

Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to <u>info@dwer.wa.gov.au</u>, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Locked Bag 10 Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L7798/1993/6	Licence file number:	2010/003052
Licence holder name:	Gullewa Gold – Copper Operations		
Trading as:	Silver Lake (Deflector) Pty Ltd		
ACN:	101 224 999		
Registered business address:	Suite 4, Level 3, South Shore Centre 85 South Perth Esplanade South Perth WA 6151		
Reporting period:	1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023		

Section B – Statement of compliance with licence conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)

 \Box Yes – please complete:

- section C;
- section D (if required); and
- sign the declaration in Section F.

 \boxtimes No – please complete:

- section C;
- section D (if required);
- section E; and
- sign the declaration in Section F.

Section C – Statement of actual production

Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed premises category	Actual production quantity	
Category 5	762,518 tonnes	

Section D – Statement of actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity

Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed premises category	Actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity	
Category 6	827,847 tonnes	
Category 64	1,040 tonnes	
Category 85	22,469 m ³	

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition

Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.					
Condition no:	Condition 5	Date(s) of non- compliance:	02/01/2023		
Details of non-com	Details of non-compliance:				
#1 breather valve located on the Salt River Discharge Pipeline failed, resulting in the release of saline water to the pipeline bunding. Pooling subsequently resulted in a minor discharge beyond the confinements of the bunding. Approximately 10m3 was discharged from the pipeline bund, contained to an adjacent low-lying area along a historical fence line.					
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?		
NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non- compliance took place.					
No environmental impact has occurred due to the non-compliance.					
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:					
Breather valve failure.					
Breather valve failu	ire.				
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Action taken to miti non-compliance: The breather valve		pections/maintenance	were already occurring		
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Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Condition 34; Table 21	Date(s) of non- compliance:	12/05/2023
Details of non-com	pliance:		
An active TSF2 Cell A discharge pipeline was contacted by machinery transiting on the crest accessway causing a failure. No tailings were released outside the facility footprint.			
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?
NOTE – please attac compliance took plac	h maps or diagrams to provide i e.	nsight into the precise lo	cation of where the non-
All released tailings were retained within the facility footprint (Cell A Northern crest accessway). No environmental impact has occurred due to the non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Cell A discharge pipeline was contacted by machinery transiting on the crest accessway.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Immediate measures taken include redirection of the damaged line into the TSF to prevent further discharge, isolation of the line and construction of bunding to control spread of tails within the TSF crest accessway. Tailings material was recovered and returned to TSF Cell.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
Yes, and			
Reported to DWER verbally Date: / /			
Reported to	Reported to DWER in writing Date: 12/05/2023		

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Condition 22; Table 15	Date(s) of non- compliance:	23/06/2023
Details of non-com	oliance:		
Salt River sampling sites SR02, BL04 and BL05 exceeded the Chromium Reducible Sulphur investigation limit (0.06 %S).			
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?
NOTE – please attact compliance took plac	h maps or diagrams to provide i e.	nsight into the precise lo	cation of where the non-
No pollution occurred. Measured values are from locations outside of the discharge inundation area and considered to be reflective of naturally occurring conditions.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Naturally occurring elevated levels of Chromium Reducible Sulphur.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
No measures proposed as exceedance considered naturally occurring.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
Yes, and			
Reported to DWER verbally Date: / /			
Reported to DWER in writing Date: 23/06/2023			

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition				
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.				
Condition no:	Condition 21; Table 12	Date(s) of non- compliance:	Various (see below)	
Details of non-com	pliance:			
The TSF and dewatering pipeline and discharge point inspection record logbook was not fully maintained daily for the reporting period.				
What was the actua	al (or suspected) environmen	tal impact of the non-c	ompliance?	
NOTE – please attac compliance took plac	h maps or diagrams to provide i e.	nsight into the precise lo	cation of where the non-	
This is a technical non-compliance with licence condition 21; Table 12. Inspection records were missed on occasion. No environmental impact has occurred due to the non-compliance.				
Cause (or suspecte	ed cause) of non-compliance:			
TSF and dewatering pipeline and discharge point inspections were not recorded every day during the reporting period (37 of 365 TSF and 30 of 365 dewatering pipeline inspections not recorded). In most instances inspections were completed however not formally recorded in the logbook due to new personnel and/or supervision availability.				
	Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the			
non-compliance: Communication and training was undertaken with processing personnel on the requirements that inspections of inactive infrastructure must be undertaken and recorded. The requirements for maintaining daily inspection records are included in the relevant management plans.				
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?				
Yes, and				
Reported to DWER verbally Date: / /				
Reported to DWER in writing Date:				

Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition				
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.				
Condition no:	Condition 22; Table 13	Date(s) of non- compliance:	Q2 2023	
Details of non-com	pliance:			
Analysis of Bicarbonate from locations TSF2 MB01, TSF2 MB02, TSF2 MB03, TSF2 MB04, TSF2 MB05 and TSF MB06 was not recorded as a result of an administrative error (Q2 2023).				
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.				
No environmental i	No environmental impact from the non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspecte	ed cause) of non-compliance:	:		
Administrative error.				
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:				
Errors were identified and addressed with the laboratory.				
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?				
Yes, and				
Reported to	DWER verbally	Date: / /		
Reported to DWER in writing Date:				

Section F – Declaration

I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	General Manager	Position:	
Date:	26/03/2024	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.