Annual Environmental Report
Licence L8692/2012/1
Enterprise Gold Mine

Reporting Period: 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025















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1. Introduction

This report has been prepared to address the requirements of an Annual Environmental Report (AER), as provided within the Operating Licence conditions issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), to the Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd (Norton) subsidiary Paddington Gold Pty Ltd. This report has been prepared to comply with Licence L8692/2012/1 for the Enterprise Gold Mine.

The Licence has an annual reporting period of 12 months, commencing the 1st of January until the 31st of December. As per Condition 26 the licence holder must:

> *(a) prepare an environmental report that provides information in accordance with Table 9 for the preceding two annual periods, and*
>
> *(b) submit the environmental report to the CEO by 31 March 2024 and biennially thereafter.*

This report covers the 2024 and 2025 calendar years and contains all the information as required by Table 9 of the Licence, as outlined in Table 1.1 below.

Table 1.1 Annual Environmental Report Requirements

Licence Condition	Description	Section of this AER
NA	Summary of any failure or malfunction of any pollution control equipment and any environmental incidents that have occurred during the annual period and any action taken	Section 3
NA	Any relevant process, production or operational data.	Section 4
NA	An assessment of the information contained within the report against previous monitoring results and Licence limits and/or targets.	Section 8
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2. Site Overview

The Enterprise Licence (L8692/2012/1) allows for mine dewatering and paste production to support the Enterprise underground mining operations. Over the 2024 annual period a total of 6,524 tonnes of waste rock, and 671,190 tonnes of ore was mined from Enterprise. Over the 2025 annual period a total of 74,173 tonnes of waste rock, and 396,702 tonnes of ore was mined from Enterprise. The ore was transported to the Paddington Plant for processing.

Dewatering over the annual period was significantly less than the licenced allocation of 500,000 tonnes per year, with a total of 109,406.6 tonnes of mine water discharged to Gimlet South pit in 2024 and 130,152.5 tonnes of mine water discharged to Gimlet South pit in 2025.

Paste production was incorporated into the licence in July 2023, utilising historic tailings from the Gimlet South TSF 2 combined with cement, to stabilise mined underground areas to allow further expansion of the operation. Over the 2024 annual period a total of 199,853 tonnes of paste fill material was produced, and over the 2025 annual period a total of 214,387 tonnes of paste fill material was produced. Paste production ceased in October 2025. The Enterprise underground mining operations are planned to cease around May 2026.

There was one amendment to the Licence during the reporting period. In October 2025 the licence was amended for the addition of Category 89 to the licence after construction of the Enterprise Landfill. Over the 2025 annual period a total of 27.2 tonnes of waste were disposed of to the Enterprise Landfill.

No screening was undertaken at Enterprise during the reporting period. It is planned to apply for a Works Approval so that an ore sorter can be constructed at Enterprise in 2026.

A map of Enterprise premises showing key features is given in Figure 2-1.

