Department initiated Amendment

Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval

Number

W6449/2020/1

Works Approval Holder GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd

ACN 165 235 030

File Number DER2020/000457

Premises Granny Smith Gold Mine

LAVERTON WA 6440

Legal description -

Part of Mining Tenements M38/205 and M38/532

As defined by the Premises maps attached to the Revised

Works Approval

Date of Report 5 November 2024

Decision Revised works approval granted

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1. Decision summary

The Delegated Officer has determined to make amendments to Works Approval W6449/2020/1. 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 decision report for the Existing works approval 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 works approval, 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

Works Approval W6449/2020/1 is held by GSM Mining Company Pty Ltd (Works Approval Holder) for the Granny Smith Gold Mine (the Premises), located at part of Mining Tenements M38/205 and M38/532, LAVERTON WA 6440.

The Premises relates to category 5 and the assessed production/design capacity under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in existing Works Approval W6449/2020/1.

On 24 October 2024, the department initiated an amendment to Works Approval W6449/2020/1. The amendment is limited to condition 12 to extending the time limited operations (TLO) for 3 months. Additionally, the registered business address has changed and needs amending.

The TLO allows for the operation of the tailings storage facility (TSF) Cell 4 and this amendment will bring the total time limited operation period to 450 calendar days from the date of the approval by the department of the Critical Containment Infrastructure Report on 21 November 2023. Under existing approvals, the TLO expires on 15 November 2024 the amendment will extend the expiry date to 13 February 2025.

The extension of TLO allows time for completion of an amendment to licence L8435/2010/3, which has been applied for but is still under assessment by the department. The amendment to the licence will add operating conditions for TSF Cell 4 to the licence. Until the licence amendment is granted to authorise operation of the TSF Cell 4, the operation is authorised via the TLOs on the works approval.

3. Consultation

The Works Approval Holder was provided with the draft Amendment Report on 01 Nov 2024. On 04 November 2024 the Works Approval Holder waived the comment period.

4. Conclusion

Based on the assessment in this Amendment Report, the Delegated Officer has determined that an amended works approval will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements.

4.1 Summary of amendments

Table 2 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 works approval as part of the amendment process.

Table 2: Summary of works approval amendments

| Condition no. | Proposed amendments |
|---------------|--|
| Cover page | Updated business address. |
| Condition 12a | Extended TLO period from 360 calendar days to 450. |