1989/12 dated 4 September 2023

These documents will remain as a record of the department’s decision regarding the management of emissions and discharges at the Premises and any potential risk to the environment and public health.

3. Consultation

Table 1 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

Table 1: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Replacement Licence application advertised on Department website on 27 October 2023 for 7 days.	No comments received.	N/A
Licence Holder was provided with draft replacement licence for comment on 3 November 2023	Licence holder provided comments on 6 November 2023 stating they have no comments and wish to waiver the 21-day consultation period.	Noted.

4. Decision

The Delegated Officer has determined that a replacement Licence (L9414/2023/01) will be granted. The same conditions have been transferred over from ceased licence L6868/1968/12 with no changes made.

References

1. Billabong Gold Pty Ltd (Billabong) 2023, *Plutonic Gold Mine Environmental Licence Application*, October 2023 (DWERDT854345).