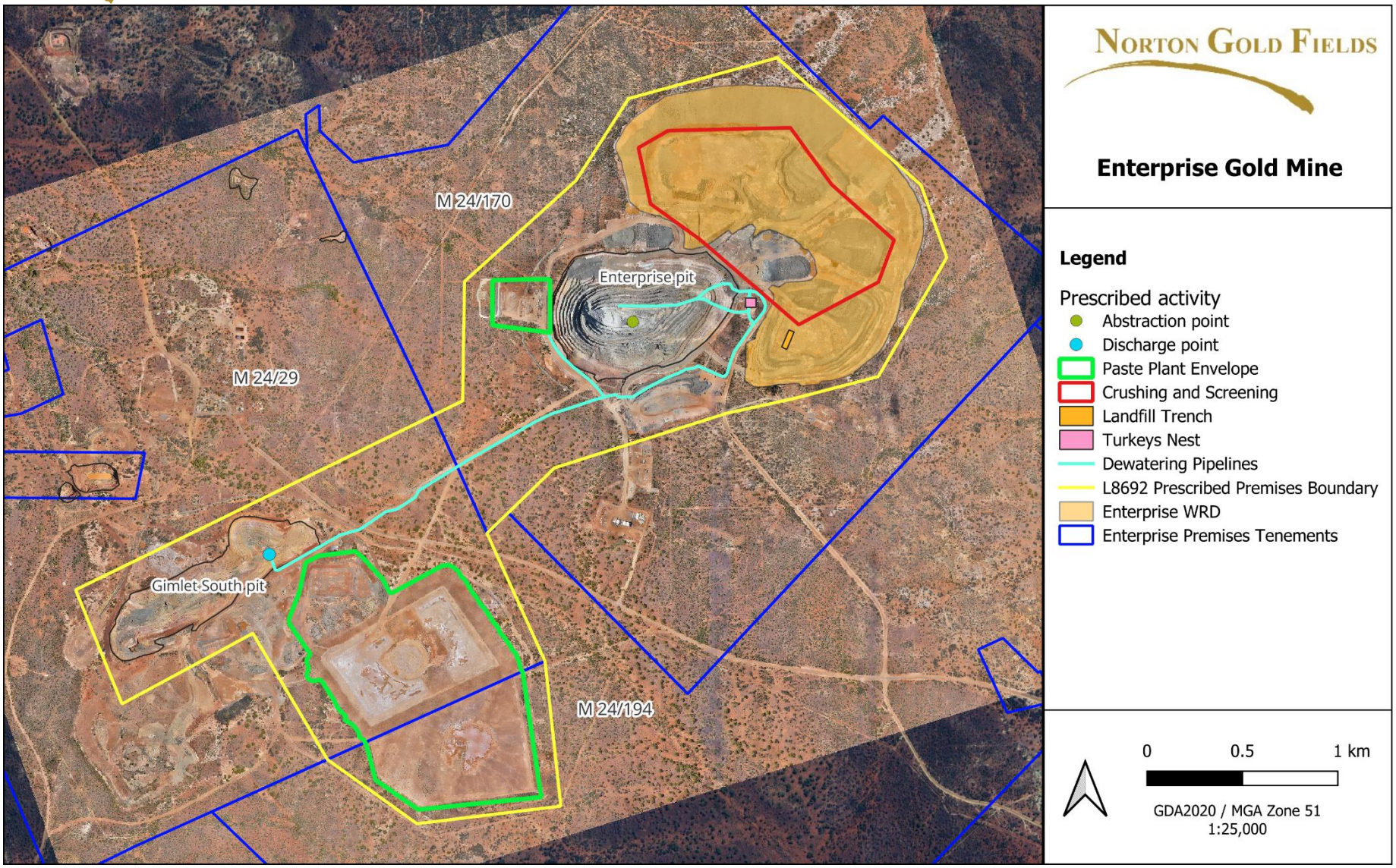

Figure 2-1: Enterprise Premises Map

3. Environmental Incidents

There were no failures or malfunctions of any pollution control equipment or any environmental incidents during this reporting period.

4. Production Data

The volumes of paste fill produced in the reporting period are given in Table 4.1. The specific gravity of the paste is 1.7, and so the weight of the paste fill was 199,853 tonnes in 2024 and 214,387 tonnes in 2025. The production in both years was significantly less than the 650,000 tonnes per annual period limit in the Licence.

Table 4.1 Paste Production Volumes

Month	Paste Fill Volume (m3)	
	2024	2025
January	17,742.4	20,557.0
February	16,646.5	21,649.3
March	10,957.0	9,234.9
April	0.0	7,812.0
May	9,050.3	22,608.0
June	16,705.3	6,455.0
July	2,425.5	20,250.0
August	20,714.6	6,101.0
September	0.0	5,872.0
October	1,727.0	5,571.0
November	10,061.4	0.0
December	11,530.4	0.0
Annual Total	**117,560.4**	**126,110.2**

No screening was undertaken at Enterprise during the reporting period.

5. Dust Suppression

Dust suppression activities are conducted as required in trafficked areas to manage dust emissions. These activities are managed to reduce the potential for adverse impact to vegetation and topsoil resources resulting from the application of hypersaline groundwater during this process. Abstracted groundwater (saline to hypersaline) is applied where dust suppression is required. This water is applied via a water cart at low pressures to reduce the potential for overspray onto adjacent vegetation or topsoil stockpiles. Haulage routes feature v-drains and/or bunds to prevent inadvertent runoff of saline/hypersaline water that may adversely impact vegetation and stockpiles.

Excavated tailings were transported from Gimlet South TSF 2 to the paste fill plant by covered trucks to ensure that tailings dust is contained.

6. Water Monitoring

During the reporting period water from the Enterprise underground was dewatered into the Gimlet South pit. Water is pumped to the Gimlet South underground workings via an open shaft. There is no water body within the Gimlet South open pit. A total of 107,873 kL of water was discharged in 2024, and 128,227 kL of water was discharged in 2025. Volume of dewatering water was continuously monitored via flow meters. Monthly flow meter readings were taken, and the monthly volumes of dewatering water discharged are given in table 6.1.

The average TDS of water in Gimlet South pit in 2024 was 22,850 mg/L, and therefore the water density would be 1,014.217 kg/m3. The average TDS of water in Gimlet South pit in 2025 was 23,150 mg/L, and therefore the water density would be 1015.016 kg/m3. Using these calculations the weight of the dewatering water was 109,406.6 tonnes in 2024 and was 130,152.5 tonnes in 2025.

Table 6.1 Monthly Volumes of Dewatering Water to Gimlet South Pit

Month	Volume of dewatering water (kL)	
	2024	2025
January	23,037	15,280
February	13,149	15,186
March	7,583	15,651
April	12,691	4189
May	4,273	9,168
June	1,709	14,561
July	3,479	13,332
August	16,089	7,538
September	8,191	11,680
October	3,251	6,829
November	11,718	12,427
December	2,703	2,386
Annual Total	**107,873**	**128,227**

The Norton Survey Department undertake monthly readings of standing water level (SWL) and freeboard each month, and the monitoring data is given in Table 6.2. The Gimlet South Pit was dry (i.e. no water body within the pit) for the entire reporting period. As such, the freeboard level remained more than 4m below the pit crest during the reporting period.

Table 6.2 Freeboard Monitoring at Gimlet South Pit

Month	2024		2025	
	SWL	Freeboard (m)	SWL	Freeboard (m)
January	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
February	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
March	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
April	Dry	NA	Dry	NA

Month	2024		2025	
	SWL	Freeboard (m)	SWL	Freeboard (m)
May	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
June	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
July	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
August	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
September	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
October	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
November	Dry	NA	Dry	NA
December	Dry	NA	Dry	NA

Water that is pumped to the Gimlet South Pit is discharged to the Gimlet South underground workings via an open shaft. Water quality sampling of the Gimlet South Pit was undertaken every six months. Samples were submitted to Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd, which is NATA accredited. Results of the sample analysis are given in Table 6.3.

Table 6.3 Water Quality Monitoring at Gimlet South Pit

Parameter	Units	Sample Date			
		28 Jun 2024	15 Dec 2024	26 Jul 2025	30 Dec 2025
pH (Lab)	-	7.49	7.73	7.62	7.34
Electrical Conductivity (Lab)	µS/cm	33,900	30,400	30,600	30,000
Total Dissolved Solids (Lab)	mg/L	23,800	21,900	23,100	23,200
Alkalinity (Hydroxide) as CaCO3	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1
Alkalinity (Carbonate as CaCO3)	mg/L	<1	<1	<1	<1
Alkalinity (Bicarbonate as CaCO3)	mg/L	178	170	138	115
Alkalinity (total) as CaCO3	mg/L	178	170	138	115
Silicon as SiO2 (filtered)	mg/L	14.3	14.4	13.2	13.0
Sulfate as SO4 - Turbidimetric (filtered)	mg/L	2,670	2,610	2,690	2,560
Chloride	mg/L	10,200	9,560	10,200	11,700
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	30.4	30.4	35.7	NR
Nitrate (as NO3)	mg/L	NR	NR	NR	161
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	0.17	0.07	0.01	NR
Nitrite + Nitrate as N	mg/L	30.6	30.5	35.7	NR
Anions Total	meq/L	347	327	346	386
Cations Total	meq/L	366	324	359	390
Ionic Balance	%	2.70	0.53	1.79	0.55
Calcium (filtered)	mg/L	1,200	1,060	1,240	1,370

Parameter	Units	Sample Date			
		28 Jun 2024	15 Dec 2024	26 Jul 2025	30 Dec 2025
Potassium (filtered)	mg/L	76	96	52	54
Magnesium (filtered)	mg/L	912	790	784	793
Sodium (filtered)	mg/L	5,270	4,680	5,320	5.860
Aluminium	mg/L	0.009	0.02	0.018	0.006
Antimony	mg/L	0.0016	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011
Arsenic	mg/L	0.0013	0.0013	0.0037	0.0018
Barium	mg/L	0.061	0.059	0.059	0.06
Beryllium	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.00001	<0.0001
Boron	mg/L	4.9	4.07	3.98	3.32
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0022	0.0024	0.0027	0.0021
Chromium (hexavalent)	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chromium (III+VI)	mg/L	<0.0005	NR	NR	NR
Chromium (Trivalent)	mg/L	<0.001	NR	NR	<0.001
Cobalt	mg/L	0.0563	0.0481	0.0503	0.051
Copper	mg/L	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Iron	mg/L	0.029	0.089	0.886	0.187
Lead	mg/L	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002
Manganese	mg/L	3.34	2.4	2.16	1.99
Mercury	mg/L	<0.00004	<0.00004	<0.00004	<0.0001
Molybdenum	mg/L	0.122	0.116	0.245	0.262
Nickel	mg/L	0.0743	0.0648	0.0634	0.0597
Selenium	mg/L	<0.002	<0.002	0.003	<0.002
Silver	mg/L	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Tin	mg/L	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Vanadium	mg/L	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005
Zinc	mg/L	0.03	0.021	0.034	0.026

7. Waste Monitoring

The Enterprise Landfill was constructed in June 2024 and commenced operation under the Time Limited Operations Phase of Works Approval W6541/2021/1. In October 2025 an amendment to Licence L8692/2012/1 was granted which added the Enterprise Landfill to the Licence as a Category 89 Putrescible Landfill.

As no weighbridge is present at Enterprise, waste acceptance was measured as volume. A total of 90.5 m^3 of waste was accepted to the Enterprise Landfill during the reporting period. Using the conversion factor of 1 m^3 = 0.3 tonnes, as taken from the DWER Guidance "Approved manner for estimating the volume or weight of waste

received at and disposed of to landfills", this is calculated to be 27.2 tonnes of waste. All of this waste was a mixture of Inert Waste Type 1 and Putrescible Waste.

No waste was removed or rejected from the Enterprise Landfill during the reporting period.

8. Assessment

Dewatering commenced during 2021. The total volume of dewatering discharged to Gimlet South Pit increased in comparison to previous years (see Table 8.1). The dewatering volumes in all years have been much less than 50% of the 500,000 tonnes per annual period limit in the Licence. Dewatering at Enterprise is planned to be discontinued in mid-2026 due to cessation of mining in the Enterprise Underground Operations.

Table 8.1 Yearly Mine Dewatering to Gimlet South Pit

Year	Dewatering water (tonnes)
2021	70,720
2022	69,289
2023	92,841
2024	109,407
2025	128,227

Water quality trends in Gimlet South water continued with little overall change. The pH remained neutral to slightly alkaline. The TDS range of 21,900 to 23,800 mg/L in the reporting period shows the water remains consistently highly saline. Concentrations of Calcium, Potassium, Magnesium, Sodium, Chloride, and Sulphate were consistent with the long-term means. Nitrate concentrations have increased in comparison to previous years. There have been no observable increases in metal concentrations, and Boron and Manganese remain as the metals present in the highest concentrations.

9. Compliance

The Annual Audit Compliance Report for L8692/2012/1 for the 2024 calendar year was submitted to DWER on 20th January 2025. In that reporting period there were no non-compliances.

The Annual Audit Compliance Report for L8692/2012/1 for the 2025 calendar year is provided in Appendix A. In this reporting period, covering the 2025 calendar year, there was one non-compliance. This was in regard to Condition 4, Table 2 of the Licence, which requires daily visual integrity inspections of the dewatering pipelines. During 2025 the pipeline inspections were conducted on 292 days, which is an inspection rate of 80%. This non-compliance had no environmental impact, as no leaks or spills occurred in the Enterprise dewatering pipelines during the reporting period.

10. Complaints

Norton received no complaints in relation to activities conducted at Enterprise in either 2024 or 2025.

Appendix A – Annual Audit Compliance Report 2025

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 info@dwer.wa.gov.au, 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:	L8692/2012/1	Licence file number:	2012/006823; INS-0001820
Licence holder name:	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd		
Trading as:	Norton Gold Fields Pty Ltd		
ACN:	008 585 886		
Registered business address:	Level 1, Viskovich House 377 Hannan St Kalgoorlie WA 6430		
Reporting period:	01/01/2025 **to** 31/12/2025		

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)

☐ Yes – please complete:

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

☒ 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: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	214,382.7 tonnes
Category 6: Mine dewatering	130,152.5 tonnes
Category 12: Screening, etc. of material	0 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 89: Putrescible Landfill	27.2 tonnes

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 4 – Table 2	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025
Details of non-compliance:			
The licence holder is required to conduct daily visual integrity inspections of the dewatering pipelines. That would be a total of 365 inspections over the reporting period. However, records indicate that in 2025 the pipeline inspections were conducted on 292 days, and missed on 73 days, which is a compliance rate of 80%.			
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.			
As no leaks or spills occurred in the dewatering pipelines during the reporting period, there were no environmental impacts of the non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Poor task assignment/awareness and supervisor follow-up resulted in reduced compliance to required inspection rates.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The task of conducting the daily inspections has now been assigned to Norton employees rather than to a contractor. Awareness training has been provided to employees and supervisors to ensure that inspections are being completed as per licence requirements.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ No ☐ 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 particular[1].

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

[redacted]

Date:	20/01/2026	Date:	20/01/2026
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.